



Impact Report 2024

Protecting and restoring the wild

An aerial photograph of a vast, dense tropical forest. The canopy is a rich green, with some taller trees standing out. In the background, rolling hills are visible under a sky with soft, golden light from a setting or rising sun, creating a warm, hazy atmosphere.

Re:wild protects and restores the wild.

We have a singular and powerful focus: the wild 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, 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

The world is at a tipping point. Despite trends in the opposite direction, we believe in a world where the future of true leadership is based on compassion, cooperation, protection, and restoration. Without such leadership, we risk repeating mistakes of the past. Every human civilization in the history of the planet has collapsed in part or fully due to the destruction of their local environment. This started with the “Cradle of Civilization” in Mesopotamia, which arose in the Fertile Crescent and fell once they destroyed the surrounding ecosystems. They replaced vibrant ecosystems with intensive agriculture, leading to human-caused desertification and regional climate change, turning their homeland into the ‘infertile crescent’. We are now doing this on a planetary scale. However, we know that nature is the most important solution to prevent the collapse of civilizations.

One of the key needs for conservation is to find unity in our efforts to save nature around the world. Re:wild’s mission is to do just that. Our model, with a core set of donors that fund our operational costs thus allowing 100% of all new donations to go directly towards programs around the world, gives us flexibility and adaptability to bring organizations, communities, and governments together around shared goals. In fact, Re:wild is a unique ‘beyond brand’, in that our organization’s mission is to elevate partners around the world that do not have the funding, communications, marketing, and brand building to receive adequate resources. That is where the Re:wild brand is key – we help to represent our 600-plus partners around the world, allowing them to focus more on their work on-the-ground defending nature. To that end, the ‘beyond brand’ of Re:wild only shows up publicly when it is helpful to support our partners.

Re:wild plays a similar role with other resources, including funding. Re:wild is not a traditional funding organization, in that our goal is to unify funders around larger ‘one plan’ approaches. An example is the coalition of donors supporting the Eastern Tropical Pacific Connect to Protect, focused on protecting the ridge-to-reef ecosystems from the Galápagos in Ecuador, through Colombia and Panama to Cocos Island in Costa Rica. Our role in the coalition is to work with funding organizations, now comprising over 20 different institutions, to help scale work on the ground with local and international NGOs, communities and governments around a collaborative ‘one plan’ approach. This coalition has helped the four countries protect over 30% of their marine territories, establish the largest international transboundary biosphere reserve, start the first restoration project on inhabited Floreana Island in the Galápagos, and led to large scale opportunities such as the \$1.6 billion debt swap for nature in Ecuador.

Our focus on a coalition-based approach allows communities, organizations, and governments to align on larger-scale conservation efforts around the world. This includes efforts such as the Universal Ranger Support Alliance, which aligns NGOs to help professionalize ranger forces, to our Guardians program that equips and emboldens frontline

people and communities around the world. In addition, we are working with the IUCN Species Survival Commission to increase collaboration on species work, including initiatives like the Sumatran Rhino Survival Alliance, a partnership with the Government of Indonesia and NGOs to protect the most endangered rhino species in the world. Other partnerships include the Shark Conservation Fund, an alliance of donors including Re:wild to protect shark and ray species around the world.

In 2024, Re:wild and our partners advanced more collaborations to help protect and restore the natural world. This year marks 40 years of combined history between our two organizations that we respectively founded, which we unified in 2021 and launched as Re:wild to scale conservation impact. In Brazil, where fires are intentionally and illegally set by cattle ranchers across the Amazon and Cerrado ecosystems, Indigenous communities and local organizations that are properly equipped and trained have seen a massive decrease in burning within their territories. With support from the Amazon Forest Fund, our partners have been outfitting groups across the region to build capacity to prevent fires and restore forests. In addition, we partnered with Indigenous federations as they gained legal recognition for more than five million acres of ancestral territory across Peru, Colombia, and Ecuador. In places like Mindoro Philippines, Suriname, and Papua, Indonesia, Indigenous-led organizations are building new models for stewardship at scales that match the urgency of this moment.

Re:wild and our partners know that nature is key to saving biodiversity, improving livelihoods, and providing security for communities. The future of the world is built on the protection and restoration of nature, aligned with ecological principles. There is no species that survives an endless loop of exploitation of natural resources, and we are not an exception. Our economic, social, and political systems are running up to the reality that our world is finite. Most countries now realize that their national security relies on the security of nature both within and beyond their borders. We know that the future of our planet is with nature.

Wes Sechrest, Ph.D.

Board Chair and CEO, Co-founder

Leonardo DiCaprio

Co-founder

How We Work

We have a singular mission: to protect and restore the wild so all life on Earth can flourish. Nature underpins our existence. In short, we need functioning ecosystems to survive. We pursue our mission entirely through collaborating with and supporting partners—both on-the-ground, as well as in national, regional, and global conservation initiatives. We directly support local partners, communities, and people who are best positioned to protect nature, working with them as efficiently as possible. We collaborate with extraordinary leaders and teams worldwide who have the passion, knowledge, and local context necessary to safeguard wild species and wild places and catalyze others to do the same. By serving as a trusted partner, co-funder, and unifier, Re:wild bridges gaps amongst funders, governments, and implementers—catalyzing locally driven solutions that are both impactful and scalable.



We Focus on the Wild

Nature is at the heart of everything we do, and we have a focused commitment to protect, maintain, and restore biodiversity in the world's most important places. We concentrate on delivering deep, lasting solutions for the species and habitats that need it most, often in previously overlooked or challenging areas. As an impact accelerator for nature, we direct resources to where they can have the greatest effect. This approach is guided by science, ensuring our conservation efforts are targeted and efficient.



We Prioritize Partnership

We pursue our mission by supporting those close to the lands and waters most critical for the future of life, using a partner-led approach that drives collaboration and scales impact. We have built a network of over 600 partners, primarily local organizations, including Indigenous Peoples and local communities. At the core of this approach is our commitment to supporting local partners to implement conservation. We believe that the best people to protect the environment are the organizations, leaders, and communities who live there. This approach prioritizes understanding local needs and perspectives, ensuring these insights shape conservation efforts at both local and global levels. Working shoulder-to-shoulder with our partners, we build lasting relationships based on trust and open collaboration—enabling greater conservation outcomes together than we could achieve alone.



We Collaborate Deeply

We cultivate coalitions of partners that leverage collective strengths to address major conservation needs and establish unified visions for impact. As a convener for impact, Re:wild helps to bring together diverse stakeholders to collaborate effectively and align efforts toward shared goals. Through 45 coalitions and alliances, 16 of which Re:wild helped to co-found, we drive systemic change to create enabling environments for sustainable conservation. This approach allows us to focus efforts where deep collaboration will lead to transformative change.



We Take Swift Action

We take swift action to catalyze conservation by identifying where need meets opportunity, or by creating opportunities to meet urgent needs. We amplify local voices, mobilize resources, and leverage existing relationships to deliver tailored solutions to the ground in a timely manner. This approach allows us to pivot and adapt quickly, while still implementing thoughtful and sustainable conservation action.



We Innovate for Impact

Re:wild promotes a culture of innovation: we take a future-facing, creative approach to conservation and to bringing diverse stakeholders together. Wherever and whenever possible, we provide flexible resources (including funding) to enable increased partner-led innovation, creating space for ingenuity, traditional knowledge, and groundbreaking solutions to solve persistent problems. This approach allows us to embrace novel ideas and take thoughtful risks that have the potential to drive meaningful change.



We Catalyze Conservation Funding

We connect conservation partners with innovative funding opportunities, working to bring more opportunities to those on the frontlines. As both a fundraising and funding partner, we match global philanthropists with on-the-ground efforts to drive major funding commitments. By creating greater efficiencies and reducing competition for resources, we help elevate our partners' needs to a global stage, connecting them with funders who can support their vision. This approach ensures funding flows to where it can make the greatest difference.

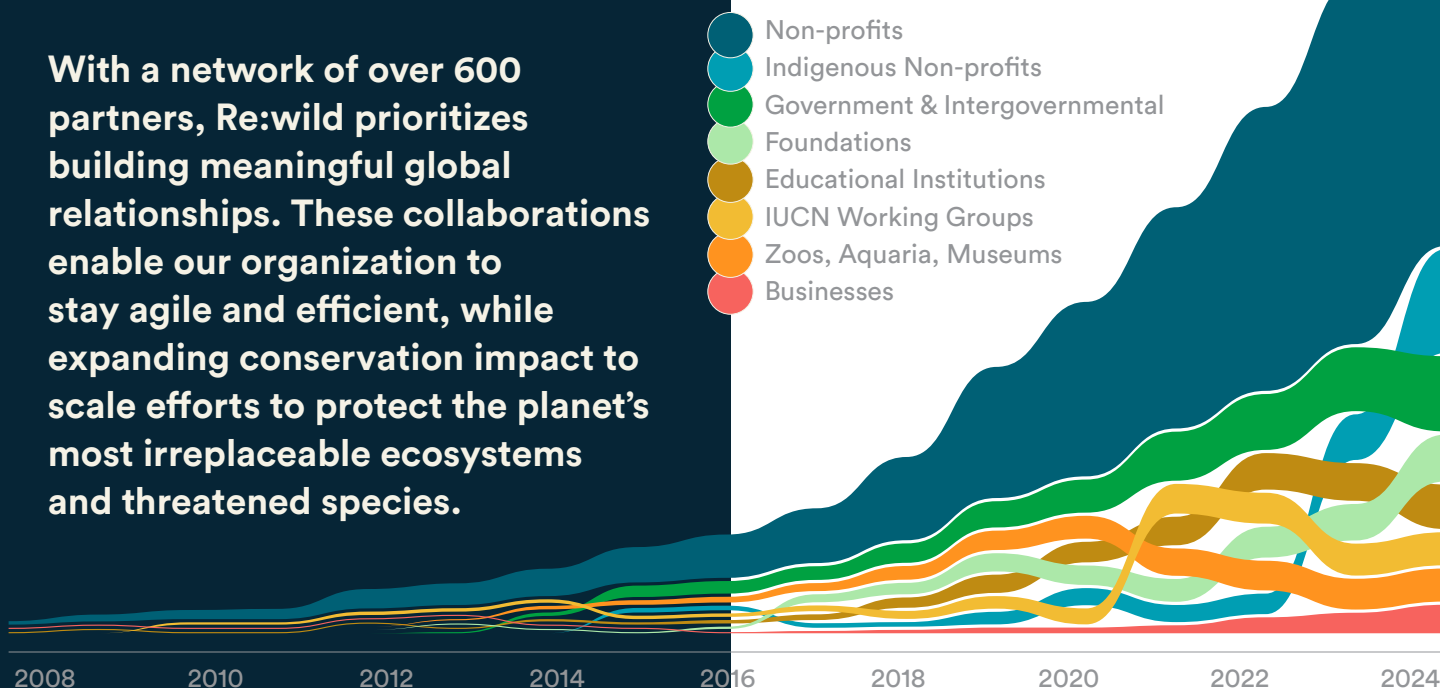


We Advance Conservation Knowledge

Re:wild is committed to strengthening conservation by generating knowledge, providing expertise, building local capacity, and connecting partners in information exchange. Through key partnerships, we create open-source data, tools, and resources for use by conservationists worldwide. At the request of local partners our team offers expertise, facilitates skill-building opportunities, and creates connections with like-minded organizations. This multi-level approach to freely sharing knowledge and fostering connection accelerates the potential for broad and lasting conservation progress.

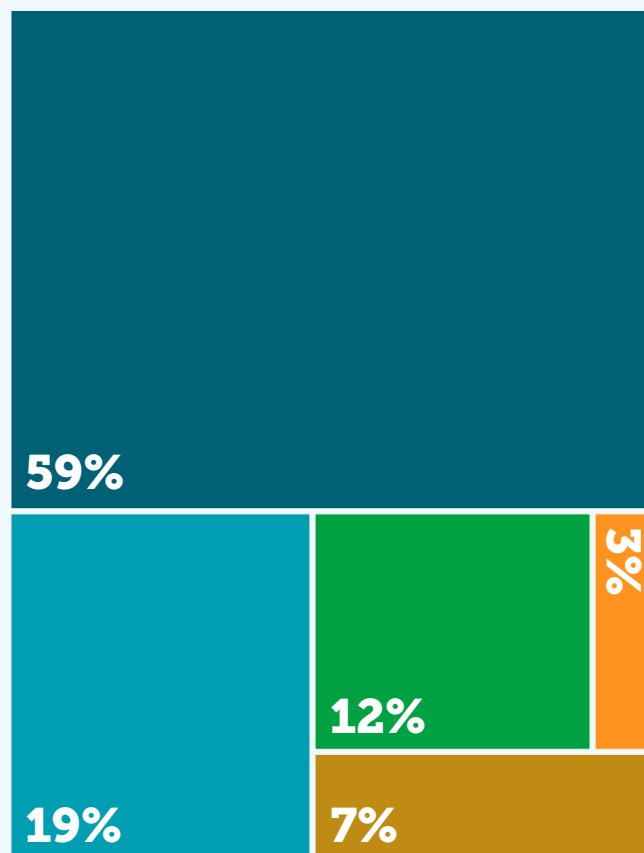
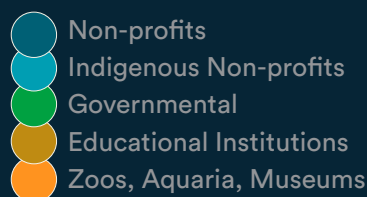
Conservation Partners

With a network of over 600 partners, Re:wild prioritizes building meaningful global relationships. These collaborations enable our organization to stay agile and efficient, while expanding conservation impact to scale efforts to protect the planet's most irreplaceable ecosystems and threatened species.



Local Partners

Our local partners possess the knowledge, passion, and expertise to protect wild places and wildlife effectively. Re:wild collaborates with over 400 organizations in priority regions to identify the best strategies to achieve shared goals. We co-develop projects, provide technical support and funding, and foster collaboration to advance conservation initiatives. Additionally, we assist with outreach campaigns to amplify partners through communication channels.



Partnerships & Alliances

We achieve more by working together, supporting others, and collaborating on conservation successes. Our team of experts joins forces with organizations best positioned to advance shared conservation goals. From global alliances to on-the-ground collaborations, we bring together the right people to protect wild places and wildlife as effectively as possible.

Whenever possible, we join existing conservation partnerships and alliances that drive action and policy change worldwide. When none exist, we convene partners to create them, leveraging the power of collective action.

Re:wild is part of more than 45 formal partnerships and alliances, many of which we have co-founded with key organizations.

