



Impact Report 2022

Protecting and restoring the wild

We protect and restore the wild.

Our focus: nature as the most effective solution to the interconnected climate, biodiversity, and human wellbeing crises. Founded by a group of renowned conservation scientists together with Leonardo DiCaprio and combining more than thirty-five years of conservation impact, Re:wild is a force multiplier that brings together Indigenous peoples, local communities, influential leaders, nongovernmental organizations, governments, companies, and the public to protect and rewild at the scale and speed we need.

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Message from Leadership

Although the world continues to face incredible challenges at the hands of accelerating destruction of our natural world, we also know that the conservation and restoration of nature works, helping people, climate, and wildlife. Re:wild and our partners recognize the urgency of scaling up the conservation and restoration of wild places around the world. Our organizational model has enabled a revolutionary new way to accelerate solutions.

Re:wild works in collaboration with governments, philanthropic organizations, Indigenous peoples and local communities, nongovernmental organizations, and companies worldwide. Our conservation solutions include protecting mangroves, helping Indigenous peoples attain rights to their lands, restoring grasslands, and reintroducing endangered species. The new frontier of restoration boosts resiliency of communities around the world, grounding our economic, political, and social systems back into nature – our planet’s life support system.

In 2022, Re:wild redoubled our conservation impact with our over 500 partners, which help protect over 460 million acres that store over 75 gigatonnes of carbon. Our power is in our partnerships via on-the-ground conservation organizations, fiscally-sponsored organizations, and with our philanthropic partners as co-funders and via new strategic investment models. The Protecting Our Planet Challenge, the largest-ever private funding commitment to conservation, co-founded by Re:wild, is working to protect 30% of Earth’s land, inland water, and sea in the most important areas for biodiversity by 2030. This year, the Connect to Protect Eastern Tropical Pacific Coalition, which Re:wild co-founded, committed \$118.5 million in private and public funds to support conservation in the marine and island environments of Ecuador, Colombia, Panama, and Costa Rica. We are setting the stage for more coalitions driving impact across the world.

We invite you to join Re:wild and our partners to rewild our world. Our mission is for the planet, for people, and for nature. Thank you for all you do to support Re:wild and our partners.

With gratitude,

Wes Sechrest, Ph.D.
Board Chair and CEO

Leonardo DiCaprio
Founding Board Member



Impact Summary

460,000,000+

acres that Re:wild and partners are working to conserve

100,000,000+

acres of this total are within Key Biodiversity Areas

~90,000,000

acres of newly created areas for conservation¹

300+ Total Areas for conservation

260+ Key Biodiversity Areas intersect our areas

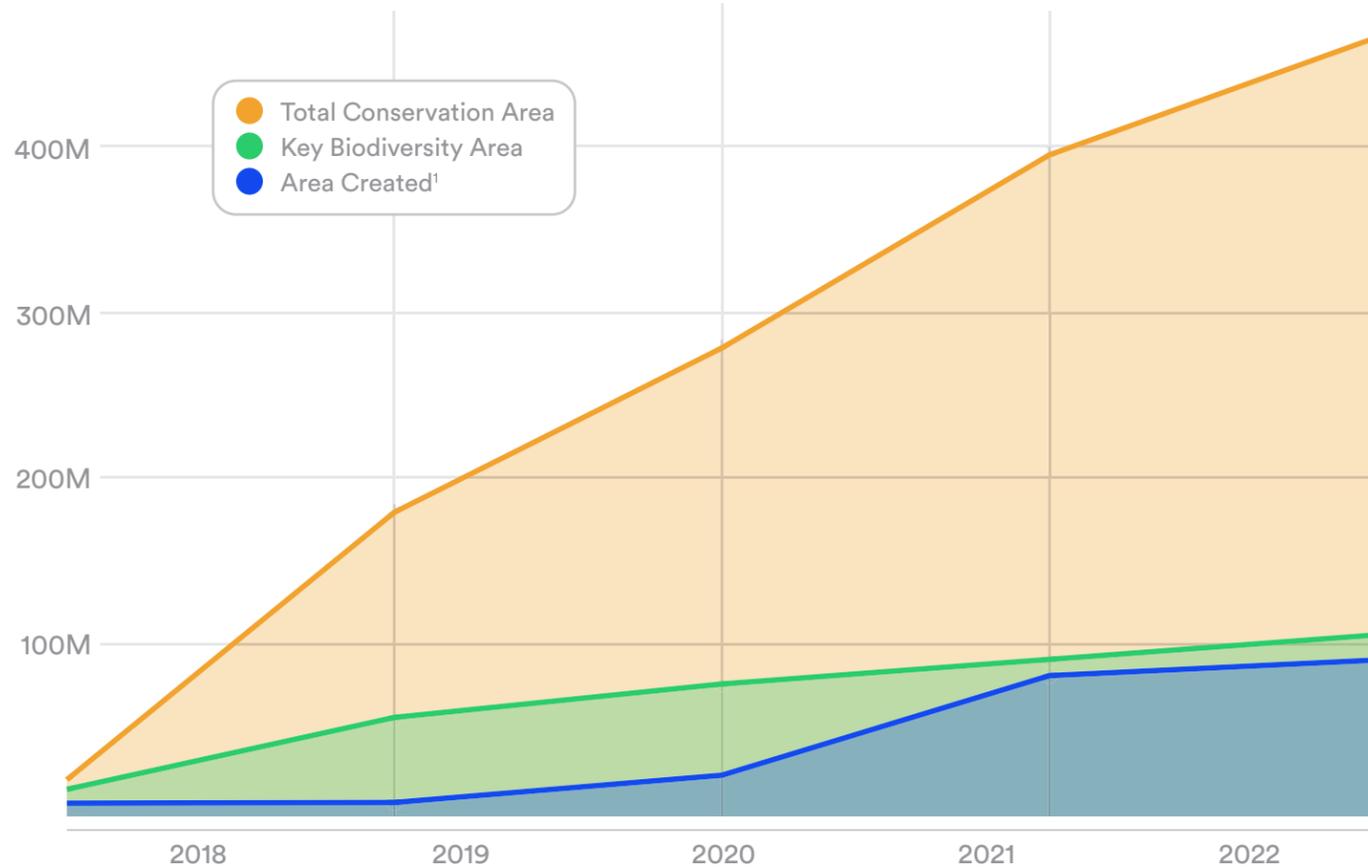
100+ New Areas created for conservation

75+ Over 75GtC² of carbon stored in our areas

~270,000,000

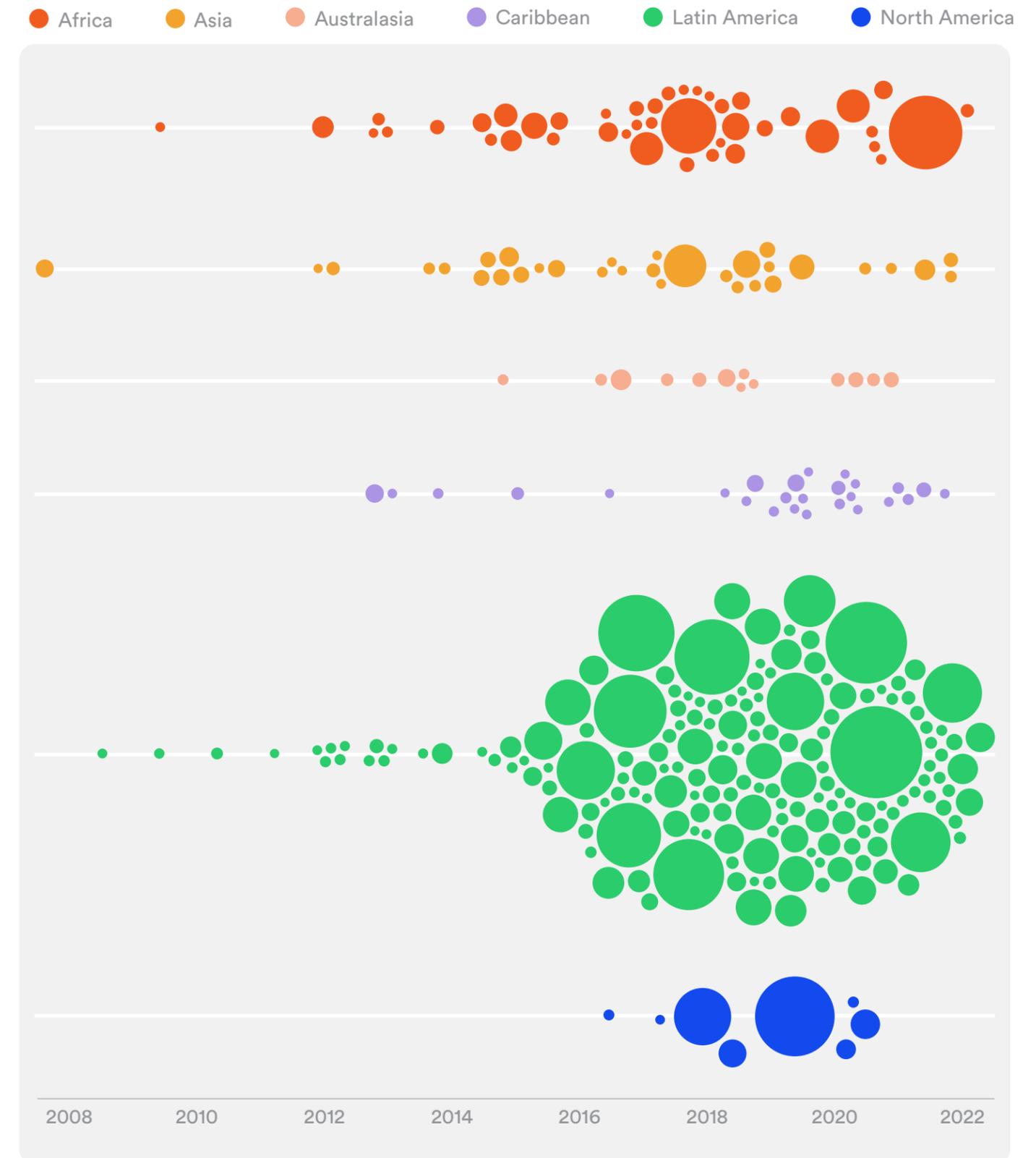
Acres of forest conserved within our areas

Fig 1. Re:wild and partners are focused on conserving over 460 million acres of the wild. Of these, over 100 million acres are within Key Biodiversity Areas and we are working to create nearly 90 million acres of new areas for conservation.



¹ Area Created: protected and conserved areas, including private and Indigenous peoples and local communities (IPLCs) territories, that have some degree of formal designation; as well as recognized and reported Other Effective Area-based Conservation Measures (OECMs). Includes areas both in process and completed. ² GtC: gigatonne of carbon; one gigatonne is a billion metric tons

Fig 2. We have increased the total number of areas in which we work over the years, especially since 2018. While we have always had a significant presence in Latin America — and added several new areas in 2022 — we have steadily scaled up our presence in Africa, Asia, and the Caribbean, and anticipate significant growth across all our regions. This beeswarm chart displays the approximate year that each area was added to our portfolio, with each point scaled to relative size of the area.



