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Dear friends and supporters,

We are pleased to report news highlights from the International Conservation Fund of Canada (ICFC) and to invite/cajole/entice your further support for ongoing programs and priority projects that are waiting in the wings.

National Geographic feature on Kayapó as protectors of the Amazon

The upcoming January issue of *National Geographic* magazine shines a bright spotlight on ICFC's biggest program with a story on Brazil's Kayapó Indigenous people and their epic struggle as the "last guardians of the Amazon". ICFC staffer (and program pioneer) Barbara Zimmerman accompanied the *National Geographic* team in the field.

ICFC has taken the lead since 2009 in working with the Kayapó to enable them to continue to protect their territories, which span an area twice the size of Nova Scotia. In a region undergoing rapid colonization and deforestation, the very future of the Southeastern Amazon forest depends on their and our success. **Your support is vital:** this is a big-budget item for ICFC, but provides phenomenal value and is **one of the most important conservation efforts in the world.**



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An ounce of prevention: Giant steps toward biodiversity friendly development in Peru

Politicians the world over love building roads. But in the tropics, ill-conceived roads open up intact forest regions to a free-for-all of deforestation and colonization. Big impacts on natural ecosystems also result when some forms of resource development are done the wrong way. What if this could be avoided? It *can*.

ICFC has joined with partner Amazon Conservation Association in helping to bring about enlightened policies and laws in Peru. Key, is having the right people. With ICFC support, an infrastructure specialist will join **Bruce Babbitt** (former **US Secretary of the Interior**) and Peruvian **Enrique Ortiz**, who are already at work on these issues.

The team will work with governments and business toward: roadless oil and gas development (serviced by air and river transport); shifting hydroelectric development from the biodiverse Amazonian lowlands to the high Andes; using compensation funds (worth hundreds of millions of dollars) for health and education instead of unnecessary and environmentally harmful new roads; and using degraded lands for oil palm plantations instead of converting natural forests to oil palm. The success of these efforts represents a major win-win for people and nature.

Shoring up the future for the Maned Wolf and Blue-throated Macaw in Bolivia

In the Beni Savanna of Bolivia, the Critically Endangered Blue-throated Macaw, Maned Wolf and other threatened species will rest easier now that more of their threatened habitat is secure. ICFC and other organizations have raised \$430,000 to buy the 5000-hectare Santa Anita ranch, which will *double* the size of the Barba Azul nature reserve.

Thanks to those who contributed! The acquisition helps secure the greater ecosystem, which is home to jaguars, peccaries, pumas, giant anteaters, pampas deer and diverse bird species. We are now seeking funds (\$15,000) for management costs for the expanded Barba Azul reserve.



(Above) The maned wolf's long legs are thought to be an adaptation to its grassland habitat. Termite mounds (in background) provide a source of food for Giant Anteaters.

(Below) The Beni Savanna is a complex ecosystem of grasslands, marshes, forest islands and palm dominated gallery forest.



WILD10: ICFC at the World Wilderness Congress

ICFC staff addressed hundreds of conservation professionals from around the world this October at the tenth World Wilderness Congress in Salamanca, Spain. Susan Canney, Director of the Mali Elephant Project, spoke on *Community Conservation During Rebellion, War, and Global Terrorism*, and Barbara Zimmerman, Director of the Kayapó Program, led a session on *Keeping Primary Forests Intact: Why and How*.



Susan Canney at the WILD10 conference.

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Buenaventura reserve protects half the world's known population of the El Oro Parakeet. (photo credit: Fundación Jocotoco)

MISSION ACCOMPLISHED: More habitat protected for the Critically Endangered El Oro Parakeet

Buenaventura reserve was established in 2000 by Fundación Jocotoco to protect the recently discovered El Oro Parakeet. Located on the west slope of the Andes in Ecuador, the 5,189-acre reserve provides critical protection for this and other threatened species. We're delighted to report the completed acquisition of a choice 684-acre property to add to the reserve. ICFC is contributing \$50,000 toward the \$200,000 cost. The property consists of pristine subtropical rainforest, interspersed with pasturelands that will be reforested through natural regeneration and tree planting. **Many thanks to those who helped make this happen!**

Did you know? ...

 Forests produce clouds and rainfall through evapotranspiration, a process essential for agriculture. The Amazon rainforest influences rainfall from Mexico to Texas, while deforestation in Central Africa affects precipitation in the American Midwest.

 A single hectare (100 metres X 100 metres) in the tropical rain forest of Brazil yielded 450 species of tree. (Versus 180 species of trees in all of Canada.)

 The number of species of fish in the Amazon exceeds the number found in the entire Atlantic Ocean.



ICFC staff and Board: clockwise from Tom Welch (in yellow): Laurie Havinga, Carmen Lishman, Sarah Jackson, Anne Lambert, Barbara Zimmerman, John McWilliams, Claude Gascon.

ICFC's ongoing programs:

- Argentina: Preventing extinction of the Hooded Grebe
- Argentina: Pino Paraná : Protecting threatened species of the Atlantic Forest region in Argentina
- Bolivia: Land acquisition for Barba Azul reserve
- Bolivia: Tacana Brazil Nut Program: Protecting Amazonian forest through sustainable use
- Brazil: Securing protection of extensive Kayapó lands in the southeastern Amazon
- Costa Rica: Involving local communities in conservation at Area de Conservación Guanacaste
- Ecuador: Land acquisition for Buenaventura reserve
- Guatemala: Land acquisition: Laguna Grande Reserve
- Guatemala: Land acquisition: Sierra Caral cloud forest
- Indonesia: Conservation of the Maleo bird, marine turtles and fruit bats in the Tompotika area of Sulawesi
- Mali: Conservation of the Desert elephants of Mali
- Peru: Protecting the Los Amigos Conservation Concession
- Peru and Ecuador: Furthering environmental best practices in infrastructure development in the Amazon headwaters

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How you can help:

By **renewing your support**. Your support enables us to secure more of the world's biodiversity and some of its most beautiful wild places. Our administrative costs are covered by a core group of long-term donors, hence **your entire donation will go to our conservation programs**. Funds are needed for ongoing programs and for new priority projects awaiting funding. Your feedback is valued as well.

ABOUT ICFC — A registered Canadian charity, the International Conservation Fund of Canada engages in direct conservation action to protect ecosystems, species and wilderness in priority areas worldwide. We look for good value for money and very capable local partners, and base our work on existing science.

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