2024

600+ Total Partners

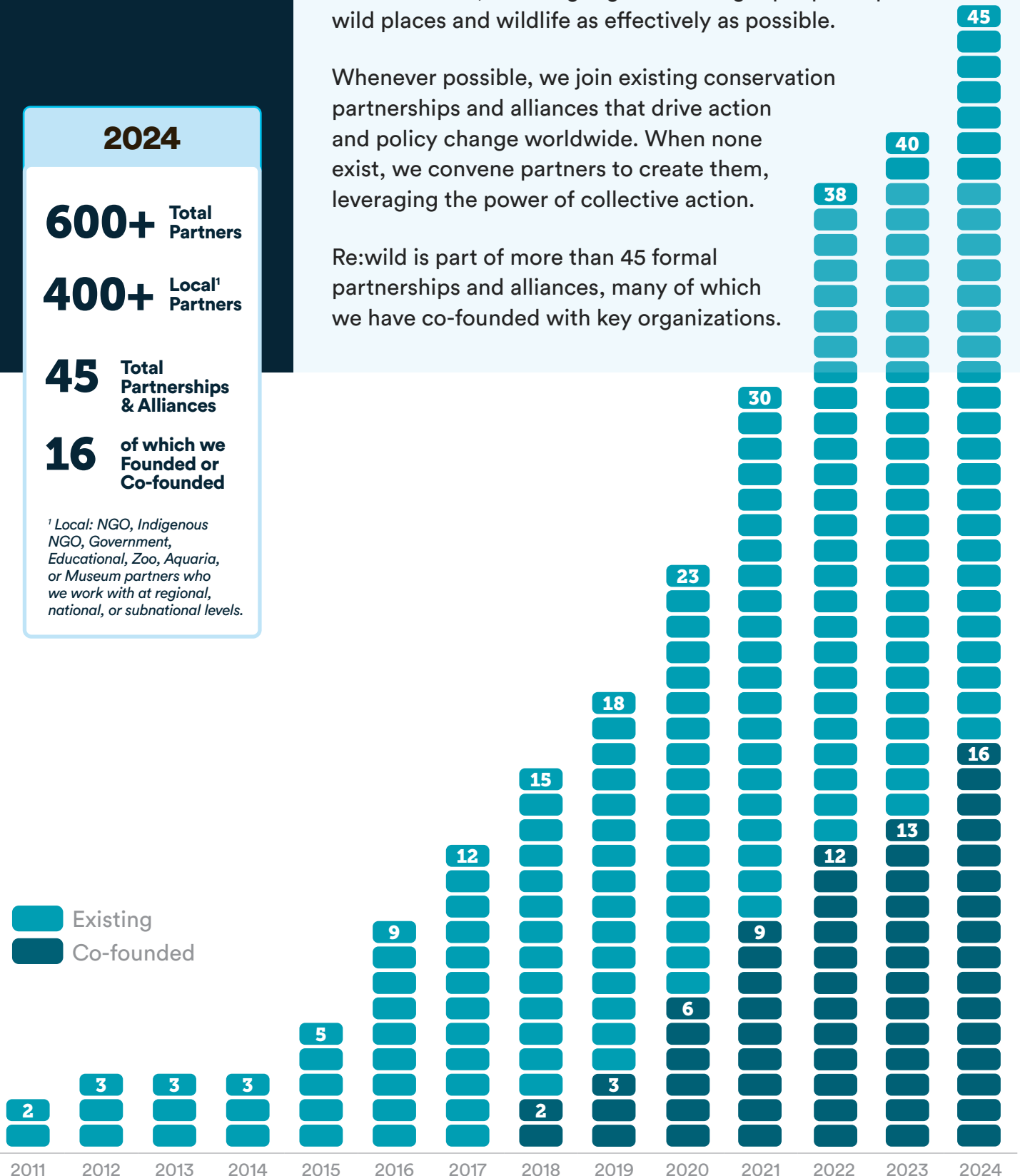
400+ Local¹ Partners

45 Total Partnerships & Alliances

16 of which we Founded or Co-founded

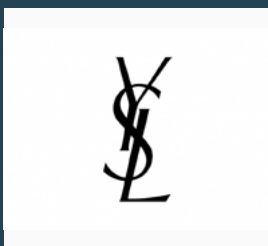
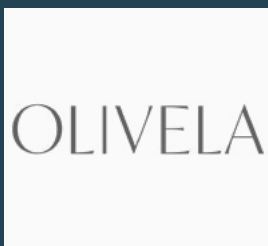
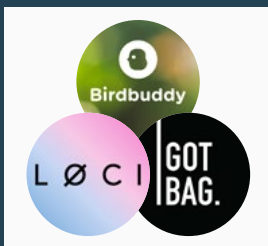
¹ Local: NGO, Indigenous NGO, Government, Educational, Zoo, Aquaria, or Museum partners who we work with at regional, national, or subnational levels.

Existing
Co-founded



Outreach & Engagement

Corporate Engagement



Businesses are critical to protecting biodiversity. By investing in on-the-ground projects, they not only create impact, but also demonstrate to governments and private citizens that protecting and restoring the wild is important to our future.

Colossal Biosciences Inc. and the Colossal Foundation have joined forces with Re:wild to revolutionize the conservation of Critically Endangered species on the brink of extinction and bolster the health of the planet in unprecedented ways.

Culturelle teamed up with Re:wild to draw attention to the similarities between the threatened ecosystems Re:wild works to protect and the at-risk state of the gut microbiome, which Culturelle products help to protect.

GOT BAG, LØCI, and Bird Buddy, who make bags made of recycled fishing line, vegan sneakers, and smart bird feeders (respectively) participated in our end-of-year giving campaign, donating a percentage of profits from their holiday sales to Re:wild.

Olivela, a luxury fashion retailer with purpose at its core, is a long-time supporter of Re:wild's wildlife work, donating more than \$140,000 to help protect and recover threatened species.

YSL Beauty partnered with Re:wild to invest directly in critical biodiversity projects to achieve its goal of protecting and restoring nearly 250,000 acres (100,000 ha) by 2030. This collaboration surpassed the mid-way point in 2024, protecting and restoring over 120,000 acres (50,000+ ha) by supporting projects in the Bahamas, Canada, Colombia, Haiti, Indonesia, and Madagascar.

Events



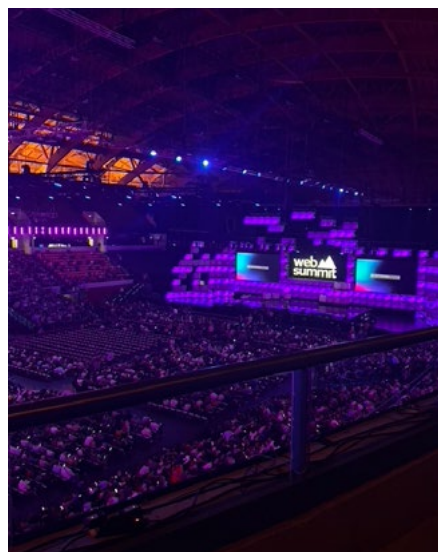
Re:wild is proud to partner with aligned organizations on events that raise awareness and funding for biodiversity.

South By Southwest (SXSW): Along with Vocal Media, Re:wild hosted a Creator Meetup at SXSW to share the importance of advocating for biodiversity and encourage collaboration among influencers.

Lollapalooza: The long-running global music festival, presented by C3, invited Re:wild and partners to exhibit at its festivals in Argentina, Brazil, Chile, and India. The partnership has channeled funding support to local partners. In Chicago we worked with organizers to increase plant-based food options.

Web Summit: The global gathering that brings together the people and companies redefining the global tech industry chose Re:wild as an impact partner to exhibit and speak at its conferences in Rio, Toronto, and Lisbon.

Art Basel: A premier art show held in Miami Beach, showcases leading artists and galleries from around the world. During the event, Re:wild hosted a private party and auction to celebrate the impact of our partners as well as engage with supporters who share our mission to protect and restore the wild.



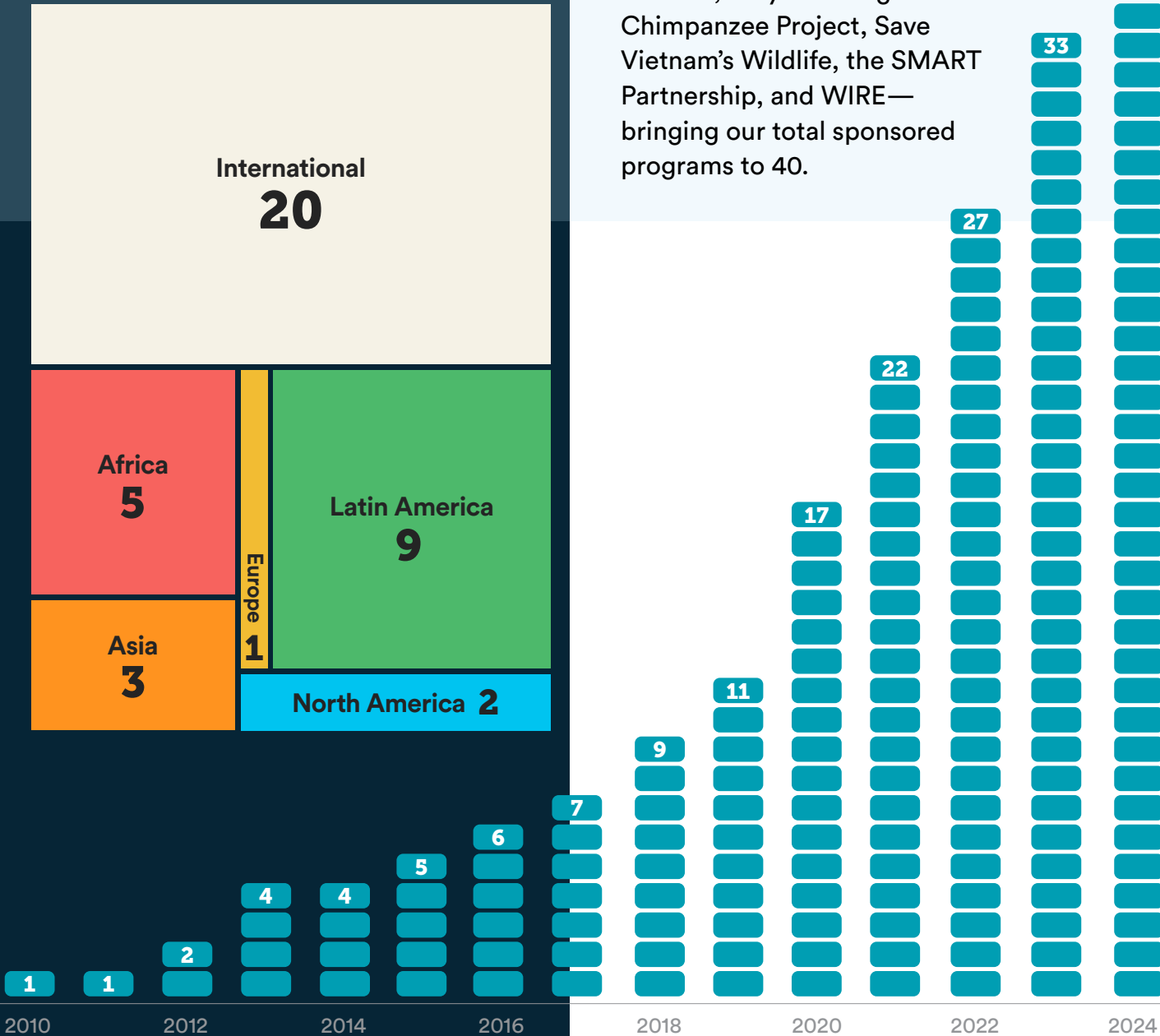
Supporting the

Conservation Sector

Hosted Organizations

Re:wild’s fiscal sponsorship program helps partners scale their impact, incubate initiatives, and accelerate conservation action worldwide.

We provide operational infrastructure, enable tax-deductible donations, and offer administrative services and fiduciary oversight for select organizations whose work aligns with our mission. In 2024, we welcomed seven new organizations—the Amazon Investor Coalition, Atelopos Survival Initiative, Earthed, Moyen Bafing Chimpanzee Project, Save Vietnam’s Wildlife, the SMART Partnership, and WIRE—bringing our total sponsored programs to 40.

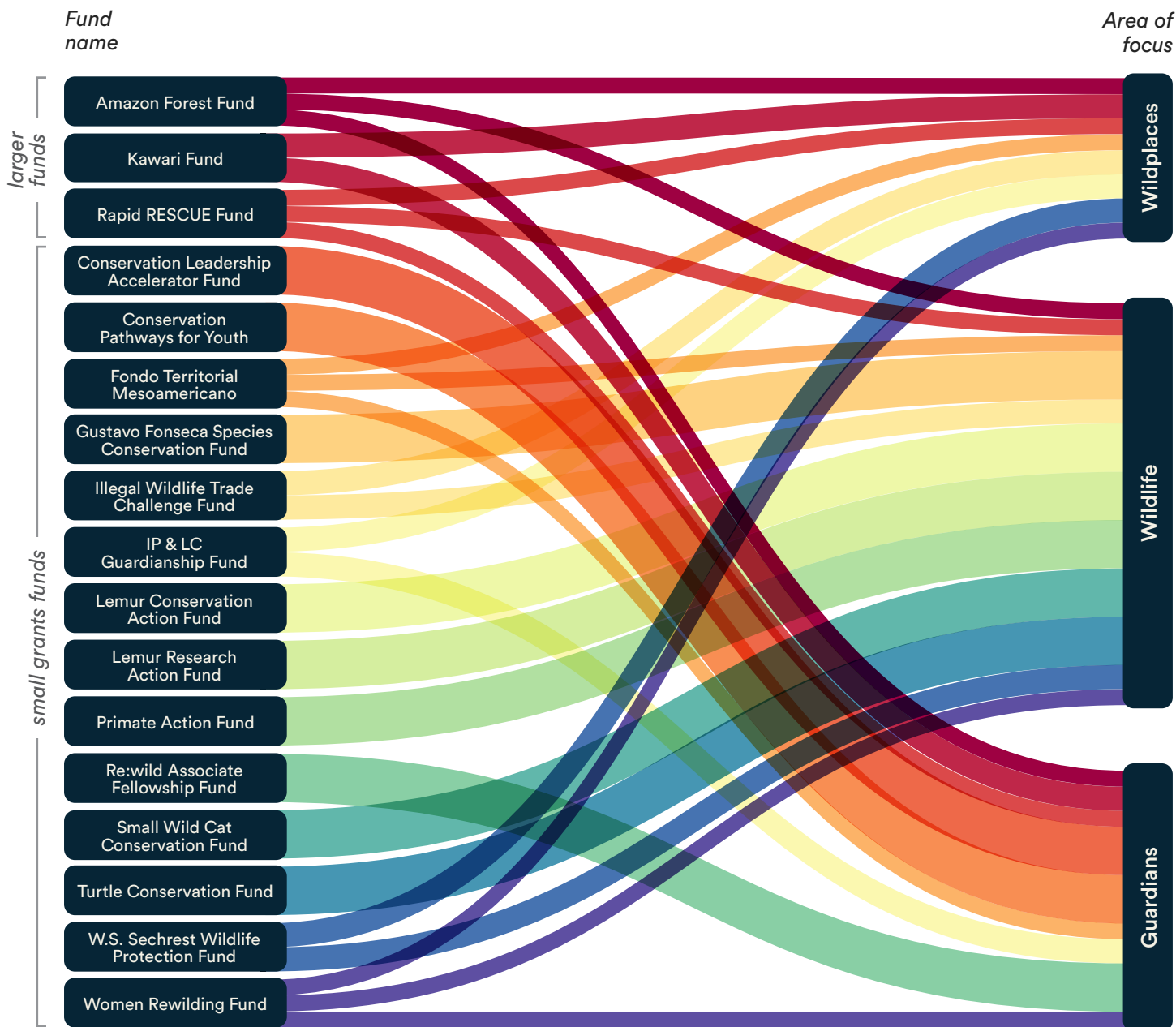


Hosted Funds

Re:wild is solutions-driven, constantly seeking efficiencies in conservation to maximize impact. Our funds are designed to fill financing gaps, launch careers, and direct resources where they are most needed.