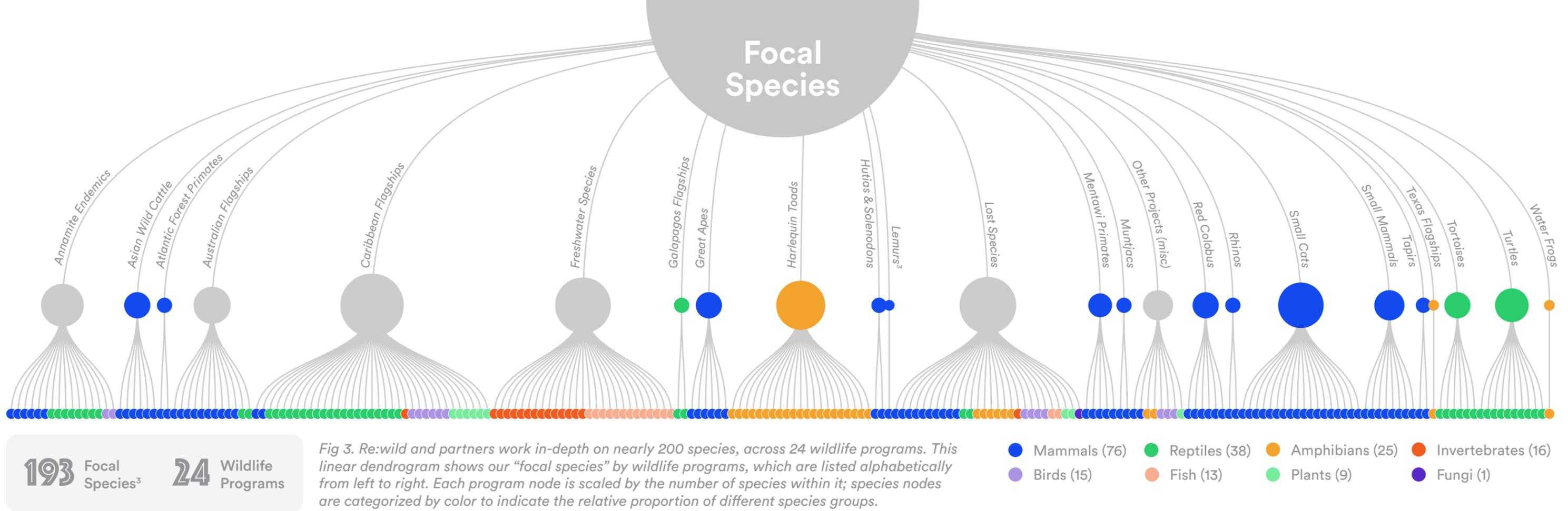
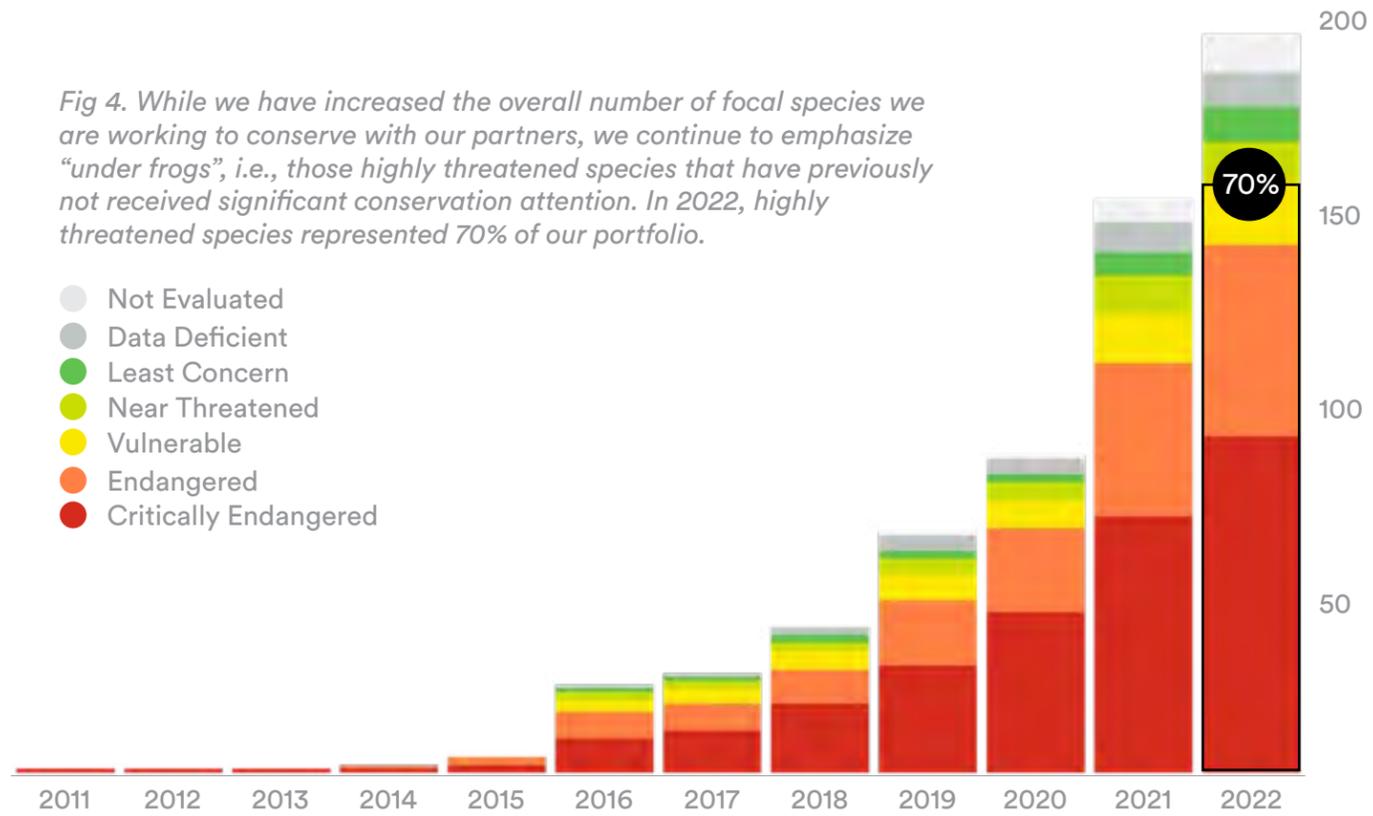
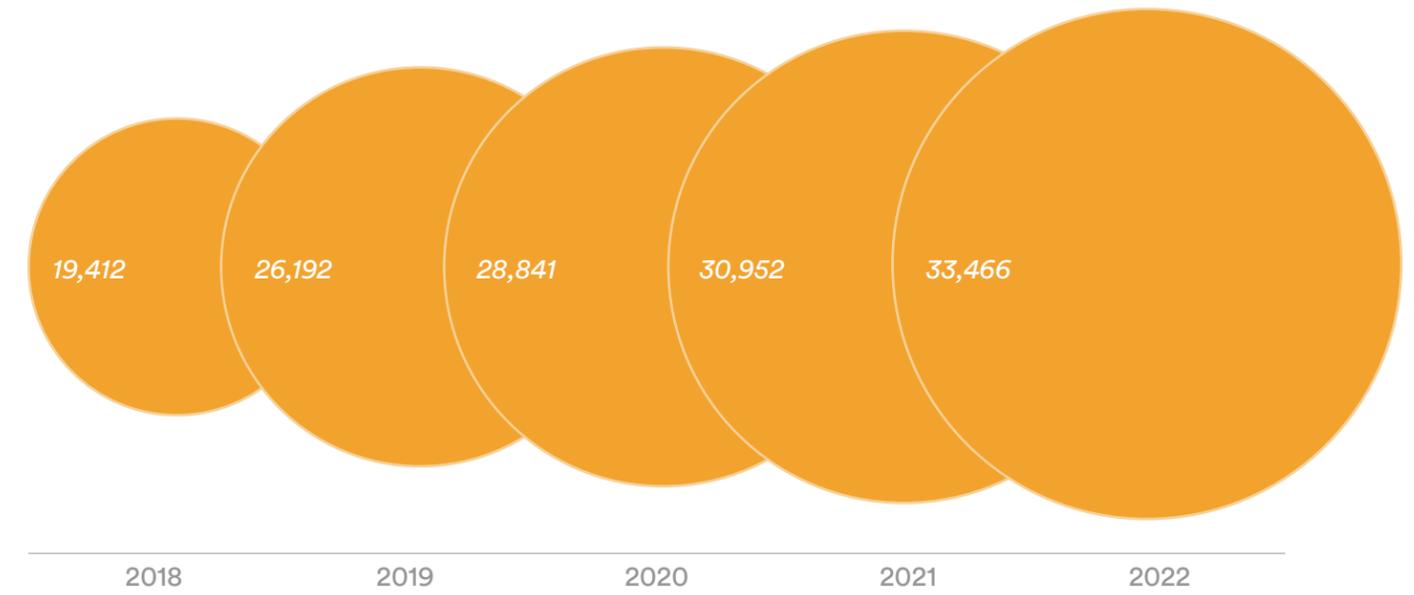


Fig 4. While we have increased the overall number of focal species we are working to conserve with our partners, we continue to emphasize “under frogs”, i.e., those highly threatened species that have previously not received significant conservation attention. In 2022, highly threatened species represented 70% of our portfolio.



33,000+ Species Benefitting⁴

Fig 5. The number of species benefiting from our area-based conservation work has steadily increased since we started tracking this metric, due to the increasing number of areas we are working in and the increasing number of species being assessed on the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species.



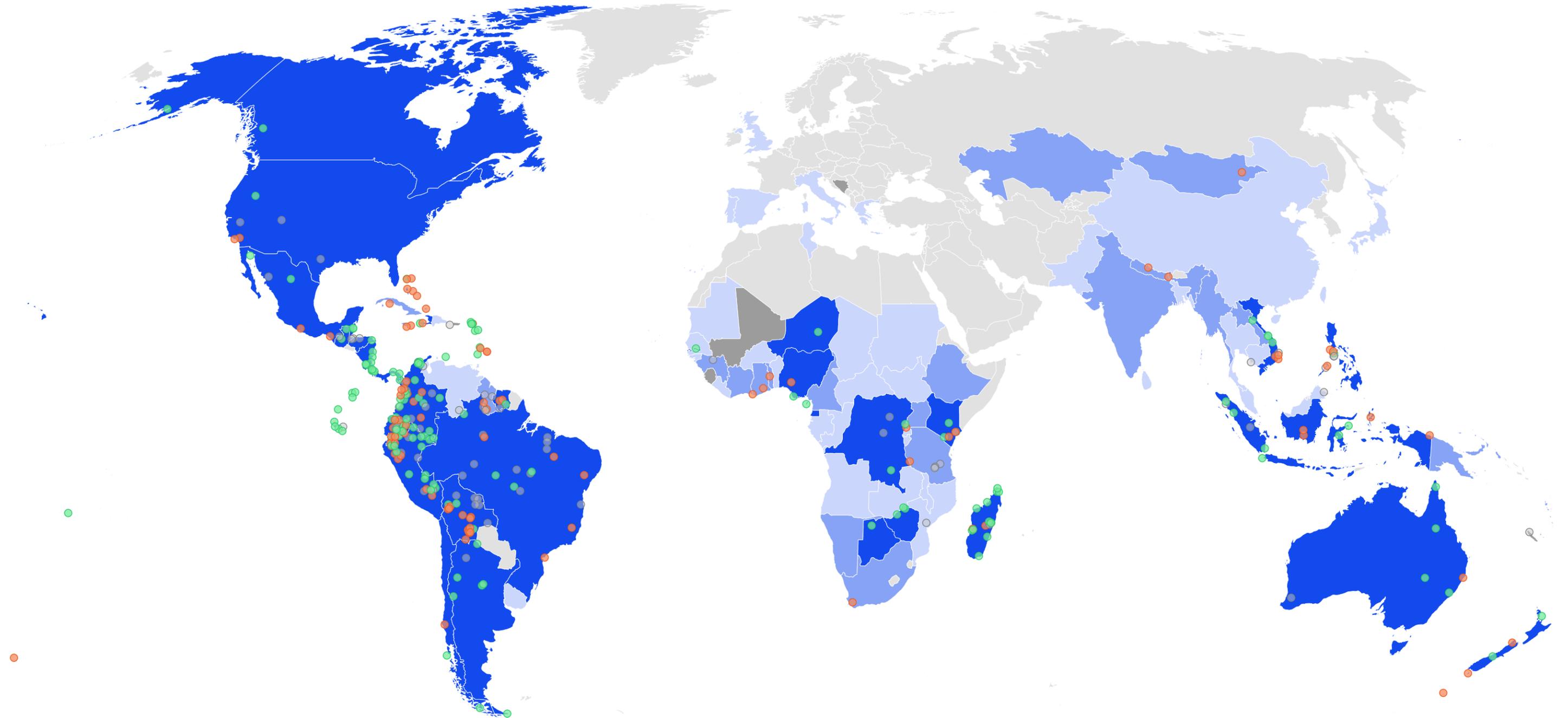
³ Focal Species: priority species that we have a defined program of recovery work around, that we are implementing with partners. Many additional species are covered by our area-based conservation work and species-focused funding streams (e.g. lemurs).
⁴ Species Benefitting: all species with known ranges (via IUCN) that overlap our areas and therefore likely to benefit from our conservation work.

Where We Work

Re:wild and partners worked to protect and restore the wild in over 80 countries in 2022. We focus our efforts in places where we can have the greatest impact in conserving life on Earth — Key Biodiversity Areas and areas of high ecological integrity within Biodiversity Hotspots, High Biodiversity Wilderness Areas, and critical marine ecosystems.

86 Countries where we were active in 2022 via direct or indirect conservation efforts

330 Total areas to date, both Active (255) and Archived (75)



- Directly Engaged Countries
- Supporting Conservation Countries
- Supporting via Funds⁵ Countries
- Previous Work Countries
- Directly Engaged Project Areas
- Supporting Conservation Project Areas
- Previous Work Project Areas

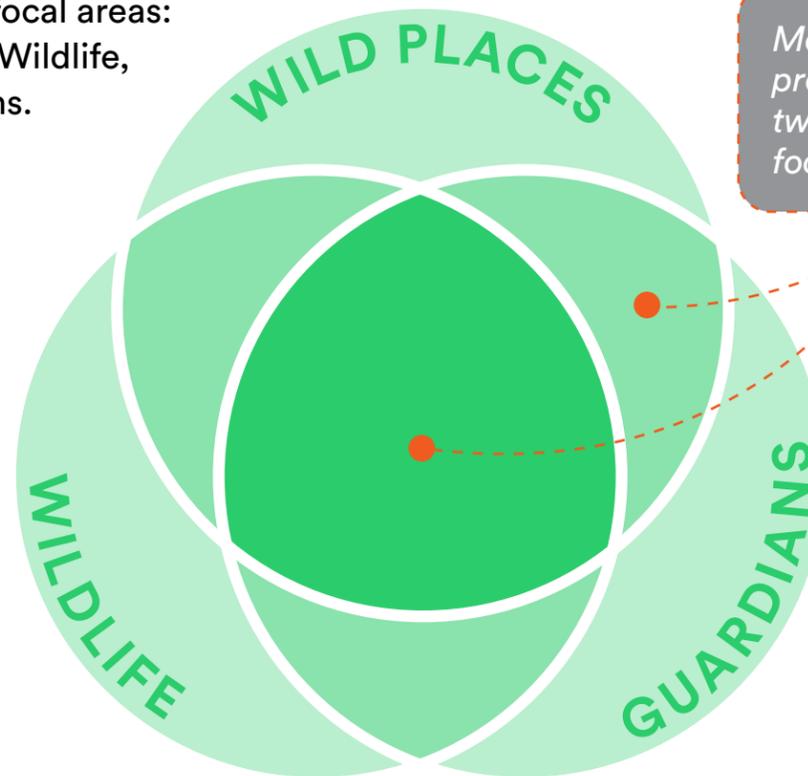
⁵ Re:wild supports conservation around the world through our hosted Funds, as well as regular contributions to a select number of species-specific Funds. See page 82 for more information.

How We Work

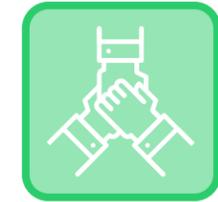


We believe conservation is strongest in the hands of national and local organizations and individuals. This is why we primarily work in partnership with these organizations, supporting them and, when asked, building capacity to help them become leaders in advancing global priorities. We work with a global network of nearly 500 national, regional, and global organizations, government partners, and Indigenous peoples and local communities.

We conceptualize our work and impact in three overarching focal areas: Wild Places, Wildlife, and Guardians.



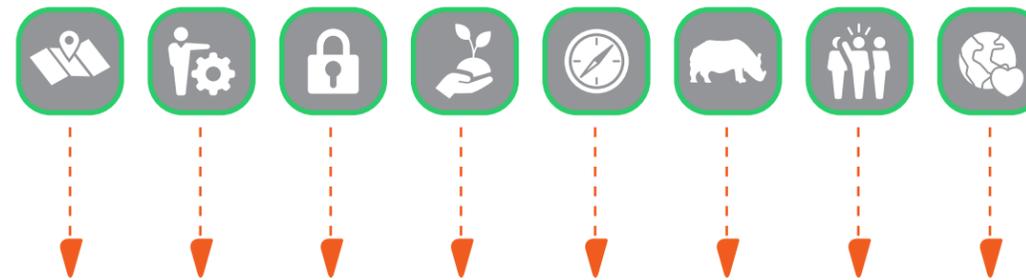
Most programs and projects intersect two, if not all three, focal areas.



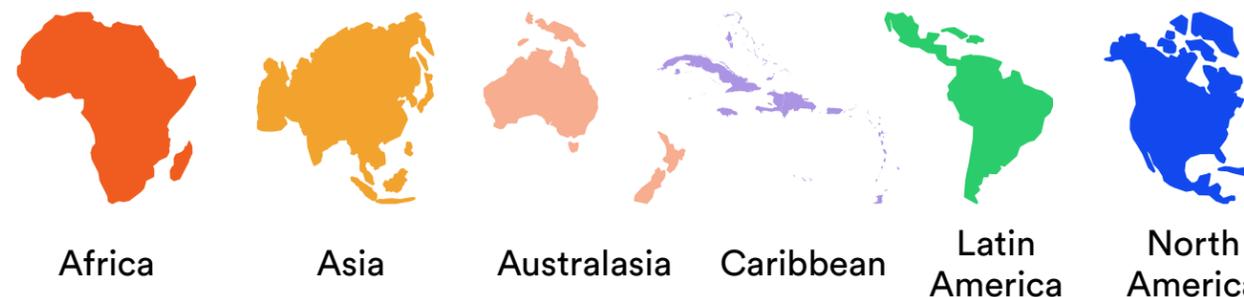
Radical change requires radical collaboration. We act quickly where need meets opportunity to create powerful and influential partnerships (pages 14-21) that support a wide adoption of policies, tools, priorities, and best practices. Additionally, we create funding streams (pages 82-83) to ensure that resources are channeled where they are needed most. Our approach enables scaled impact through the replication and amplification of proven solutions.



We have expertise in eight core conservation strategies (page 22), which we combine and apply as needed based on the objective of the conservation program or project.



In addition to our global-level work, we drive conservation impact across six key regions of land, freshwater, and ocean.



