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What are they telling us?

Today, one million animal and plant species are threatened with extinction—the highest number ever in human history. What will life be like for our children and grandchildren—will their soil and water be clean enough for plants and pollinators like butterflies, bees, and hummingbirds to thrive? Will the wolf's howl echo across the mountains? Will herds of bison gather across the valleys to graze on fresh grass in the spring? Will there still be stories of the ghost cat, the elusive snow leopard, climbing the steep snow-capped mountains? If pollinators such as bees, butterflies, and bats continue to decline rapidly, we all suffer from loss of food resources. **It is all connected.**

The loss of biodiversity is unprecedented, accelerating, and yet, we still have a choice. Collectively, we have the ability to change course. And it is the only logical choice: a healthy planet provides sustainable food, shelter, clothing, and temperatures that support all life. But our old broken systems cannot solve these problems. We need new sustainable systems not only for humanity's way of life but also for protecting our planet's precious biodiversity. These are nature-based solutions that allow humanity to work with Nature instead of working against her. And, as communities embrace the concepts of re-wilding and restoring native ecosystems, learning how to coexist with nature is the key to avoiding the mistakes of our past and healing our future.



For the wild ones,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Suzanne Asha Stone'.

Suzanne Asha Stone
Executive Director
International Wildlife Coexistence Network

Who we are

The International Wildlife Coexistence Network is an inclusive organization of experts in methods and strategies to transform conflicts between people and wildlife into long term solutions. We mobilize interdisciplinary teams through crowdsourcing to create new solutions to chronic or "wicked" problems between people and wildlife. And we work with the community to ensure that these solutions create lasting benefits to both the natural world and the people who live with wildlife.

We share our resources and provide widespread support for all who seek to peacefully resolve conflicts with wildlife. Our interdisciplinary teams include scientists, agricultural managers, researchers, ethicists, economists, government specialists, educators, indigenous leaders, technical engineers and more who are helping to create new and sustainable ways to live with wildlife. When possible, we connect our experts with communities that need help transforming wildlife conflicts into non-violent sustainable solutions.

Transforming our relationship with Nature

Working with Nature instead of against her, we benefit in so many ways. From clean waters and safe food supplies to resilient ecosystems that support both local wildlife and local communities. It is a win for biodiversity and for generations to come.

"The eyes of the future are looking back at us, and they are praying for us to see beyond our own time. They are kneeling with hands clasped that we might act with restraint, that we might leave room for the life that is destined to come. To protect what is wild is to protect what is gentle. Perhaps the wilderness we fear is the pause between our own heartbeats, the silent space that says we live only by grace. Wilderness lives by this same grace. Wild mercy is in our hands."

— Terry Tempest Williams



2022 Major Milestones



01 IWCN HOSTED 1ST EVER INTERNATIONAL WILDLIFE CONFERENCE ON COEXISTENCE

October 17 - 21, 2022 at Chico Hot Springs Resort near Yellowstone National Park. The international coexistence conference is dedicated to bringing together leaders, scientists, practitioners, and more.

02 JUST YEAR 2 AS A NEW ORGANIZATION BUT WE'VE HIT THE GROUND RUNNING!

IWCN celebrated its second birthday as a new NGO! We're the new kid on the block but we're excited to expand on our efforts. New programs include our new Podcast for Wildlife, the Tribal Heritage and Bison, Grizzly and Wolf Act, and more.

03 3 PROFESSIONAL AWARDS IN RECOGNITION OF OUR WORK!

Our director was one of three finalists for the McKenna-Travers International People's Choice Award from the Born Free Foundation and Oxford University. IWCN also received the Platinum Badge as a top-rated nonprofit on Guidestar and the 2022 top-rated nonprofit badge on Great Nonprofits platform!

04 IWCN WELCOMES 4 NEW BOARD MEMBERS AND 8 NEW COEXISTENCE COUNCIL MEMBERS AND A NEW YOUTH COUNCIL!

IWCN welcomed Loretta Stadler, Dr Christine Lamanna, James Holt, and Dr. Denise Taylor to our Board along with eight new Coexistence Council members plus we created our new Youth Council! We're growing stronger by the day!

05 WE MET WITH 5 HEADS OF WILDLIFE AGENCIES & TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS TO PROTECT & ADVANCE COEXISTENCE WITH IMPERILED WILDLIFE

Starting with the Nez Perce Tribal Executive Council, IWCN team also met the directors of the US Fish and Wildlife Service, USDA Wildlife Services, Deputy Director of the Department of Interior, and Whitehouse Committee on Environmental Quality to gain support for wildlife coexistence efforts.

