

# THE GLOBAL REWILDING MOVEMENT: OUR COLLECTIVE IMPACT

Global Rewilding Movement Growth & Impact Report  
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# HOPE IS ESSENTIAL

## TURNING HOPE INTO REALITY MAKES ALL THE DIFFERENCE

What unites people and organizations of the rewilding movement is the understanding that our Planet needs naturalness and wild animals to return for humanity to survive and prosper. And both of these on a large scale.

What ties us 'rewilders' together is a powerful vision of such a world and the belief that it can be achieved much faster than one might think.

**Rewilding projects all over the world prove that it can be done, in fact that it is already happening now on every continent.**

This report is a testimony to some of the many rewilding achievements of the Global Rewilding Alliance network in recent years, mainly in 2022 and 2023. The results are impressive, but still only mirror a fraction of the nature comeback that the GRA partners are creating on the two million square kilometers that they are protecting and rewilding.

On large land/seascapes or small plots, in Africa, Asia, Australia, Europe, Latin America & North America, rewilding initiatives prove that it is in our hands.

**Key to all of this is a different understanding of our relationship with nature.** If we just give nature the space to prosper and evolve, if we allow the restoration of the beautiful, functional complexity of nature, then we will be rewarded with stability, resilience, the full array of ecosystem services, and a wonderful, rich, diverse and exciting planet.

We warmly invite you to give yourself time to read the many inspiring stories that we share here - you will be richly rewarded.

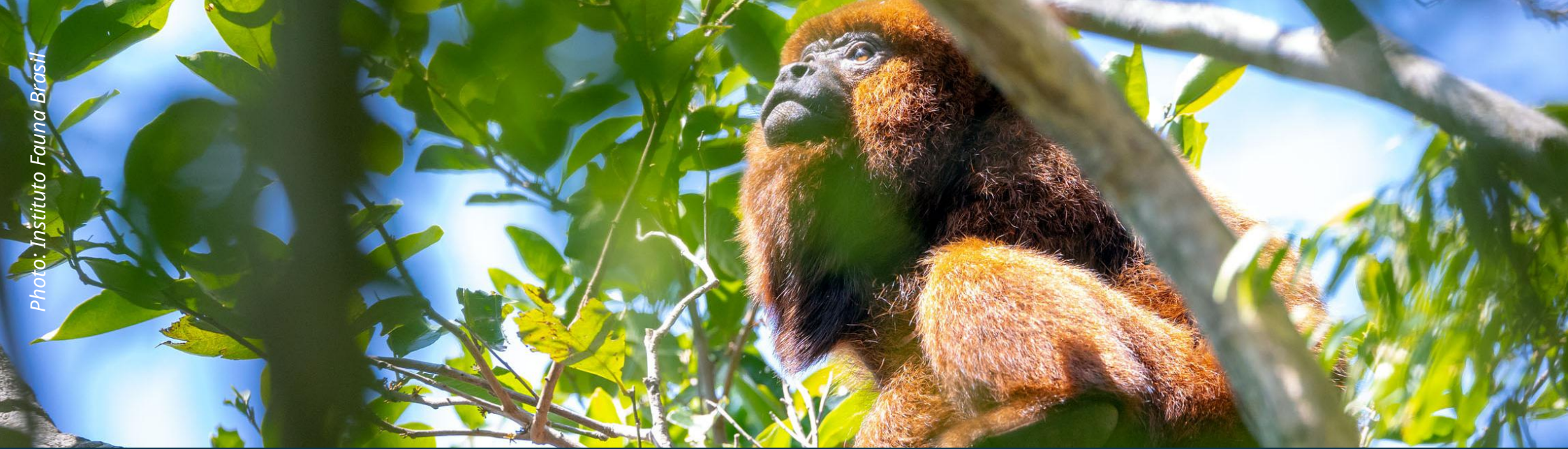


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The Global Rewilding Alliance is convening, connecting and enabling rewilders around the world, helping us all to **learn faster, overcome shared challenges, feel more connected, stay inspired** and work together to mainstream rewilding in science, policy and practice.

## We have four pillars to our work:

- Convene credible science
- Influence global policy
- Enable the global movement
- Engage the global public

If you're rewilding, we'd love to connect! Come and join us.

**Together, we can rewild the world.**

***Alister Scott***  
*Director of Communications and Outreach*  
*Global Rewilding Alliance*

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# 2024 WORLD REWILDING DAY

## TURNING HOPE INTO ACTION

After successfully planting the seed of #RewildingHope last year, we are now turning #HopeIntoAction.

In the Rewilding movement, hope is not some vague aspiration, it's a plan of action. This year's theme emphasises how **rewilders are taking action to bring nature roaring back**. Fuelled by hope, they see the possibility of a better world for people by helping nature to rebound and thrive.

**Rewilders are actively addressing the climate crisis and reducing fire, flood and drought – as well as reversing nature's decline.**

This report brings us together to celebrate the actions of the movement. Join us on this exciting journey filled with **captivating stories that celebrate nature's resilient comeback** and the far-reaching, often unforeseen, benefits that arise when we partner with nature.

**#HopeIntoAction**

**[GET INVOLVED HERE](#)**



Eastern Quoll study in Tasmania to understand the wild populations

Photo: WWF-Australia & Tasmanian Land Conservancy

AMAZING, ORDINARY, HOPEFUL PEOPLE  
ON EVERY CONTINENT, ARE AT THE HEART  
OF THE REWILDING MOVEMENT



Photo: Marcelo Mascareno, Rewilding Chile

# YOU ARE PART OF A GROWING GLOBAL MOVEMENT



## ABOUT GRA

The Global Rewilding Alliance is a worldwide membership organisation for rewilding organisations and those who are supporting the rewilding movement. We have Alliance Partners on every continent who are helping nature to heal itself and secure a thriving future for people, nature and planet.

**Our mission is to build and support the global rewilding movement and to mainstream rewilding in science, policy, and practice by 2030.** We're a good way there already!

We are mobilising the power of people working together everywhere to rewild the Earth.

Founded in early 2021, we are growing:  
**On average 1 new partner a week!**

**175+**  
**Alliance Partners**

**123+**  
**Countries Involved**

**200+**  
**Million Hectares**  
of land & seas being rewilded

# RESTORING NATURE'S BALANCE REQUIRES GLOBAL SUPPORT

We are building a global movement to bring rewilders from all corners of the world together.  
**Our goal is to ensure you feel inspired and connected, sharing purposes, celebrating successes, learning lessons, and exchanging good practice.**





# CONNECTING THE MOVEMENT



"As a new organization with meagre resources and an entire forest in urgent need of restoration, the more helping hands the better!

**Ferncliffe Forest Wilding was delighted to be put in touch with a youth-based group that works on water catchment health, called Operation Songamanzi - thanks to the GRA's contact list.**

They've already done a site visit and will send their volunteers to clear invasives like bamboo, and plant indigenous trees for World Rewilding Day and beyond."

*Janine Stephen and Connor Cullinan,  
Ferncliffe Forest Wilding*



Photo: Ferncliffe Forest Wilding & Operation Songamanzi

# REWILDING

is about restoring the web of life at all scales and in all places - from cities to the wildest places on the planet - by taking the long-term view, and embracing natural solutions to environmental, social and economic challenges.