Re:wild hires and enables some of the world's leading conservationists with the skills to tackle pressing conservation challenges. With our partners, we custom-fit solutions to conserve and restore biodiversity around the world that are tailored to local ecological, cultural, and socioeconomic contexts. We have an effective team that provides consistent leadership and strategic direction for our partnerships, as well as operational and programmatic support to partners through strategy, science, global platforms, communications, and funding.



A core set of donors cover all of our operational costs, which allows us to invest 100% of additional donations into programs around the world. With this model, Re:wild also helps to curate and deploy philanthropic resources from individuals, corporations, and foundations in an efficient and effective way.

Conservation Partnership

Re:wild builds relationships.

Our network of partners is over 500 strong. This emphasis on building meaningful partnerships is the reason Re:wild always retains its origins as a conservation organization designed for efficiency and impact. We remain streamlined and nimble even as we grow, capable of scaling conservation action to new heights to conserve the most important places and threatened species on Earth.

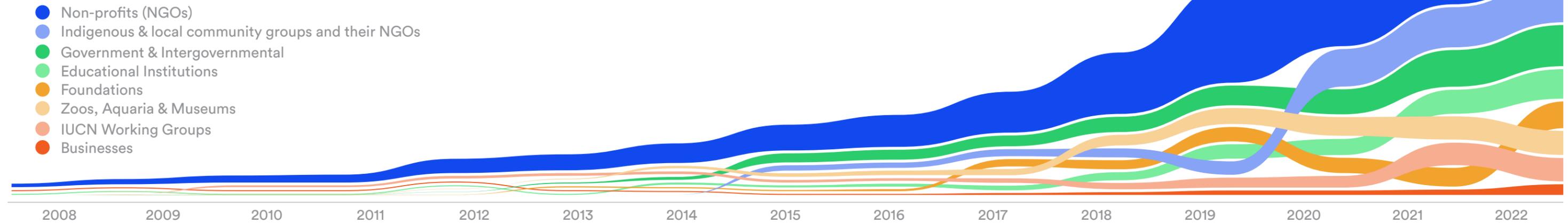
500+

Our network of active partners grew to over 500 in 2022

320

A significant number of our partners are local, carrying out on-the-ground activities

Fig 6. Re:wild has steadily increased our network of conservation partners over time.



Local Partners

Our local partners are teams of extraordinary people who have the knowledge, passion, and understanding to best protect wild places and wildlife. Re:wild collaborates with these on-the-ground partners, working with them to understand their needs and how to achieve our shared conservation goals. We develop strategies, co-create projects, provide technical support, as well as funding when it is needed. Furthermore, we unify partners around larger goals, implement outreach campaigns, and raise the profile of their work through our communication channels. And we make sure to shine credit where it is due. The stories included here illustrate some of the ways we have collaborated, and deepened relationships in 2022.

Fundación de Conservación Jocotoco

To protect areas of critical importance for the conservation of threatened species in Ecuador.

Fundación de Conservación Jocotoco is primarily focused on Ecuador, one of the top ten megadiverse countries. We have worked with Jocotoco to protect wild places, identify funders, and jointly put forth a pathway to 30x30 in Ecuador with government partners. We have amplified their work through social media, and are advancing opportunities to apply carbon and biodiversity credits for financing conservation. In the Galápagos, Jocotoco and Re:wild work closely together to advance a suite of species recovery and habitat restoration projects.

Alliance for Integrated Forest Conservation (ALeRT)

To play an active role in realizing sustainable and just biodiversity and its ecosystems in Indonesia.

Javan Rhinos are only found in Indonesia, hidden in the coastal forests of Ujung Kulon National Park. The government of Indonesia is leading conservation efforts for the species supported by the Alliance for Integrated Forest Conservation (ALeRT). Re:wild has supported ALeRT from infancy by covering core start-up costs and enabling ALeRT to collaborate effectively with the park and government. Re:wild has provided strategic and technical advice, and connections to donors. Our relationship is stronger than ever and we look forward to cultivating it.

Maliasili

Stronger local organizations, outstanding leadership, and greater resources and influence at the local level.

That's the maxim at the heart of Maliasili's mission, which is to accelerate community-based conservation through local organizations across Africa. Maliasili works to strengthen conservation leaders and local organizations, and ensures funding reaches the right people driving change and making an impact on the ground. In 2022, Re:wild supported Maliasili's expansion into Madagascar. Funding from Re:wild covered operating costs and sponsored the participation of three of our partners in Maliasili's flagship Environmental Leadership Programme.

Conservation Partnership

Re:wild connects and convenes.

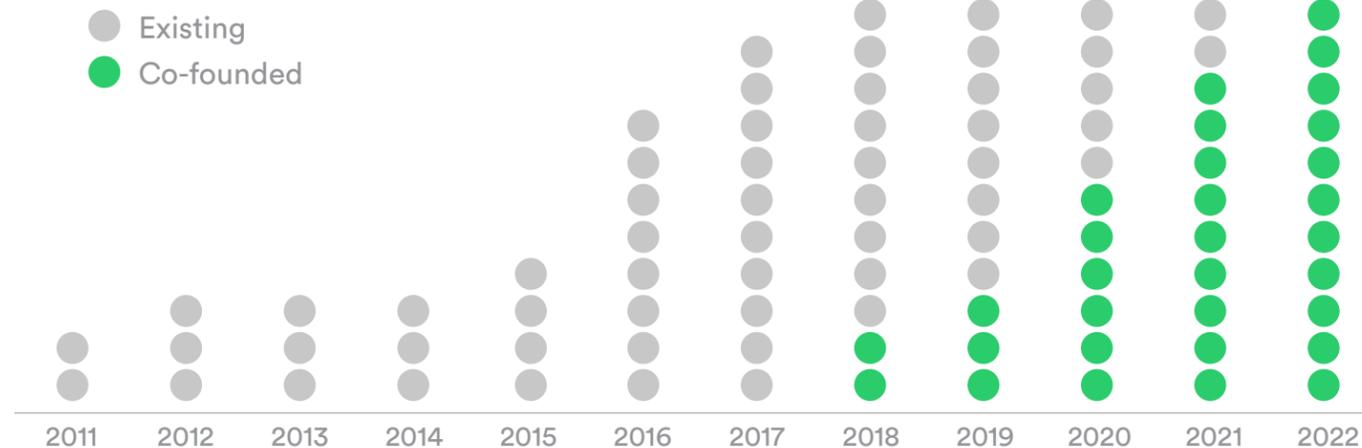
We know that we can accomplish more by working together. Our partner-centric approach combines the expertise of our staff, functioning as leaders, advisors and deep collaborators, with that of the organizations best positioned to accomplish conservation objectives. Whether through global partnerships and alliances or with local partners at project sites, we strive to find the best combination of people to conserve wild places and wildlife as efficiently as possible. We succeed by supporting others and sharing our wins.

Partnerships & Alliances

Re:wild participates in conservation partnerships and alliances positioned to influence and inspire action and policy change around the world. Where a partnership is not already present, and it is clear the existence of one would expedite conservation impact, Re:wild convenes partners to create one. Whether well-established or brand-new, we build strategic connections and leverage the power of community to drive positive change at all scales.

We are a part of over 35 formal partnerships and alliances, many of which we have co-founded with key conservation partners. The Protecting Our Planet Challenge, Reverse the Red, and Women Rewilding are all examples of partnerships in which we've helped build momentum in 2022.

Fig 7. Since 2011, Re:wild has steadily grown the number of partnerships and alliances we participate in — often co-founding new ones when necessary. A full list is available [here](#).



Protecting Our Planet



The Protecting Our Planet (POP) Challenge is the largest-ever private funding commitment to conservation. Co-founded by Re:wild, it is designed to rally global support to achieve 30x30 — the goal to protect 30% of Earth's land, inland water, and sea in the most important areas for biodiversity by 2030. In 2022, the Connect to Protect Eastern Tropical Pacific (ETP) Coalition committed \$118.5 million in private and public funds as part of POP to support conservation in key countries, as well as strengthen marine protections for the ETP Marine Corridor.

Reverse the Red



In 2022, Re:wild joined Reverse the Red. Coordinated by the IUCN Species Survival Commission and partner organizations, Reverse the Red is building a global movement to reverse biodiversity loss and ensure the survival of wild species by providing the tools and support that governments need to set and reach agreed-upon biodiversity conservation targets. As a member of the Executive Committee, we help develop and grow the Green Status of Species – a global standard for measuring how much a species has recovered due to conservation action.

Women Rewilding



Created in 2022, Women Rewilding is a global initiative led by Re:wild to increase women conservationist's influence, visibility and resilience. With flagship initiative partners, the Women in Nature Network (WiNN) and Planet Women, we are scaling what works: actively connecting and inspiring the next generation of women conservationists through transformative mentoring, inclusive global support networks, and by directing more funding to women working to protect and restore the wild.

Outreach & Engagement

Re:wild inspires and engages.

We are all part of the wild, and we all have a role in protecting and restoring it. This tenet is at the core of our outreach and engagement work. Re:wild brings people together from outside the world of conservation as well as within it. We find innovative ways to reinforce the importance of the wild to our public audiences by collaborating with Corporate Sponsors, building communities with environmentally-focused Ambassadors, and participating in select art, music, and other events.

Events

People need people, and people need the wild. Events where old connections get stronger and where new ones are made. They bring us face to face with the people who create change by sharing our message with friends and family.

In 2022...

- Re:wild hosted our first in-person gathering since 2019, concurrent with Art Basel in Miami, in early December. We welcomed 300+ guests at the immersive art museum Superblue. Guests connected with Caribbean partners and learned about opportunities to support work in the region.
- Re:wild Storyteller Aditi Mayer attended Billie Eilish's Overheated Summit in London as a panelist speaking on Climate, Race, and Privilege.
- Re:wild was a sponsor of the Smithsonian Folklife Festival x Earth Optimism Summit at the National Mall in Washington, D.C. with Re:wild's Vice President of Communications and Marketing Dr. Robin Moore and Lost Legends artist and conservationist Tyler Thrasher as featured speakers.
- Re:wild participated in the sold-out Atlantis's Concert for Earth in the Azores, which featured the Black Eyed Peas, Pitbull, and Stone Temple Pilots. The concert also connected viewers via livestream, all to celebrate conservationists – Earth's rock stars – driving the climate narrative towards hope instead of fear.



Corporate Sponsors



Re:wild engages corporations that share our values, and that recognize the responsibility and the power we all share as individuals, organizations, governments, and brands to build a world in balance with the wild.

In 2022...

- YSL Beauty selected Re:wild as its scientific partner for their newly-launched Rewild Our Earth program, which has the goal of protecting and restoring 100,000 hectares (almost 250,000 acres) by 2030. Following their long-term commitment to communities working toward ecosystem restoration in Morocco, YSL Beauty contributed to biodiversity projects in Haiti, Indonesia, Madagascar, and Canada.
- Avocado Green Brands selected Re:wild as their 1% for the Planet beneficiary. Avocado also helped raise awareness around our work, featuring our projects and experts in their online magazine and on social media.
- Following a \$1 million commitment to restore a biodiversity hotspot in California, Snap Inc. and Re:wild created an original series for youth and young adults. Planet Re:wild, hosted by rapper 2 Chainz, helped viewers discover how they can protect and rewild our planet.
- Allbirds supported Re:wild's Lost Species program, enabling expeditions to New Zealand, Cuba, and beyond to search for and identify birds currently lost to science.

Ambassadors

We are all a little bit wild. Re:wild Ambassadors share our love of the wild as part of a community of people in positions to inspire change through their platforms. Ambassadors create impact and support critical initiatives to protect and restore the wild by amplifying stories from Re:wild and our partners.

In 2022:

- Re:wild Storyteller, YouTube creator, and founder of Brave Wilderness Mark Vins raised over \$100,000 in donations to support Re:wild's work. On Earth Day, Vins took viewers on an exploration of the breathtaking landscapes of Ecuador to discover – with the help of Dr. Lina Valencia, Re:wild's Andean Countries Coordinator – the incredible wildlife that lives there.
- Actor Lana Condor joined Re:wild on an expedition to the Annamite Mountains in Southeast Asia, where she learned of the damaging effects that wire snares have had on local forests.
- Re:wild hosted a group of ambassadors in California, where they learned about Re:wild's mission and gained firsthand experience by participating in planting native species in the Santa Monica Mountains. Attendees included Aditi Mayer, Dr. Evan Antin, and Oliver Stark.

Supporting the Conservation Sector

Re:wild helps take care of operations, so that partners can scale up their impact.

We provide administrative services and oversight for a select number of organizations and groups engaged in work that furthers Re:wild's mission. In the position of fiscal sponsor, Re:wild is an accelerator and incubator for conservation action around the world. **We have facilitated the movement of \$6.9 million for conservation through these organizations in 2022.**

In 2022...

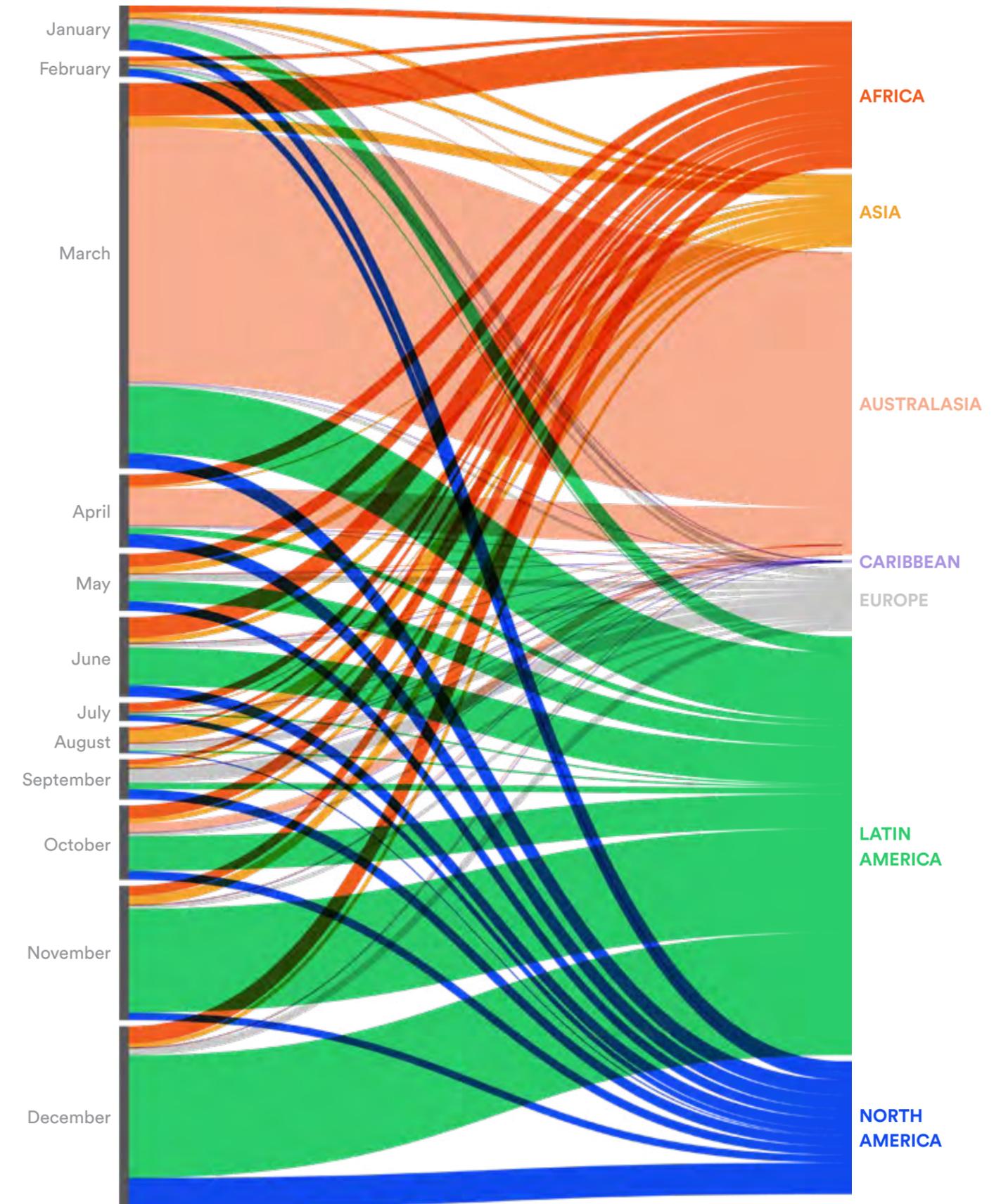
- Re:wild continued formally sponsoring 22 organizations and welcomed an additional five.
- Re:wild welcomed the newly rebranded Re:wild Your Campus as a fiscally sponsored organization, leveraging the Re:wild brand to expand the reach of their fellowship program — which cultivates next-generation leaders to create climate-resilient, biodiverse campuses.
- Re:wild welcomed Dynamic Planet as a fiscally sponsored organization. Dynamic Planet works with partners to protect land and sea ecosystems, and to manage natural resource systems outside protected areas more effectively. They help communities, governments, and businesses around the world shift toward economies led by conservation.
- Re:wild welcomed Tompkins Conservation (TC) as a fiscally sponsored organization. Co-founded by Douglas and Kristine Tompkins, TC has worked to protect and rewild ecosystems on the ground in South America for three decades. TC's offspring organizations, Rewilding Argentina and Rewilding Chile, are both Re:wild partners that became fiscally sponsored in 2021.