As the host of 17 active funds, we enable the conservation community to protect and restore the wild in powerful ways. Our larger funds address global challenges, responding to emerging crises and systemic threats to biodiversity and its guardians.

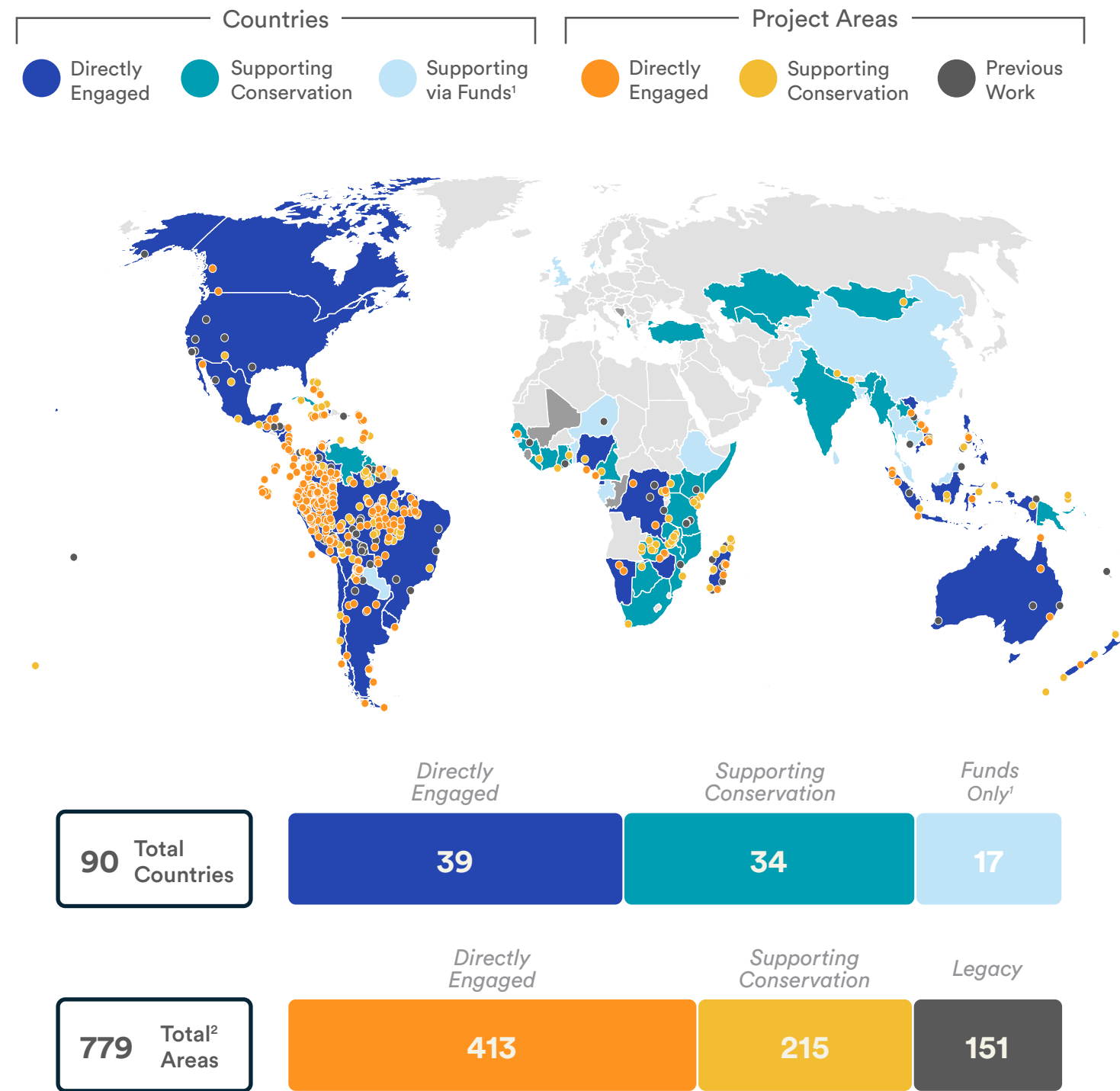
In contrast, our smaller grants focus on targeted impact, supporting early-career conservationists and kickstarting projects in places where conservation efforts are scarce. The funds highlighted below showcase the diverse funding mechanisms we support.



2024 Impact

Where We Work

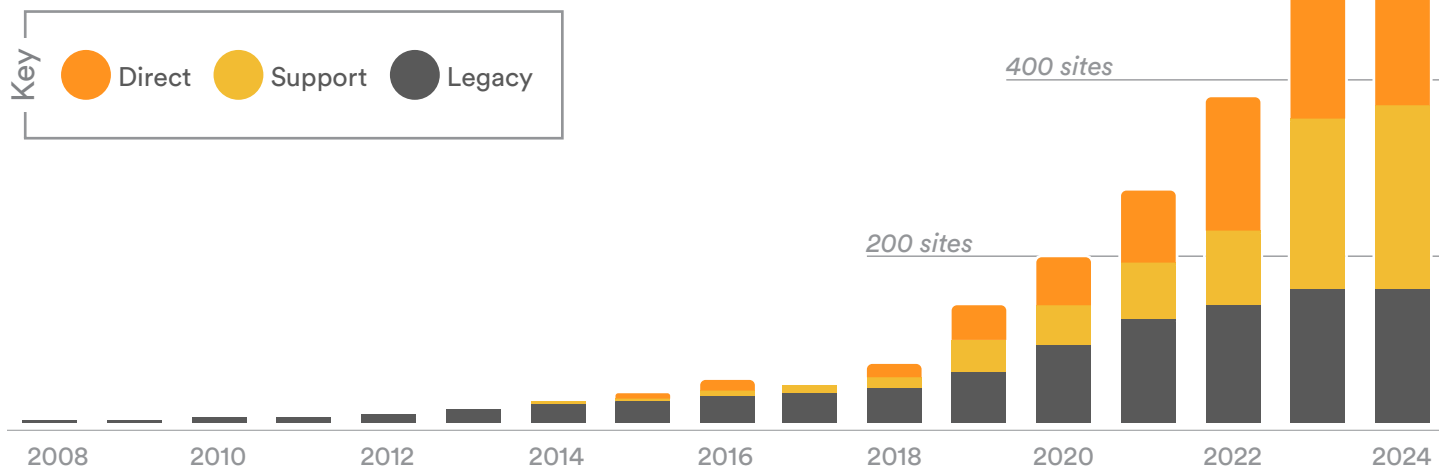
Re:wild and partners coverage around the world in 2024.



¹ Re:wild supported conservation through Hosted Funds and small grant mechanisms in at least 45 countries total in 2024.
² Total Areas includes both terrestrial and marine, as well as areas of previous work (legacy) where Re:wild is not currently engaged.

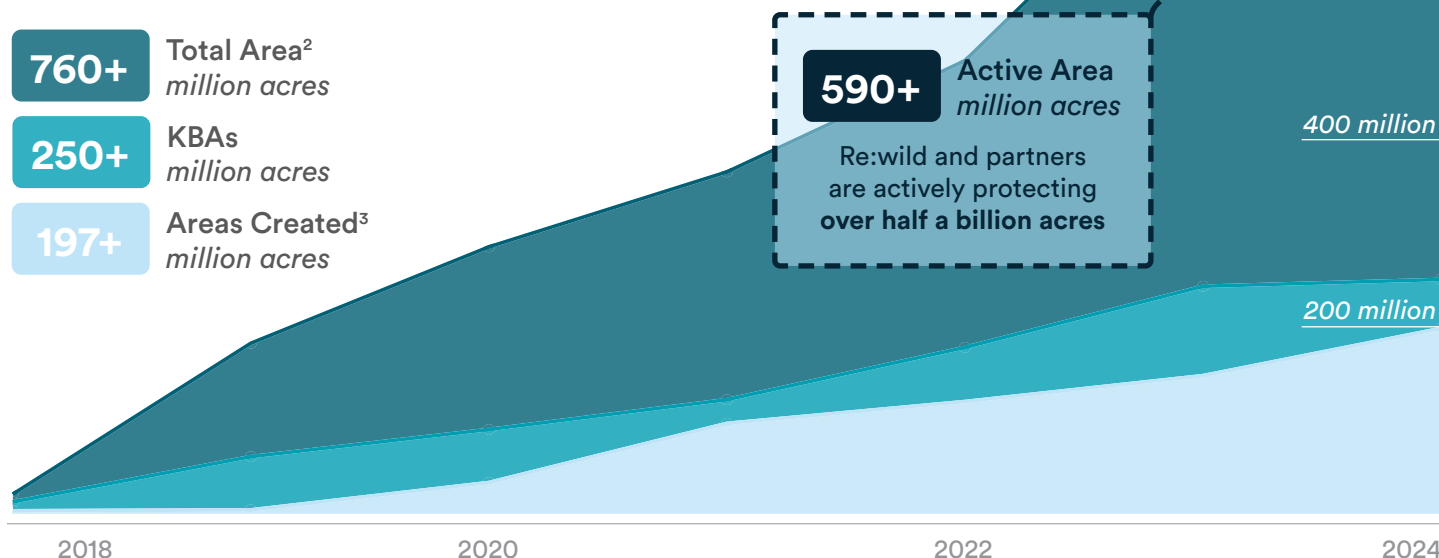
When We Started

Re:wild and partners are growing the number of sites across our portfolio, steadily expanding our footprint and deepening engagement over time. This stacked bar chart shows the cumulative total of sites by year of first engagement, with colors indicating depth of engagement, highlighting how our portfolio has evolved while underscoring our long-term commitment to many places that began over a decade ago.



Growing Coverage

Re:wild and partners total acres of all project areas has grown, especially in Key Biodiversity Areas (KBAs) and in Areas Created, shown here cumulatively for 2018 - 2024.



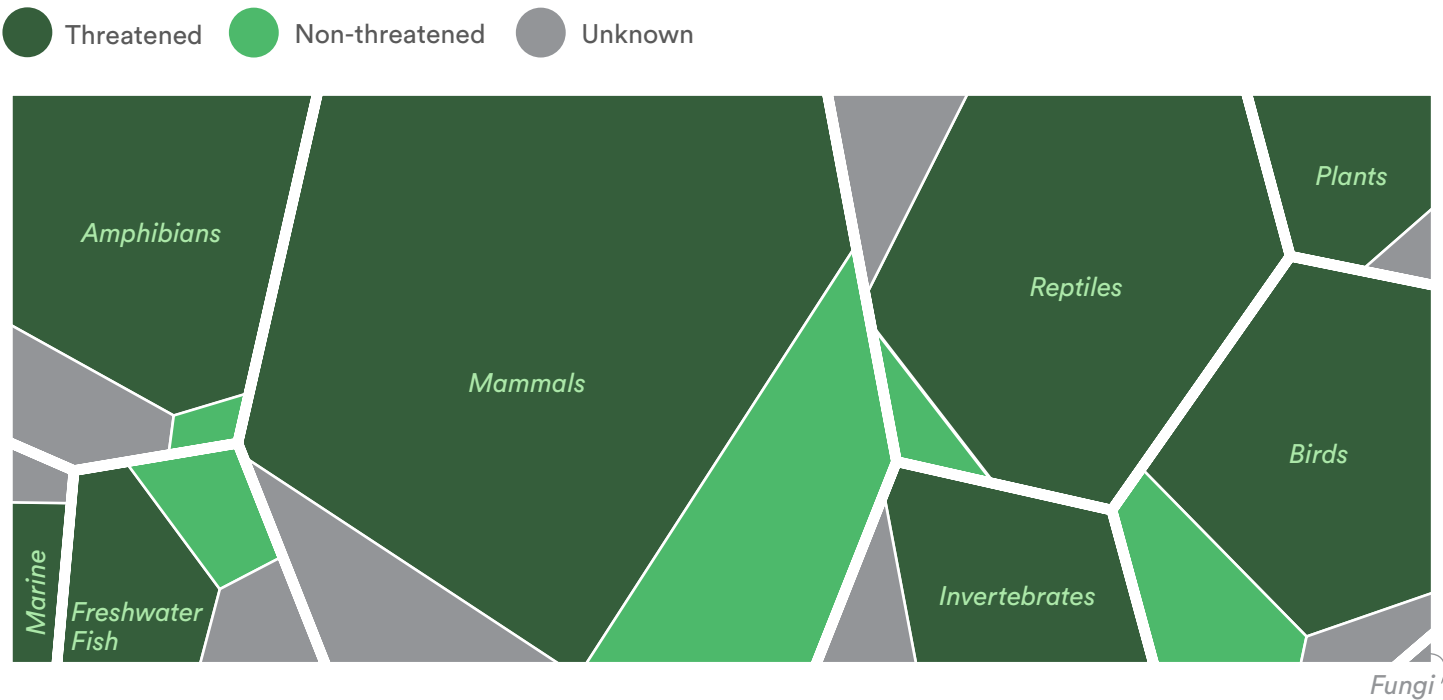
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³ Areas Created are protected and conserved areas, including private and Indigenous Peoples and local community land, that have some degree of formal designation, as well as recognized and reported Other Effective Area-based Conservation Measures (OECMs). Includes completed areas as well as those in process.

