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Dear Supporters and Friends,

We are pleased to bring you this update as we start work on ICFC's 2024 Annual Report, which we expect to publish by early June.

Full speed ahead despite actions by US administration

ICFC's work is being affected in three ways. First, a few of our projects have lost co-funding that comes directly from the US government because of the suspension of US foreign aid. Some of our conservation colleagues (peer international conservation NGOs) are being more affected than ICFC, and all of us have limited ability to make up the difference. [Read more.](#)



News and Projects

Mali Elephant Program's Nomba Ganame receives prestigious award

Nomba Ganamé, Head of Field Operations at ICFC's Mali Elephant Project has received the prestigious Prince William Award for Conservation in Africa. His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales presented the award at a ceremony at the Savoy in London in November. ... [Read More.](#)



Renowned German herpetologist visits our project site in Madagascar

Farankaraina Forest, the site of ICFC's project in Madagascar, was clearly viewed as a site of interest by a visiting German herpetologist. And for good reason as it turns out. In October 2024, Fandroakando NGO was honoured to receive a visit from Dr. Frank Glaw, Head of Herpetology at the Bavarian State Collection for Zoology in Munich, Germany. ... [Read more.](#)



Kayapo Guardians Continue to Protect More than 9 million Hectares

2024 was another successful year for Kayapo territorial monitoring and surveillance, although 250 km of the most remote border region of Kayapo territory in the northwest remains undefended and vulnerable with the advance of roads, land-grabbers, and ranching. [Read more.](#)



Discovery leads to range expansion for Ecuadorian frog species

FCAT researchers have documented the presence of the Bilsa white-chested frog within the FCAT Reserve, near the Mache-Chindul Ecological Reserve in Ecuador's Chocó region. This finding suggests a potentially distinct population from the one previously identified in the Bilsa Biological Reserve, highlighting the region's ecological significance and the need for continued conservation efforts. [Read more.](#)



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Security situation in the DRC

ICFC's project with Strong Roots is in the province of South Kivu in eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo—a region that has until recently been spared from the conflict wrought by Rwanda-backed rebel groups in North Kivu. But recently, M23 rebel troops have moved into South Kivu and taken control of the city of Bukavu, where our partner Strong Roots has its office.

ICFC and other funding organizations have been discussing the evolving situation with Strong Roots. Our prime concern is the safety of Strong Roots personnel and their families. The office in Bukavu has been closed for the time being. The communities involved in our project are in remote areas that have not been directly impacted.

ICFC remains committed to the long-term success of this project, which has established over a half-million hectares of community forests and improved livelihoods and protection and monitoring of wildlife, including the Critically Endangered Grauer's gorilla.

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Photo of the month:



Photo: Scott Hecker

A Yellow-billed Oxpecker perches on the neck of a giraffe in the Mara Naboisho Conservancy in Kenya. Scott is currently visiting various ICFC project sites in Kenya.

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