By reversing the decline in biodiversity and ecosystem functions, **rewilding aims to re-create resilient, fully functioning ecosystems with all the ecosystem services they provide, for the benefit of local communities as well as nature, offering hope and inspiration for a sustainable future.**

Bringing practical hope, rewilding taps into nature's resilience and helps it heal itself, **unleashing rewilding's superpowers:**

## Rewilding Superpowers



Capturing carbon & mitigating climate change in an effective & cheap way



Rebuilding natural resilience against floods, droughts, wildfires & alien species



Creating new jobs & economic opportunities



Restoring the web of life: abundant wildlife and fully functional ecosystems



Reducing the risks of pandemics like COVID-19



Enhancing ecosystem services for clean water, fresh air, and thriving landscapes

# REESTABLISHING CONNECTIVITY

## REWILDING CHILE

Chile



In early 2022, the huemul, or South Andean deer, was identified as one of 20 **crucial species to lead global ecosystem restoration** by the scientific journal *Ecography*. As a landscape engineer, this robust and sturdy animal is key to the vast landscapes they roam. But, today, as few as 1,500 individual huemuls remain.

In response, Rewilding Chile, together with the Ministry of Agriculture, SAG, and CONAF launched the **National Huemul Corridor**, an ambitious public-private initiative. This strengthens huemul populations in key conservation areas of the Route of Parks of Patagonia and has the first Rescue and Rehabilitation Center for the species in the region of Aysen.

Despite the huemul being the priority, in the recovery of their population and distribution, many other species are benefitting too. As with everything in nature, it is all interconnected!

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"Respecting wildlife means repairing some of the damage we have caused. One way to do this is to restore corridors for crucial species such as the huemul."

*Kristine Tompkins, President of Tompkins Conservation  
& co-founder of Rewilding Chile*

[Learn more](#)

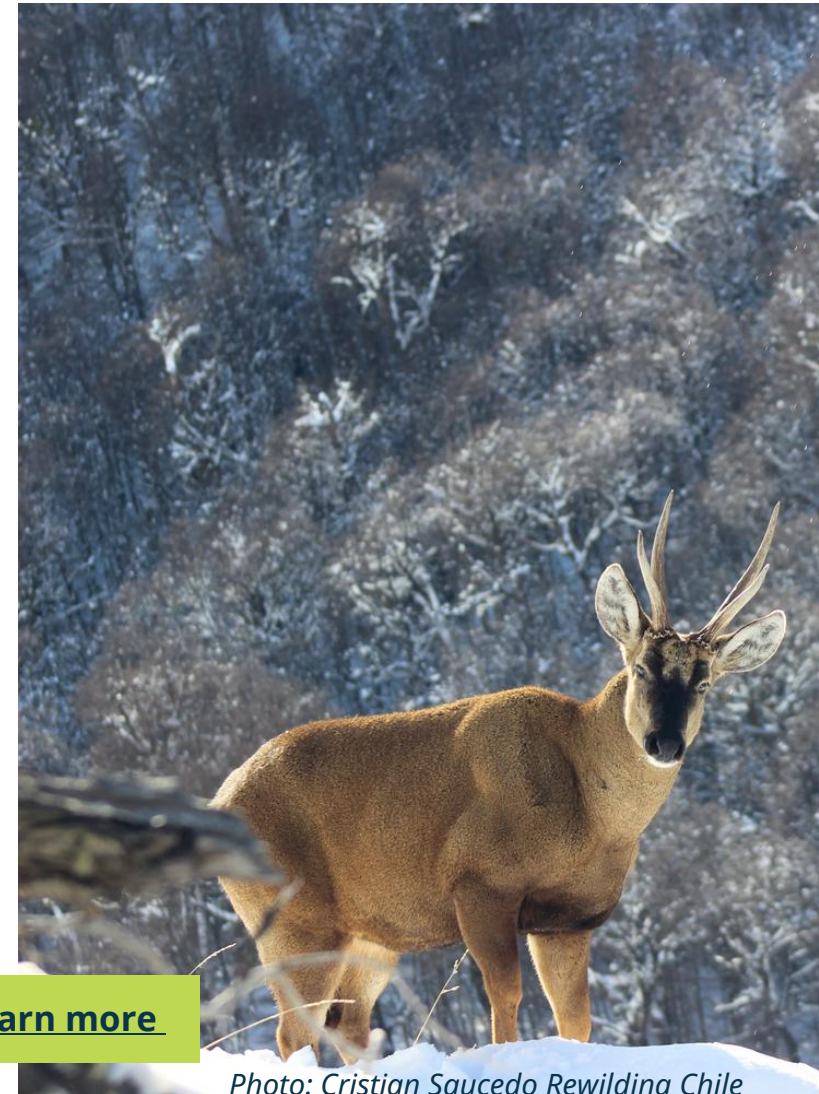


Photo: Cristian Saucedo Rewilding Chile

# 4 KEY REWILDING STRATEGIES



**Restoring Vibrant Habitats**  
Aiming for whole healthy ecosystems,  
not just a few species



**Involving Local & Indigenous Peoples**  
Working hand-in-hand with people and  
respectfully learning from mistakes and  
knowledge of the past



**Intervening Only When Necessary**  
Often, nature recovers fast and self-regulates  
when we allow



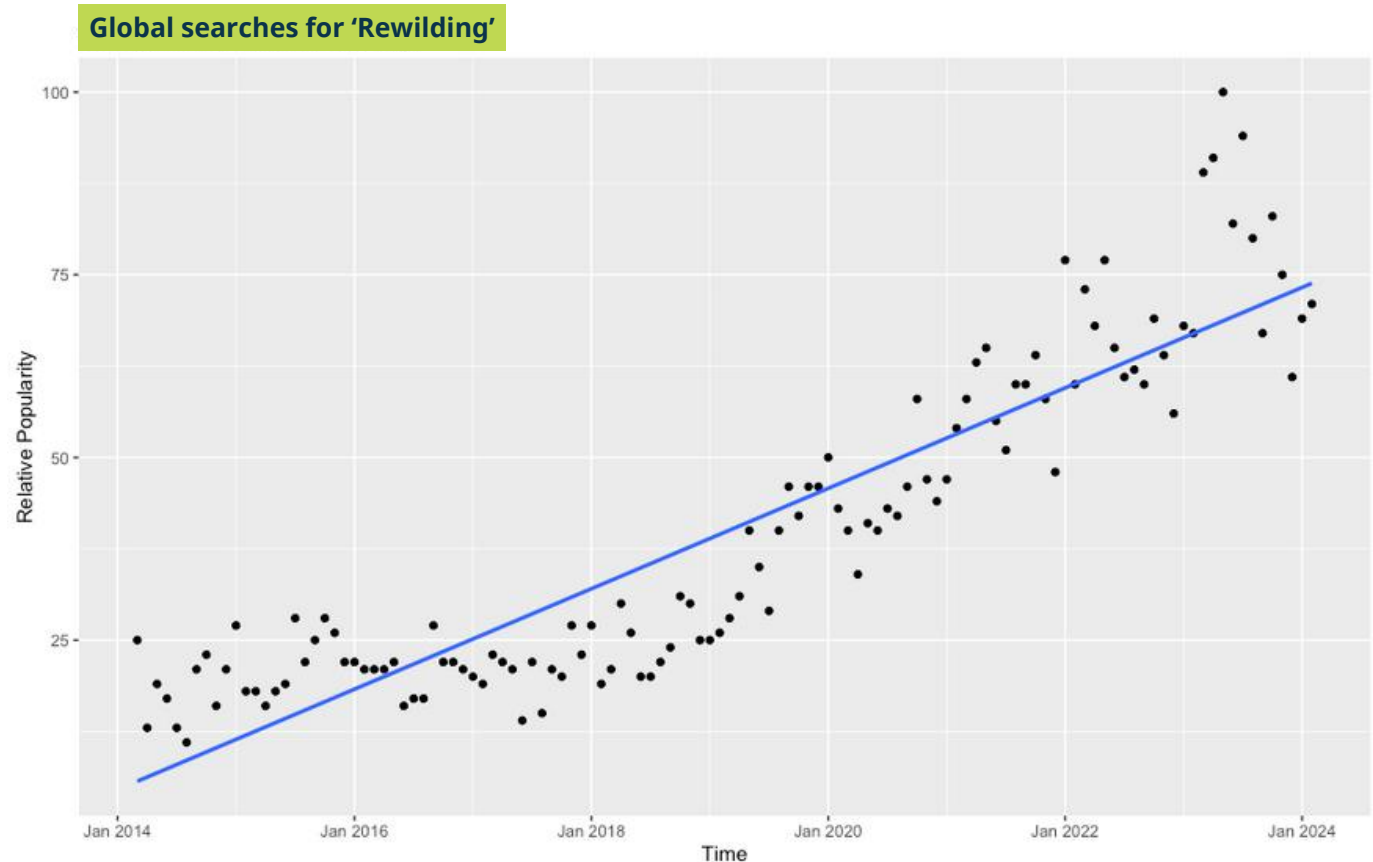
**Reintroducing Species**  
Rebuilding ecological interactions and restoring  
the balance within ecosystems only when they  
would not manage it on their own

