



Dear ICFC supporter,

Welcome to our newly revamped newsletter! This marks the start of our enhanced communications and storytelling as we share more about our vital conservation work in the tropics, home to nearly half of the world's biodiversity and some of the planet's most critical carbon stores.

In this edition, you'll find stories from our staff, details about two exciting upcoming events, and more. Stay tuned for the launch of our new website, our new 2030 strategic plan, and other exciting updates. We are ramping up our efforts to protect and restore nature by partnering with local organizations and communities worldwide in regions where biodiversity is richest and most under threat.

Warm regards,
Barnabe Geis
CEO

Events



Meet us in Toronto!

Join us for an inspiring evening as we bring together two of our dedicated field partners from different corners of the world for an exclusive in-person event. **They'll share powerful stories and firsthand experiences from the frontlines of conservation, offering unique insights into the challenges and triumphs of protecting nature's most vital and vulnerable ecosystems.**

[Register Here](#)

New Online Series: Tales from the Tropics

Join us for ICFC's Tales from the Tropics, a virtual event series featuring in-depth discussions with field partners who lead vital projects to protect and restore tropical ecosystems, sharing their challenges, successes, and visions for the future of biodiversity.



Kayapo Project Program Director Barbara Zimmerman joins biologist Adriano Jerozolimski to discuss ICFC's flagship project. Learn about the Kayapo's territorial surveillance program, which forms the first line of defense allowing the broader project of Kayapo empowerment to flourish.

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Project Updates

Sir David Attenborough endorses ICFC field partner

YAPPENDA, the newly established NGO in Papua, Indonesia is attracting increasing attention for its important work in biodiversity conservation – including a glowing endorsement from Sir David Attenborough! [Read more.](#)

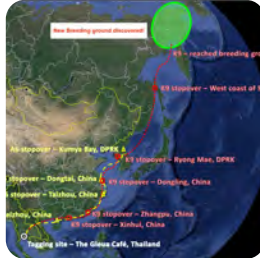


Major breakthrough in Malawi sustainable fisheries management

Shoreline districts of Lake Malawi made further advances towards sustainable fisheries management and conservation by signing agreements between the central government's Director of Fisheries and community-based Sub-Fisheries Associations. [Read more.](#)

Endangered Irrawaddy dolphins and Dugongs return to Kep archipelago in Cambodia

When Paul Ferber began his work in Kep province, many wondered why he chose an ocean area already ravaged by human activity. But Ferber saw potential where others didn't, and his mission would soon uncover something unexpected. [Read more.](#)

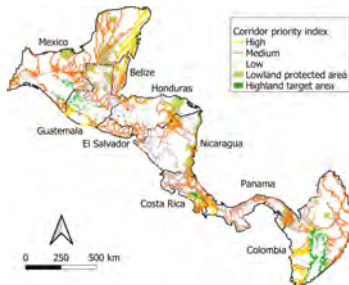


New Nesting Area Found for World's Rarest Migratory Shorebird—the Spoon-billed Sandpiper

On April 4th, 2024, a critically endangered Spoon-billed Sandpiper carrying the world's smallest satellite transmitter departed Thailand, where it had spent the winter. The bird, known as "K9" from the code on its orange leg band, carried the hopes of conservationists around the world. [Read more.](#)

A visit to Kayapo lands

Few people get to experience remote areas of the Amazon and witness the way of life of the Indigenous people who live there. ICFC provides a way. From July 29 to August 16, 2024, ten participants from Brazil, Canada, England, Hungary, and the United States participated in the annual Kayapo Internship and Field Course. [Read more.](#)



Conservation success in Costa Rica's Osa Peninsula

A new report from Osa Conservation reveals exciting progress in restoring wildlife corridors that connect the rich lowland forests of Costa Rica's Osa Peninsula to the highland forests of La Amistad National Park. [Read more.](#)

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URGENT:

Give the critical Kayapo Guard Posts a lifeline.

We still need 150,000 USD to ensure that Kayapo Guard Posts can stay open through the end of 2024. Opened in June, sixteen Kayapo guard posts, strategically located throughout the Kayapo territories, collectively guarantee Kayapo vigilance and surveillance of the 2200 km (1,375 miles) of border across more than 9 million hectares of tropical forest.

on the Kayapo drive to protect their territory, culture, and livelihoods while providing equitably distributed income. The program generates a strong social antidote to the seduction and bribing of individuals by goldminers, loggers, and fishermen.

In addition, multimedia education programming at all guard posts instills the idea of territorial and cultural sovereignty – a successful initiative that, if the guards post can remain open, will reach approximately 2,500 Kayapo guardians.

Without immediate support, guard posts will close in November, leaving Kayapo land susceptible to invasion.

Support the Kayapo

Photo of the month:



Spider monkeys overlook a group of trekkers along the Xingu river in the Kayapo territory. *"Last evening, our Kayapo friend and most experienced elder led us through the brush and forest to visit his favorite band of spider monkeys. It was a successful 40-minute journey. He called to the monkeys, they responded, and together, we—five humans and five monkeys—shared our farewells."* Photo: Scott Hecker, Director of Bird Conservation at ICFC

Species such as the spider monkey are known as indicator species; they help us gauge the overall health of an ecosystem, as their presence, absence, or numbers reflect environmental conditions. Shifts in these species can indicate changes in things like pollution, climate, or habitat quality.

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