2024 Impact

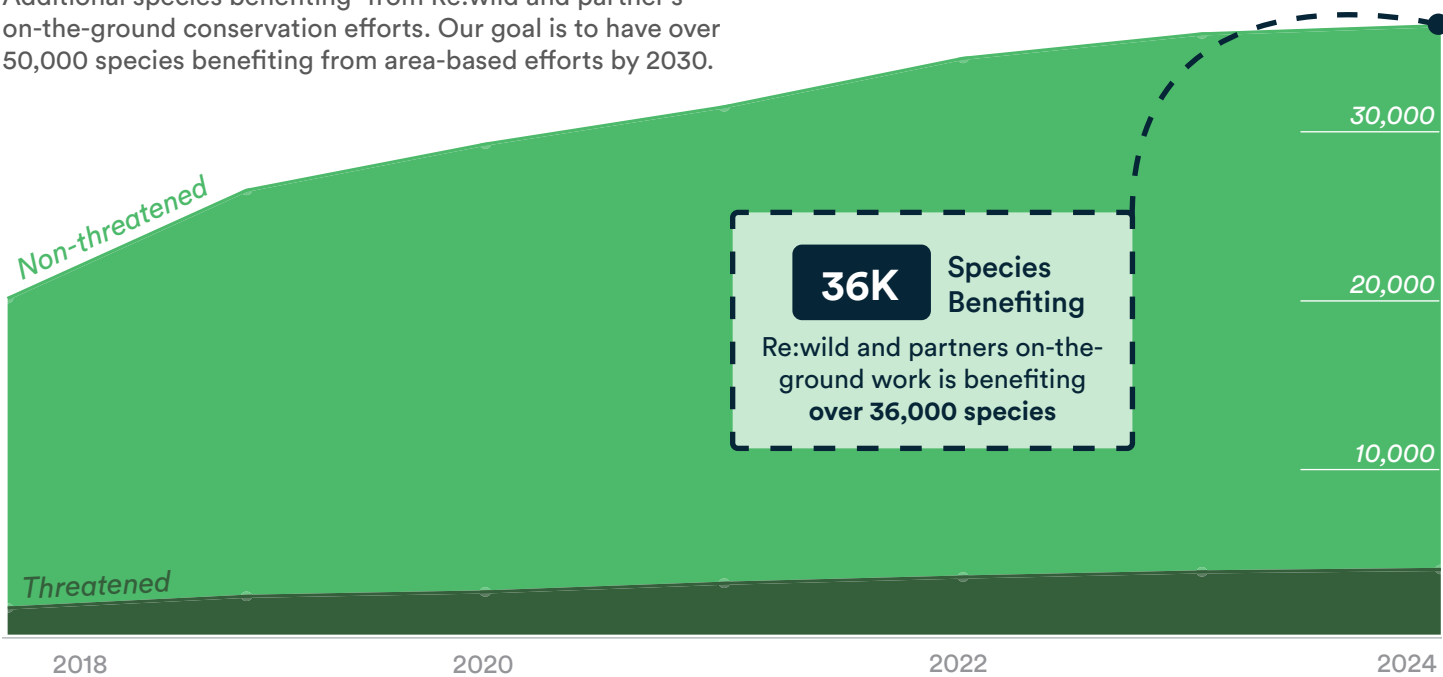
Wildlife We Conserve

Through our Species Recovery strategy, Re:wild and partners work to prevent extinctions and recover wildlife. We are predominantly focused on globally threatened species, as illustrated by the below tree map displaying the proportion of threatened to non-threatened species within major categories.



Species Benefiting

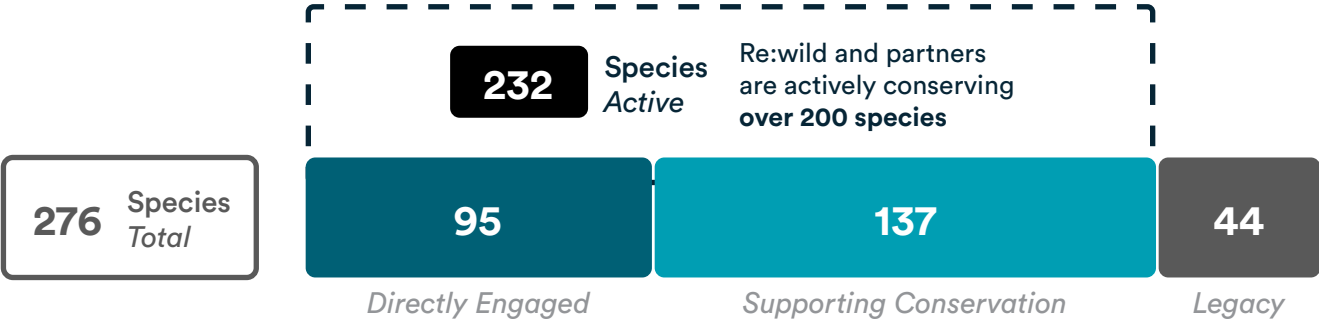
Additional species benefiting⁴ from Re:wild and partner’s on-the-ground conservation efforts. Our goal is to have over 50,000 species benefiting from area-based efforts by 2030.



⁴ Species with known ranges (via IUCN) that overlap our area-based conservation efforts and thus likely to benefit.

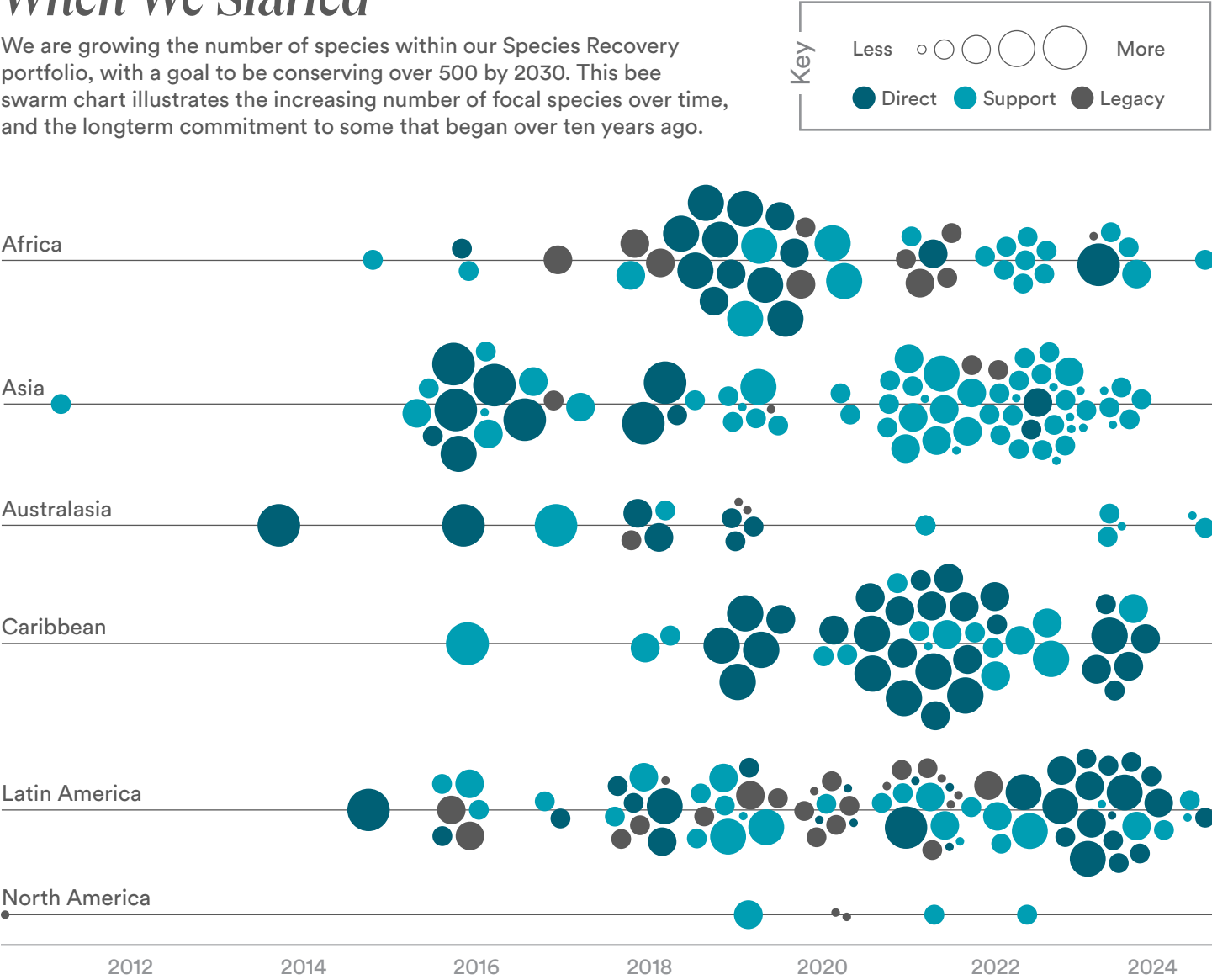
Focused Recovery

Re:wild works to deliver focused species recovery, both through direct engagement and by supporting conservation actions being led by partners.



When We Started

We are growing the number of species within our Species Recovery portfolio, with a goal to be conserving over 500 by 2030. This bee swarm chart illustrates the increasing number of focal species over time, and the longterm commitment to some that began over ten years ago.



Africa

Africa, the birthplace of humanity and home to 54 nations, boasts incredible biodiversity, hosting a third of the world's mammals, reptiles, and freshwater fish, and a quarter of all birds. Yet, 12,000 species are threatened with extinction, including 2,300 Critically Endangered ones. Re:wild collaborates with local and national organizations to protect and restore wildlife across diverse landscapes, from the forests of West Africa to the island of Madagascar to South Africa's Western Cape.

In 2024, Re:wild focused on:

- building conservation alliances
- protecting threatened species
- creating new funding streams
- supporting initiatives in over 20 African countries.



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Creating Conservation Alliances

Western Cape,
South Africa

Re:wild and five key partners established the **Overberg Conservation Alliance** to create a resilient and thriving landscape in **South Africa's Western Cape**. This coalition focuses on safeguarding irreplaceable biodiversity, restoring ecological networks, and empowering local communities to strengthen long-term conservation efforts. Located within a biodiversity hotspot, the Overberg region is one of the most biodiverse areas in the world. Home to over 9,000 plant species, 70% of which are endemic, it is dominated by fire-adapted fynbos vegetation and supports a rich array of endemic birds, mammals, reptiles, and amphibians.

Protecting Threatened Species

Tana River,
Kenya

Re:wild and the **Kenya Institute of Primate Research** brought community representatives and over 20 government and civil society partners together to develop a strategic plan for protecting the **Tana River Red Colobus** and **Tana River Mangabey**. This collaboration resulted in a conservation implementation plan and the establishment of the **Tana River Conservation Alliance**, a coalition dedicated to sharing information, resources, and strategies to safeguard this critical landscape. Unchecked deforestation threatens to isolate the last remaining populations of these threatened primates, while bushmeat hunting and ivory poaching remain rampant. Protecting their rapidly disappearing habitat is essential to ensuring their survival.

Creating New Funding for Conservation

Tanzania,
Kenya

To ensure the long-term conservation of the **Eastern Arc Mountains**, Re:wild launched the **Urithi Fund in 2024** ("Urithi" meaning heritage in Swahili). This fund brings together a donor alliance and partner coalition to drive systemic change through protected area management, ranger support, and habitat restoration. The Eastern Arc Mountains, a critical part of the Eastern Afromontane Biodiversity Hotspot, are renowned for their unique ecosystems and high levels of endemism. However, they face growing threats from deforestation, habitat degradation, climate change, illegal wildlife trade, and unsustainable land use. Through the Urithi Fund, Re:wild aims to safeguard this landscape for future generations.

Identifying Key Biodiversity Areas

Regional

Re:wild works to support the identification and management of **Key Biodiversity Areas (KBAs)** in several countries. In 2024, this included providing technical assistance to **KBA National Coordination Groups in Kenya, Madagascar, Malawi, and Uganda**, and establishing new groups in **Somaliland, mainland Tanzania, and Zanzibar**. Additionally in Somaliland, Re:wild and Candlelight led a workshop to initiate planning for the creation of a protected areas system. Somaliland is home to several high biodiversity areas that play a crucial role in preserving the unique flora and fauna of the Horn of Africa. The plan focuses on the identification of KBAs, establishing a National Coordination Group, and laying the groundwork for future KBA assessments, mapping, and conservation planning efforts.

Asia

Re:wild focuses conservation efforts primarily in Southeast Asia, a megadiverse region that covers only 3% of global land surface and is home to around 700 million people. Although Southeast Asia has the highest number of threatened species of any region globally, it also has immense opportunity, with an estimated 121+ million acres (49 million ha) of Key Biodiversity Areas remaining unprotected and some 63% of regional GDP directly reliant on ecosystem services.

In 2024, Re:wild focused on:

- mapping conservation priorities
- protecting threatened species
- restoring ecosystems
- creating a donor coalition



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Mapping Conservation Priorities

Indonesia

In 2024, Re:wild worked with our partners across Indonesia to conduct conservation priority mapping for the country. The mapping project identified areas with high potential to become Indigenous Protected Areas, economic land concessions with potential to be converted to conserved forest, unprotected Key Biodiversity Areas, and the stakeholders and local organizations working in each area. This project now forms a solid evidence base for Re:wild to develop a national approach and long-term strategy for Indonesia.

Protecting Threatened Species

Leuser,
Indonesia

Re:wild continues to provide support through our local partner, Forum Konservasi Leuser, to secure the Leuser Ecosystem. In 2024, 124 acres (50 ha) of degraded elephant habitat were restored and ~16 miles (26 km) of trenches and ~10 miles (16 km) of bio-barriers were installed to prevent human-elephant conflict in order to maintain local community tolerance to elephants. The patrol team's long-term efforts to identify and report illegal forest clearing have also led to a gradual decrease in illegal habitat clearing.

Restoring Ecosystems

Central
Kalimantan,
Indonesia

Through our local partner Borneo Nature Foundation (BNF), Re:wild supported the restoration of degraded and burned peatlands in Kalimantan, Indonesia, by expanding re-wetting efforts to new target areas. Along the Rasau River catchment, BNF constructed 84 new dams across six large drainage canals, successfully re-wetting over 1,400 acres (600 ha) of critical peatland, with impacts extending across a much larger area of hydrologically connected peatland. Through a community-led restoration project, BNF also planted 200,000 native trees, reforesting a total of 623 acres (252 ha) of degraded peatland ecosystems.

Creating a Donor Coalition

Singapore

Re:wild convened a high-level Funders of Nature Forum in Singapore in October 2024. The group included 35 Asia-based foundations and private investors that already fund biodiversity projects across Southeast Asia. There was a very clear recognition at the Forum of the need for a collaborative regional effort to meet large-scale challenges and sustain long-term impact. Participants urged Re:wild to continue to grow the coalition and build regional support for biodiversity.

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Australasia

Australasia is home to unique and highly diverse ecosystems, from the forests of Australia's east coast, the vast arid deserts of the Australian Outback, and the Great Barrier Reef, to the majestic fjords, alpine meadows, and rainforests of New Zealand. The region hosts an extraordinary array of endemic species, many of which are under threat from habitat loss, invasive species, and climate change.

In 2024, Re:wild focused on:

- declaring new protected areas
- supporting first nations peoples
- ending native forest logging



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Declaring New Protected Areas

Queensland and
New South Wales,
Australia

Re:wild is helping expand protected areas in New South Wales and Queensland, through its support of the Eastern Outback Parks project. In June 2024, we celebrated the creation of the 43,000-hectare Lakes National Park, safeguarding critical habitat for species like the threatened Greater Glider and the Little Bent-wing Bat. Coordinated by The Nature Conservancy (TNC) and funded by the Wyss Foundation and Re:wild in partnership with Art Into Acres, this is the second of three parks to be declared. Re:wild's contribution has directly supported land acquisitions in these regions, which have historically been poorly represented in protected areas.

Supporting First Nations Peoples

New South Wales,
Australia

Re:wild is supporting First Nations Peoples through skills training in habitat restoration and native seed collection, preservation, and propagation. Funded through a Re:wild Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities Guardianship microgrant, a professional seed collection course is helping to build the capacity needed to establish Indigenous-led native plant nurseries. These nurseries will supply plant stock for rewilding projects while also creating cultural, social, and economic opportunities.