# REWILDING IS GAINING POPULARITY

Our goal is for everyone, everywhere, to recognize rewilding as a beautiful, inspiring, hopeful, and, importantly, proactive, pragmatic and successful solution.

**The growing interest and curiosity worldwide for rewilding nature are clear signs that this proactive approach is feeding the growth of the movement.**

Data from Google searches points towards an ever-increasing popularity for search terms like 'Rewilding', showing how this movement is capturing more hearts and minds globally than ever before.





# A YEAR IN REVIEW

## Part One

Click on the photos to see more...

### March '23

Top journal **Nature Climate Change** publishes our paper: *Trophic rewilding can expand natural climate solutions*



### April '23

The release of **Wild Life** - film that documents Kris & Doug Tompkins' vision of a rewilded world



### May '23

**Platypus** return to New South Wales after being locally extinct for 50 years (WWF-Australia)



### June '23

On camera: mother-infant pairs of Eastern Lowland **Gorilla** spark hope for the species (GRACE - Re:wild)



### July '23

Mediterranean **Monk Seal**, the rarest seal species, returns to Corfu's caves (Conservation Collective)



### August '23

**Hyena** returns to Maputo National Park in Mozambique (Peace Parks Foundation)





Click on the photos to see more...

# A YEAR IN REVIEW

## Part Two

### September '23

**High Seas Treaty** signed at United Nations in historic step to protect & restore marine biodiversity



### October '23

**Sanctuary Asia** - India's most widely circulated wildlife magazine - publish a special issue on Rewilding, with GRA help



### November '23

**European Rewilding Coalition** created as rewilders join forces to scale up practical rewilding



### December '23

Bringing the elephant into the room at **COP28** - UNFCCC invites animals & nature to the table; 5 GRA side events



### January '24

Iberá's **Jaguar** populations grow to 20, after camera spots 2 new cubs (Rewilding Argentina)



### February '24

EU passes historic **Nature Restoration Law** - a global first in favour of nature's return



# REWILDERS ARE...

Click on the pictures for an example in action



Returning lost species to huge landscapes, offering new livelihoods for local people



Demonstrating how farmers can diversify their income in the face of climate change



Enabling landscapes to draw down carbon



Preventing fire and reducing air and water pollution



Re-creating natural flood plains to catch water from cloudburst, preventing flooding



Creating beautiful nature corridors that encourage people to walk and cycle



# HEATER OF HOPE

## WILDLIFE CONSERVATION TRUST



WCT was honoured with the  
**UNDP Mahatma Award for  
Biodiversity 2023 for the project**

The Wildlife Conservation Trust (WCT) addresses the complex challenges faced by communities living in and around forests. **These communities rely heavily on forests for their energy needs**, particularly through sustained fuelwood extraction, leading to forest degradation, impacting the region's water and ecological security, and economic development, and putting them at risk of encountering wildlife such as large carnivores.

WCT's large-scale socio-economic surveys in villages across Chandrapur District, Maharashtra, found that communities' dependence on firewood for water heating did not decrease despite the provision of cooking gas (LPG), continuing to put a strain on the surrounding forests. WCT initiated a project across 120 villages to provide an **innovative solution** catalysing the **adoption of efficient biomass-fuelled water heaters by families**.

- ✓ **11,458 households** have adopted biomass-fuelled water heaters
- ✓ 30% fewer visits to the forest per year, **reducing the risk of negative interactions with large carnivores**
- ✓ **Reduced exposure to smoke** compared to a traditional chulha
- ✓ **1.5 tonnes of CO2 emissions reduced** per year per household
- ✓ **70% lower consumption of firewood** in the target villages

[Watch 'Heater of Hope'](#)



Photo: Dr. Anish Ancheria



“One often thinks that big changes are achieved by important, out-of-the-ordinary people, with important means. **But sometimes, it only takes a few committed “normal” individuals, people like you and me, coming together to initiate change and achieve great things.**”

That’s how movements are borne, how paradigms shift. And it is precisely how a handful of small, committed communities in a vast remote region of central Mali have set in motion a wind of change, acting together to restore their natural environment, preserve their livelihoods and ensure the survival of a unique elephant population for the past 20 years.”

*Susan M. Canney, the Mali Elephant Project*

Read [“Making Space for Nature: Elephant Conservation in Mali as a Case Study in Sustainability”](#)

# CREATING CORES AND CORRIDORS FOR KOALAS

## THE GREAT EASTERN RANGES



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“I am reminded of **the power of collective effort and the need for people to be at the heart of the solutions** to the many seemingly insurmountable challenges we face in Australia and around the world.”

*Gary Howling, CEO of The Great Eastern Ranges (GER)*

Since the devastating Black Summer bushfires that seared through 24 million hectares of eastern Australia between 2019-2020, GER and WWF-Australia have been working to **restore and connect critical habitat for the koala and other forest-dependent native animals.**

Through Cores, Corridors and Koalas, GER's regional partners are engaging local landholders and communities across four landscapes in efforts that have **expanded and reconnected habitat on properties across 40,000 hectares.**

From the planting of food and habitat trees to the removal of barriers to wildlife movement, these complementary activities create corridors of effort that link up each landscape. This enables **greater movement of wildlife, improves gene flow and provides animals with the space they need to shift and adapt** in response to rapidly changing conditions and food supplies.

By putting **people at the heart** of the solution, this initiative is resulting in positive impacts at the scale that nature and communities need to heal and thrive.

[Learn more](#)

# LOOKING BACK AT 2023



## REWILDING HOPE

World Rewilding Day 2023. People around the world made films, launched books, held events and sent messages of hope to their communities. Together we are building a movement that is turning hope into reality.