Fig 8. Re:wild has enabled impact through fiscal sponsorship since 2010. We've steadily added organizations, especially over the last several years. A full list is available [here](#).

- Global
- Africa
- Asia
- Australasia
- Caribbean
- Latin America
- North America



Fig 9. Re:wild sends funds around the world on behalf of our fiscally sponsored organizations, taking zero overhead. In this graphic, financial transactions for all 27 organizations are aggregated by month, scaled by amount, and classified by the region where funds went.



Conservation Strategies

ICONS

Look for these icons to see which of our Conservation Strategies are associated with the projects featured in this report.

Re:wild innovates and activates.

Re:wild has eight core Conservation Strategies — thematic areas of work that we know can make significant impact to stabilize and recover our planet’s wild places and wildlife. Re:wild has deep expertise in each strategy, expressed through comprehensive programs at both on-the-ground and global levels. Our work in each strategy drives the way we engage partners and involve local stakeholders, from governments to Indigenous peoples and local communities.

Globally, Re:wild works to leverage worldwide change under each Strategy by building global partnerships, driving innovation, influencing policy, and developing new funding streams to scale and stimulate conservation initiatives for impact that extends far beyond Re:wild.

Protected Area⁶ Creation



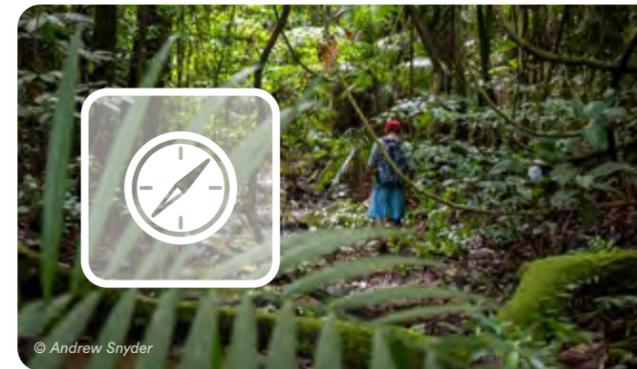
We identify and prioritize wild places in need of increased protection, and work to establish new conservation areas through our local partners.

Restoration & Rewilding



We support habitat restoration that assists the recovery of degraded ecosystems, and support the restoration of entire communities of native species which are collectively required for a functioning ecosystem.

Exploration



We explore some of the most remote corners of our planet to discover where we can have the biggest conservation impact on imperiled species and places, and to inspire conservation action through the wonder of exploration.

Endangered Species Recovery



We aim to do more than prevent extinctions — we want to ensure that species populations and their ecosystems thrive. This work includes conservation breeding programs and translocations, as well as the full toolbox of field conservation techniques.

Protected Area⁶ Management



We work to improve management of protected areas to ensure a safe and equitable future for biodiversity and communities.

Wildlife Crime Prevention



We identify and implement strategies that recognize the societal and cultural drivers of behavior leading to wildlife crime, and implement systems and technology to stop poachers before a crime is committed.

Leadership Cultivation



We strengthen conservation leaders and local organizations by providing training, networking, mentoring, and visibility to further their ability to deliver high-impact conservation results.

Advocating for Earth



We inspire people and expand our sphere of influence through the power of storytelling, with the ultimate goal of changing attitudes and shifting social norms toward global change.

⁶ The term 'protected area' in this context includes all categories of protected and conserved areas, including private and IPLCs territories, as well as Other Effective Area-based Conservation Measures (OECMs).

Global

Home to:



the wild



over 8.7
million
species



8 billion
people

Re:wild works at the global level to create an environment that enables worldwide change. Our Conservation Strategies are designed to create impact across our three focal areas of Wild Places, Wildlife, and Guardians, and are often implemented through powerful partnerships with clear objectives and strategies.

Re:wild's global-level work is designed to increase knowledge and awareness to better inform conservation prioritization, decision making, and policies. Our global efforts include developing best practices for conservation, creating the necessary conditions for change, and building partnerships to change the narrative. Re:wild strives for change at a scale that can truly make a difference, to make conservation a story of hope.



Global Amphibian Assessment



8+ years in the making

8000+ amphibian species assessed

1000+ experts engaged

Re:wild is a global leader in amphibian conservation. We are the home of the Amphibian Red List Authority, the branch of the IUCN SSC Amphibian Specialist Group (ASG) that manages amphibian data for the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species.

In 2022, Re:wild completed the second [Global Amphibian Assessment](#) (GAA2): a massive collaborative effort which is a decade in the making, with participation from more than 1,000 amphibian experts. The GAA2 evaluated the extinction risk of 8,011 of the world's amphibian species for the IUCN Red List. **Data collected for the IUCN Red List are used by conservation organizations and governments around the world to prioritize and track conservation actions.**

What we learned:

- 41% of all amphibian species assessed are threatened with extinction.
- Climate change became the major reason for increases in the extinction risks of amphibians between 2004-2022. This has changed from the period between 1980-2004, when the leading factor was chytridiomycosis — an introduced infectious disease.
- The primary driver of habitat loss and degradation threatening amphibian species? Agriculture.
- Of the three Orders, salamanders are the most threatened, followed by frogs and caecilians.
- **Amphibian species are recovering where critical habitat protection has already taken place.**

Lost Species



Voeltzkow's Chameleon, rediscovered in 2020 © Frank Glaw

8 rediscoveries
13 expeditions in 2022
34 total expeditions

Re:wild's [Search for Lost Species](#) is a Guinness World Record-setting quest to find and protect species lost to science for more than 10 years. Our staff developed categories of lost species along a pathway of loss (missing, lost, and long-lost) to encourage more conservationists to join the search to rediscover and conserve lost species. In 2021, searches expanded to include collaborations targeting specific species groups, starting with the [Search for Lost Birds](#) (with American Bird Conservancy and BirdLife International) and the [Search for Lost Fishes](#) with Shoal, a global initiative to stem the freshwater species conservation crisis created and co-led by Re:wild and Synchronicity Earth.

In 2022...

- After five years of successful expeditions, eight new lost species were added to Re:wild's 'top 25 most wanted lost species' list, replacing the eight species rediscoveries from the first list created in 2017.
- Re:wild launched the [Search for Lost Legends](#) with artist Tyler Thrasher, who was also the voice and the face of our '25 most wanted lost species' campaign reboot.
- Lost species stories continued to capture the collective imaginations of people around the world, with a combined potential reach of 5 billion.



Rangers

In 2022 Re:wild staff, along with partners, led the publication of a study which revealed that the number of personnel and rangers currently working in protected areas across the world is only around one-third of what is required for effective management. The study estimates that expanding protected areas to meet the target of 30% coverage of the wildest, most biodiverse places on Earth will require **approximately 3 million personnel, including more than 1.5 million rangers**.

What are we doing about it?

Re:wild is a founding member of the [Universal Ranger Support Alliance \(URSA\)](#), advocating for the professionalization of rangers worldwide. Through URSA, Re:wild advocates for increasing ranger numbers and helps develop and apply professional standards and guidance for the ranger community, employers, and policy makers. Re:wild supports ranger interests at international events like the Asia Parks Congress, the Africa Protected Areas Congress, and the United Nations Biodiversity Conference.

We are also a partner in the [International Ranger Awards](#), presented this year to 12 outstanding individuals and teams at the Africa Protected Areas Congress in Kigali, hosted by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) and World Commission on Protected Areas (WCPA).

12 international ranger awards presented
1.5M+ rangers needed to protect the wild



Arcilio Sepúlveda grew up hunting Pumas to protect his sheep. However, since the creation of Patagonia National Park, Arcilio joined Rewilding Chile as a wildlife ranger. Now, his knowledge is crucial in protecting Pumas.

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Indigenous Peoples & Local Communities



Re:wild partners with Indigenous peoples and local communities (IPLCs) to conserve Earth's most threatened ecosystems. These multifaceted partnerships create positive impacts for people and nature by strengthening governance, fostering livelihoods, and upholding rights to self-determination and ancestral territories.

In 2022...

- Re:wild joined [a group of international partners](#) that committed to provide \$1.7b of funding to conservation initiatives led by Indigenous peoples and local communities by 2030.
- Re:wild supported the United Tribes of Bristol Bay, opposing the proposed Pebble Mine project in the headwaters of Bristol Bay.
- Re:wild partnered with the Center for Environment and Natural Resources in Vietnam and ethnic minority communities from the provinces of Quang Nam and Kon Tum to incorporate traditional ecological knowledge as part of the strategy for the conservation of Annamite Striped Rabbits.
- In Put Mat National Park, Vietnam, Re:wild supported snare removal and expanded monitoring efforts conducted by community patrol teams of many T'ai and Dan Lai ethnic minority peoples.
- In Tanzania, Re:wild supported local communities in the management and rewilding of Lake Tanganyika. Restoring fish populations in this wild place is essential to improving the livelihoods of communities who depend on thriving native fish populations.
- In Madagascar, Re:wild supported local partners in expanding community-led reforestation and species-monitoring programs across multiple Key Biodiversity Areas.
- In the Caribbean, Re:wild supported a new initiative enabling coastal communities in Saint Lucia to farm seaweed more sustainably.

Associates



In 2022, Re:wild continued support for 21 Associates across Asia and the Pacific (10), Latin America (9), Africa (1), and the U.S. (1) through our flagship Associates Fellowship Fund. Our Associates' projects aim to advance the conservation of threatened wildlife and wild places, catalyze more of Earth's guardians into action, and support their personal resilience as they work to achieve their educational and professional goals.

Re:wild Associate Stories



Lucila Castro, using camera traps, monitored wildlife in the newly designated Ansenusa National Park, where she engaged local communities, entrepreneurs and municipalities. She and her team were the first to document the presence of Aguará Popé (Crab-eating Raccoon) in the region. Lucila is the executive director of Natura Argentina. It is thanks in part to her leadership that Ansenusa was declared a National Park in 2022, an act which placed 1.6 million acres of wild lands into permanent protection.



Dr. Constanza Napolitano co-developed a participatory monitoring program with the Indigenous Mapuche-huilliche community of Rayen Ko Lafquen in Chile for conservation of small wildcat species in the region. Working with the community, Dr. Napolitano installed camera traps in Trinidad Valley which have recorded 10,000+ images of vulnerable and threatened wild cats like Guigna and Puma, along with a deer species, Southern Pudu.



James Burton and his team (Corinne Bailey and Yonathan) in Alas Purwo National Park, Indonesia helped standardize a new system for monitoring wild populations of Javan Banteng, an Endangered wild cattle species. By facilitating training and mentoring park staff in the use of camera trap data, James and the team's efforts will enable them to increase the accuracy of species population estimates and improve future research.

Wildlife Trade



The unsustainable trade of wildlife is one of the greatest threats to biodiversity. Exploitation of wildlife like pangolins, turtles, or chevrotains creates gaps in ecosystems that have a ripple effect on the rest of the wild, and threaten the survival of other species — including people.

What are we doing about it?

Re:wild staff are leaders and advisors in improving wildlife trade legislation. We work with our partners and national and international authorities to help protect species targeted by the wildlife trade and to prevent future pandemics. Re:wild provides technical expertise to CITES, as well as the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the United States Congress, the European Commission and Parliament, and the World Health Organisation.

Wildlife x Pandemics

Biodiversity is a remedy. When the wild is intact, and ecosystems are whole and able to function the way they are supposed to, there are natural safeguards keeping viruses and other pathogens in check — sick animals die, are consumed by predators, or develop natural immunity. When we and our livestock invade and disrupt habitats, or when we take sick animals out of their habitats, we put ourselves and the health of all the world's people at risk.

In 2020, Re:wild launched #EndTheTrade, a campaign highlighting the connections between pandemics and the wildlife trade, which generated more than 20 million views and 1.5 million collective shares. The petition was signed by more than 80,000 people and endorsed by more than 350 organizations. Our #EndTheTrade program is evolving, and we have joined the Preventing Pandemics At The Source (PPATS) coalition and other initiatives to eliminate wildlife trade and minimize spillover risks.

Pangolin scales © Robin Bruyns / Shutterstock



Indigenous peoples and island communities have long known that everything is connected — and that healthy marine environments depend on healthy islands. Conservationists and researchers have only recently begun to fully appreciate the importance of holistic conservation between land and sea. This includes how coastal, marine, and land ecosystems cycle nutrients, often via biological processes such as foraging seabird species. As island communities around the world suffer some of the worst effects of biodiversity loss and climate change, Re:wild and partners are embarking on the restoration and rewilding of 40 globally significant island-ocean ecosystems by 2030.

In 2022...

- Re:wild and partners including Island Conservation, Scripps Institution of Oceanography at the University of California San Diego, the government of Panama, and the government of Palau led the way with the newly-formed Island-Ocean Connection Challenge (IOCC), launched at the Our Ocean Conference in April.
- Re:wild staff co-authored a landmark, peer-reviewed paper outlining the science underpinning this effort and informing the IOCC's actions. This work, some of which is already underway, includes removal of invasive species, reintroduction of native species, restoration of habitats, and protection of marine and terrestrial ecosystems

When connector species like seabirds are recovered, oceanic nutrients return to islands and nourish surrounding marine environments. Restored islands have up to 250 times more nutrients, producing a 50 percent increase in fish — and studies have shown coral reefs can grow up to four times faster, sustaining island communities and building climate resilience.