Ending Native Forest Logging

Tasmania,
New South Wales,
and Queensland,
Australia

Re:wild and partners are advocating to end native forest logging in Tasmania, New South Wales, and Queensland - the last remaining Australian states where it is still permitted. Partnering with the Bob Brown Foundation in Tasmania, Re:wild is raising awareness about the devastating impact of ongoing deforestation, including the destruction of the breeding habitat of the Critically Endangered Swift Parrot. With fewer than 1,000 individuals left in the wild, the Swift Parrot is on the brink of extinction, along with many other Australian species, due to inadequate and outdated environmental legislation.

Caribbean

The Caribbean Islands are home to extraordinary biodiversity, with a high number of endemic species found nowhere else on Earth. However, habitat loss, climate change, and invasive species threaten the region's fragile ecosystems. Re:wild collaborates with Fauna & Flora and local partners to restore and protect these vital landscapes, strengthening resilience against climate change.

In 2024, Re:wild focused on:

- rewilding islands
- protecting national parks
- mitigating climate change disasters
- creating conservation alliances



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Rewilding Islands

Anguilla

More than 30 Caribbean islands have been rewilded to date, and we are especially proud of recent progress to restore the severely degraded Sombrero Island Key Biodiversity Area in Anguilla. Now that non-native rodents have been removed, activities are focused on reintroducing native plants to restore the habitat for seabirds and rare endemic Sombrero animals. Surveys by the Anguilla National Trust and Re:wild found that the Critically Endangered Sombrero Ground Lizard has already rebounded from fewer than 100 individuals to more than 1,600.

Protecting National Parks

Haiti

Across the Caribbean, we support the effective management of globally important protected areas. For nearly a decade, Haiti National Trust has managed Grand Bois National Park and adjoining private lands with funding and mentoring support from Re:wild. Despite Haiti's ongoing political turmoil, the Trust has made great strides to build public pride and support for Grand Bois. Deforestation has ceased and, since 2022, local communities have planted over 227,000 native trees and palms to restore degraded slopes and have actively intervened to stop wildfires and free-ranging livestock. Work is now underway to establish a second, bigger protected area.

Mitigating Climate Change Disasters

St. Vincent and the Grenadines

While all our work in this region is helping to strengthen the resilience of Caribbean islands to climate change, disasters can strike at any time. In 2024, for example, almost every home and business on Union Island (St. Vincent and the Grenadines) was destroyed by Hurricane Beryl, the earliest Category 5 hurricane in history. Within hours, Re:wild and Fauna & Flora were harnessing our regional networks to ship food, drinking water, and other vital emergency aid to the island. We will continue to help the Union Island Environmental Alliance rebuild its capacity to conserve the island's remarkable biodiversity.

Creating Conservation Alliances

Caribbean

In 2024, Re:wild created the Caribbean Species Conservation Action Network to facilitate connections among Caribbean conservation professionals across this region and provide a platform for sharing knowledge and experiences to improve practices to save critically endangered species.

Latin America

Re:wild operates across six key sub-regions in Latin America to tackle the biodiversity and climate crises through collective, systemic actions. As conveners for conservation impact, we bring together governments, funders, Indigenous communities, and local organizations to align around shared goals.

Our initiatives prioritize protecting critical ecosystems, combating deforestation, restoring biodiversity, and driving the transition from animal agriculture to biodiversity-friendly economies. By fostering collaboration around unifying visions for impact and leveraging regional expertise, we create scalable solutions that achieve transformative, lasting outcomes for the planet.

Re:wild works in six sub-regions:

- Brazil
- The Andean Countries
- Eastern Tropical Pacific
- Mesoamerica
- Guiana Shield
- Southern Cone

to help safeguard Latin America's unique natural heritage.





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Stopping Deforestation

Re:wild's region-wide effort to stop deforestation in Latin America rejects "band-aid" solutions like regenerative ranching and intensification of production and instead champions a complete transition away from animal agriculture to effectively address deforestation and biodiversity loss.

Our efforts in 2024 included:

- Collaborating with governments to pilot jurisdictional approaches to shift economies away from animal agriculture toward sustainable, biodiversity-friendly alternatives.
- Advocating for transformative change in agricultural systems to position Latin American jurisdictions as leaders in climate-smart, biodiversity-focused food systems.
- Catalyzing the development of scalable animal agriculture alternatives, including wild-harvest products and biotechnology.
- Building partnerships to attract investment in innovative food systems that enhance economic resilience and food security while protecting forests.

Latin America

Brazil

Re:wild conserves and protects Brazil's most critical ecosystems by fostering strong partnerships and coordinating efforts with national and subnational governments, local organizations, and Indigenous communities.





Strengthening Conservation Networks

Pantanal

Re:wild played a leading role in the creation of the Pantanal Alliance, a coalition of 10 members including funders and local partners. This alliance was formed around a political opportunity where both state and federal government expressed interest in improving the protection of the Pantanal. The Alliance is working strategically to support the government, with a specific focus on protecting over 600,000 acres (250,000 ha) through the expansion and establishment of new protected areas.

Protecting the Amazon

Brazil

In 2024, Re:wild collaborated with the Ministry of Indigenous Peoples, the Ministry of the Environment, subnational governments, local NGOs, Indigenous associations, and partners from the Protecting Our Planet Challenge—the world’s largest private biodiversity conservation initiative—to advance large-scale protection efforts in the Amazon. Multi-year efforts culminated in key achievements, including:

Protecting 116+ Million Acres (47M ha) in Pará and Amazonas

Re:wild and its partners contributed to assessments of over 54 million acres (22M ha) of undesignated land in the Amazon, paving the way for future designation as protected areas, forest concessions, or legally titled lands for traditional communities. Additionally, we directed resources toward strengthening the management of over 39 million acres (16M ha) of existing protected areas, improving their capacity to combat deforestation and illegal encroachment. Beyond these efforts, another 22+ million acres (9M ha) received critical support for territorial protection, law enforcement, and wildfire prevention.

Protecting 91+ Million Acres (37M ha) of Indigenous Lands

Re:wild and partners worked with approximately 50 local Indigenous associations to strengthen territorial protection and implement measures to prevent and combat forest fires across over 88 million acres (35.7M ha). These efforts empower Indigenous communities as the primary defenders of their lands while preserving biodiversity. Additionally, we initiated support for the declaration and physical demarcation of 3.7 million acres (1.5M ha) of new Indigenous lands, securing legal recognition and ensuring these vital territories remain under the stewardship of their rightful guardians.

Safeguarding 14+ Million Acres (5.8M ha) in the Southern Amazon Shield

In southern Pará, where agricultural expansion poses a growing threat, Re:wild and partners are working to conserve a vast corridor of protected areas, Indigenous territories, and private reserves within Brazil’s national protected areas system. Our efforts are reinforcing protection across the region, helping to safeguard these forests against increasing external pressures. As part of this strategy, we are leading the creation of the Center for Amazon Conservation Excellence, a hub for strengthening environmental monitoring, law enforcement, and fire prevention. The center will also support research, ecotourism, and environmental education, promoting a sustainable approach to conservation.

Latin America

The Andean Countries

Re:wild works in the Tropical Andes, Chocó, and Amazonia/Orinoco regions to protect biodiversity, watersheds, and Indigenous lands through strong local and national partnerships.





Declaring New Protected Areas

Peru

Re:wild and partners successfully facilitated the declaration of the Mar Tropical de Grau National Reserve along Peru's northern coast. Influenced by two converging ocean currents, this area is a hotspot for marine biodiversity, harboring over 70% of Peru's marine species. The reserve also protects key migratory corridors for endangered sea turtles, whales, and sharks while supporting sustainable practices such as traditional fishing and eco-friendly tourism.

Protecting Critical Watersheds

Ecuador

Re:wild and NCI supported the designation of Baquerizo Moreno and Sur del Ecuador, two Hydric Protection Areas that safeguard essential watersheds.

Additionally, we supported the creation of Ecuador's first *National Atlas of Hydric Protected Areas*, which identifies 83 potential new Hydric Protection Areas. If conserved, these areas would protect over 2.2 million acres of forests and watersheds, contributing to global conservation targets. We are supporting a proposed legal reform to formally recognize Hydric Protection Areas within Ecuador's National System of Protected Areas, as well as strengthening government capacity to develop technical guidelines and management plans for these areas.

Developing National Conservation Roadmaps

Peru

Re:wild partnered with Peru's Ministry of Environment to develop a Target 3: 30x30 Roadmap aligned with their National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan. With input from government agencies, civil society, and the Indigenous movement, this inclusive, intersectoral Roadmap commits Peru to protecting 30% of terrestrial, and 10% of marine, ecosystems by 2030. Current protection levels are around 10% and 2%, respectively, however, there is potential to expand protections even further – to over 33% for terrestrial and over 11% for marine. Key components of this work included:

- Facilitating discussions on expanding protected areas in Peru by including Indigenous Reserves, Non-Timber Concessions, and Agrobiodiversity Zones as potential OECMs.
- Engaging Indigenous, Afro-descendant, and local communities to explore how their contributions (e.g. Indigenous Reserves and ICCAs) help meet 30x30.
- Working with an intercultural expert to strengthen dialogue between the government and Indigenous Peoples, which led to collaborative work to define the Indigenous movement's role in Peru's national biodiversity strategy.
- Presenting the Roadmap at COP 16, which is now guiding civil society and donor engagement for implementation over the next six years.
- Identifying new marine protected areas and developing a portfolio of new subnational protected areas for donor coalition funding.

Advocating for Indigenous Rights

Amazon Basin

Re:wild continues to support Indigenous rights by working with the International Working Group on Indigenous Peoples in Isolation and Initial Contact (PIACI).

In 2024, we helped organize an annual meeting, bringing together international organizations, Indigenous leaders, civil society, the UN, and government agencies to discuss PIACI protection policies, particularly in border areas. The meeting played a crucial role in advancing regional recognition of PIACI rights and advocating for full implementation of national policies. At COP 16 in Cali, quantitative data was presented for the first time on PIACI contributions to biodiversity and climate goals. A major outcome was an international declaration by Colombia's Minister of Environment recognizing the connection between PIACI and biodiversity conservation, reinforcing their importance in achieving global targets.

Latin America

Eastern Tropical Pacific

Re:wild works on marine and coastal areas along the west coast of Central and South America to advance regional coordination, sustainable finance, and marine biodiversity protection.



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Advancing Marine Conservation

Sub-regional

In 2024, a marine Key Biodiversity Areas (KBA) approach was developed in collaboration with local partners in the Eastern Tropical Pacific. This framework enables comparison between critical KBA areas and the current extent of marine protection, identifying gaps and highlighting biodiverse areas that can be targeted for securing protections. These findings will play a key role in shaping national, regional, and global strategies for the effective management of marine protected areas.

Establishing Conservation Funds

Costa Rica

The Blue Fund Costa Rica, a new financial mechanism, will strengthen marine and coastal conservation in Costa Rica. The initiative supports the country's efforts to achieve the 30x30 target while promoting blue economy initiatives within coastal communities. Re:wild played a central role in establishing and operationalizing the fund, in partnership with three other philanthropic organizations.

Convening Capacity

Sub-regional

As part of Re:wild's joint program with Bezos Earth Fund, we co-lead a coalition of 16 co-funders that have collectively committed \$150 million to the Eastern Tropical Pacific. By coordinating and fostering communication among diverse stakeholders, Re:wild ensures aligned efforts and strategic collaboration, maximizing opportunities to drive impactful conservation across the region.



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Latin America

Mesoamerica

Re:wild works on the Great Five Forests and other Key Biodiversity Areas that are vital strongholds for global biodiversity, climate resilience, and the livelihoods of local communities.



Strengthening Conservation Networks

Sub-regional

In 2024, Re:wild focused on strengthening conservation networks and partnerships across Mesoamerica to enhance local capacity for resource protection. We reinforced the Baird's Tapir Survival Alliance to improve species protection across the region and provided direct funding to Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities rangers, enabling patrols in the Great Five Forests. Additionally, we facilitated the creation of the Mesoamerican Guardian Alliance to improve resources and working conditions for those on the front lines of biodiversity protection.

Supporting Indigenous- and Community-led Conservation

Sub-regional

Re:wild partnered with the Mesoamerican Territorial Fund to directly support Indigenous- and community-led conservation initiatives focused on restoration, governance, sustainable livelihoods, and land protection. As a result, more than 20 Indigenous and community organizations received direct funding to safeguard biodiversity while preserving their cultural heritage.

Protecting Wildlands

Belize,
Nicaragua, and
Honduras

In 2024, Re:wild advanced global 30x30 conservation efforts by securing critical wildlands across Mesoamerica. Key milestones included acquiring properties in the Belize Maya Forest Corridor, gaining local approval from the Indigenous Government for the Awaltara Indigenous Protected Area in Nicaragua, and making significant progress in consultations and technical planning for several protected areas in the region. Additionally, we worked with partners to identify other priority areas for protection, focusing on Key Biodiversity Areas, connectivity zones, and non-titled Indigenous lands.

Latin America

Guiana Shield

Re:wild works to conserve one of the most intact remaining rainforests on the planet by supporting Indigenous-led protection, sustainable livelihoods, and legal advocacy for lasting forest conservation.



Supporting Indigenous-led Conservation

Suriname

Re:wild supports Indigenous-led conservation efforts, including community patrols and the construction of guard posts, to protect pristine rainforests. In partnership with Wildlife & People Suriname and the Amazon Conservation Team, we help build Indigenous capacity to monitor and address threats such as wildlife trade, illegal mining, and logging. Additionally, we are developing sustainable income alternatives to strengthen local communities and reduce reliance on harmful activities, while also supporting Indigenous initiatives to deter extractive industries.

National-level Advocacy

Suriname

Re:wild is advocating for the passage of Suriname's Nature Management Legislation to provide legal protection for vast forest areas and ensure long-term conservation. We are also supporting education campaigns on wildlife trade impacts and conservation in Indigenous communities and promoting Indigenous and Afro-descendant rights through support for Free Prior and Informed Consent processes and community-led initiatives protesting the destruction of their forests.



Latin America

Southern Cone

In Argentina, Chile, and Uruguay Re:wild works to protect critical ecosystems by advancing protected areas, restoring landscapes, and strengthening local leadership for long-term conservation.



Conserving Marine and Terrestrial Areas

Argentina and Uruguay

Re:wild and partners secured conservation commitments for 2.46 million acres of land and 1,427 sq mi (3,696 sq km) of marine areas, advancing the global 30x30 goal while protecting Key Biodiversity Areas critical for species conservation and carbon storage. Key progress included advancing the establishment of the Santa Cruz and Tierra del Fuego Marine Protected Areas in Argentina, as well as implementing strategic conservation initiatives in Uruguay's Rocha and Maldonado departmental reserves.

Improving Land Management

Argentina

To enhance ecosystem resilience and support local economies, Re:wild and partners improved land management across 2.3 million acres in Argentina, focusing on infrastructure upgrades, tourism development, and biodiversity restoration. In Patagonia's Azul-San Miguel, rewilding efforts included removing 3,500 sheep and restoring 15 kilometers of internal fencing. In Ansenuza National Park and Uspallata Reserve, collaborative planning workshops were conducted with local communities and government stakeholders to develop comprehensive management plans and a tourism master plan, promoting sustainable land use and responsible tourism growth.

