



ANNUAL REPORT



2020-2021 FISCAL YEAR

SUMMARY OF THE YEAR

This year has been full of growth and change for our organization, but our commitment to community-based conservation has remained the same.

Our Mission is to catalyze, facilitate, and empower local people to manage and conserve natural resources and facilitate widespread, global adoption of community-based conservation.

The COVID-19 pandemic has brought challenges that none of us expected. Some of our in-person work had to be put on hold or rescheduled for safety. Political instability also continues to be a challenge for communities we work with in some countries. And we recently transitioned to a new Executive Director.

Despite these difficulties, we were still able to make progress thanks to our hard-working board and dedicated community partners. We held trainings when they became safe to do so, planned new projects for the future, and supported grassroots projects that could proceed without any travel.

In spring 2021, we welcomed a new Executive Director, longtime board member Dr. Teri Allendorf. With her leadership, we are expanding our work into new communities.

As we look back on the year, we're most proud of the conservation successes the communities we work with have had. Read on to learn more about them.



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

M Y A N M A R

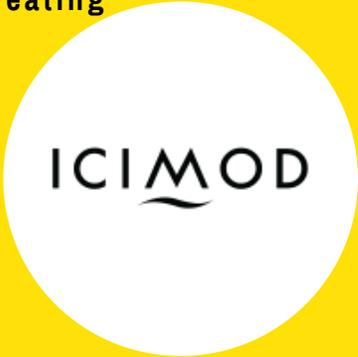
Together with our local partner Friends of Wildlife, we have...

- supported three grassroots community conservation projects, led by trainees from the previous Biodiversity Heroes trainings
- planned the next Biodiversity Heroes training (delayed due to COVID-19 and political unrest)

One of the projects was particularly impactful. Community leaders from villages around Naung Sai Lake near Hukaung Wildlife Sanctuary were inspired by the Biodiversity Heroes training they had attended, and held their own biodiversity training for their four home villages around the lake. After the training, the community members posted awareness signs around the lake, built litter bins, and started researching the process of creating a community-managed forest.

Congratulations to Friends of Wildlife!

for winning the ICIMOD Mountain Prize 2020 honorable mention for their achievements in promoting community participation in biodiversity conservation across Myanmar, strengthening community ownership & leadership in this issue.



ICIMOD



Locals setting up sustainable bamboo litter bins around Naung Sai Lake which they designed and made themselves (January 2021)



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

N E P A L

Community Conservation has also begun a new, collaborative pangolin conservation project as part of our community wildlife corridor in southeastern Nepal. We are teaching community forestry groups in Nepal how to monitor pangolin populations and identify available habitats. The communities will write pangolin management plans for the forests, and the trainings will also raise awareness about the importance of pangolin conservation in Nepal.

The first set of trainings were held in April of 2021. We are proud to thank the Mohamed Bin Zayed Conservation Fund for the support!

New Partner: Sam Helle

We have also welcomed a new partner to our work in Nepal, UW-Madison PhD student, tiger biologist Sam Helle. We will be working with her to further involve local communities in her work, including camera trapping.



Attendees at one of the pangolin-specific wildlife monitoring trainings in Jhapa, Nepal in April 2021.



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B O R N E O

We have joined some exciting work with villages bordering Lanjak Entimau Wildlife Sanctuary in Borneo. The area is home to one of the largest populations of orangutans, as well as Sunda pangolins, bearded pigs, and Bornean banded langurs.

Recent research by Olivia Cosby, Smithsonian Institution student fellow, has recently shown that the forests managed by indigenous Iban people are hotspots for wildlife. The Iban men are already a part of the research effort as paid wildlife monitors.

Community Conservation is joining this work, overseeing community conservation activities and facilitating workshops for Iban farmers and protected area staff. First, we will be doing camera trapping workshops geared toward Iban women, so they can participate in wildlife monitoring too.



*Mapping Iban territories.
Via Olivia Cosby*



During a small impromptu camera trap training with some of the local women, we discovered that the women were enthusiastic about learning too – they said they want to do the same work the men have been doing.



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ECUADOR

In the summer of 2020, Community Conservation helped construct organic community gardens in the village of Sumaco, Ecuador.

Sumaco lies in the heart of three globally important protected areas on the Eastern slope of the Andes, with lush forests that many vulnerable and threatened species such as mountain tapir and Andean bear call home.

The people there have been interested in the idea of establishing a community-managed sanctuary. Before the pandemic, we had been planning a community training session there. But due to the pandemic, the village began facing food insecurity.

These large wildlife-friendly gardens will help people and biodiversity in Sumaco by reducing pressure on the forests to provide food to the human community.

*Sumaco Volcano, Ecuador.
By Don Henise via Creative Commons*



Sumaco's location between three protected areas via Google maps.



Spectacled bear statue in Sumaco town square

NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

DR. TERI ALLENDORF



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

Dear Community Conservation friends,

We are now four years past losing our founder, Rob Horwich, and his passion and heart continue to beat strongly through our programs.

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. They want to conserve it for many reasons – a diversity of species in their forests, a healthy climate, cleaner and more plentiful water resources, and sustainable extraction.

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. Community Conservation Inc. builds community conservation from the ground up by helping communities manage and monitor forests, grasslands, waters, and local species.