MARCH '23

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## NATURE CLIMATE CHANGE

This top scientific journal published *Trophic rewilding can expand natural climate solutions* that outlines the value to climate mitigation of rewilding 9 species of animals and animal groups at scale - a new scientific field called 'animating the carbon cycle' (ACC). We show that this is probably among the best climate solutions available. The story went around the world, translated into 12 languages in over 100 mainstream outlets.

MAY '23

## JOINT LETTER...

...to the CBD Secretariat outlining the opportunity provided by addressing climate and biodiversity through ACC.

SEPT '23

OCT '23

## REWILDING AT COP28

An Open letter to Parties to the UNFCCC, the IPCC, & Multilateral Agencies: "Protecting and restoring wildlife populations is one of our best nature-based solutions to combat climate change", signed by 23 organizations. Rewilding was the focus of at least 4 side events with a range of partners.

## SANCTUARY ASIA MAGAZINE

This special issue on rewilding brings together inspiring stories from the global rewilding movement in a 100-page tapestry, educating, uplifting and inspiring!

NOV/DEC '23

## IPBES REPORT ON INVASIVE ALIEN SPECIES

The report reveals an estimated \$420bn in societal costs caused by invasive species, but rewilding is found as a practical solution: *Trophic rewilding as a nature-based solution counteracts dominance of plant invasion.*



# SPECIAL REWILDING EDITION SANCTUARY ASIA

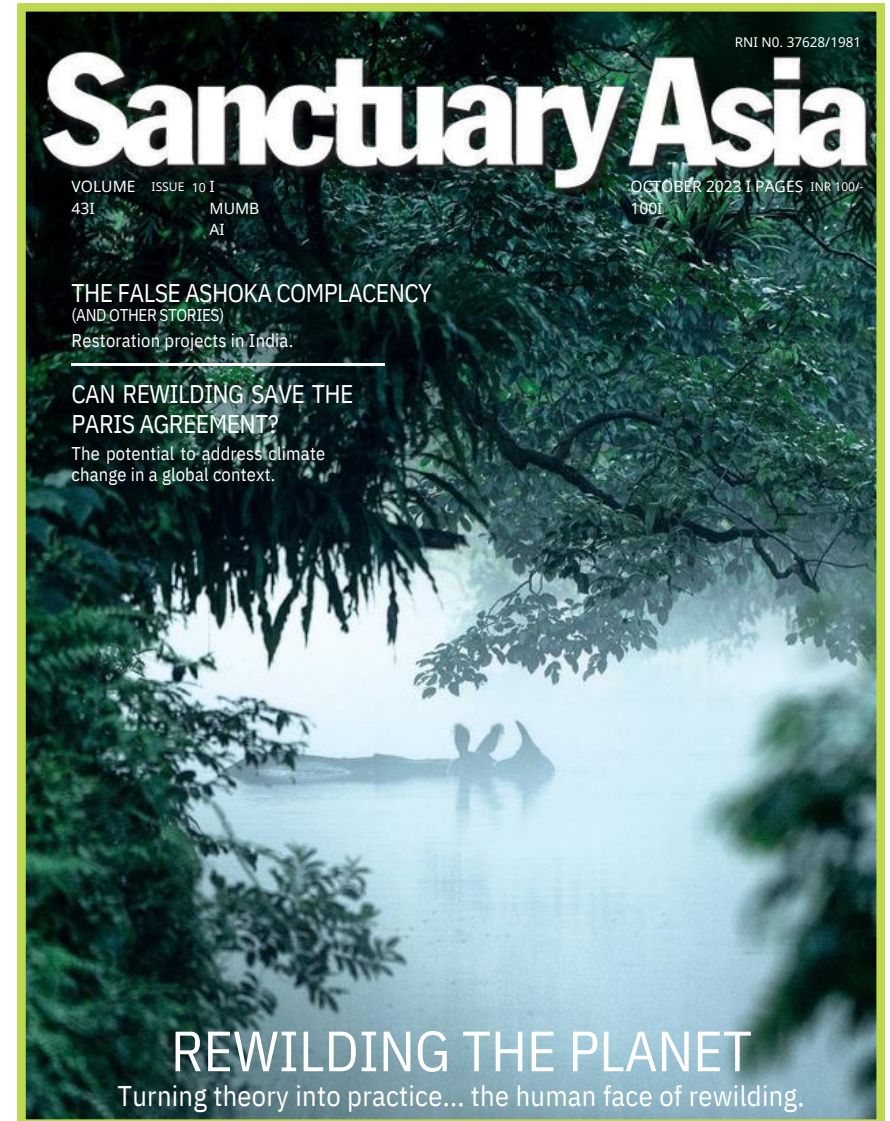
This beautiful 100-page edition of India's most widely circulated wildlife magazine **brings together inspiring stories** from the global rewilding movement.

“The ancient Hindu text the Rig Veda spoke of our dependence on nature a millennia ago.

Never has Homo sapiens so desperately needed to **unite in defence of our biosphere**. Between Sanctuary's covers, a host of solutions have been offered to tackle our self-inflicted climate woes, prime among them being the **imperative of restoring natural ecosystems and the biodiversity** from whence we and the elephant in the room sprang.

Why are we waiting?”

*Bittu Sahgal, Editor Sanctuary Asia*



# 12 PRINCIPLES OF REWILDING

The ecosphere is based on relationships

Letting nature lead

Recalling ecological history and acting in context

Making hopeful stories come to life

Working at nature's scale

Evidence-based adaptive management

Embracing natural solutions and thinking creatively

Taking the long view

Public/private collaboration

Protecting the best, rewilding the rest

Building local economies

Working together for the good of ourselves and nature

From the [Global Charter for Rewilding the Earth](#),  
the Global Rewilding Alliance's founding document

# HISTORIC GRIZZLY BEAR RETURN

## AMERICAN PRAIRIE



United States



In a groundbreaking discovery, **an American Prairie employee stumbled across grizzly bear tracks** along the Judith River on the PN property in early October 2023. This rare find was later substantiated via images captured on a camera trap several weeks later. Significantly, this event marks **the first verified instance of a grizzly bear in the Missouri River Breaks in nearly a century.**



“Restoring the role of large carnivores in this ecosystem has been part of the American Prairie mission since the organization was founded more than 20 years ago. Bears are returning on their own. **The work of rewilding is to provide them with healthy habitat when they get here, and our priority is to keep people and property safe** in order to keep grizzlies out of trouble.”

*Danny Kinka, Senior Wildlife Restoration Manager*



Photos: American Prairie

Additionally, the organization is implementing a conflict mitigation strategy that includes securing attractants, implementing electric fences, adding bear boxes to campsites, promoting awareness, providing staff with bear spray and training, supporting neighboring ranches with range riders, and advancing programs like Wild Sky that aligns private landowners in key wildlife corridors on shared management goals for greater wildlife tolerance.

**The return of grizzly bears to American Prairie is a testament to the positive impact of rewilding initiatives and community involvement.**

## POSITIVE, PROACTIVE & AMBITIOUS FOR NATURE

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“Being part of the rewilding movement represents hope for a brighter future and brings me immense joy.

I've been involved in taking care of 3 small wild cats, preparing them for release into nature. Witnessing these animals returning to wild nature is an incredible experience of love. It has improved my skills to be a better person.

I can't explain how I felt...This is rewilding!”

