

Mission Statement

In order to promote global biodiversity and sustainable land use, Community Conservation catalyzes, facilitates, and empowers local people to manage and conserve natural resources within the social, cultural and economic context of their communities and facilitates widespread, global adoption of community-based conservation.



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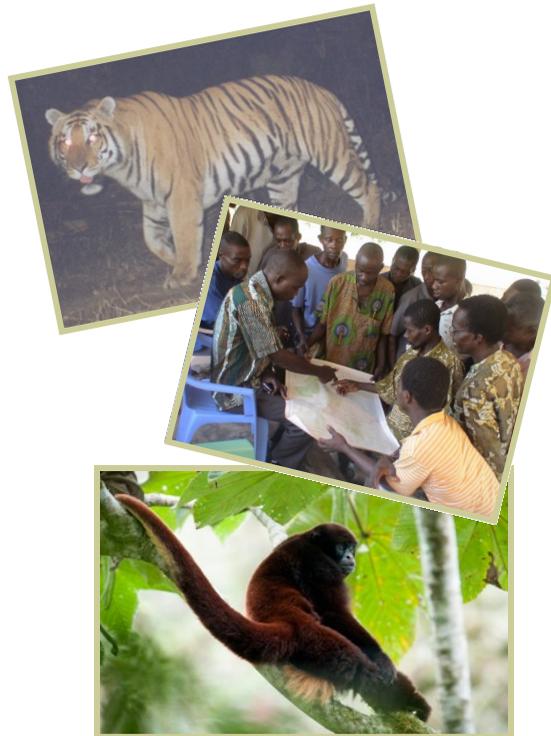
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Creating Community Conservation Reserves in Peru

Community Conservation's work with Neotropical Primate Conservation (NPC) in Peru has completed the creation of 10 new community reserves in an effort to catalyze community-based conservation of the critically endangered yellow-tailed woolly monkey and its cloud forest habitat. Today, there are over 70,000 hectares of new community-protected areas. We pioneered a new type of community reserve with the Ronda Campesina (rural security patrol organization). Finally, a new Peruvian NGO (Asociación Neotropical Primate Conservation Peru) was started to manage the project and start other projects in Peru in the future.



Initiation of Tiger Monitoring and Protection in Nepal

CC's Director, Dr. Rob Horwich and CC Board member, Dr. Teri Allendorf initiated a project to create the Chitwan Manas Tiger Corridor. The project will attempt to connect Chitwan National Park in south central Nepal with the Manas Biosphere in Assam, India, the two most important areas for tiger conservation in the Indian subcontinent. Although, experts said such a corridor was not possible, two introductory trips indicated that community forests in this corridor area have been regenerating for the past 8-10 years. The project will work with Dr. Bhim Gurung of the University of Minnesota, a long time tiger researcher and Nepal Tiger Trust and Green Society Nepal. The goal will be to establish tiger monitoring teams in the Chitwan Buffer Zones and begin to catalyze communities in eastern Nepal Terai (Lowland) to monitor tracks for the occurrence of tigers and their prey and to organize them to create a continuous forested corridor to the border of West Bengal India, adjacent to the Manas Biosphere Reserve in Assam.



Communities Protecting Ghana's Last Coastal Forests

CC, working with West African Primate Conservation Action (WAPCA) has encouraged the community protection of two forests, the Cape Three Points Reserve Forest (5,000ha) and the Kwabré Peat Swamp Forest (4,000ha) owned by the chiefs and communities. These forests protect some of the last populations of the Roloway monkey and the white-naped mangabey along with three other primate species. Plans were initiated to create a trans-boundary community protected area between Ghana and the Ivory Coast. The Kwabré Peat Swamp Forest would be connected across the Tanoé River to the Tanoé Forest, created six years ago in southeastern Ivory Coast to protect the same primate community.



