



Community Conservation Fall Newsletter

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CATALYZING CHANGE. EMPOWERING LOCAL PEOPLE. SAVING SPECIES.

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Launching in 2020: Community engagement in Ecuador

Helping the people of Quijos to start their own community-managed, conservation-based tourism area

In the heart of three globally important protected areas on the Eastern slope of the Andes lies Quijos. The people there share their home with more bird species than nearly anywhere in the world, vulnerable Andean bears and endangered mountain tapirs.

This beautiful, unique biodiversity hotspot is worth protecting. And luckily, the people of Quijos are interested in becoming more involved in conservation and ecotourism.

However, the government in Ecuador does not provide training to help local people with the extensive and complex work required in order to launch and maintain a community-managed reserve.

So, in partnership with local leaders, we plan to help provide the communities in Quijos with a complete training – all the tools they need in order to successfully manage their land to maximize both conservation and ecotourism:

- biodiversity
- wildlife management
- government relations
- entrepreneurship/ecotourism

Community Conservation has set a goal of raising \$5,000 by October 15th to help us continue this kind of crucial and impactful work with communities. Please consider a gift today, or...

Join our team!

Help us gather support by creating and sharing your own fundraiser



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Community wildlife monitoring

Providing training sessions for Community Forestry Groups on GPS, wildlife cameras, and more, alongside our partners in Nepal.

UNVEILING:
THE ART GARDEN
OF ROB HORWICH

SUNDAY
10/6



NATURE'S
GUARDIANS

WEDNESDAY
11/6



Upcoming events

Join us on 10/6 as we gather with friends of our late founder Rob Horwich in a unique display of his eco-friendly sculptures. Then on 11/6, stop in to hear a panel of professionals share their experiences leading people-focused conservation efforts.



Thank you for your ongoing friendship and support!



Executive Director Dr. April Sansom visited Ecuador in June, and there she discovered that the people of Quijos are interested in training and mentorship as they attempt to start a community-managed wildlife area.

More community forest groups trained

Progress towards our goal: a community-managed wildlife corridor in southern Nepal



Attendees at the first two trainings learned to identify signs of wildlife, use GPS, and set up wildlife cameras.

Our long-term goal in Nepal has to create a viable, community-managed corridor from Chitwan National Park in central Nepal to the eastern border, so that wildlife (including elephants and Bengal tigers) can travel freely.

In this part of Nepal, local groups called “Community Forestry User Groups” work to manage and protect the forests. After meeting with the groups, we co-designed trainings for the people from the forest groups to attend, so that they can begin monitoring the species in their forests.

With our partners on the ground, we’ve now successfully completed two training in eastern Nepal. As of now, we and our partners have trained people from almost all of the community forests in the southern belt of Nepal. This is an important step towards a wildlife corridor.

OTHER UPDATES



Dr. Sansom profiled by the University of Wisconsin-Madison

Our Executive Director and Nelson Institute Alumna was recently interviewed about her work spreading people-focused conservation around the world. Read it at bit.ly/uwapril.



More detailed updates available online

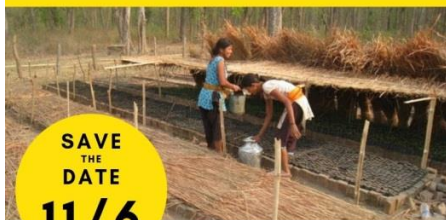
In an effort to use resources even more wisely, we are trying to limit our newsletters to just 1 page. We hope you don’t mind, and invite you to check communityconservation.org for more detailed updates about our projects.

Upcoming Events - Free!

NATURE'S GUARDIANS

WEDNESDAY
NOVEMBER 6TH
5:30PM
UNION SOUTH

How scientists and local communities can work together to save species



co-hosted by Nelson Institute for Environmental Studies UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

11/6/19 at 5:30pm
at Union South in Madison, WI

Conservation leaders share their experiences working with local people to protect precious habitats and endangered species. Our experienced panel will answer your burning questions about the power of people-focused conservation: how to get started, what works, and what doesn't. Presented in partnership with the University of Wisconsin-Madison's Nelson Institute for Environmental Studies.

10/6/19 at 1:00pm
at Driftless Books in Viroqua, WI

Friends of Community Conservation's late founder are proud to be unveiling The Art Garden of Rob Horwich, located behind Driftless Books in Viroqua. We hope you will join us to see the uniquely beautiful eco-friendly outdoor art pieces he created, enjoy live music, and learn how his conservation work lives on. All are welcome, even if you did not have the chance to meet Rob. Help us "sanctify a quirky space," in the words of one of his friends.



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