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

Dr. Allendorf has been sharing stories about her work in the field with communities over the years. Read them at communityconservation.org/field-stories

STATS

Our growing base of supporters helps us support more communities as they protect the biodiversity around them.

\$1,000

Average cost of one grassroots project

1

New large fundraising event called "Pedal, Paddle or Plod!" raised \$4,200 in its first year

80%

Growth in social media followers in the last year.

32%

Growth in number of donors in the last year.

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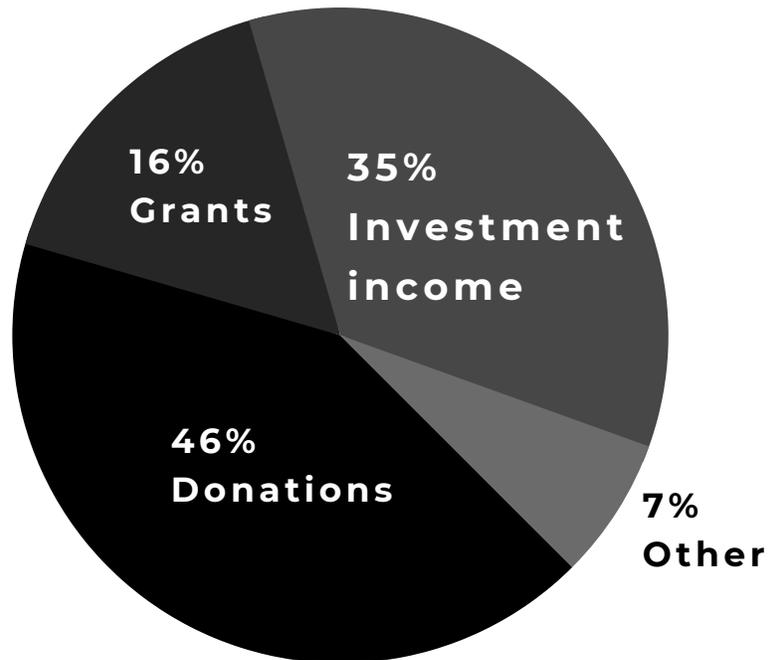
Years since the passing of our founder, Dr. Rob Horwich

90

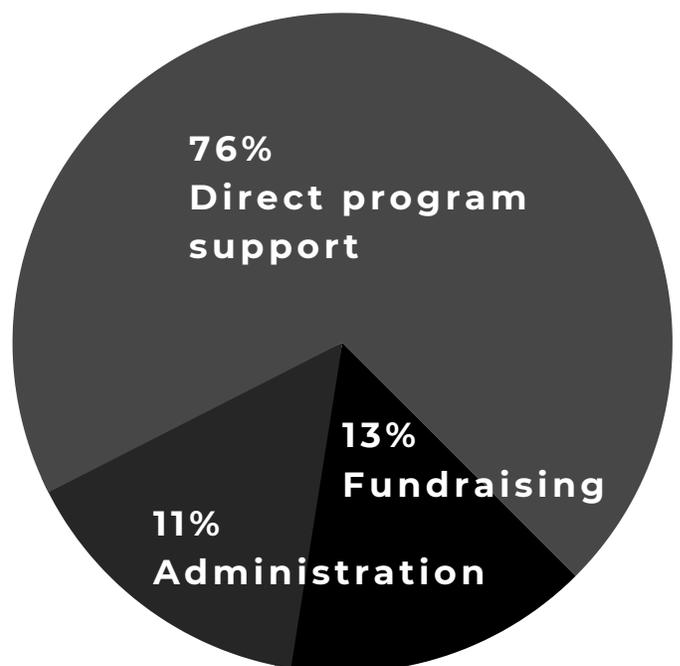
Seconds long video about "What is Community Conservation?" posted on Youtube to raise awareness.

FINANCIALS

INCOME



EXPENSES



These numbers are from Community Conservation Inc.'s unaudited numbers submitted to the IRS via form 990-EZ.

OUR STORY

Dr. Rob Horwich founded Community Conservation in his living room in Gays Mills, Wisconsin, in 1989.

As a primatologist in the early '80s, he travelled to Belize to study black howler monkeys, locally known as baboons. He quickly realized that without joining forces with local people to protect the howlers' forest home, there might not be any more howlers to study in the future. Working with the local community members, particularly Fallet A. Young, he co-founded the Community Baboon Sanctuary. The sanctuary became a model for local community management of natural resources and ecotourism that inspired many others - and today it is still managed by and directly benefits the local people.

Community Conservation Inc has been catalyzing and supporting community-based organizations since that first project, representing over 200 villages in 14 countries and protecting over 1.24 million acres. We focus our efforts on rare habitats and endangered species, including primates, cranes, tigers, and turtles. We're proud to carry on Rob's legacy.



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Years of work

BOARD AND STAFF

Friends,

Thanks to all our supporters for your generosity this past year. With your help Community Conservation is moving forward on a number of important programs, and we're excited that Teri has the chance to travel again, with successful visits to field sites in Peru and Nepal. Over the last year Community Conservation has shared our story with more people than ever before, which speaks to the importance of our work and mission. We're excited for the year ahead.

Nathan Schulfer
Board President
Community Conservation Inc.



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