*Jossyellen Becher, Felinos do Aguai*



# LOST SPECIES FOUND

## RE:WILD



In 2017, Re:wild started a global quest to find the **most wanted lost species** in collaboration with more than 100 experts from the IUCN Species Survival Commission's specialist groups.

The Search for Lost Species covers 160 countries, looking for 4,300 plants, animals and fungi that have been lost to science for at least 10 years—sometimes hundreds of years.

Since then, Team Re:wild has found TWELVE.  
**All is not lost. We can protect and restore our planet.**

[Find out more here](#)

**Fagilde's Trapdoor Spider**

SCIENTIFIC NAME: *NEMESIA BERLANDI*  
 LAST SEEN: BEFORE 1931 IN PORTUGAL  
 YEAR FOUND: TBD  
 YEARS LOST: 92  
 RED LIST STATUS: NOT EVALUATED.

**De Winton's Golden Mole**

SCIENTIFIC NAME: *CRYPTOCHLORIS WINTONI*  
 LAST SEEN: 1936 IN SOUTH AFRICA  
 YEAR FOUND: 2023  
 YEARS LOST: 87  
 RED LIST STATUS: CRITICALLY ENDANGERED.

**Attenborough's Long-beaked Echidna**

SCIENTIFIC NAME: *ZALGLOSSUS ATTENBOROUGHII*  
 LAST SEEN: 1961 IN INDONESIA  
 YEAR FOUND: 2023  
 YEARS LOST: 62  
 RED LIST STATUS: CRITICALLY ENDANGERED

**Pernambuco Holly**

SCIENTIFIC NAME: *ILEX BAPIFORMIS*  
 LAST SEEN: 1838 IN BRAZIL  
 YEAR FOUND: 2023  
 YEARS LOST: 185  
 RED LIST STATUS: CRITICALLY ENDANGERED

**Jackson's Climbing Salamander**

SCIENTIFIC NAME: *BOLITOGLOSSA JACKSONI*  
 LAST SEEN: 2017 IN GUATAMALA  
 YEAR FOUND: 2017  
 YEARS LOST: 42  
 RED LIST STATUS: CRITICALLY ENDANGERED.

**Wallace's Giant Bee**

SCIENTIFIC NAME: *MEGACHILE PLUTO*  
 LAST SEEN: 1981  
 YEAR FOUND: 2019  
 YEARS LOST: 38  
 RED LIST STATUS: VULNERABLE

**Velvet Pitcher Plant**

SCIENTIFIC NAME: *NEPENTHES MULLIS*  
 LAST SEEN: 2019  
 YEAR FOUND: 2019  
 YEARS LOST: 101  
 RED LIST STATUS: DATA DEFICIENT.

**Silver-backed Chevrotain**

SCIENTIFIC NAME: *TRAGULUS VERSICOLOR*  
 LAST SEEN: 2019  
 YEAR FOUND: 2019  
 YEARS LOST: 28  
 RED LIST STATUS: DATA DEFICIENT

**Somali Sengi**

SCIENTIFIC NAME: *ELEPHANTULUS REVOILII*  
 LAST SEEN: 2020  
 YEAR FOUND: 2020  
 YEARS LOST: AT LEAST 91  
 RED LIST STATUS: DATA DEFICIENT

**Fernandina Galápagos Tortoise**

SCIENTIFIC NAME: *CHELONODIS PHANTASTICUS*  
 LAST SEEN: 2019  
 YEAR FOUND: 2019  
 YEARS LOST: 113  
 RED LIST STATUS: CRITICALLY ENDANGERED.

**Sierra Leone Crab**

SCIENTIFIC NAME: *AFRITHELPHUSA LEONENSIS*  
 LAST SEEN: 1955 IN WEST AFRICA  
 YEAR FOUND: 2021  
 YEARS LOST: 66.

**Voeltzkow's Chameleon**

SCIENTIFIC NAME: *FURCIFER VOELTZKOWI*  
 LAST SEEN: 2020  
 YEAR FOUND: 2020  
 YEARS LOST: 107  
 RED LIST STATUS: NOT EVALUATED.

# PUTTING BISON ON THE MAP

## REWILDING EUROPE

From the brink of extinction in 1924 with only 54 left alive, all in captivity, **the European bison has made a remarkable comeback.**

With Rewilding Europe's own rewilding efforts making a contribution, European bison populations are being put back on the map: in the Carpathian Mountains, the Rhodope Mountains and many more places via the European Rewilding Network.

These rewilding efforts are helping the return of natural densities in key ecosystems, while preparing new areas for the species to expand into. In the last 10 years, the number of free-roaming European bison has increased from just over 2500 to around 7000 individuals.

As a **keystone species**, European bison play a vital role in **benefiting local nature** by creating habitats suitable for other grazers, small mammals, birds, and invertebrates. As Europe's largest living land mammal, they are shaping landscapes, bringing wide-ranging benefits across the entire region.

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“In the Southern Carpathians the presence of these huge herbivores benefits nearly 600 species of animals and 200 species of plants. This clearly demonstrates why **long-term European bison conservation**, involving the establishment of genetically viable populations, is so important.”

*Marina Drugă, Southern Carpathians Team Leader*

[Learn more](#)



# PROTECTING OUR WORLD'S OCEANS FOR PEOPLE & PLANET



“...There's something really magic here that brings many people together, especially in our team.

We're many women and there is such a special energy that builds up, that inspires me every day to be here and to fight for the ocean, to make a better world and, above all, to bring back the magic of being connected among us, with ourselves, and with the wild”

*Diana Friedrich, Parks & Communities Coordinator of the Patagonia Azul project*

# REVIVING GIANTS: THE ANTEATER'S RETURN

## REWILDING ARGENTINA

**A giant anteater has been spotted in Brazil 130 years after going locally extinct.** Experts believe that it dispersed from a growing population reintroduced by Rewilding Argentina in Iberá park, a project over 100km from the sighting and whose benefits are already being observed beyond the limits of the park and Argentina. This brings hope for the recovery of this large mammal.

Fábio Mazin, Brazilian biologist, discovered this surprise while reviewing hours of camera trap footage for a wildlife survey in Espinilho State Park. **The last thing that he was expecting to see was a species that had gone extinct in that area over a century ago!**

This news is a perfect opportunity to celebrate the inspiring work of Rewilding Argentina, offspring of Tompkins Conservation, who first reintroduced the Giant Anteaters to Iberá park in 2007. Since then, the program has rescued 143 and released 112 giant anteaters. Several generations **now happily inhabit the wetlands**, with at least 105 giant anteater pups having been registered in the wild.

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Ibera went from a place of massive defaunation to abundance. Rewilding multiple species is making it once again a functional ecosystem. We hope that these results are inspiring for rewilding initiatives everywhere.”

*Sebastian Di Martino, director of conservation for Rewilding Argentina,*

[Learn more](#)



Photos: Rewilding Argentina





"Our custom is to look after the animals, they're our totems. The country and animals are one - by healing the country, we heal the animals and we heal ourselves.

It's good to get on Country, to where our ancestors are. This work is good for my people. It's not the money, we do it for the love and the feeling. The opportunity to work together as a family on country is good."

*Peter Cavanagh  
Casino Boolangle Local Aboriginal Land Council ranger  
Working with The Great Eastern Ranges*

# A FRESH RECORD

## BUSH HERITAGE

Last year, researchers made an **exciting and unexpected freshwater discovery** at Reedy Creek Reserve, Bailai, Gooreng Gooreng, Gurang and Taribelang Bunda Country, Queensland!