Island-Ocean Connection Challenge

Africa

Home to:



the world's
largest
inland delta



1/6 of the
world's
remaining
forests



the world's
last wild
chimpanzees
and gorillas

Re:wild works to protect and restore the wild in Africa – from the dense forests of West Africa and the Congo Basin, to the forest and lake mosaic of East Africa, to the island of Madagascar.

Our impact is rooted in the quality of the relationships we share with our partners in the regions we work. Success in conservation demands collaboration, which is why Re:wild dedicates time and resources to increasing the capacity of local partners. Across Africa, Re:wild supports critical conservation initiatives in more than a dozen countries, with our partners and the wild at the heart of everything we do. In 2022, Re:wild deepened our commitments in Africa by increasing support for habitat restoration, species conservation, emergency response interventions, and capacity building.



For 90 million years, life on Madagascar evolved in isolation from mainland Africa to become one of the most biodiverse places on Earth. Today, more than 90% of Madagascar's natural vegetation has been lost. Since 2012, Re:wild and local partners **have forged a path toward a more resilient future for this island country through species conservation and habitat protection and restoration, and by channeling investment into community-led conservation programs.**

In 2022...

- Re:wild supported forest restoration initiatives in three priority sites:
 - In Anjozorobe Angavo, a Re:wild grant will enable our partners at Association Fanamby to **restore the local watershed and heal fragmented forest by planting 400,000 native trees.**
 - In Menabe Antimena, a Re:wild grant will enable our partners at Association Fanamby to **reconnect blocks of fragmented forest by planting 80,000 native trees.**
 - In the Ihofa Vohitsara Bioreserve, our partners at Madagascar Biodiversity Partnership are **building stronger connections between local people and the forest by employing community members in a sustainable reforestation project. A grant from Re:wild will enable the planting of 180,000 native trees.**
- Re:wild launched a rapid response project through the Rapid RESCUE Fund (RRF) to help communities in the Kianjavato region recover from the impacts of two tropical cyclones. Funding supports Madagascar Biodiversity Partnership, our implementing partner on the ground. The RRF is a partnership between Re:wild and the European Union.
- Re:wild funded the participation of conservation leaders from our partners Association Fanamby, Groupe d'étude et de Recherche sur les Primates de Madagascar (GERP), and Association des Guides d'Andasibe in an environmental leadership program lead by Maliasili.

The Lemur Fund

In 2022, Re:wild awarded thirty grants to lemur conservation initiatives in Madagascar. Since the inception of the Lemur Fund in 2020, Re:wild has awarded 72 grants to projects dedicated to lemur conservation, including research, building capacity, and raising awareness at both regional and global levels.

Madagascar

Red Colobus

There are seventeen distinct species of red colobus in the world. All of them are considered threatened by the IUCN, with status ranging from Vulnerable to Critically Endangered.

To strengthen protections and conservation for each of these species **Re:wild maintains the Red Colobus Conservation Network, connecting over 170 red colobus conservationists across the world in a peer-to-peer exchange.**

In 2022...

- Re:wild supported the creation of a new protected area for the Zanzibar Red Colobus.
- Re:wild supported surveys of a previously unknown population of the Ashy Red Colobus and promoted legal protection of the area where they were discovered.
- Re:wild and partners initiated community patrols on the island of Bioko in Equatorial Guinea for the monitoring and protection of Pennant's Red Colobus. This initiative is the first active conservation effort for this species.
- Re:wild and partners strengthened protection and management for the Niger Delta Red Colobus by providing training and mentoring to a new community conservancy. This work included the creation of a team of rangers from the local community.
- Re:wild and partners continued the search for Miss Waldron's Red Colobus, one of our Top 25 Most Wanted Lost Species, in remote parts of the Tanoé forest in Côte d'Ivoire.
- Supported the establishment of Sambel Kunda, a community conservation area for Temmink's Red Colobus in The Gambia.

Okavango

[#SaveTheOkavango](#) is an ongoing campaign to protect the Okavango River Basin from the illegal activities of Canadian oil and gas company ReconAfrica. Re:wild stands with the people of the Kavango region, who have documented ReconAfrica's activities that have threatened their rights, their health, and their livelihoods.

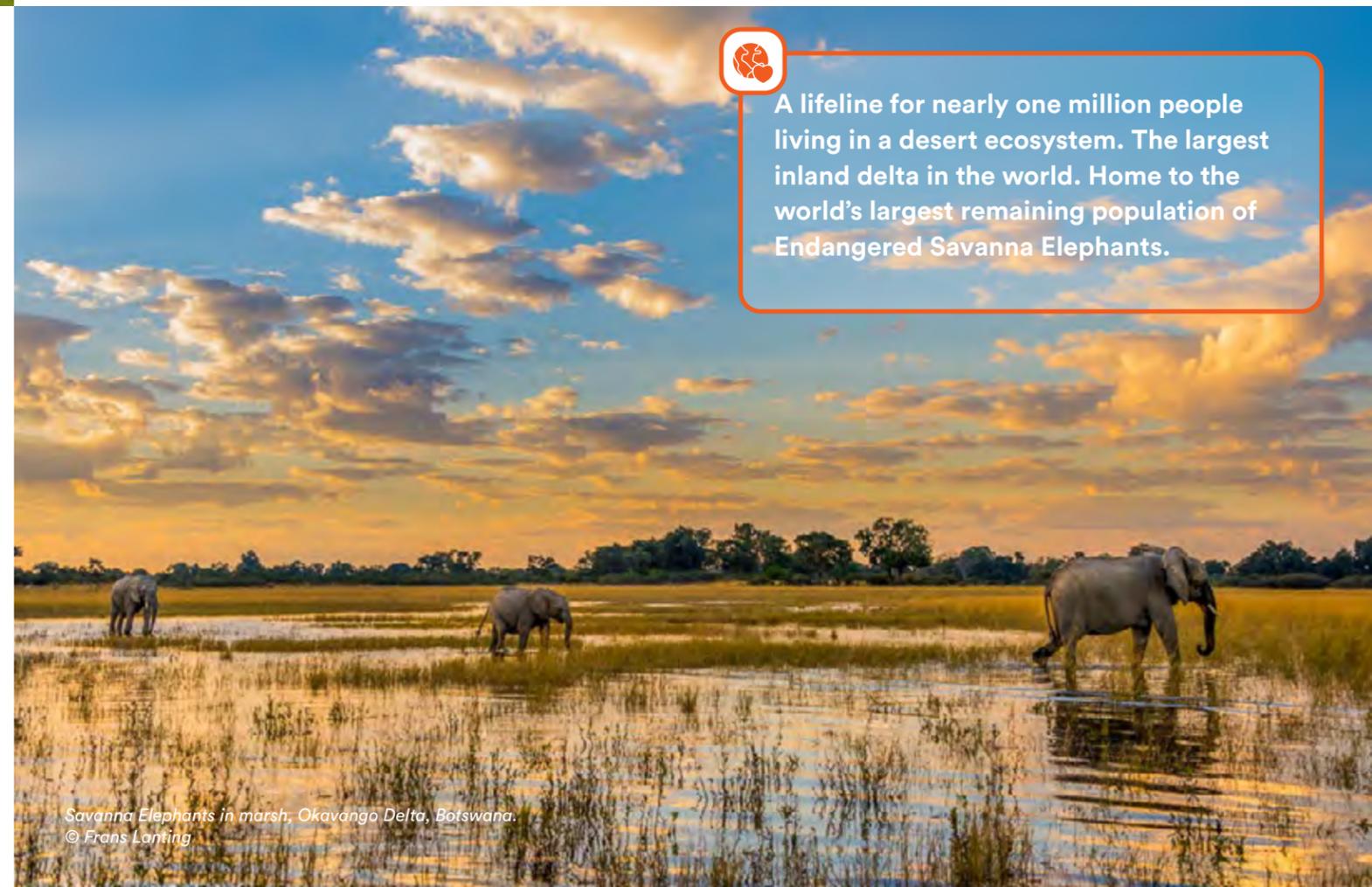
The campaign launched in 2021 with support from Prince Harry, Duke of Sussex, and Namibian activist Reinhold Mangundu, who co-wrote a Washington Post Op-Ed driving audiences to an open letter signed by 25,000+ people, including Forest Whittaker, Djimon Hounsou, and Ellen DeGeneres.

In 2022...

- Re:wild worked with a contributing writer from Rolling Stone on an investigative feature story about ReconAfrica's activities for publication in 2023.
- Re:wild produced several stories highlighting the incredible activists from both Namibia and Botswana (where ReconAfrica also has a lease to drill), including blogs and content for social media.
- Re:wild Founding Board Member Leonardo DiCaprio and other leaders continued to share ongoing updates from the ground.



A lifeline for nearly one million people living in a desert ecosystem. The largest inland delta in the world. Home to the world's largest remaining population of Endangered Savanna Elephants.



Savanna Elephants in marsh, Okavango Delta, Botswana.
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Virunga



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Virunga National Park in eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo is the most biodiverse protected area on the continent, and the only park in the world home to three different taxa of Great Ape: Mountain Gorillas, Eastern Lowland Gorillas, and Chimpanzees.

Re:wild is working in partnership with the Virunga Foundation and the European Union to protect and restore the ecological integrity of the park, including supporting the operations of Virunga's ranger team to overcome the impacts of war, natural disaster, and disease.

Zambezi Valley



African Wild Dogs © Barney Long

Zimbabwe's Zambezi Valley is home to a plethora of wildlife including African Savanna Elephants, Lions, African Wild Dogs, and a multitude of fish and birds. The Charara Wildlife Area in the middle of the valley is a hotbed of human-wildlife conflict.

In 2022, Re:wild supported training by The Zambezi Society of Human-Wildlife Coexistence Officers who traced every conflict back to the protection of livestock from predators. To reduce the rate of conflict, Re:wild supported the construction of 12 predator-proof bomas — protecting wildlife from persecution due to conflict with people with livestock. Additionally, with support from Re:wild, twenty-four rangers were trained to patrol Charara and successfully removed 1,023 wire snares.

SGA - ARRC Task Force



Chimpanzees © Liran Samuni & Tali Chimpanzee Project 2



- A**void ape habitat in the first place
- R**educe negative impacts
- R**estore habitat after a project is complete
- C**onserve apes and their habitat

The [ARRC Task Force](#), an initiative from the IUCN SSC Primate Specialist Group and supported financially by the Arcus Foundation, is managed and coordinated by Re:wild staff. The main objective is **to protect wild apes threatened by industrial development projects** by ensuring that these projects with potential to impact ape populations follow the advice of ARRC.

In 2022...

- ARRC ran the first ever 'Primate WATCH' program, which trained nine primatologists from five West African countries to advise large-scale development projects on the ways they can reduce their impacts on ape populations.
- ARRC advised 10 large-scale development projects active in Great Ape habitat. This strategic cooperation led to an improved consideration and mitigation of the projects' impacts on apes.
- ARRC developed relationships with five banks and two pension funds who provide loans to large-scale development projects within Great Ape's range, to improve avoidance of ape habitat at earlier stages of project development.

Asia

Home to:



1/5 of the world's biodiversity



more than half of the people on Earth



Leuser: the last wild place where tigers, rhinos, elephants, and orangutans coexist

Re:wild works to protect and restore the wild across seven landscapes in Asia, where biodiversity is threatened by one of the highest deforestation rates in the world. Mammals, birds, amphibians, reptiles, and fish are at a greater risk of extinction here than anywhere else on the planet.

Our impact in Asia is the direct result of the partnerships we have built with local governments, communities, and conservation groups. Re:wild succeeds by dedicating resources to building the capacity of our local partners and supporting conservation action on the ground. When our partners flourish, from the Annamite Mountains to the Bornean rainforest, that is how Re:wild creates change.



Sulawesi is an island in Indonesia where life has evolved in isolation for 4 million years. **Freshwater lakes here burst with life and species of endemic fish, invertebrates, and plants found nowhere else in the world.** This aquatic community is extremely vulnerable and under high risk because it is the only wild place like it that exists on Earth.



Freshwater biodiversity in Sulawesi is threatened by invasive species, mining, sedimentation, and collection for the aquaria pet trade.

Our Impact:

- Re:wild and partners Shoal and Yayasan Bumi Sawerigading work with local fishing communities to reduce the impact of invasive species by monitoring Sulawesi's freshwater lakes and removing invasives found there.
- Re:wild works with Prigen Conservation Breeding Ark to create insurance populations of all endemic species (over 40 species of fish, shrimp, snails) from the seven lakes, where they can be bred for eventual release back into the wild once threats to their survival have been mitigated.

Sulawesi Freshwater Fish

Lake Matano, Sulawesi © kurniawan

These freshwater species (left to right Bonti Rainbowfish, Tylomelania snails, and Caridina Shrimp) are all endemic and highly threatened. © sulawesikeepers.org; practicalfishkeeping.co.uk; Wikipedia

Borneo



Tree planting project by BNF
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Leuser



FKL ranger dismantling a snare.
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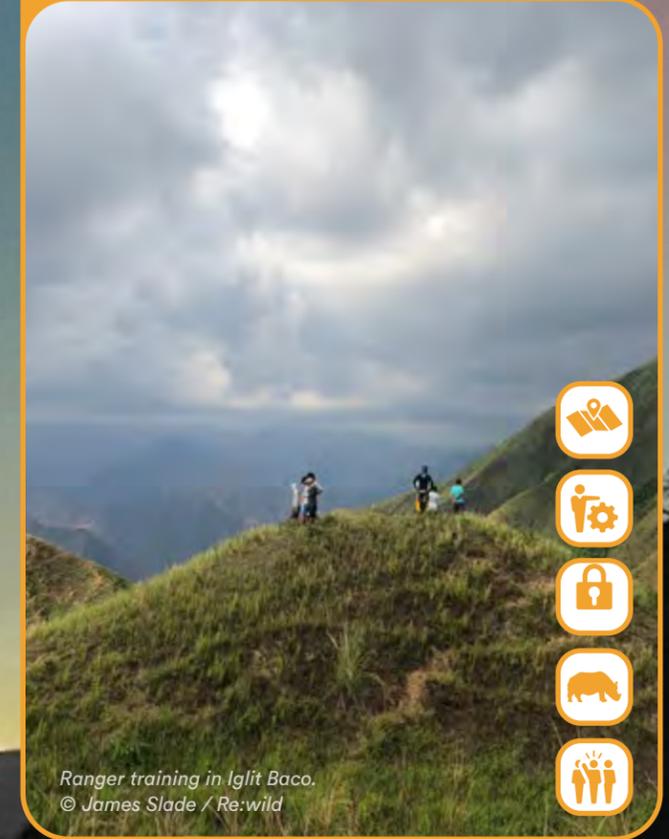
Pu Mat



Rangers resting while on patrol in Pu Mat
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Iglit Baco



Ranger training in Iglit Baco.
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This peat-swamp forest is the refuge of the world's largest protected Bornean Orangutan population. It was damaged by fire in 2015, and remains vulnerable to more fire as water drains out of the forest through man-made canals. To restore this critical rainforest habitat, **Re:wild has partnered with the Borneo Nature Foundation (BNF), working closely with the Sebangau National Park Agency, to plant 1 million native trees by 2025.** In 2022, Re:wild supported the construction of 33 dams that plug the canals and slow the draining of Sebangau.

In 2022, our partnership with BNF extended further into Central Kalimantan, where BNF is working with the Central Kalimantan Natural Resources Conservation Agency to assess the populations of Borneo's wild cat species and how best to conserve them.

