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COMMUNITY CONSERVATION

Protecting biodiversity, one village at a time.



New Executive Director

DR. TERI ALLENDORF

Dear Community Conservation friends,

I am excited and honored to take on the role of Executive Director. I have been a board member since 2011, and have also served as board president and acting director.

Times spent with communities, talking with people about their lives, hopes, and perceptions of biodiversity are among the happiest moments of my life. I have spent nearly 30 years supporting communities to conserve biodiversity in many countries around the world, including Guatemala, Guyana, Uganda, Tanzania, Mozambique, India, China, Nepal, and Myanmar.

The main reason I came to work with Community Conservation 10 years ago was that Rob and I had a shared understanding that communities value biodiversity.

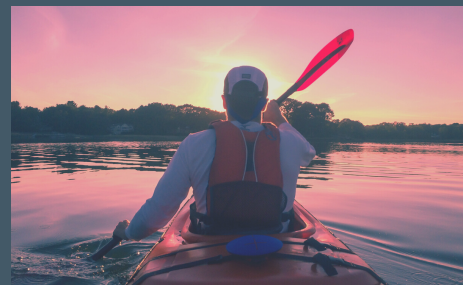
Our job is not to convince people of the value of biodiversity. Our job is to support them to turn their values into conservation action.



We appreciate your support of these communities. Together we are saving biodiversity, one village at a time.

Dr. Teri Allendorf
Executive Director

P.S. Thank you for supporting our vision!



Pedal, Paddle, or Plod!

VIRTUAL EVENT
JUNE 26TH-JULY 26TH

Get outside and support community conservation at the same time! Participants get to choose their favorite natural area and activity - biking, kayaking, rolling, or "plodding." Each participant receives an event bandana, and they also have the option to set a fundraising goal and invite friends and family to support their efforts.

INFO AND REGISTRATION AT:
communityconservation.org/PPP2021



Bandana for participants!



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Protecting pangolins in Nepal

COMMUNITY FORESTRY GROUPS LEARN TO MONITOR AND CONSERVE PANGOLINS

Chinese pangolins (critically endangered) and Indian pangolins (endangered) are found in the human-dominated landscapes of southeastern Nepal. We've been working with community forest groups in Nepal since 2013, and this project builds on those relationships.



At the beginning of April, community forest groups in two districts of Nepal learned basic wildlife monitoring techniques such as how to recognize wildlife signs (like tracks and scat) and how to use GPS and camera traps.

We're incorporating information specifically about pangolins into these trainings so that the local groups can start monitoring pangolin populations.

We look forward to seeing the new data about pangolins that the communities will collect.

Grassroots conservation project in biodiverse Myanmar

VILLAGES COME TOGETHER TO PROTECT LAKES

Just outside of Hukaung Wildlife Sanctuary, two lakes (Naung Sai and Naung Yan) are bordered by a few small communities. Several people from the area attended our Biodiversity Heroes training in 2019, and we are excited to report that they started a conservation project back in their home villages.



Their goal is to protect natural resources and biodiversity around the Naung Sai and Naung Yan Lakes. They've already started holding biodiversity trainings for the villagers and posting awareness signboards around the lake. This project was funded by Community Conservation's supporters in the spring of 2020 - Thank you!



For every 10 new monthly donors, we'll have enough funds to add a whole new project location. Now available at communityconservation.org/support



Our newest board member brings knowledge of adult conservation education and perspective on the global conservation landscape to CC. Welcome, Nathan Schulfer!



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"Conservation projects are the most successful when the community can take partial or full ownership."

-Rob Horwich, founder