Strengthening Local Champions

Sub-regional

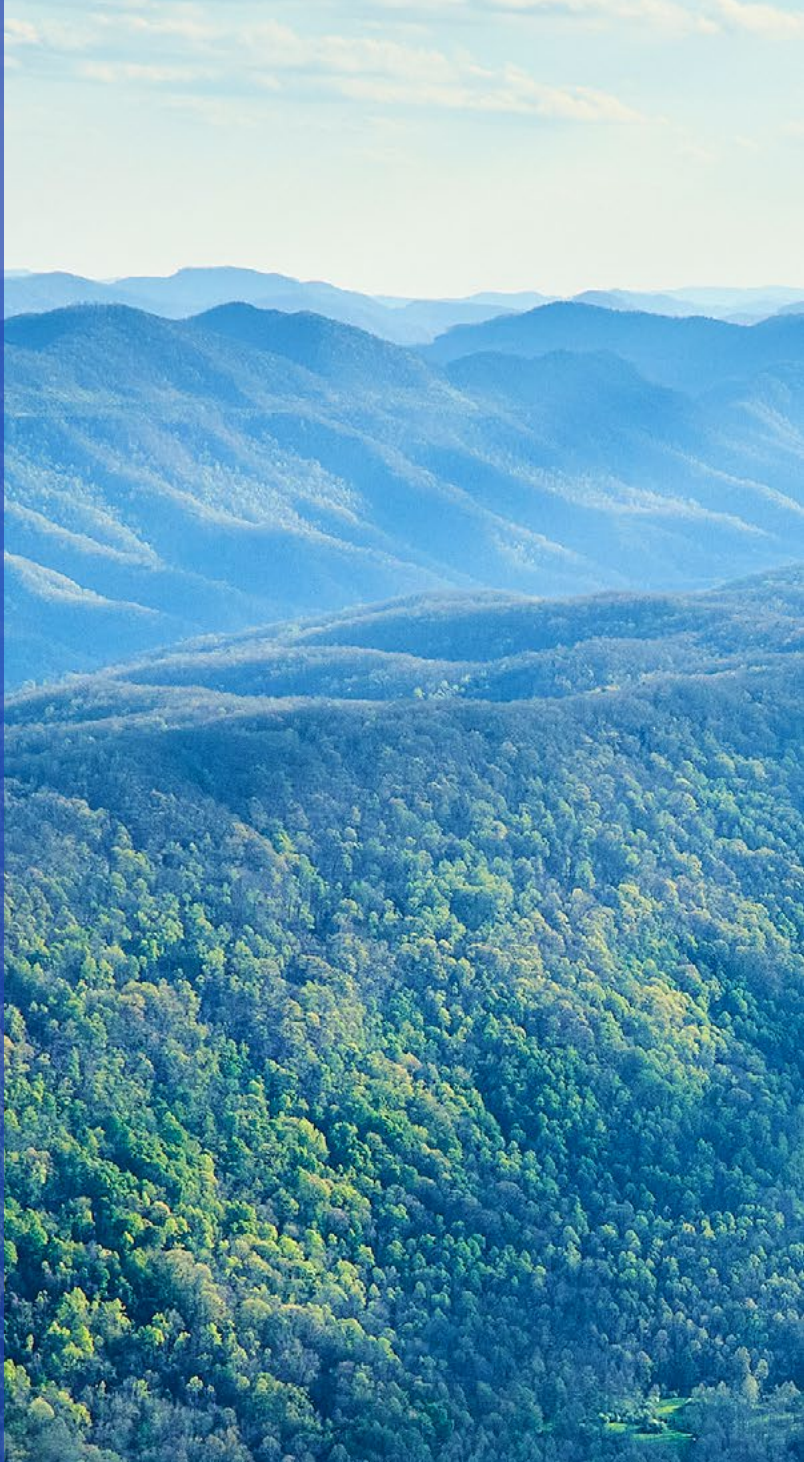
Re:wild and partners work to strengthen local champions in leading conservation efforts across the Southern Cone. In Uruguay, partnerships with local authorities doubled the Maldonado departmental reserves to over 1.5 million acres. In Argentina, workshops in Jaaukanigás engaged 500 students and local producers in sustainable practices, while cultural guidebooks and ecotourism training fostered community-led conservation. In Chile, more than 120 local interviews for the Conserva Pucheguín project built socio-political support for protecting the Puelo and Cochamó River basins, considered to be the Yosemite of South America.

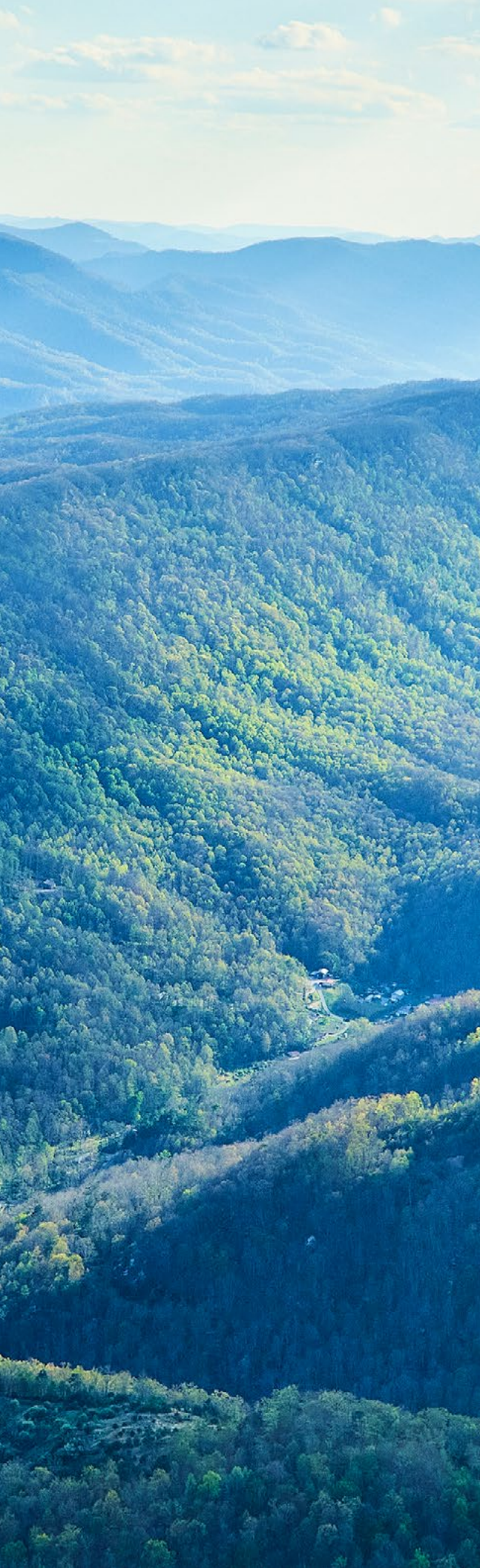
North America

North America boasts rich and diverse ecosystems, from the vibrant coastal waters of the Pacific Northwest to the species-rich Appalachian mountains. The region is also home to a wide variety of Indigenous Peoples, each with deep cultural and spiritual connections to the land. Re:wild is working to amplify conservation efforts by strengthening networks of community-based organizations, particularly those led by Indigenous communities, to protect vital species and landscapes. Our focus is on places and species often overlooked, where the challenges are great, but the potential for meaningful impact is even greater. Through collaboration and strategic support, Re:wild connects local leaders with the tools, knowledge, and partnerships they need to safeguard the region's natural heritage.

In 2024, Re:wild focused on:

- building a new initiative





Building a New Initiative

Appalachia,
USA

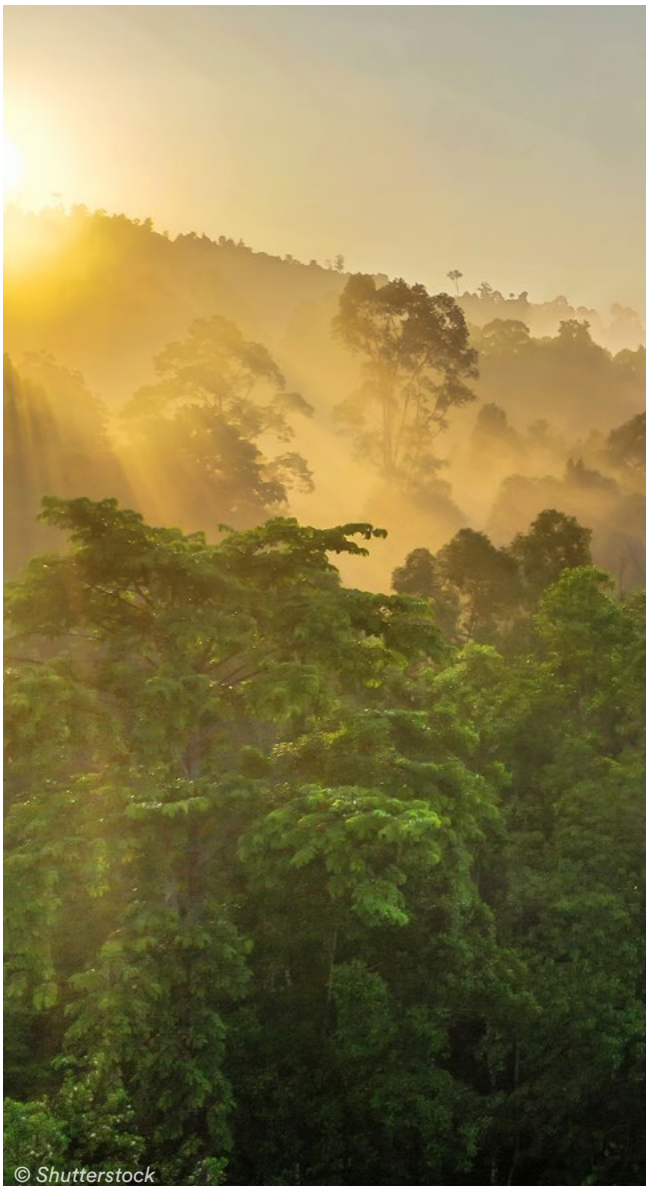
Re:wild began scoping Appalachia Rising, a new initiative aimed at bringing greater attention and resources to conservation, climate, and community well-being across the Appalachia region.

The region's diverse forests, grasslands, and freshwater systems rival some of the world's most celebrated conservation areas, particularly its freshwater and amphibian diversity. However, Appalachian community organizations often face challenges in accessing philanthropic funding and support from governmental authorities.

In 2024, Re:wild brought together nearly 100 organizations working across the region to launch Appalachia Rising, with the goal of attracting more resources and recognition to this underserved area. In 2025 and beyond, the Appalachia Rising team aims to demonstrate the power of collaboration in achieving common conservation and community goals.

Protected & Conserved Area Creation

Re:wild and partners seek to conserve wild places through both official designation and the recognition and titling of Indigenous Peoples' territories. Our efforts encompass protected and conserved areas, other effective area-based conservation measures (OECMs), and Indigenous Peoples' territories in terrestrial, marine, and freshwater ecosystems, and align with the global 30x30 target to conserve 30% of the most important areas of the planet by 2030. Re:wild targets action toward sites that are of the highest importance for biodiversity conservation, namely Key Biodiversity Areas, typically within Biodiversity Hotspots and High Biodiversity Wilderness Areas.

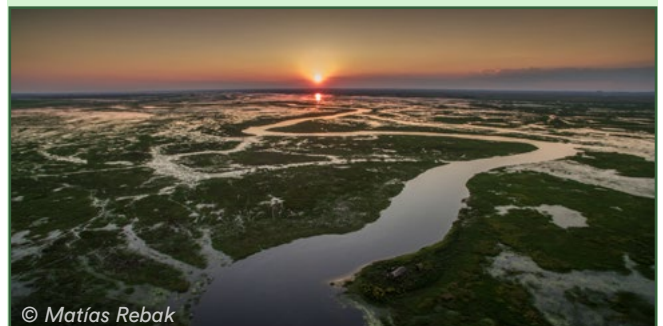


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Protecting Brazilian Biomes



Re:wild made significant efforts to create protected areas and mosaics to protect Brazilian biomes as a strategy to stop deforestation, moving forward on land acquisition in the Pantanal and the Amazon. In the state of Pará, we acquired over 4,700 acres (1,900 ha) of lands for future conversion into protected areas as part of an ambitious initiative to protect over 13 million acres (5.5M ha) in the south of the Amazon, called the Southern Amazon Shield. And in the Pantanal, the overarching objective is to double the protected area estate in the biome by achieving new protection for around 600,000 acres (250,000 ha). As part of this effort, we supported the acquisition of approximately 17,550 acres (7,100 ha) in 2024, work that will continue into 2025.



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Declaring New Protected Areas



Australia

Re:wild is helping expand protected areas in central Queensland, Australia, through its support of the Eastern Outback Parks project. In June 2024, this initiative led to the creation of the 43,000-hectare Lakes National Park, safeguarding critical habitat for species like the Threatened Greater Glider and the Little Bent-wing Bat. Coordinated by The Nature Conservancy (TNC) and funded by the Wyss Foundation and Re:wild through Art for Acres, this park is the second of three in the broader project. Re:wild's contribution has directly supported land acquisitions, strengthening protections in a region with historically low conservation coverage.



Peru

Declaring New Protected Areas

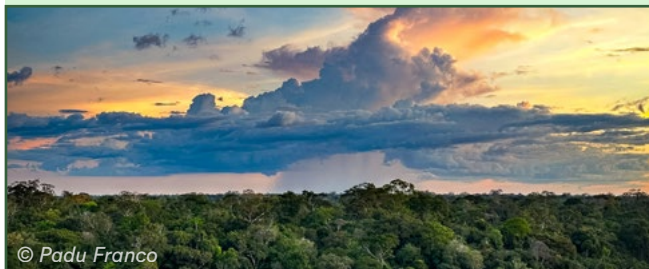
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Protected & Conserved Area Management

Re:wild's PCA Management Strategy integrates efforts from local to global scales to develop and expand innovative solutions for more effective management and equitable governance of protected and conserved areas (PCA). We work closely with our regional programs and local partner organizations to address the most pressing challenges at both individual sites and national PCA systems. At the global level, we offer fiscal sponsorship, expertise, as well as leadership to key partnerships, including the IUCN World Commission on Protected Areas, the Universal Ranger Support Alliance, and the SMART Partnership.



Promoting Other Effective Area-based Conservation Measures



Latin America
& Caribbean

Other effective area-based conservation measures (OECMs) are key to achieving Target 3 of the Global Biodiversity Framework. To support this, we helped establish the WCPA's 30x30 Working Group for Latin America, to build the capacity of governments, civil society organizations, and Indigenous, Afro-descendent, and local communities. In 2024, we co-funded and co-led a regional dialogue, bringing together over 70 participants from 40 organizations across Latin America and the Caribbean to advance OECM recognition. This resulted in the 2025-2030 Collaborative Agenda on OECMs in Latin America and the Caribbean, which outlines concrete actions for equitable and inclusive implementation. In 2025, we will expand, fostering broader dialogue to engage Indigenous Peoples, local communities, and private landowners in achieving Target 3.