The Leuser Ecosystem is the only wild place left in the world where tigers, Sumatran Rhinoceros, Asian Elephants, and Sumatran Orangutans coexist. Re:wild works in partnership with Forum Konservasi Leuser (FKL) to protect this ecosystem as a sanctuary for large mammals.

With support from Re:wild, FKL is able to enforce laws protecting this ecosystem against poaching and plantation development. FKL engages communities by conducting local education initiatives, establishing a community seedling nursery, and providing access to paralegal training. These actions have helped reduce the rate of deforestation in the region.

In Pu Mat National Park in Vietnam, Re:wild is working with Fauna & Flora International Vietnam and conservation criminologists from the University of Maryland to address wildlife crime through the application of situational crime prevention strategies, which analyzes wildlife crime through a sociological lens.

In 2022, **Re:wild and partners launched pilot models to support the development of sustainable livelihoods of Thai and Dan Lai families living in the park, providing an alternative to wildlife trafficking.** This project is the first of its kind, made possible by a UK AID Illegal Wildlife Trade Challenge Fund grant.

The ancestral domain of the Taobuid Indigenous people overlaps Mounts Iglit-Baco Natural Park on Mindoro Island in the Philippines, though the territory of the Taobuid has not been officially recognized. Re:wild, through local partners the D'Aboville Foundation, is working with Taobuid leaders, the Park administration, and the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples **to secure official recognition, and to integrate the rights and traditions of the Taobuid with the conservation goals of the park.** These actions will help ensure the future of the Taobuid, the natural resources they depend on, and the unique species they share their territory with, including the iconic and Critically Endangered Tamaraw.



Meet one of the rarest mammals in the world: the Saola. This Critically Endangered wild cattle species is found only in the Annamite Mountains of Vietnam and Laos. No scientist has ever seen one in the wild, and the last evidence of the species was captured by a camera trap in 2013. Re:wild experts believe a handful of individuals might still survive in the wild, scattered across this rugged landscape.

Last Saola caught on a camera trap, in 2013.

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In 2022, Re:wild launched an emergency project, through the Rapid RESCUE Fund (RRF) in partnership with the European Union, to find and save the last Saola in Vietnam. Funding from the RRF supports WWF-Viet Nam and local partners to locate any surviving Saola, with the hope of securing individuals for a conservation breeding program designed to ensure the Saola's survival.

This search effort will be the largest of its kind ever conducted — and possibly the last intensive search for the species in Vietnam.

Saola

Saola © Toon Fey / WWF

Australasia

Home to:



the
Kākāpō



the oldest
rainforest
in the world

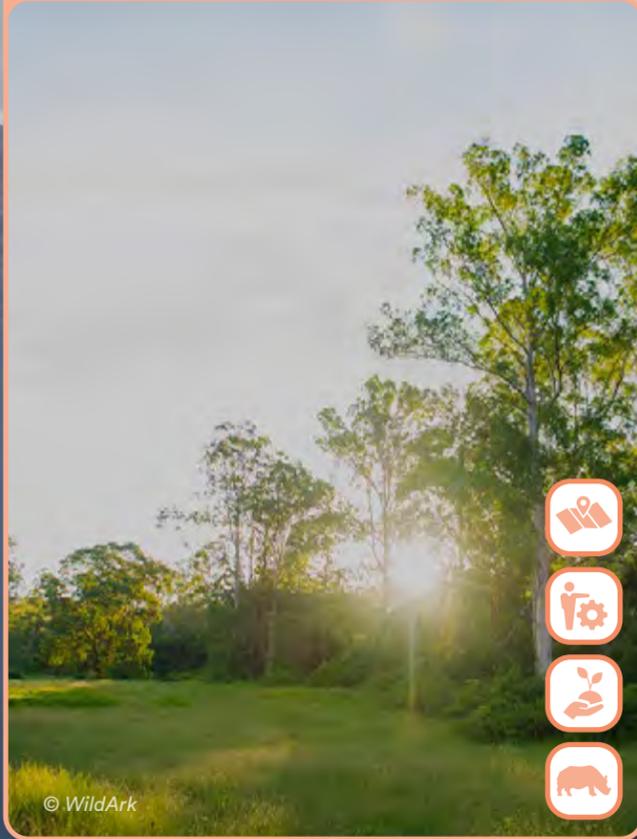


the Great
Barrier Reef

Re:wild works to protect and restore the wild across Australasia—a region that encompasses Australia, New Zealand, and several surrounding islands. There are species in these lands that are found nowhere else on Earth. This is part of the reason that invasive species are the most dangerous threat to biodiversity across the region, and why returning ecosystems to their native state is so crucial to the survival of Australasia's wildlife.

Our impact in Australasia is tied to the success of the conservation partners, communities, and governments we support on the ground. Re:wild has worked with local partners in the region to protect land from mining and create new protected areas. In 2020, we helped bring the Tasmanian Devil back to mainland Australia, where it had been wiped out over 3,000 years ago.

Mongo Valley



Re:wild partner Aussie Ark is on the ground in New South Wales, Australia, rewilding land in Mongo Valley to create the Mongo Valley Wildlife Sanctuary. **The project protects over 3,700 acres of critical bush habitat, with 26,000 native trees planted to support the eventual reintroduction of threatened mammals and amphibians** — modeled after the incredible success of Aussie Ark’s Barrington Tops Wildlife Sanctuary, which Re:wild continues to support. Transforming Mongo Valley involves the removal of invasive species and construction of a predator-proof fence to protect native species inside the sanctuary.

Koalas



With funding support from Re:wild, **Bangalow Koalas has planted, maintained, and restored over 4,500 native trees** to revegetate Koala habitat in the Richmond Valley of northern New South Wales.

Koalas are a threatened species in Australia, and in addition to disease, have been heavily impacted by bushfire and flood events.

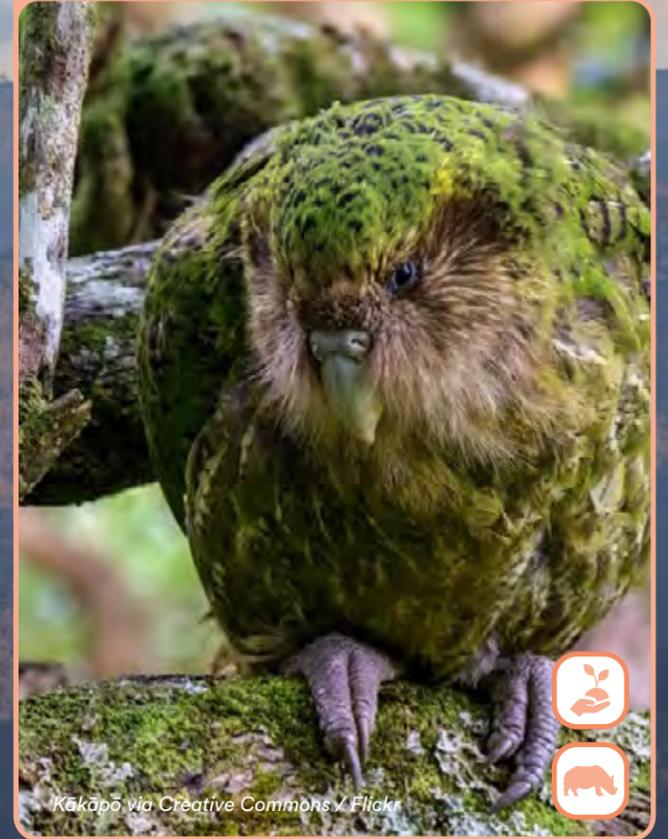
WIRES



WIRES, Australia’s largest wildlife rescue organization, receives more than 200,000 calls a year to help rescue and care for Australian wildlife, and rescues over 130,000 animals annually.

In 2022, WIRES responded to multiple floods that should have been once-in-a-lifetime events, which followed on the heels of the unprecedented bushfire events of 2019-20. **Support from Re:wild has made it possible for WIRES to increase their call center capacity — which now operates 24 hours a day, every day of the year.**

Kākāpō



In 2022, the New Zealand Department of Conservation’s Kākāpō Recovery Programme celebrated the first Kākāpō breeding season since 2019. Kākāpō reproduce only once every two to four years when the Rimu trees are in heavy fruit, and their fertility rate is low; in a year with 150 eggs, only 80 of those might be fertilized. That’s a big deal for a species with fewer than 120 adults left in the wild.

In total, **55 chicks reached fledging age in 2022** across the three protected offshore islands where they currently live. Eight of those chicks were conceived via artificial insemination, to help reduce the decline of genetic diversity in threatened species with small breeding populations. Re:wild’s partners are working with a group of international researchers to gain a better understanding of risks to the Kākāpō from infection and disease.

Caribbean

Home to:



the Union
Island
Gecko



1/10 of the
world's
coral reefs



10,000
endemic
species

Over 7,000 islands. 30 nations and territories, and a total of 1.5 million square miles of ocean. Re:wild works to protect and restore the wild across the Caribbean, where rates of extinction are the highest in the world. More than two-thirds of these extinctions are the result of invasive alien species, such as rats and goats.

Our far-reaching impact in the Caribbean is made possible through our partnerships in the region. Working with local governments, communities, and NGOs, Re:wild has advanced rewilding projects in 12 Key Biodiversity Areas (KBAs) and strengthened management of protected areas in 20 KBAs throughout the Caribbean. Together, Re:wild and partners have supported projects that have benefited 27 Critically Endangered and Endangered endemic reptile, bird, and plant species.

Saving reptiles on the brink of extinction



Union Island Gecko population has soared to 18,000 — an 80% boom since 2018. Sombrero Ground Lizard population has increased to over 1,100 — up from fewer than 100 individuals recorded in 2018.

Re:wild is working with multiple local partners across the Caribbean to protect and restore populations of 20 globally threatened reptile species by developing and implementing species conservation action plans.

In 2022...

- In Dominica, Re:wild, Fauna & Flora International (FFI), and the IUCN SSC Iguana Specialist Group facilitated an international workshop to develop the species recovery plan for the Critically Endangered Lesser Antillean Iguana with participants from all current range states.
- In Anguilla, the population of the Sombrero Ground Lizard, a Critically Endangered species, increased from fewer than 100 (2018) to over 1,100 (2022) following efforts to improve habitat quality on Sombrero Island by removing invasive predators and reintroducing native plants.
- Surveys of Union Island Geckos show an 80% population increase since 2018, thanks to improved protection. For the past few years, Re:wild has supported community wardens who provide 24/7 protection of the Critically Endangered gecko population and its forest habitat on Union Island.
- In Jamaica, the conservation breeding facility established in Holland Bay, with support from Re:wild, is successfully breeding and releasing Jamaica's endemic form of American Crocodile. Dozens of individuals were released in 2022 as part of a national program to support the protection and recovery of the depleted wild population.

Haiti



Grand Bois National Park is a lush but damaged rainforest ecosystem and Key Biodiversity Area in southwest Haiti. In 2022, Re:wild partner Haiti National Trust and local community members **planted more than 60,000 native trees and palms across 100 acres of degraded slopes in this wild place.** The trees, which include rare endemics like the Critically Endangered Ekman's Magnolia and Endangered Anis Etoile Marron, are now thriving in the absence of the invasive plants that were removed in the process of restoring these slopes to their native state.



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Bahamas



A team from Re:wild conducted site visits and **facilitated major workshops in 2022 to develop operational plans for four very different national parks in The Bahamas** — Blue Holes National Park, Great Inagua National Park, Lucayan National Park, and Moriah Harbour Cay National Park — using methods that Bahamas National Trust, a Re:wild partner, can apply to the rest of their protected areas.

As part of this work, Re:wild trained and mentored over 20 Bahamas National Trust staff in protected area management planning, along with wildlife crime prevention, SMART technology, and other aspects of protected area management.

Latin America

Home to:



the majority of
intact forest in
the world



the Amazon
Rainforest



the
Galápagos
Islands

Re:wild works to protect and restore the wild throughout Latin America, where we are at the forefront of emerging movements in conservation — including rewilding efforts, the movement to provide direct support for Indigenous peoples and the movement to transition away from animal agriculture.

In Latin America, we have a holistic vision for conservation where we align co-funders, governments, and local partners around umbrella initiatives driven by the priorities of local NGOs and Indigenous and local communities. The coordination of these priorities means that all stakeholders can achieve more. In this role, Re:wild is a convener and catalyst for greater impact across 16 countries.



The Eastern Tropical Pacific Seascape is one of the most biodiverse marine regions in the world, encompassing a stretch of the Pacific Ocean in the waters of Costa Rica, Panama, Colombia, and Ecuador.

At the UN Oceans Conference in Lisbon in June 2022, Re:wild and the Bezos Earth Fund were part of the “Connect to Protect” donor coalition, which pledged \$150 million to support governments and local NGOs as they seek to manage and protect a 600,000 km² chain of interconnected Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) in this seascape.

In 2022...

- Re:wild helped facilitate the creation of Ecuador’s new 60,000 km² marine reserve called Hermandad.
- The initiative to rewild Floreana Island remained the largest restoration project of its type. With support from Re:wild, our partners are on track to eradicate invasive predators by late 2023 and, when the time is right, to reintroduce 12 locally extinct species.
- Our partners continued work to determine safe and effective biocontrol agents for invasive species like the Avian Vampire Fly, which lays eggs in birds’ nests where its larvae feed on young chicks. This is a key conservation action to protect small landbirds across the Galápagos, and to restore populations of the Mangrove Finch, which are limited to one area with less than 100 individuals.
- Carpenter Finches were reintroduced to the wild on Pinzon Island. This project laid the groundwork and increased capacity for the reintroduction of this species to other islands across the archipelago.
- Re:wild supported the development and implementation of a plan to conserve Pink Iguanas, a Critically Endangered species found only on Wolf Volcano on Isabela Island in Galápagos National Park.

Eastern Tropical Pacific Seascape

Andean Countries

Re:wild is working to ensure the most important places for biodiversity in the ecosystems of Andean countries are protected and restored. Our work is reinforced by a regional movement that values natural ecosystems — helping to ensure their protection across local and international borders, **including through the creation of twenty new protected areas.** In 2022, Re:wild provided funding and technical support to increase the capacity of our local partners throughout the Andes, aiming to ensure that every country protects 30% of their most important lands and freshwater by 2030, and that those protected and conserved areas are safeguarded in perpetuity.



Our Impact:



- Our partners Natura Bolivia and the Province of Tarija created a trust fund to conserve the forests and plains that belong to the watershed around the Sama Biological Reserve.
- Four new protected areas were declared in Ecuador.
- Re:wild and partners developed governance structures and financial mechanisms to improve management of a network of 8 protected areas in Chuquisaca, Bolivia.
- By working alongside Indigenous federations and the Ministry of Environment to protect the southern Amazon basin in Ecuador, Re:wild supported the development of Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (REDD+) plans linked to a sustainable funding mechanism in the provinces of Zamora Chinchipe, Morona Santiago, and Pastaza.
- Funding from Re:wild increased the capacity of two partners in Ecuador and one in Colombian, extending conservation management of vast areas of Amazonian and Andean ecosystems in Ecuador, and the identification of new protected areas in both countries.

Partnerships with Indigenous Peoples



Re:wild works to increase direct support to Indigenous peoples and local communities across Latin America. We support the initiative to protect 80% of the Amazon by 2025 and provide direct funding to Indigenous communities to support defense of their territories on the ground.

