

The Power of Community Conservation

Community conservation is an important but under-recognized part of the conservation effort. When done correctly, *with communities as equal partners*, it is a powerful solution to environment degradation and the loss of biodiversity. However, community conservation efforts are usually small and localized—seldom in the spotlight—and difficult to capture in the aggregate because they have many different forms and names, including:

- community-based conservation (CBC)
- community-based natural resource management (CBNRM)
- integrated conservation and development projects (ICDPs)
- collaborative management
- co-management

One of Community Conservation Inc.'s goals is to document and highlight the power of community conservation. In order to shed light on this important, grassroots approach to conservation, we would like to ***create a network of organizations with community-based projects that conserve biodiversity***. If you would like your organization or project to be included in this network, please share information about your efforts via the questionnaire below. We encourage as much detail as possible with equal attention to brevity.

Thank you.

Organization name:

Project name:

Location:

GPS coordinates (if possible):

Organization website:

Other social media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram):

Name of contact:

Phone:

Email:

Address:

Can we share your information on our website (communityconservation.org)? (please circle one) Yes No

Questions about community:

1. Are local community members actively conserving biodiversity? How? E.g. are they patrolling and protecting the forests and wildlife?
2. Has a community group or groups been formed as a result of the project?
3. Have any higher-level community groups or institutions, such as networks or federations, been formed as a result of the project?
4. If there were already community groups in existence at the start of the project, how were they incorporated or improved?
5. Has the project improved the capacity of the community groups? What capacities?

Questions about biodiversity:

1. What species or habitat are the communities conserving?
2. Are there indications of improved biodiversity, e.g., increased wildlife populations or improved habitat quality or quantity? How is it measured?
3. Has there been expansion of protected areas or corridor connections to other forested areas as a result of the project? Do you have maps showing them?

Additional questions:

1. Has the project attained financial sustainability or social sustainability? Will it continue without external support?
2. Do you have information about changes in attitude, livelihoods, etc., brought about by the project?
3. Are there studies, surveys, informal interviews that indicate that the participating communities

Is there anything else you would like to share with us?

This questionnaire is a work in progress. Please feel free to share your ideas for improving this questionnaire.

Please download, complete, and send this form to director@communityconservation.org.

Thank you,

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