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Featured Content

In Australia a new government program pours millions into private land protection and creates a model for collaborative conservation



Paul Dettmann, Founder/Director Cassinia Environmental. Credit: Josh Smith

Cecilia Riebl, ILCN regional rep. for Australia & Lily Robinson, ILCN program coordinator

March 15, 2023

In the Australian state of Victoria, gears are turning in a large-scale initiative to drive nature-based climate solutions. The Victorian Government's \$77-million (AUD) BushBank program is addressing climate change and supporting wildlife as it restores more than 20,000 hectares (ha) of land across Victoria. Part of this plan creates a framework to deliver financial incentives to private landowners who commit to restoring, conserving, and sustainably managing their property in perpetuity.

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Notes From the Field

China aims to build the world's largest national park system

By Shenmin Liu, ILCN regional rep. for Asia
March 1, 2023

China has identified 1.1 million square kilometers across 49 areas as national park candidates. Its plan also leverages community-conservation tactics and new policy tools to spread park benefits equitably across society.

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Baishanzu National Park. Credit Haijiang Zhang



Haiferbos forest, Belgium. Getty. Stefano Termanini

EU makes space for private land protection in strategic plan

By Carolina Halevy, ILCN regional rep. for Europe
March 15, 2023

Belgium for Biodiversity (B4B) is a new strategic project led by Eurosite and partners that includes paths for private landowners to help grow and maintain Natura 2000, the world's largest coordinated network of protected areas.

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In Kenya, a land trust redefines its call to duty under mounting social, environmental pressure

By Mike Mwangi & Jackson Mwato

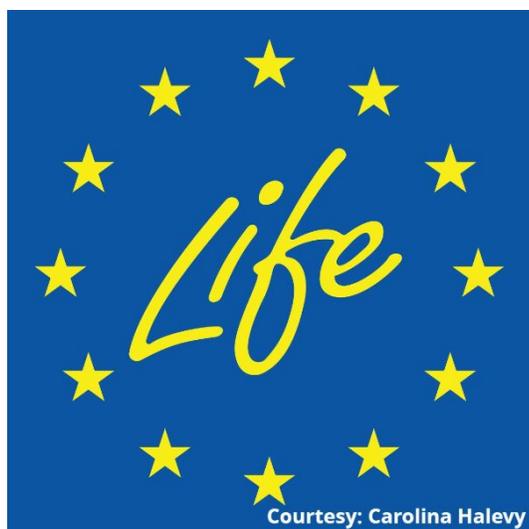
March 14, 2023

When Kajiado County descended into severe drought last year, its pastoralist communities were in crisis. The Amboseli Ecosystem Trust stepped up to provide relief.

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MT. Kilimanjaro. Credit: Kiragu Mwangi



LIFE ENPLC training explores wetland restoration on the ground

By Carolina Halevy, ILCN regional rep. for Europe

March 15, 2023

The class convened 19 learners from three countries to explore a wetland restoration site and hear from speakers. It was the third in a four-course series that will wrap up with a fire-management training in Spain later this year.

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Webinar: Role of Asian land conservation organizations in achieving 30x30 goals

By Shenmin Liu, ILCN regional rep. for Asia

February 15, 2023

ILCN Regional Rep. for Asia, Shenmin Liu, led a webinar on best practices for civic and community land conservation organizations working toward 30x30 goals set at COP15. She was joined by a diverse panel of speakers representing conservation in their region.

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Webinar speakers, Credit: ILCN



The role of Asian civic and community land conservation organizations in achieving national 30x30 goals



"Conservation Capital in the Americas" now available in Chinese

By Shenmin Liu, ILCN regional rep. for Asia
February, 2023

The deep dive into conservation strategies for stewarding the earth's natural resources for future generations was originally published in English in 2010 but is now available in Chinese. The English version was edited by ILCN Director, Jim Levitt, and published by the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy.

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Upcoming Events

Online course: Community Forestry 101

Master the foundations of community forestry and earn a certificate of completion with this self-guided course provided by the Center for People and Forests (RECOFTC). Enrollment ends March 22, 2023.

- *March 7 - May 15, 2023 self-paced*

[Enroll](#)

Eurosite grazing study tour 2023: Visiting nature in the Netherlands

Explore the unique management objectives of several exemplary grazing sites in this three-day tour of the Netherlands co-hosted by The State Forestry, Natuurmonumenten, and Eurosite.

- *May 9 - 11, 2023 in-person*

[Register](#)

Massachusetts Land Conservation Conference

Join the Massachusetts Land Trust Coalition and its partners to explore a buffet of topics, including the intersection of conservation and housing, BioMap technology, Indigenous partnerships, and leveraging Universal Design concepts to welcome more people into the spaces we protect.

- *March 25, 2023 in-person*

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Opportunities

Call for Creative Content

The ILCN is looking for submissions of artistic work with a connection to land and land protection to feature on our website and in upcoming newsletters. We are open to poetry, short stories, personal essays, visual art, music, and more. Submissions can be sent to Lily Robinson at lrobinson@lincolninst.edu. Please include a short description of the relationship your piece shares with land, nature, or the environment.

New resources from the ILCN's website

Visit our newly-launched "[Land Trusts & Climate Change](#)" page under the *Resources* tab on the ILCN website to view our full collection of case studies showcasing exemplary organizations and initiatives from around the world.

Also under the *Resources* tab, you can find our freshly-curated "[Country Profiles](#)" page and learn about the most pressing issues, recent innovations, and ambitious visions of 30 nations working toward a more sustainable future.

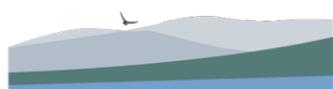


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