Not far from the reserve's forest boardwalk in the tannin-stained, knee-deep water, a freshwater survey revealed an undescribed crayfish species from the genus *Tenuibranchiurus*. What began as the team's effort to better understand the reserve's freshwater inhabitants ended in **the discovery of a fresh record of a rare species**.

Previously, only one of the species in this genus had been formally described, and it was found significantly further south. This record highlighted the urgent need to protect this region's ecosystems that are threatened by growing tourism and development.

Swimming among the Eastern Rainbow Fish, Olive Perchlet, and Spangled Perch, these crayfish will help to **secure further protection of this unique waterway in the future**.

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“Bush Heritage is the incredible organisation that it is today thanks to all that have come before us, and those whose commitment remains unwavering to this very day.”

*Rachel Lowry, CEO of Bush Heritage*

[Learn more](#)

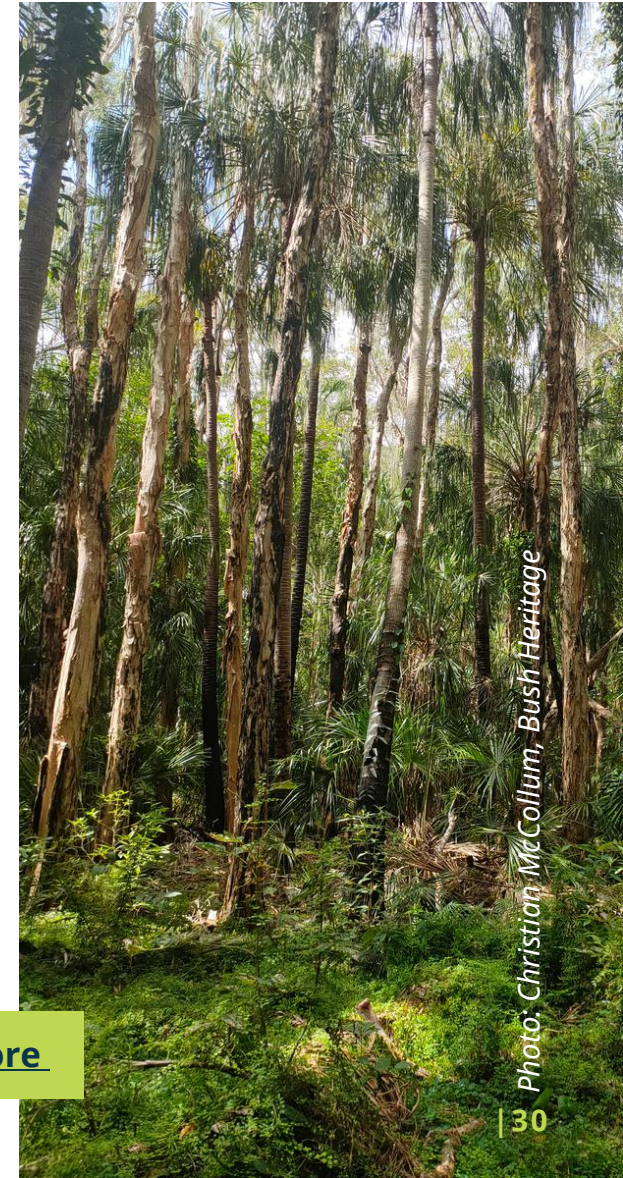


Photo: Christian McCollum, Bush Heritage

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To restore stability to our planet, we must restore its biodiversity, the very thing that we've removed. It's the only way out of this crisis we've created – we must rewild the world.

*Sir David Attenborough  
"A Life on Our Planet"*



# A REMARKABLE RHINO TRANSLOCATION

## PEACE PARKS FOUNDATION



Mozambique



Photo: Peace Parks Foundation

[Learn more](#)

The magnificent rhino is a key part of the ecosystem in Zinave National Park, but had been locally extinct for over four decades. In response, Peace Parks and partners brought about a **landmark road translocation** to bring them back.

With individuals weighing in at two tonnes each, this **keystone species** are not the easiest to transport in rewilding efforts. Despite the many challenges, to date, Peace Parks brought about **one of the largest wildlife relocation efforts ever undertaken in Africa** – 25 white and 12 black rhinos were reintroduced to Zinave National Park, along with thousands of animals from 28 other species.

Since settling into their home in Zinave, four new white baby rhinos have been born, amongst them is the first born and conceived in the park, marking a truly impactful milestone in Zinave. They are the **first of the new generation** that will re-establish populations in their native range, following on the heels of the healthy, reproducing founder herds.

As a result of years of work with the Government of Mozambique and partners to protect, restore and develop Zinave National Park, the park has transformed into the ecosystem it is today, where Rhinos can thrive. This radical change is a testament to enormous **collaborative efforts between rewilders who have decided to partner with nature.**

**This rewilding success is further evidence that when given the opportunity, nature will rebound with incredible abundance and often surprising speed.**





“For me, Iberá is my identity. I mean, I wouldn't be who I am if I hadn't been born in this place... It is a place where we find ourselves living with all this wildlife, and not just living with it but taking care of and conserving it”

*Diana Frete,  
Vice Mayor and Cultural Agent of Colonia Carlos Pellegrini  
a key partner in the local community for Rewilding Argentina*



**Large Carnivore Monitoring informs policy**  
- Wildlife Conservation Trust

The Large Carnivore Monitoring Project in Central India preserves biodiversity through a five-year commitment, protecting 8,778 sq. km. of forestland.

**70 km elephant-proof fence protects elephants & humans**  
- Peace Parks Foundation

Human-wildlife conflict has since reduced by over 90% at Vwaza Marsh Wildlife Reserve in Malawi.

**Virtual fencing reduces wildlife roadkill**

- Great Eastern Ranges & WWF-Australia

A virtual fence (using technology rather than physical fences) along the New South Wales South Coast has drastically reduced wildlife roadkill from 5 kangaroos and wallabies a week to 5 in 8 months.

**REWILDING SUCCESSES AROUND THE WORLD**



**Global amphibian assessment**  
- Re:wild

Lasting 8 years and engaging 1000+ experts, Re:wild assessed 8000+ amphibian species, providing valuable insight for future conservation.



**Cinereous vulture milestone**  
- Rewilding Europe

The release of 14 cinereous vultures in 2022 and another 13 in 2023, contributes to reinforcing the natural cycle of life and biodiversity.



**Friends of the Parks**  
- Rewilding Chile

The Friends of the Parks Program fosters environmental education, local identity, and economic development around Chile's national parks.

**Peninsula Mitre protection law**  
- Rewilding Argentina

A successful 30-year effort has achieved legislation to protect the Peninsula Mitre and its surrounding sea—an essential carbon sink.

**£400,619 to rewilding projects**  
- Rewilding Britain

The Rewilding Innovation Fund continues to support initiatives that promote biodiversity and rewilding across the UK.

\*these successes reflect mostly the years 2022-2023

# BRINGING IT TO THE CITIES

More than half of the human population lives in cities. Here are some examples of what the rewilding movement is doing to bring nature back to urban spaces for **people and planet!**



## REWILDING THE EARTH PODCAST

Episode 112: The Importance of Rethinking Urban Design to Rewilding Projects Everywhere, published by The Rewilding Institute.