Forest Corridors for Peru Titi Monkey

CC President Keefe Keeley, a graduate student at the University of Wisconsin-Madison initiated a project to work with farmers to create corridors for the protection of the San Martin titi monkey that is critically endangered and endemic to San Martin District in northern Peru. The farmers formed a new community organization called Comité de Conservación de la Cuenca de Cunchuilla (Cuchillo Creek Watershed Conservation Committee). The committee is now monitoring the titi monkey populations and planting trees to establish corridors for the titi monkey between a small reserve and a large forested area.



**To learn more about these and other projects, please visit our website:
www.communityconservation.org**

A Message From Our President



Keefe Keeley
CC Board President

Back then, so-called experts considered the idea that communities could be empowered and trusted to conserve natural resources foolhardy at best. That was 25 years ago, and since then, Community Conservation has quietly advanced this idea by proving it more than an idea: we have seen it work. Community Conservation and its partner groups now conserve and manage well over a million acres worldwide. That's the good news.

The bad news is that the threats to life on earth have never been greater. Conservation scientists widely agree that we are in the early stages of a mass extinction. This mass extinction, like the five others in the last 450 million years, will be evident to any geologists around in the distant future as a sudden drop in the diversity of life forms etched in the rocks as fossils. More immediately, this mass extinction will leave us and our descendants a world less wild and wonderful, with fewer furry and feathered companions. In face of such sobering realities, I often think of David Orr's phrase, "hope is a verb with its sleeves rolled up."

Over the last year, we've kept our sleeves rolled up in building on-the-ground conservation partnerships with communities, as you can see in the project updates of this report. Behind the scenes, we have stretched ourselves to envision the future of Community Conservation. We see communication and network-building as central to the widespread adoption of our model. That may sound wishy-washy, but here's the bottom-line: in a world desperate for solutions to the ecological crisis, we have one, and so we have a responsibility to share it. This sharing is happening in exciting ways, from videos to scholarly presentations, in online networks and face-to-face meetings. We believe more people want to be a part of community-based solutions, so please get in touch with us to share your own ideas about where to take this conversation next.

Finally, I want to acknowledge Dr. Robert Horwich, the founder, director, and heart of Community Conservation. Rob - as many know he prefers to be called - never seeks the lime light, but his vision and dedication to the cause have been an inspiration to me personally, and to countless others near and far. On behalf of the board and all the supporters of Community Conservation, thank you for your ceaseless efforts to keep the wild and wonder in the world.

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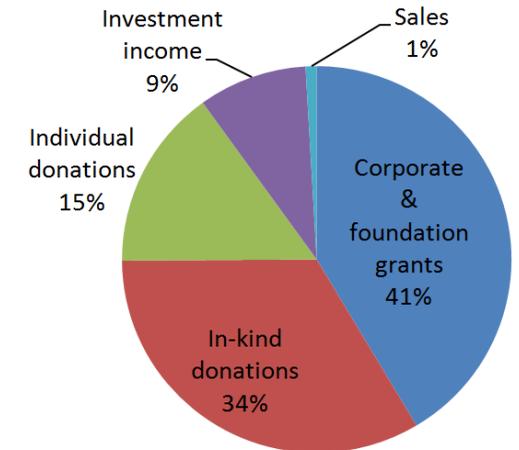
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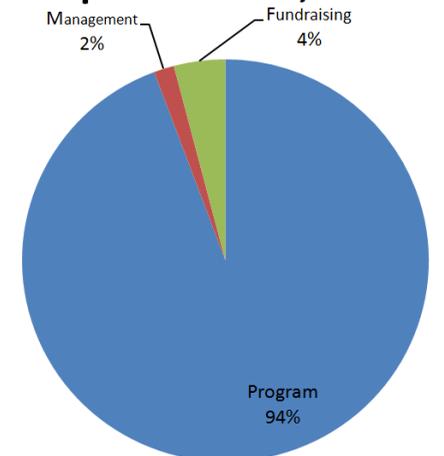
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July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2013

Revenue 104,903



Expenses 142,103



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