06 IWCN HOSTED 6 INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC FORUMS TEACHING COEXISTING WITH WILDLIFE ATTENDED BY OVER 3,000 PEOPLE FROM AROUND THE WORLD

In wolves, grizzly, shark and more, IWCN provided a series of workshops "best practices" for coexisting with wildlife. Thousands of people from across the world participated in these workshops led by top wildlife leaders on our team and partnering NGOs.

07 OUR TEAM PRESENTED AT 7 MAJOR CONFERENCES AND EVENTS EXPANDING OUR MESSAGE TO WORLD: COEXISTENCE IS KEY TO WORKING WITH NATURE

From the Wolf Gala in Colorado to the Wildlife Society's National Conference in Washington, testimony before Australian government on koala and kangaroo protection, seminar with German scientists and wildlife managers, and more.

08 PROJECTS THAT IWCN HAS SUPPORTED AND COUNTLESS MORE WE AIDED

Voyageurs Wolf Project * Wood River Wolf Project
Uganda JGI Chimpanzee Project * HSI S. Argentina
Puma Project * Israeli Compassionate Conservation
Middle East Project * Snow Leopard Project *
Bangalore Koala Project *

09 9 MINUTES TO WATCH OUR NEW PARTNERS' FILM ON WOLVES FEATURING IWCN

A big shout out to WaterBear Network and True Life Story for the new short documentary: WaterBear | Wolves - Born to Rewild, by Jack Wolfskin
<https://www.waterbear.com/watch/short/63b402ea9fbadec3f31a3ae5>



Field Project Highlights

Voyageurs: A Fence for Coexistence

IWCN helped save the lives of the Windsong wolf pack in Voyageurs National Park. Over 100 wolves had been killed over decades despite attempts to stop the conflicts from occurring. IWCN assisted the university researchers devise a better strategy that has finally stopped the killing of wolves and provided funding toward building the 7 miles of fencing.



IWCN sends Foxlights to Nepal and Colorado

You helped us raise funds on Earth Day to purchase and distribute nonlethal solar-powered Foxlights to protect snow leopards and wolves for coexistence partner Third Pole Conservancy in Nepal and for ranchers in Colorado who are living with wolves for the first time in generations.



Wood River Wolf Project

The Wood River Wolf Project celebrated its 15th year since it began in 2008. IWCN is the project's fiscal manager and IWCN's director Suzanne Asha Stone is the project supervisor and co-founder. In 2022, nearly 20,000 sheep grazed in the project area and only three were lost to wolves. The project has successfully maintained the lowest loss of sheep and wolves in the western wolf range while using nonlethal methods to protect livestock. In the history of the project, only two wolves were killed due to conflicts with livestock in the project area.





Our 2022 Highlights



IWCN Coexistence Conference

IWCN organized the first international wildlife coexistence conference bringing together leaders and scientists from **Australia, Asia, Africa, Europe, the Middle East, North America, South America, and the United Kingdom** to share research, resources, and build a larger network of wildlife coexistence collaborators. From whales to wolves, from AI technology to ancient livestock guardians, and ethics to research. Look for details of the 2024 conference later this year!



"THIS WAS THE BEST CONFERENCE OF THE YEAR... I LOVE BEING PART OF THIS GLOBAL COMMUNITY!"

Wolves: Born to ReWild

IWCN partnered with WaterBear, the first interactive streaming platform dedicated to climate action, biodiversity, sustainability, and more to create a compelling video on how to dispel the myth of the big bad wolf. Watch: <https://waterbe.ar/3YtNEm5>



IWCN hosts TREE Club Youth Council meetings in Washington DC with Martha Williams, US Fish & Wildlife Service Director, Jessica Ennis, Whitehouse CEQ Public Engagement Director, Janet Bucknell, USDA National Supervisor, and Shannon Estonez, DOI Deputy Director to ask for protection for wolves.