In 2022...

- Working alongside subnational governments and Indigenous federations, we provided funds to secure the territorial rights of more than 5,000,000 acres of Indigenous ancestral lands in Peru, Colombia and Ecuador.
- Re:wild worked to align donors and governments with the priorities of Indigenous peoples and local communities by pushing for impact-oriented collaboration on the ground.
- Re:wild supported Indigenous-led initiatives to defend and protect Peoples in Voluntary Isolation and Initial Contact (PIACI) and their territories.





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Guiana Shield

Located in northeast South America, the Guiana Shield is one of the most biodiverse regions in the world, with some of the most intact forests. In 2022, Re:wild increased our commitment to the wild in this part of the world by laying the foundation for a land protection strategy in Guyana.

Suriname — a country 93% covered in forest

Re:wild supports initiatives led by our local partners to protect the country's forests and Indigenous lands in perpetuity. In 2022, we supported awareness campaigns by local NGO Green Growth Suriname, and increased the capacity of the government of Suriname to engage in international meetings and respond to emerging threats within the country's forests. We also continued to support the Indigenous Trio people in their efforts to protect their ancestral lands.

Above: *Stefania evansi*, known for carrying its young on its back. Left: *Atelopus hoogmoedi*. Both endemic to the Guiana Shield. © Andrew Snyder



5 Great Forests

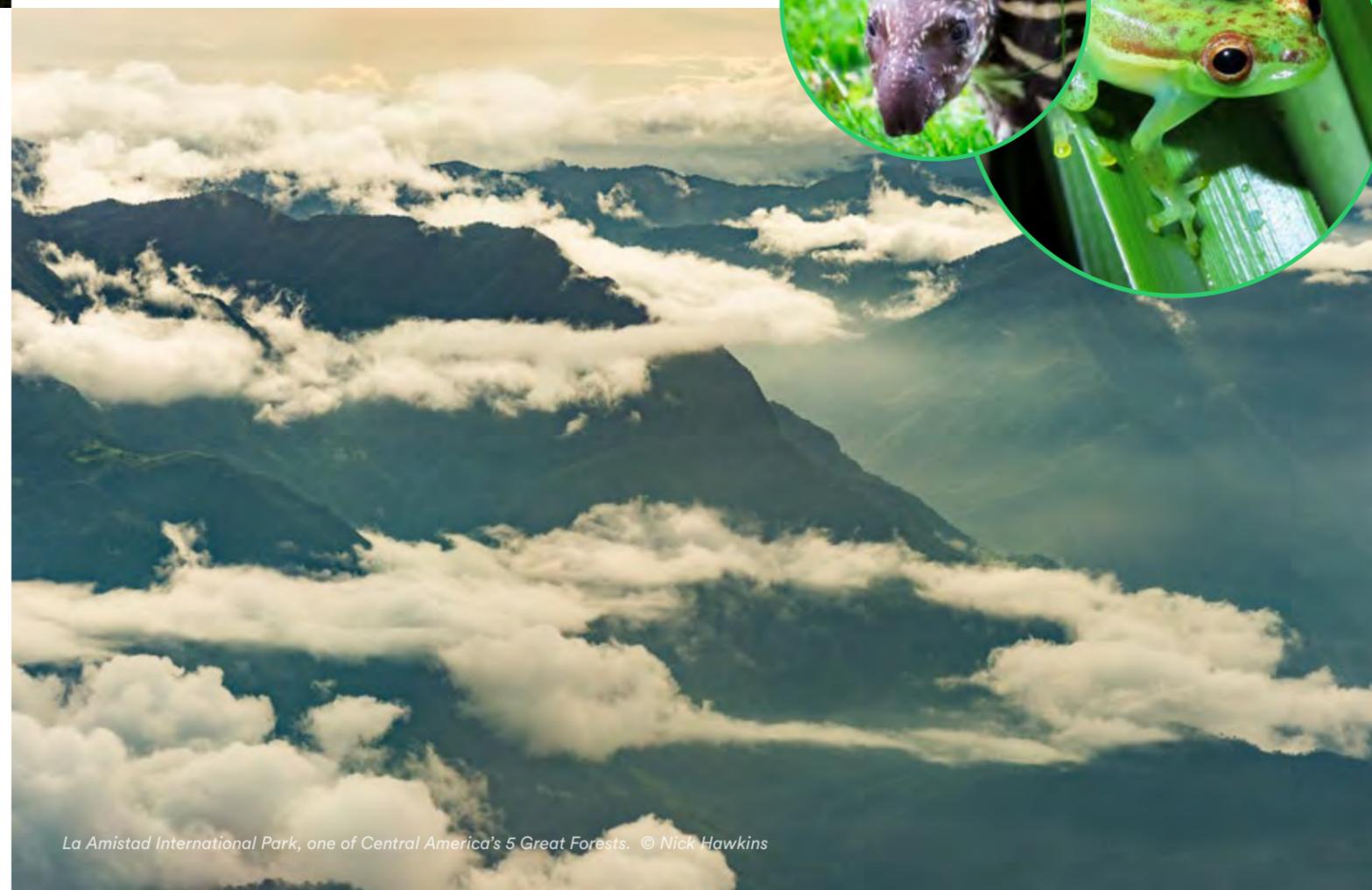
Five Great Forests stretch across Mesoamerica from the south of Mexico to Colombia. They are the Selva Maya, La Moskitia, Indio Maíz-Tortuguero, La Amistad, and El Darién.

In 2022...

- Re:wild provided Indigenous communities with training and access to SMART software to patrol their territories — strengthening security across Mesoamerica against poaching, the illegal extraction of natural resources, and the invasion of Indigenous territories by illegal cattle ranchers.
- The Baird's Tapir Survival Initiative (BTSA), a Re:wild partner, empowered local conservationists across the Baird's Tapir's distribution range to both help to protect this keystone species and to spark opportunities for the expansion of existing protected areas, as well as the creation of new ones.
- Re:wild supported conservation planning for a new endemic species discovered in Costa Rica: the Tapir Valley Frog.



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Tapir Valley Tree Frog © Juan G. Abarca



La Amistad International Park, one of Central America's 5 Great Forests. © Nick Hawkins

Brazil



The most megadiverse country in the world, Brazil is home to 60% of the Amazon Rainforest, 92% of the Atlantic Forest, and one-tenth of all species on Earth.

Re:wild is working alongside our local partners, private philanthropy, and the European Union through the Rapid RESCUE Fund to reduce deforestation throughout Brazil and to support Indigenous communities in defense of their territories.

Rapid RESCUE Fund in Brazil

As of 2022, Re:wild engaged in four ongoing rapid response projects to address impacts of COVID-19:

- In Amazonas/Roraima states, Re:wild and local partner Instituto Socioambiental (ISA) are working with communities across six Indigenous territories to increase food security and strengthen their protections. This initiative supports 58,300 people, including the 27,000 people living in the Yanomami Indigenous Territory who have been impacted by the invasion of 20,000 miners.
- In the Xingu River Basin, Re:wild and ISA are supporting 26 Indigenous groups and hundreds of riverine families to protect their territorial rights, establish a forest economy, and strengthen responses to climate emergencies.
- In Western Pará, Re:wild and local partner Saúde e Alegria are working to preserve critical forest ecosystems by introducing a sustainable economic alternative to current agricultural practices, through the Active Forest Project.
- In Mato Grosso, Re:wild and local partner Instituto Centro de Vida (ICV) are working to transform rural ecosystems and rural economies by supporting small family farms to produce more sustainably through improved agriculture and organic land management.



Neotropical Primate Action Fund

Re:wild awarded twenty-four grants to primate conservation initiatives in Brazil. Major grants targeted Critically Endangered and Endangered primates, like the Southern and Northern Muriqui and the Black-faced Lion Tamarin.



Southern Cone



The Southern Cone is a region made up of the southernmost countries in South America: Paraguay, Uruguay, Argentina, and Chile. **In 2022, Re:wild deepened our connections and commitment to the wild in this part of the world through our partnerships with Rewilding Argentina (RA), Rewilding Chile (RC), and Por el Mar (PEM), amongst others.**

Rewilding Argentina

Rewilding Argentina is a Tompkins Conservation offspring organization, fiscally sponsored by Re:wild and a key partner in Argentina.

In 2022...

- RA created Península Mitre Natural Protected area — encompassing over 740,000 acres on land and almost 500,000 acres of sea — protecting peatlands and kelp forests in the south of Tierra del Fuego. This accomplishment was achieved in partnership with PEM.
- Aconquija National Park was legally expanded to approximately 210,000 acres, thanks to a donation of land acquired by RA in 2019 which consisted of once-private properties.
- RA acquired 17,950,264 acres for restoration, with 3,700 of these previously donated to the government for protected area creation.
- RA continued working to restore locally-extirpated species, including the Giant Anteater, Giant Otter, and Jaguar, among others, through 14 reintroduction projects.

Rewilding Chile

Rewilding Chile is a Tompkins Conservation offspring organization, fiscally sponsored by Re:wild and a key partner in Chile.

In 2022...

- RC continued work with the Chilean government to protect marine and terrestrial climatic and ecological corridors which culminated in a 2021 purchase of 231,034 acres of land. RC intends to transform that land into two national parks and two MPAs to permanently secure 1.2 million acres of wildland by 2025, protecting the southernmost tip of South America, Cape Froward.
- RC conducted three marine expeditions, where they collected data to inform new marine park proposals. They have documented over 150 species in more than 2,500 km along the Route of Parks of Chilean Patagonia, alongside the discovery of extensive critical benthic habitats at depths of more than 300 feet and in unexplored places.
- In Patagonia National Park, RC continued managing the wildlife program of seven keystone species across more than 98,000 acres.
- RC developed over 50 outreach activities for gateway communities adjacent to national parks in order to foster local stewardship and advocacy.

Long-tailed Chinchilla

The Long-tailed Chinchilla is an Endangered species found in the Andes Mountains of northern Chile. Once hunted for their soft-hair coats, fewer than 6,000 adults remain in the wild today. Re:wild is supporting local partners to protect and conserve this species by raising the profile of Long-tailed Chinchillas with local communities, and by rewilding the ecosystem they depend on through the planting of native trees. In 2022, Re:wild's partners participated in the writing of an article, published in Science magazine, that explains the threat gold mines in Chile pose to wild chinchilla colonies.





Addressing Animal Agriculture

- Over 90% of deforestation in Amazonia is due to animal agriculture, including pastures and feedcrops.
- 90% of deforestation in Mesoamerica's remaining intact forests is also due to animal agriculture.
- One-third of the world's forests have been lost — half of which in the last 100 years.

The biggest threat to terrestrial biodiversity on the planet is animal agriculture, which takes up 83% of all agricultural land (all agricultural land, including for crops, encompasses half of the world's arable area), while only producing 18% of the calories for human societies. Nowhere is the negative impact of animal agriculture more obvious than in Latin America, where critical rainforest habitat is destroyed every day to create space for pastures, with over 5 acres of deforested Amazon rainforest needed for each cow. The consequences for the planet are multifold and cumulative, building upon each other in a way that makes the ties between biodiversity loss and climate change even more evident.

A fragmented rainforest is more vulnerable to forest fires, produces less rainfall, and is susceptible to other threats like invasive species — all the while driving a drying and heating of local climates. Intact forests store carbon, which is released through deforestation and forest fires, further exacerbating global climate change.



What are we doing about it?



Re:wild is working with partners across Latin America to remove cattle where they are illegal, and to promote and introduce alternatives to cattle where they are legal but inefficient. Part of that work is making alternatives accessible and attainable by working with our partners, Los Aliados, Fundación para la Conservación y el Desarrollo Sostenible (FCDS), and the Wildlife Conservation Society, to implement these alternatives and change national policy frameworks. We are also working to improve enforcement of existing laws where cattle ranching has invaded Indigenous lands and Protected Areas. Re:wild is campaigning to have animal agriculture included within the agenda for the UNFCCC COP. In the U.S., Re:wild is helping promote the passage of the US Forest Act by providing case studies showcasing the importance of this legislation.

North America

Home to:



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Forest



over 17,000
species of
vascular plants



one of the
world's last
strongholds for
wild salmon

Re:wild works to protect and restore the wild across North America, where more than one-third of biodiversity is threatened by extinction in the U.S. In Canada, thousands of wild species are also at risk, as in Mexico — the fifth most megadiverse country in the world.

Our impact in North America starts with the success of our partners. As our portfolio of work grows, we intend to serve communities and wild places that are most overlooked by other organizations and funders. In 2022, Re:wild supported partners in their efforts to protect wild places, wild species, and the guardians who defend them. We are a member of the Tribal Nations Conservation Pledge — a group of 15 collaborative funders led by Native Americans in Philanthropy, which has pledged over \$102 million to support Indigenous-led conservation initiatives.



Skeena Watershed Conservation Coalition

British Columbia, Canada on unceded Gitksan Territory

SWCC works alongside Indigenous communities of the Skeena Watershed to protect one of the world’s most diverse wild salmon ecosystems. These collaborations empower Indigenous rights and title holders to manage their lands and waterways, helping Skeena communities develop and self-implement protected area management plans based on Indigenous law and stewardship practices. SWCC also provides regional youth with meaningful, life changing, land-based conservation and leadership opportunities, with the intention of infusing the region’s future leaders with personal connections to the lands and waters of their home.

In 2022, funding from Re:wild enabled SWCC to work with regional First Nations at the forefront of research, stewardship, and awareness projects in their territories, with logistical and technical support in declaring and implementing Indigenous Protected Areas and timely stewardship projects.

RAVEN

British Columbia, Canada

Respecting Aboriginal Values and Environmental Needs (RAVEN) is a Re:wild grant recipient raising legal defense funds for Indigenous Peoples in Canada to defend their rights and the integrity of lands and cultures in the Canadian court system. RAVEN is the only charity of its kind in Canada, advancing Indigenous rights through strategic court cases, setting important legal precedents to benefit Indigenous communities, lands and ancestral territories, and the natural resources they depend on.

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Indigenous Partnerships

Rewilding California



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Bristol Bay



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Conservation Pathways for Youth



Ulizes Atlixqueño © Groundwork Hudson Valley



Natural Curiosity



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Re:wild and Snap Inc. came together in 2021 to help rewild California, revitalizing two flagship Los Angeles-area landscapes within the California Floristic Province biodiversity hotspot — the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area, and Angeles National Forest. By partnering with the National Park Service and TreePeople, Re:wild is helping restore the wild across these landscapes.

In 2022, **our partners on the ground brought thousands of volunteers together to plant a combined total of 91,000 native trees:**

- 85,000 seedlings in the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area by the National Park Service.
- 6,000 seedlings in Angeles National Forest by TreePeople.

United Tribes of Bristol Bay (UTBB) is a consortium of 15 federally-recognized tribes working to protect Indigenous ways of life in southwest Alaska, where the Bristol Bay watershed is threatened by the proposed Pebble Mine project. The headwaters of Bristol Bay nourish a vast Arctic ecosystem — one of the last true wild places in North America, and one of the last wild salmon strongholds in the world. With support from Re:wild, Leonardo DiCaprio, and other partners, UTBB dealt Pebble Mine a serious defeat in January 2023, when the project was vetoed by the US Environmental Protection Agency.