## BEAVERS RETURN TO LONDON

Beavers return to several parts of London for the first time in 400 years, supported by the Mayor's Rewild London Fund. Mayor Khan commits another £1m to rewilding on World Rewilding Day 2023 and he and Mayor Plante of Montreal launch the Urban Rewilding report in May 2023.



## C40 CITIES: A POWERFUL URBAN ALLIANCE

A global network of mayors of the world's leading cities that are united in action to confront the climate crisis. Watch this space for an announcement!



## Darwin's rhea population expands - Rewilding Chile

This is the fourth generation to be released in Patagonia National Park in order to enrich the genetic diversity of existing populations and prevent the species from becoming locally extinct.

## Flourishing habitat & new neighbours - American Prairie

An additional 7,000 acres of habitat for an array of prairie and wetland bird species, bordering & partnering with the Aaniiih Nakoda community.



## Contributing to wild science - Bush Heritage

23 scientific papers published, from 46 research projects.

## Drawing down vast amounts of carbon Peace Parks Foundation

A total of 313,800,000 tonnes of manageable carbon are currently under improved management.

# REWILDING SUCCESSES AROUND THE WORLD

## Rare lizards returning in abundance - Re:wild

In Anguilla, the population of the Sombrero Ground Lizard, a Critically Endangered species, increased from fewer than 100 (2018) to over 1,100 (2022)

## The Bees Knees - Peace Parks Foundation

First 1,150 beehives distributed in the Simalaha Community Conservancy to 215 community members who were trained in apiculture in 2021.



## Understanding Indian pangolins - Wildlife Conservation Trust

Currently monitoring 11 wild and rehabilitated Indian pangolins using radio-telemetry, contributing to the understanding of this elusive species.



## Return of wild rivers - Rewilding Europe

84 dams in four rewilding landscapes are being prepared for removal in the coming 10 years, freeing up at least 500 km of river



# COMMUNITY IMPACT

**People, local communities and indigenous peoples** are at the forefront of the rewilding movement. We often focus on the ecological benefits of rewilding projects, but here we tilt the focus to community engagement and people that remain at the core of most initiatives.



## **THE MASAI ENONKISHU CONSERVANCY**

Community led conservation, looking after the heritage, people and the natural resources of an increasingly fragile ecosystem on the edge of the Mara Serengeti Ecosystem, Kenya.

## **PLANET INDONESIA**

Community-led governance to conserve at-risk ecosystems. Currently 69 governance institutions across the Indonesian Archipelago through partnerships.



## **CONSERVE GLOBAL**

Builds strong local institutions with robust governance, capacity and financial resilience to protect natural landscapes beyond national parks.

# 12TH WORLD WILDERNESS CONGRESS



**Protecting the biosphere at a planetary scale is difficult, requiring coordination and action globally.**

Since 1976, the World Wilderness Congress has helped nature defenders from around the world gather to develop new strategies and actions for our wild Earth. Organised by GRA founding partner The Wild Foundation, who say:

“Opportunities are few and far between to meet and work together across cultures and boundaries. This is why the global community of environmental activists needs you to attend the next World Wilderness Congress!

We invite you to **join WILD12, the next gathering of the World Wilderness Congress to be a part of a historic moment** when wilderness is reinterpreted through the lens of traditional cultures, rooting Indigenous principles and lifeways at the center of the movement to keep Earth wild.”

**Host:** The Sicangu Lakota Treaty Council

**Date:** August 25th - 31st 2024

**Location:** The Black Hills held at [The Monument in Rapid City, South Dakota](#)

[Learn more](#)



# REWILDING NARRATIVES

Rewilding has the power to shift the narrative about humanity's relationship with nature.

Here are some ways in which we're putting this into action.

“We need to **move away from an anxiety narrative and work towards an empowerment narrative** - that engages and mobilises people to care and take positive action”

*Frans Schepers, Rewilding Europe*

In 2023 we created the **Global Rewilding Communicators Network**; in 2024, we'll be building this through a series of events where we get to know each other, learn new skills, and support each other's comms efforts.

## CAPTURE HEARTS & MIND

We produce credible scientific evidence on rewilding AND we know that big change only happens when human hearts are moved.

## FOCUS ON TODAY

We talk in the present tense: successful rewilding is happening now! We show the patient work that rewilders do and how quickly nature can recover.

## BRING US TOGETHER

We come together as a movement around our 'shared purpose beyond self' - to mainstream rewilding globally in science, policy and practice. Our focus is “we” and us”.

## AVOID DOOM & GLOOM

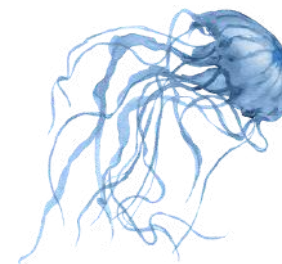
We try to avoid re-traumatising our audiences with more bad news; after all, in the rewilding movement, we've got so much good news to share!

## PLACE PEOPLE AT THE CORE

We connect, collaborate, and lift each other up, sharing good practice and supporting each other's initiatives in the generous spirit of a united global movement.

## CREATE POWERFUL FRAMING

We create powerful 'frames' such as 'empty forests', 'rewigging rivers' and 'rewilding hope' - that convey our messages in powerful, simple, sticky ways.



For more good practices on rewilding communications:  
**“Talk Like a Human”**  
**Study: Climate change & behavioral science**



“Being a part of the global rewilding movement is a privilege since it allows us, through the actions we develop in Chile, to have a wider impact and to reach a wider audience. At the same time, there is a great responsibility.

Being an agent of change and inspiring rewilding to be implemented and become part of everyday actions allows us to be hopeful, be optimistic and believe that it is possible to reverse some of the damage we have caused to nature and ultimately to ourselves.”

*Cristián Saucedo, Wildlife Director at Rewilding Chile*



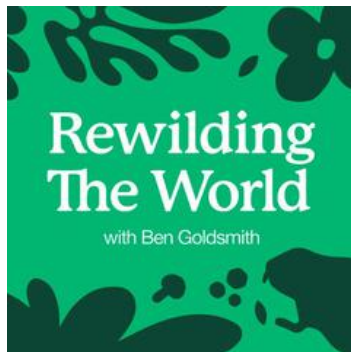
# WILD RESOURCES



Keep up to date with [Global Rewilding News on YouTube](#) where we bring you uplifting, hopeful, inspiring stories from rewilders all around the world.

Tune in for 5-10 min episodes packed with the **latest rewilding action!**

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Launched a year ago on World Rewilding Day 2023, Ben Goldsmith has since taken us on an uplifting storytelling journey from the Carpathian Mountains to Florida's Everglades, delving into the complexities of **reintroducing apex predators, breaking down dams and turning deserts green**. [Dive into the podcast here!](#)

**“Exciting and dramatic”**: dive into a world of people who are preventing extinction and even risking their own lives to protect the coexistence of wild species and local communities.