IWCN Team



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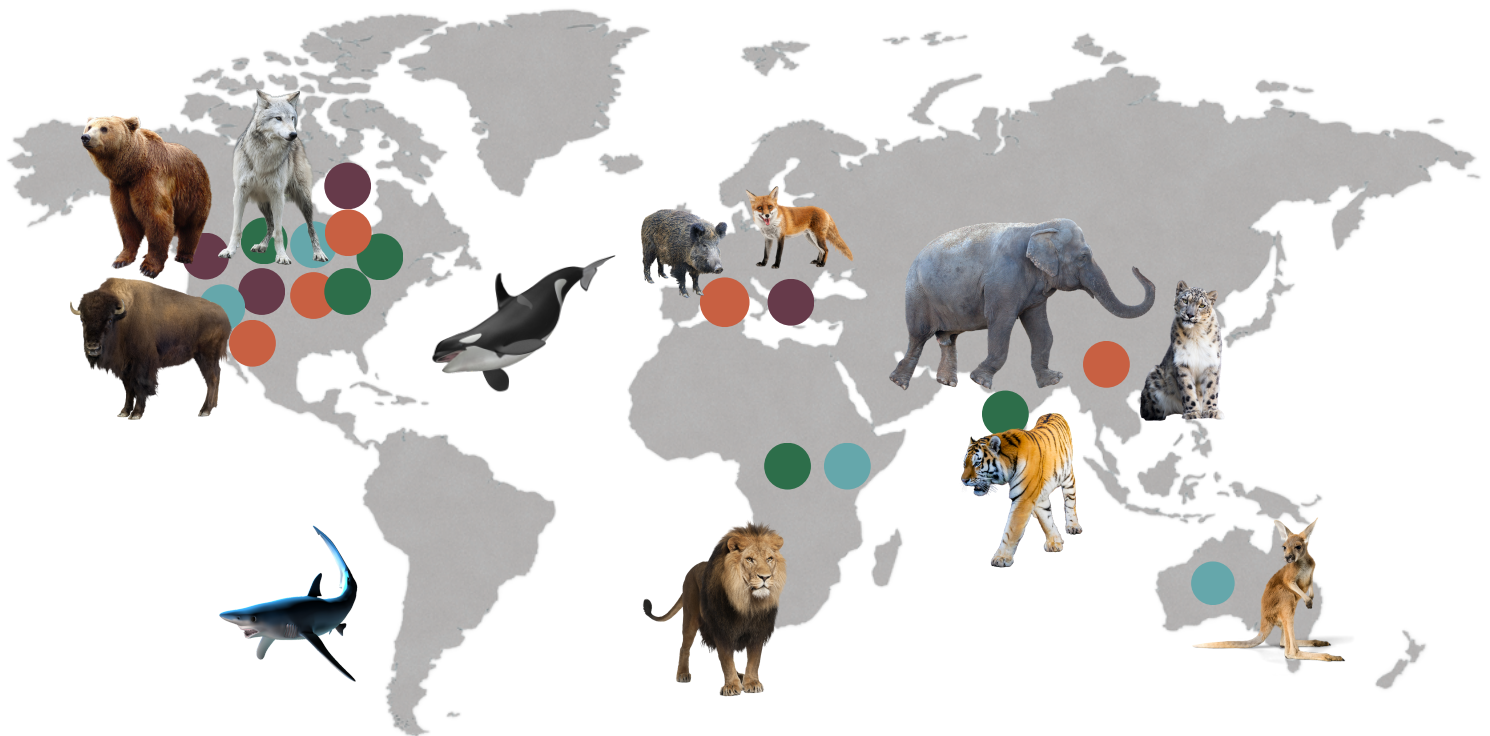
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International Coexistence Council

Eighteen of the world's top leaders in wildlife conservation from **Canada**, **USA**, **Africa**, **Nepal**, **India**, **Kenya**, **Spain**, **UK**, and **Australia**.





Board of Directors



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Executive Director
& Board President