Managing PAs for Species Conservation



Africa

In 2024, Re:wild advanced the conservation of three highly threatened red colobus species through effective and equitable management actions. In Nigeria, we worked with the SW/Niger Delta Forest Project to draft a management plan for the Apoi Community Conservation Area, home to the Niger Delta Red Colobus. On Bioko Island, Equatorial Guinea, we partnered with the Equatorial Guinea Biodiversity Program to develop a protection strategy for the Pennant's Red Colobus in Reserva Científica de la Caldera de Luba. In The Gambia, we collaborated with the Communities for Red Colobus Project to begin the process the process of designating Sambel Kunda, a key habitat for Temminck's Red Colobus, as an ICCA.





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Co-Management with Indigenous Communities



Philippines

In collaboration with the Indigenous Taobuid and Alangan, we are expanding Tamaraw protection across its entire range. This effort integrates effective protected area management, support for Indigenous nature-based livelihoods, and a strong legal, policy, and collaboration framework, along with capacity development for the species' long-term conservation. Re:wild convened two national partner organizations and external stakeholders, secured over \$5 million in funding from the UK Darwin Initiative, and launched a five-year collaboration focused on Indigenous-led land management and restoration, strengthened policy, and Wildlife Crime Prevention.

Professionalizing the Ranger Sector



Global

In 2024, Re:wild played a key role in advancing the professionalization of rangers, essential for achieving global area-based conservation targets. As a founding member of URSA, we have developed a framework for ranger professionalization, including a global code of conduct, universal competencies, and a labor standard. Re:wild co-led a major meeting in Washington, DC, where many government and international agencies began integrating URSA products into their programs. We also financially supported the International Ranger Federation (IRF) 2024 World Ranger Congress, including sponsoring attendance for rangers from partners in Africa, Latin America, and the Caribbean. Following the World Ranger Congress, we participated in many ranger-related events at COP 16 of the Convention on Biological Diversity, engaging organizations like the World Bank, the Global Environment Facility, UNDP, and the International Labour Organization. We are now collaborating with these and additional groups, as well as governments, to implement the IRF Hyeres Declaration and improve ranger capacity and working conditions.



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Wildlife Crime Prevention

Re:wild advances the global adoption of crime prevention measures through our **Wildlife Crime Prevention Strategy**, which includes **community-based initiatives, mentorship, and leadership development**. In 2024, we strengthened capacity in the **Caribbean, Indonesia, the Philippines, and Vietnam**. We continued to forge partnerships with international crime prevention initiatives, such as **Lead Conservation and USFWS**, and integrated prevention strategies into the **Zero Poaching Toolkit**.



Applying Crime Prevention Strategies



In 2024, the **Illegal Wildlife Trade Challenge Fund** project in Pu Mat National Park, Vietnam, successfully concluded. In collaboration with local, international, and government partners, the project established a wildlife crime prevention task force, enhanced monitoring capabilities using SMART, as well as implemented situational crime prevention strategies, crime scripts, and place-network investigations. Additionally, it supported Indigenous communities' land tenure rights and livelihood development. We look forward to continuing this work in Pu Mat, and aim to expand efforts nationwide across multiple parks in Vietnam.





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Countering Illegal Wildlife Trade



Caribbean

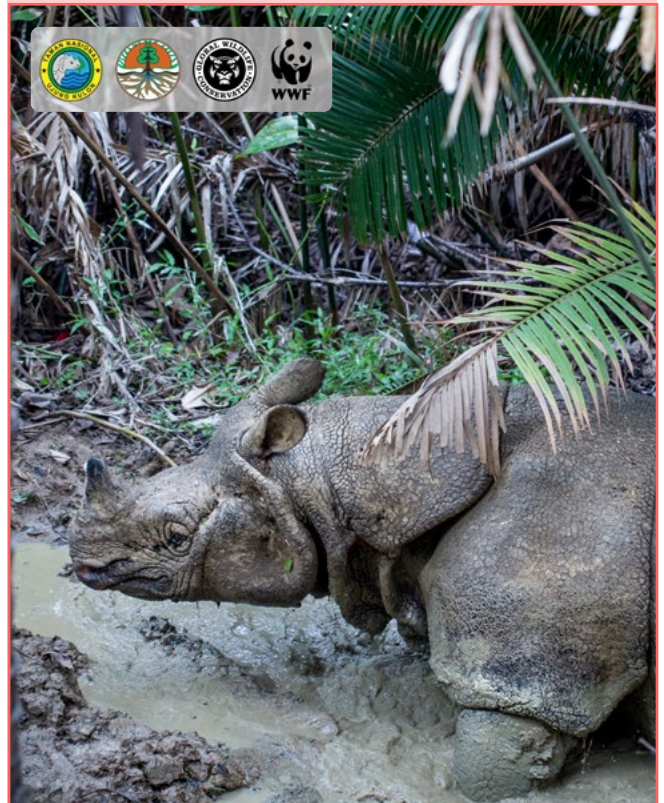
Re:wild, in partnership with Fauna & Flora and others, is working to combat wildlife crime across the Caribbean. In the Bahamas, Barbados, Dominica, Grenada, Jamaica, Saint Lucia, and St. Vincent and the Grenadines, we provided training, mentorship, and leadership development in crime prevention. Additionally, we launched a professional development course on countering wildlife crime for police, wildlife officers, and border control officials in the Eastern Caribbean. These regional projects will continue through 2026, establishing formal workforce roles to lead and scale these efforts.

Mitigating Hunting Pressure



Indonesia

In collaboration with local and international partners, Re:wild has taken steps to **reduce hunting pressure on the world's last population of Javan rhinos** in Ujung Kulon National Park, Indonesia. To support an integrated protection system, we held six workshops in 2024, introducing crime prevention and other protection strategies. These workshops led to the development of new standard operating procedures and the creation of problem-analyst roles within the workforce. Additionally, we co-facilitated the installation of a centralized operations room and deployed advanced camera traps to improve the detection of incursions and offenders. We also continued to provide ongoing support for anti-poaching efforts.



Restoration and Rewilding

Re:wild believes that restoring and rewilding our planet is a crucial part of addressing the triple crises of biodiversity loss, climate change, and human well-being. We do recognize, however, that it is more effective and efficient to simply conserve wild places in the first place.



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Restoring Forests



Madagascar

Re:wild is collaborating with our partner, Association Fanamby, to restore Madagascar's forests and ensure a more resilient, climate-stable future for its endangered endemic wildlife and the people who rely on these ecosystems for their livelihoods. Re:wild has been providing funding to support Fanamby's community-driven reforestation program in Anjozorobe Angavo, a critical forest corridor within a fragmented Key Biodiversity Area. As of 2024, the program has planted nearly 500,000 trees and is showing significant ecological improvements, underscoring the importance of community-based forest restoration.

Restoring Lakes



Indonesia

Re:wild and SHOAL, with local partner Yayasan Bumi Sawerigading, are working to restore the **Malili Lakes in Sulawesi**, which are home to some of the world's most diverse freshwater communities. In 2024, our focus was on restoring Lake Matano, which hosts several endemic species but faces severe threats from invasive fish. The project involves targeted community-based fishing efforts to remove invasive species, reducing their negative impact on native habitats and aiding species recovery.





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Rewilding Islands



Anguilla

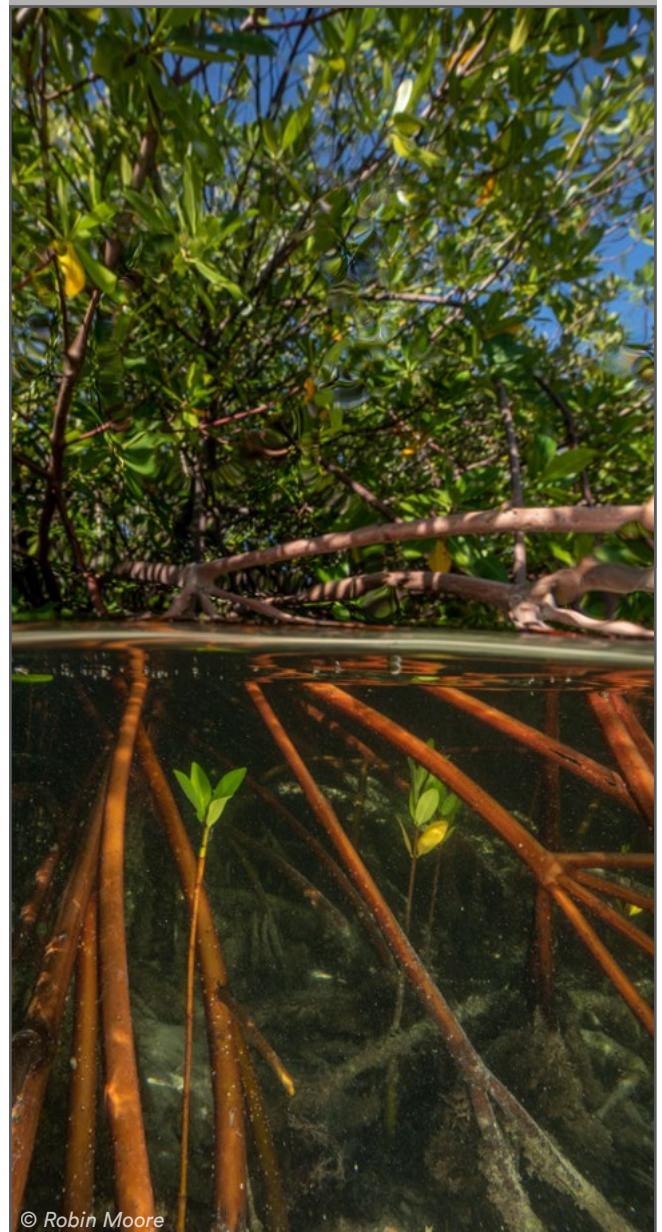
As part of our efforts to rewild the Caribbean, we helped the Anguilla National Trust and Fauna & Flora establish the region's first "mainland island" by surrounding Fountain National Park with a pest-resistant fence to exclude non-native iguanas, livestock, cats, dogs, rats, and even mice. In early 2024, Re:wild staff assisted with pest removal inside the fenced sanctuary, and the habitat within the park is improving so rapidly that local partners have already begun reintroducing native species, starting with the Anguilla Bank Racer, a harmless and highly endangered snake.

Collaborating for Change



Global

Re:wild is building the constituencies needed to drive **real change** in restoration and rewilding. In 2024, the Island Ocean Connection Challenge grew to 24 island-ocean ecosystem restoration projects across the globe, and in partnership with the Global Rewilding Alliance, we advanced the argument that animals play a crucial role in the carbon cycle and should be accounted for in both climate policy and financing



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Exploration

Re:wild works to address biodiversity data gaps by focusing on regions with the greatest deficiencies. Through exploration, research, and partnerships with local organizations, we aim to uncover neglected species, update conservation assessments, and support protection efforts. By training national experts and building local capacity, we ensure long-term biodiversity stewardship while inspiring global engagement through stories of discovery.



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Searching for Lost Species



In 2024, Re:wild supported partners to conduct 12 searches, leading to the rediscovery of 24 species. In collaboration with IUCN Species Survival Commission Specialist Groups and Reverse the Red, we hosted the second annual Lost Species Month. Over 2,000 people participated in the month-long event, which included four webinars on topics such as citizen science, data-driven approaches, and storytelling. We also launched a partnership with the Colossal Foundation on the search for the Most Wanted Lost Species.



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Catalyzing National Species Searches



Africa

In partnership with the JRS Biodiversity Foundation, we supported country-wide analyses and plans for lost species in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Kenya, Tanzania, and Uganda. Over three workshops, we trained 75 participants (30 professors, 45 students) from four countries on techniques like IUCN Red List data mining, eDNA collection, and expedition planning. We also fostered collaboration between early-career scientists and universities. These efforts resulted in 16 survey plans which we anticipate these early career conservationists will implement.



Global

Searching for Lost Sharks

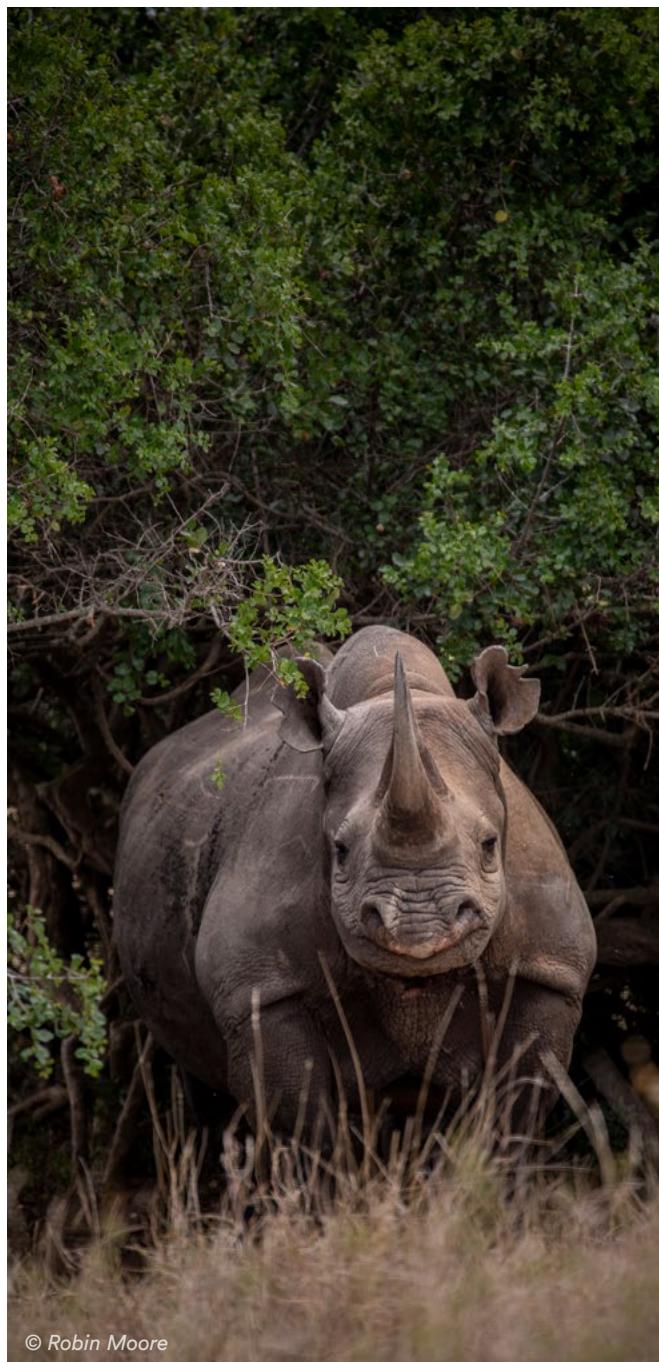
Re:wild launched the Search for Lost Sharks, a partnership among NGOs, academics, and citizen science networks to document 428 species of sharks and rays not seen in the wild in over a decade. Building on previous searches for birds and freshwater fish, a scientific foundation for the search was established by creating a global database of lost shark species in collaboration with experts in the field. With partners from the Minorities in Shark Sciences ICONIC Oceans cohort, we are engaging in an initial search for the lost Pondicherry Shark using eDNA and underwater camera rigs. This project is helping raise awareness of the biodiversity crisis affecting sharks, rays, and chimeras, highlighting their importance in ocean health.