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**Conservation news - Environmental science and conservation news**

Environmental science and conservation news

 [mongabay.com](http://mongabay.com)



**Rewilding Successes**

Inspiring stories about nature's rebounding from all corners of the Earth

 [Rewilding Successes](#)

# LIST OF ALLIANCE PARTNERS

## AFRICA

- Adam Foundation
- African Conservation Foundation
- Cheetah Conservation Fund
- Conserve Global
- Distant Object Films
- Elgon Wildlife Conservation / Endangered Wildlife Conservation Organisation
- Endangered Wildlife Trust
- Enonkishu Conservancy
- Ferncliffe
- Great Plains Conservation
- Mali Elephant Project
- MKAAJI MPYA asbl
- Natural Capital Foundation
- One Nature Films
- Operation Songamanzi Youth Movement
- Peace Parks Foundation
- Rewild Africa
- Rewilding Southern Africa Magazine
- Rwenzori Founders
- Save The Elephants
- SOS Biodiversity
- Wilderness Foundation Africa and Wilderness Foundation Global
- Wilderness Foundation UK
- Wilderness Leadership School

## ASIA

- Action for Protection of Wild Animals (APOWA)
- Balipara Foundation
- Bamboo Forest
- Chinese Felid Conservation Alliance
- Dusty Foot Foundation
- Edhkwehlynawd Botanical Refuge Centre Trust
- IamGurgaon
- India Climate Collaborative
- Junglescapes
- Nityata River Otter Conservancy
- Pakistan Environment Trust
- Planet Indonesia
- Raintree Foundation
- Sanctuary Asia
- SEE Foundation
- SNHC India - Society of Nature Healers, Conservators and Local Tourism Development
- Tata Trusts
- TOF Tigers
- Trees of Delhi
- Walk for water
- Wild Wonders of China
- Wildlife Conservation Trust
- Wildlife Trust of India
- Yellow Sea Wetland Institute

# LIST OF ALLIANCE PARTNERS

## EUROPE

- ARK Nature Foundation
- Beaver Trust
- Bunloit rewilding
- Carpathia European Wilderness Reserve
- Citizen Zoo - Rewilding our Future
- CreditNature Ltd
- Deutsche Umwelthilfe
- Dunsany Nature Reserve
- Embercombe retreat centre
- European Wilderness Society
- Heal Rewilding
- Highland Boundary distillery
- Highlands Rewilding
- Irish Trees
- Kent Wildlife Trust
- Knepp Wildland Foundation
- Menorca Preservation Trust
- Miljoinformation ab
- Nattergal
- Our Seas
- Pleistocene & Permafrost Foundation non-profit UG
- Real Wild Estates
- Rewilding Britain
- Rewilding Europe
- Rewilding Oder Delta
- Rewilding Portugal
- Rewilding Sweden
- Scotland The Big Picture
- Terra Institute
- The European Nature Trust
- Trees for Life
- True Nature Foundation
- Whole Wild World
- Wild Europe
- Wild Wonders of Europe
- Wildland Research Institute, Leeds University
- Youngwilders
- ZERO - Associação Sistema Terrestre Sustentável

## OCEANIA

- Bush Heritage Australia
- For The Love of Wildlife
- Gondwana Link
- Great Eastern Ranges
- Human Nature Projects
- Jane Goodall Institute Australia
- People and Parks Foundation
- Rewilding Australia
- South Endeavour Trust
- The Great Eastern Ranges
- The Forktree Project
- Wilderness Australia (formerly Colong Wilderness)

## MIDDLE EAST

- AIUIa
- Atazis

# LIST OF ALLIANCE PARTNERS

## NORTH AMERICA

- Adirondack Council
- American Prairie Reserve
- Belize Bird Rescue
- Biophilia Foundation
- Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society, CPAWS
- Center for Biological Diversity
- Conservation Biology Institute
- Essex Editions
- Funacomm
- Global Center for Indigenous Leadership and Lifeways
- Grupo Ecologico Sierra Gorda
- Harvey Locke Conservation Inc.
- Healthy Ocean Coalition
- Horse Chestnut Winds
- Humans and Nature Project
- ICCF (International Conservation Caucus) Group
- ICFC (International Conservation Fund Canada)
- Inland Oceans Coalition
- Kentucky Natural Lands Trust
- NorthEast Wilderness Trust
- One Earth
- Re-wilding Initiative
- Reforestamos
- Remedy Permaculture Design
- Rewilding America Now/American Museum of Natural History
- Rewilding Institute
- Rewildology
- Ruta Monarca
- Save our Shores
- Save the Colorado and Save the World's Rivers
- Southern Plains
- Stable Planet Alliance
- Unidos para la Conservacion AC
- Wild Wyo
- Y2Y

## SOUTH AMERICA

- AMAP Brazil
- Araguaia - Instituto Araguaia de Proecao Ambiental
- Associacao Sociocultural Yawanawa, ASCY
- Black Jaguar Foundation
- Ecosistemas Argentinos
- Felinos do Aguaí Institute
- Fundacion IBAPP
- Guanacaste Dry Forest Conservation Fund
- Instituto Fauna Brasil
- Instituto Homem Pantaneiro
- Marbrasil
- OSA Conservation
- Patagon Journal
- Pro Tapir Institute
- Proyecto Ecoparque Interactivo, Buenos Aires City Government
- Rewilding Argentina
- Rewilding Chile
- Sociadale de Pesquisa em Vida Selvagem, SPVS
- Tompkins Conservation

# LIST OF ALLIANCE PARTNERS

## GLOBAL/MULTI-CONTINENT

- Blue Alliance
- C40 Cities
- CoalitionWILD
- Conservation Capital
- Conservation Without Borders
- EarthToday / Union of Nature
- IUCN Rewilding Thematic Group + Cumbria University
- Nature Needs Half
- OceanWise
- Open Forests
- Re:wild
- Rewilding Magazine
- Rewilding Successes and Ecological Citizen magazine
- Save the World's Rivers
- SUGi Project - Urban mini forests
- The Conservation Collective
- WILD Foundation
- Whale and Dolphin Conservation
- Conservation Beyond Borders
- Hempel Foundation
- HFF Nature
- Mossy Earth



...and growing.

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# GRA BOARD

The Global Rewilding Alliance is constituted as a non-profit Association in Geneva, Switzerland, which we established in January 2023. The members of the Association are our three Board members:



**Mark Halle**

Mark is the co-founder of Better Nature, senior advisor at FC4S and Nature Finance



**Carolina Morgado**

Carolina is the Executive Director of Fundación Rewilding Chile



**Frans Schepers**

Frans is a co-founder and the Executive Director of Rewilding Europe

# MEET THE GRA TEAM

Our international team has grown rapidly this year; we are in at least eight countries. Many are volunteers and all put in many voluntary hours. What could you contribute?



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**for being a supporter of rewilding and being a part of this growing movement.**

There are so many amazing rewilding stories that one report only just starts to convey them!

**Use and follow #rewildinghope and #hopeintoaction on social media  
and do go visit our partners' websites - they are packed with wild hope.**



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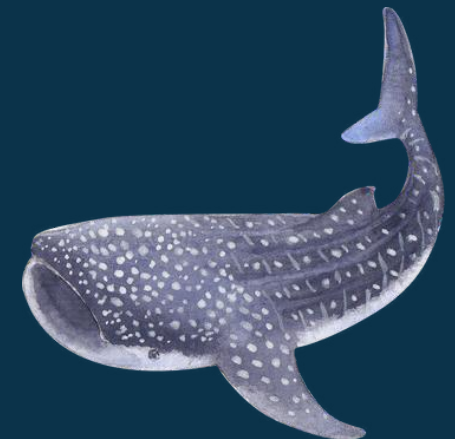
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**If you're rewilding**, we'd love to connect! Come and join us.



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