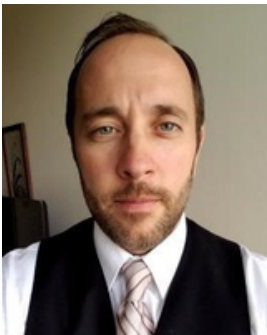
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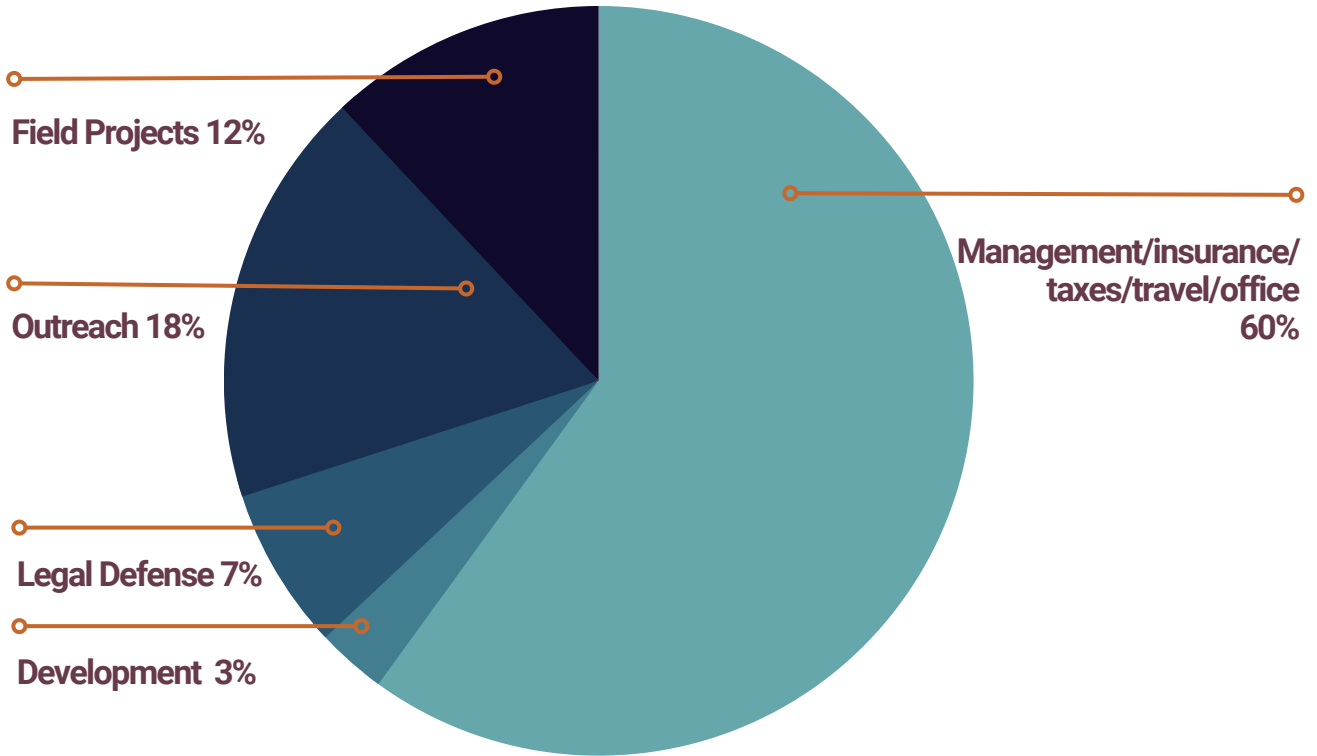


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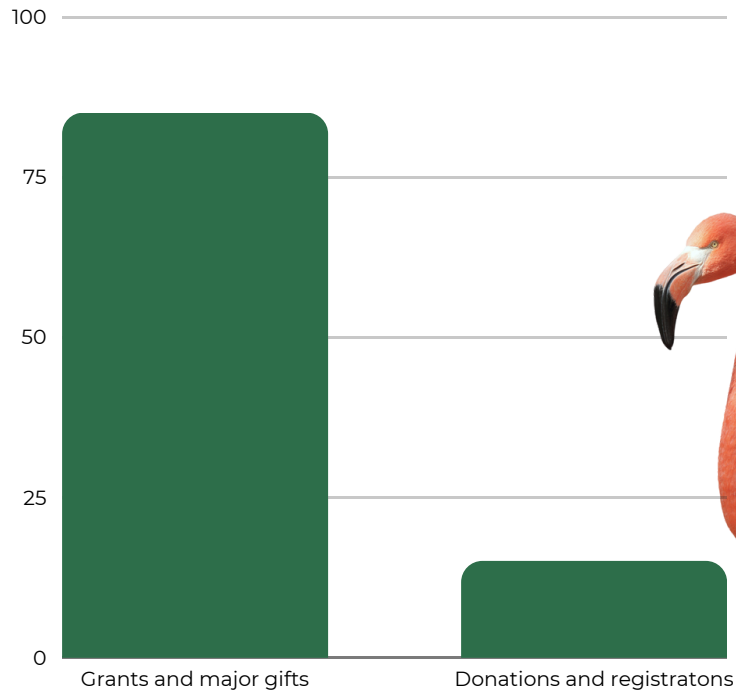




2022 Annual Expenses and Income



IWCN raised \$480,000 in 2022. Of this, 85% was donated through grants and major gifts and the remaining 15% was given through online donations, registrations, auction, and other types of support.





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Your financial support is key to our success in helping imperiled wildlife around the world. We can transform our relationship with Nature. With careful planning, it is possible for both wildlife and humans to coexist.