The mine's proponents have not given up. Neither will we. Re:wild is committed to supporting Indigenous communities as they fight to safeguard their territories and the diversity of life on which they depend.

“Being on the Green Team has made me more vocal about community issues and how I can impact the global environment.”

- Ulizes Atlixqueño, from Yonkers, NY

Young people hold the power to create real, positive change for the future of our shared planet. Conservation Pathways For Youth is a program by Re:wild designed to remove barriers that aspiring environmentalists face in the early stages of their careers.

In 2022, Re:wild partnered with the Smithsonian National Zoo, Minorities in Shark Science (MISS), and Groundwork Hudson Valley's Green Team to provide scholarships and equitably-paid internship and mentorship opportunities to U.S. students from underserved and historically underrepresented communities.

Natural Curiosity is a non-profit organization based in New Mexico dedicated to furthering conservation through education, research, and edu-tourism, with a specific focus on helping to launch the conservation careers of young people underrepresented in the conservation movement.

Thanks to a generous gift from an anonymous donor, Re:wild helped Natural Curiosity protect their base campus in Hermosa, New Mexico and secure the surrounding land, **ensuring that nearly 100,000 acres of the Aldo Leopold Wilderness will remain wild.**

Our Funds

Re:wild supports and strengthens conservation efforts.

We're all about solutions, constantly searching for efficiencies in conservation that will lead to greater impact. Re:wild's funds are designed to address gaps in financing, kickstart careers, and leverage impact — to provide resources of all sizes to where they are most needed. As host to over 15 different funds, our goal is to enable the conservation community to protect and restore the wild in the most powerful ways possible.

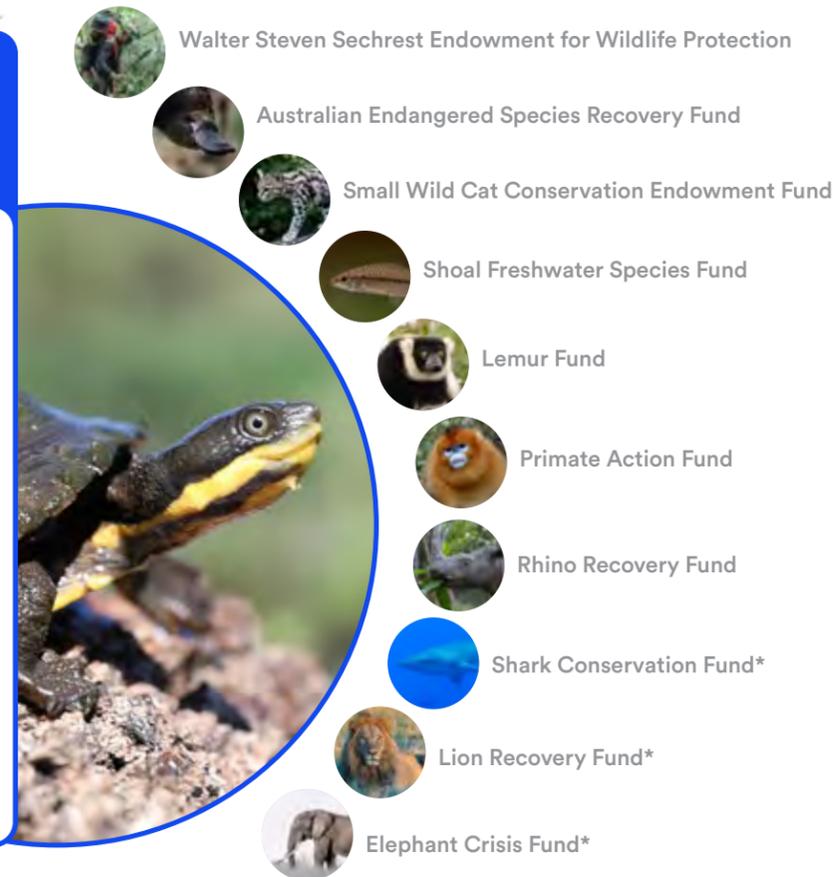
Our large funds have a broad remit for global impact, created in response to emerging crises or systemic issues that threaten biodiversity and the Guardians who protect it. In contrast, our small grants are designed for focused impact with global significance. They have the power to launch careers and jumpstart projects in places where conservation might not exist otherwise. The funds highlighted here exemplify the range of funding mechanisms we host for wild places, wildlife, and guardians. Additional funds to which we have made annual, unrestricted contributions are also listed (*noted below).

Turtle Conservation Fund

The Turtle Conservation Fund (TCF) is a strategizing and funding coalition of leading turtle conservation organizations and individuals focused on ensuring the long-term survival of tortoises and freshwater turtles. Re:wild is a member of the funding coalition.

In 2022, TCF awarded more than \$85,000 in grants across a total of nineteen projects. Grant recipients will work on conservation of threatened tortoise and freshwater turtle populations in Africa, Asia, Madagascar, and South America.

Manning River Turtle © Aussie Ark



Conservation Pathways for Youth Program Fund

Re:wild Associate Fellowship Fund

Conservation Leadership Accelerator Fund

Women Rewilding Projects Fund

IPLC Guardianship Microgrant Fund

Re:wild's Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities (IPLC) Guardianship Microgrant Fund provides direct funding to support Indigenous peoples' and local communities' guardianships of their territories and resources in the regions we work. In 2022, six grants were awarded to projects in Asia (Vietnam and the Philippines) and Latin America (Brazil and Costa Rica), totaling \$25,000.

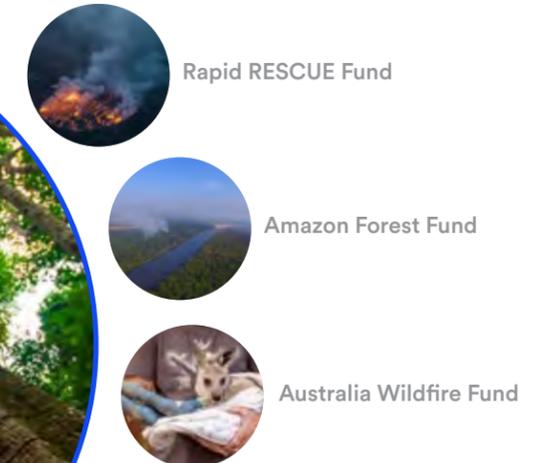
These microgrants align with Re:wild's conservation mission and create impact by:

- Strengthening governance, management and protection of Indigenous territories.
- Enhancing community-based solutions to protect and restore the wild, while also promoting Indigenous livelihoods and cultural resilience.
- Securing and protecting Indigenous peoples' rights and self-determination over traditional territories and ancestral domains that support globally-important ecosystems and species.

The Kawari Fund

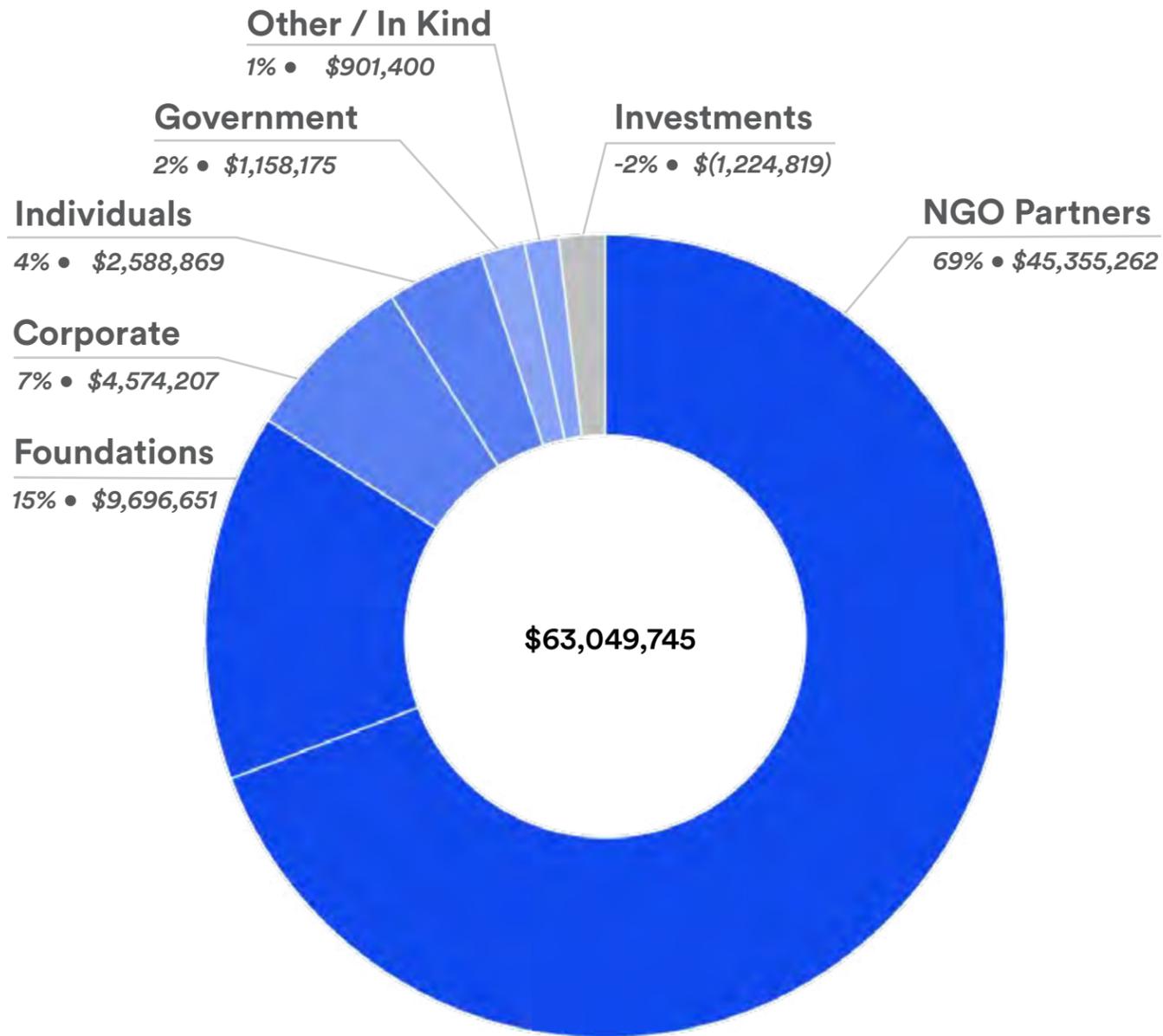
The Kawari Fund was created to help address the issues of social integrity, adequate representation, and informed participation of Indigenous peoples and local communities in carbon negotiations, with particular focus on jurisdictional (national or subnational) initiatives. It will provide a trusted source of financial support in the carbon space for Indigenous peoples and local communities to strengthen their roles and negotiating positions in carbon markets while also ensuring that they benefit equitably from carbon trading schemes they engage with. The fund also helps support NGOs and governments working to achieve high-integrity emissions reductions.

The Kawari Fund's core initial donors include the Packard Foundation via the Climate & Land Use Alliance (CLUA) and the Hewlett Foundation. The fund launched in April 2023 and is administered by Re:wild.



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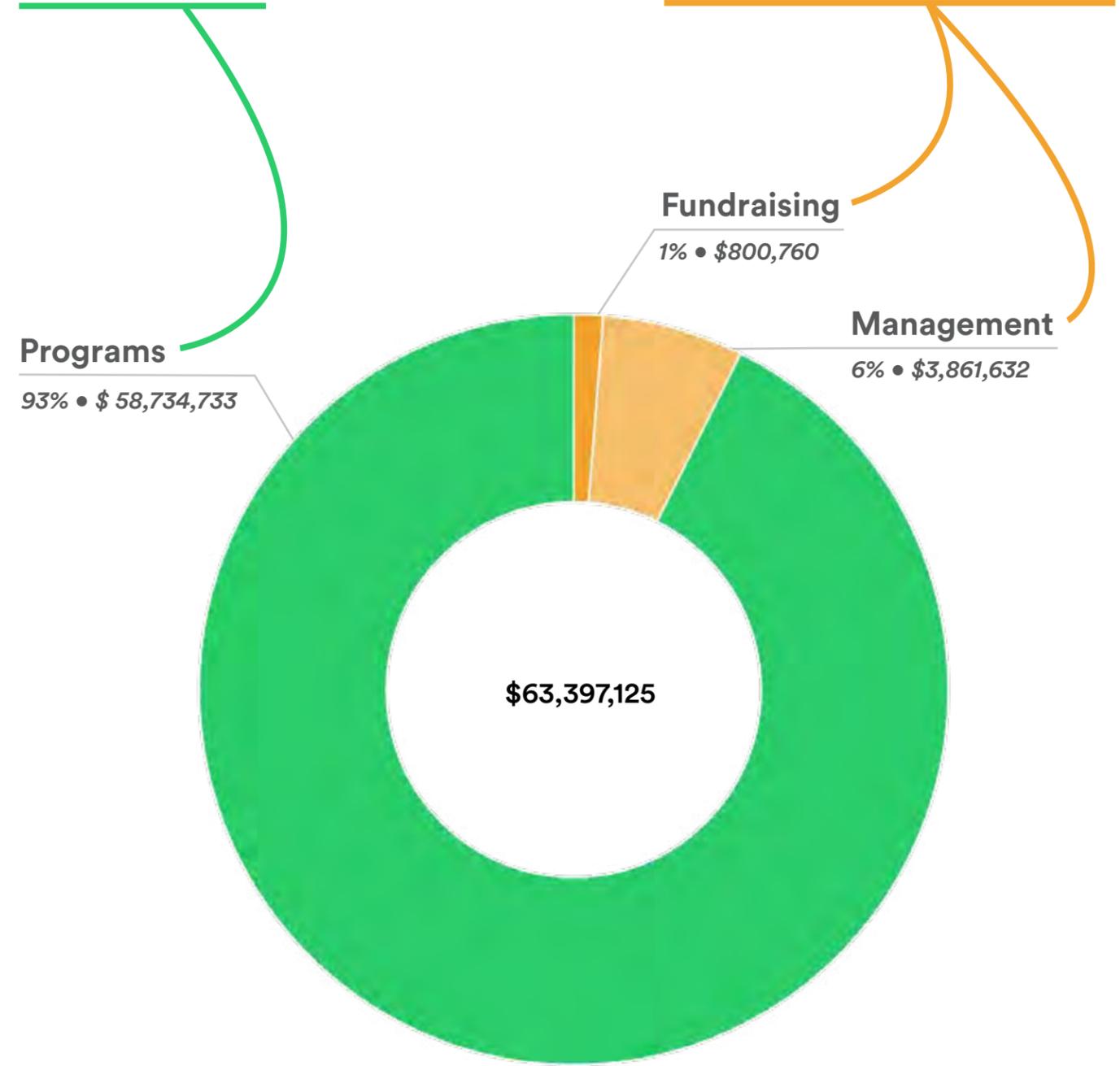
Re:wild raised almost \$63 million during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022 from a broad base of donors including individuals, foundations, corporations, governments, and multilateral institutions. This support enabled us to channel over \$58 million to our conservation programs, including more than \$42 million in grants and contracts to support our partners around the world — which earned us a 93% programmatic efficiency rating for the year.



Funds In

100%

100% of public donations go directly to the people and places with the biggest impact for biodiversity, thanks to a generous group of donors who cover our core operating costs.



Funds Out



**We don't need
to reinvent the
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