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Species Recovery

Re:wild works to conserve focal species groups that represent the vast richness of life in the terrestrial, freshwater, and marine biomes of our planet. By focusing on conserving and recovering these species, we aim to benefit a broader diversity of species through positive conservation impacts.



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Recovering Threatened Species



Our species conservation efforts center on supporting local partners to recover the most threatened species, particularly those that are overlooked and urgently in need of assistance. In 2024, for example, we supported the Indonesian government and local and international conservation partners in implementing an emergency response to an outbreak of poaching that threatened the only population of Javan Rhinos.



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Reintroducing Species



Ecuador

Re:wild is supporting the reintroduction of the Wampukrum Harlequin Toad to Quebrada de Napinaza in Ecuador, where it had disappeared years ago. Our partner, Centro Jamabatu, has conducted baseline habitat assessments and garnered local political support. A conservation breeding program has increased the population from 28 to 234 individuals with the help of assisted reproduction techniques. In the coming year, Centro Jamabatu aim to release at least 800 individuals (including tadpoles) into the wild and monitor their progress.

Supporting Young Conservationists



DR Congo

Our species recovery efforts are part of broader initiatives that support local alliances and scale conservation impact across species groups. We foster peer-to-peer learning and equip the next generation of conservationists focused on these species. In 2024, our red colobus initiative provided training for 25 young African primate conservationists in project management and 25 in proposal development. We also awarded small grants to seven students from the Democratic Republic of the Congo to conduct field research on little-understood red colobus species.



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Species Recovery

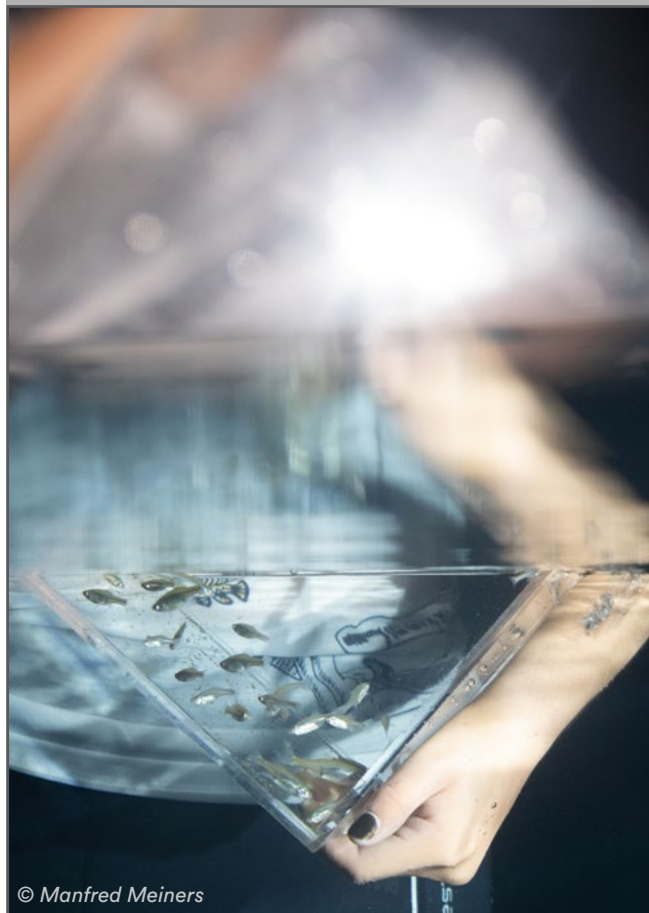


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Conserving Freshwater Species



Re:wild integrates proven models and best practices from local efforts into broader alliances, enabling replication and creating new funding opportunities for scaling. In 2024, we helped publish the SHOAL Blueprint for Conservation Action for 1,000 Freshwater Fishes by 2035, identifying over 2,300 freshwater fish species in need of conservation. Our goal is to drive action for at least 1,000 of these species within the next decade, putting freshwater fish conservation on a new trajectory and benefiting many other species.



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Creating New Funding for Conservation



Re:wild supports species conservation through innovative, disruptive, and partnership-led strategies. In 2024, we launched the Gustavo Fonseca Species Conservation Fund, a new funding stream in partnership with the Global Environment Facility. Through the Reverse the Red partnership, we also helped launch and run the inaugural World Species Congress, an online, 24-hour global event that gathered more than 10,000 participants from over 200 countries and territories to discuss species conservation. Additionally, we co-launched the Extinct in the Wild Partnership, which aims to recover the world's most imperiled species.

Forming Innovative Partnerships



In 2024, we announced our partnership with Colossal Biosciences Inc. Through our joint ten-year strategy, we aim to leverage emerging technologies for the conservation of species on the brink of extinction and demonstrate how de-extinction can be a powerful tool for conservation.



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Cultivating Leadership

Re:wild works to ensure that anyone in a position to rewild the planet has agency to do so. In particular, Re:wild equips and emboldens Earth's guardians – rangers, young and aspiring conservationists, Indigenous Peoples and local communities, and women – to strengthen their ability to deliver high-impact conservation results.

Supporting Indigenous Peoples & Local Communities



Global

Re:wild recognizes that Indigenous Peoples are key in rebalancing the relationship between humans and nature. Our work prioritizes the incorporation of traditional knowledge and culture, promotes local leadership, respects and builds on local decision-making processes, and provides direct funding to Indigenous Peoples and organizations. Re:wild's IP & LC Guardianship Fund supported a series of small grants in 2024, including:

- A professional seed collection course for First Nations students in Australia to advance habitat restoration and native seed propagation and support Indigenous-led nurseries that supply plants for rewilding projects, while fostering cultural, social, and economic benefits.
- A knowledge exchange among local conservation groups in the Democratic Republic of the Congo to foster collaboration on education, evaluation, and agroforestry to enhance protection of endemic wildlife, including gorillas, and support forest communities.
- Participation in the 2024 Conservation Leadership Transformation Network symposium in South Africa by the Global Alliance for Territorial Communities' Indigenous youth movement leader, Iniquilipi Chiari-Lombardo, to amplify Indigenous voices and ways of leading.



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Cultivating Conservation's Future Leaders



Global

Re:wild's invitation-only Associate Fellows program cultivates up and coming conservation leaders through access to mentoring and technical training from Re:wild staff, small grants, global partner network, and communications support. In 2024, Re:wild continued support for over 20 Associates across Africa, Asia and the Pacific, Latin America, and the US, with six Associates receiving career-building grants through our Associates Fellowship Fund.

Elevating Women in Conservation



Global

Re:wild recognizes the critical role women have in conservation – as well as the persistent challenges they face. Through our Women Rewilding initiative, Re:wild is working to increase women’s influence, visibility, and resilience through global support networks and partnerships for professional development. In 2024, the Women in Nature Network grew to include 22 chapters across five continents, hosting webinars with ground-breaking conservationists from around the world. Additionally, Re:wild sponsored 17 African-American women to participate in Planet Women’s 100 Women Pathway program to increase leadership diversity in the US environmental movement. With our partner Women Emerging, we convened a virtual expedition for 24 leaders from across Re:wild’s partner network, who have co-created a new roadmap for women leading in conservation.



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Creating New Pathways



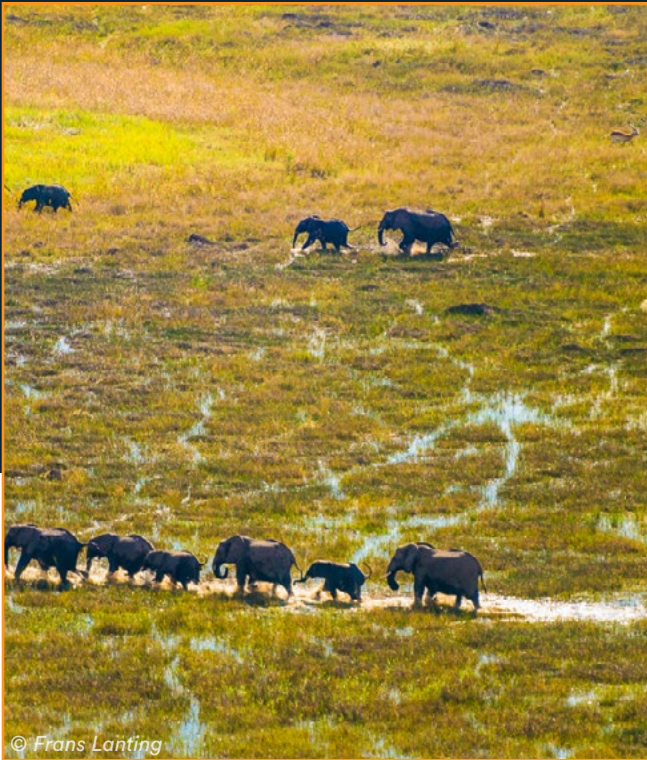
United States

Young people from historically underrepresented communities often face barriers to entering and advancing in conservation careers. Re:wild’s Conservation Pathways for Youth program works with partners within these communities to remove those barriers. In 2024, we partnered with nine grassroots organizations to fund over 300 scholarships, fellowships, and equitably paid internship and mentorship opportunities for aspiring conservationists. Highlights included youth corps members training alongside National Park rangers, adding more internships through Yale University’s acclaimed equity initiative, expanding mentorship programming for gender minorities in shark sciences, and launching a new fellowship program that leverages storytelling and technology to reimagine biodiversity and habitat stewardship.

Advocating for Earth

When done strategically, communications action can be a powerful conservation strategy. Using the power of stories, Re:wild works with local communities and organizations to highlight the voices of local and Indigenous Peoples to persuade governments, companies, and policymakers to protect the wild, human rights, and sustainable livelihoods.





Halting Oil & Gas Exploration



Okavango

In 2024, Re:wild collaborated with local communities and organizations in southern Africa's Okavango region to address the impacts of oil and gas exploration. In Namibia, concerns arose over the minister of environment and tourism's failure to respond to a legally required complaint about oil exploration. To advance the issue, Alliance Earth connected local partners with a South African legal team, while Re:wild published advocacy content urging the minister to act. In July, Re:wild's communications team visited Botswana to lead workshops for community leaders in Namibia and Botswana, focusing on storytelling, digital security, and conserving the Okavango River Basin. They gathered interviews and created outreach materials for local and international audiences. Additionally, Re:wild supported Kavango East and West Conservancy's campaign to raise awareness in local communities within ReconAfrica's lease area, encouraging them to seek legal counsel before signing paperwork, as well as make oil and gas exploration a key issue for upcoming elections.



Alaska, USA

Stopping Mining in Indigenous Lands

Re:wild began working with the Southeast Indigenous Transboundary Commission (SEITC), Earthjustice, and Avaaz to request that the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights order a temporary pause on mining activity that is violating 17 Indigenous Tribes' human rights. Re:wild issued a joint news release with SEITC and Earthjustice, individually pitching journalists in Alaska and nationally that have covered mining in the region. In addition, a member of our communications team visited the area that will be affected by the mining projects with a film crew to collect assets for storytelling about the Tribes' connection to the rivers and land in Southeast Alaska and across the colonial border in Canada. Three videos have been produced, with more to come in the future, helping to put pressure on the Canadian government to respect the rights of Southeast Alaskan Tribes to consult about any development that will directly affect their livelihoods, cultures, and food supply.



Financials

Re:wild directly raised almost \$74 million during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, from a broad base of donors including individuals, foundations, corporations, governments, and multilateral institutions. This support enabled us to channel just over \$65 million to our conservation programs, including more than \$57 million in grants and contracts to support our partners around the world – which earned us a 93.6% programmatic efficiency rating for the year.

Donor Coalitions

Re:wild works in donor coalitions around the world that directly co-fund many of our local partners and projects, increasing the impact of our collective funding.

Funds In

\$74,102,493

Other / In Kind

<1% • \$228,965

Corporate

9% • \$6,603,769

Investments

7% • \$4,849,816

Individuals

5% • \$3,634,466

Government

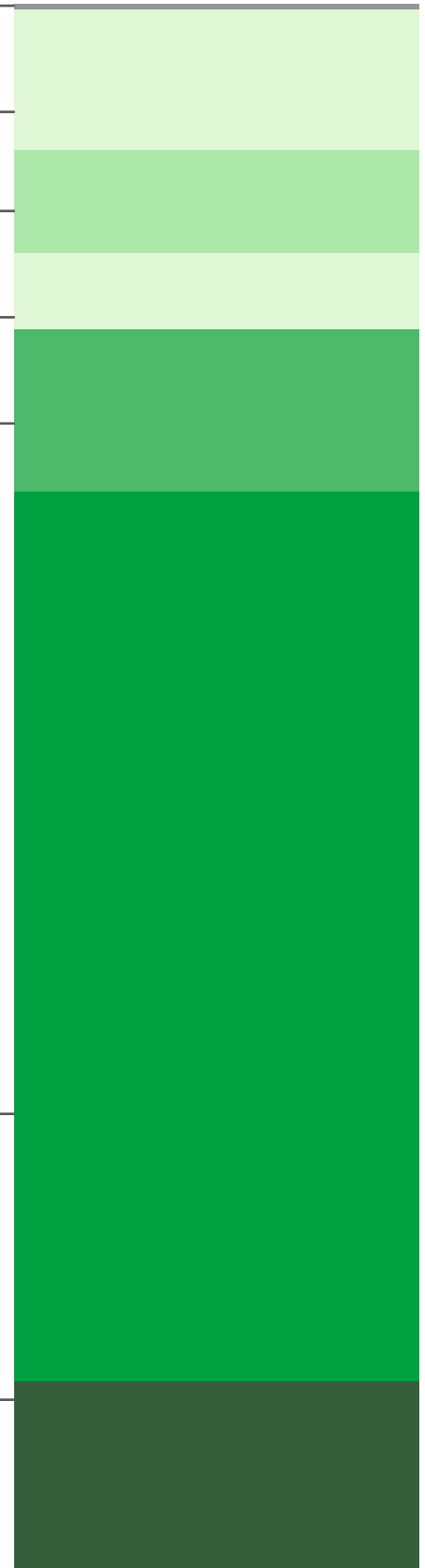
10% • \$7,671,711

Foundations

57% • \$41,990,054

NGO Partners

12% • \$9,123,712



Funds Out

\$69,830,107

Fundraising

2% • \$1,708,870

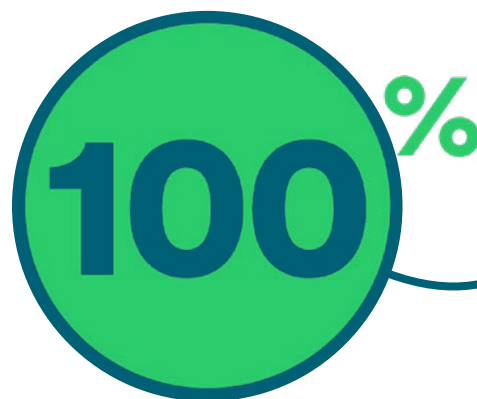
Management

4% • \$2,768,344

Programs

94% • \$65,352,893

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