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## International Land Conservation Network Newsletter, March 2022

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### News

#### **Making Space for Nature: The Australian Land Conservation Alliance Makes the Case for Increasing Voluntarily Permanently Protected Land to 5% by 2030**

Cecilia Riebl, ILCN Regional Representative for Australasia

Last year, governments around the world recognized the inherent value of nature conservation, with over 70 countries, including Australia, joining the High Ambition Coalition (HAC) for Nature and People - an intergovernmental group with the central goal of protecting at least 30 per cent of the world's land



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and oceans by 2030.

Responding to this commitment and the opportunities it presents, the Australian Land Conservation Alliance (ALCA), together with Pew Charitable Trust, has formed 'Our Natural Legacy', a broad coalition of diverse land management organizations that support enduring conservation outcomes on private lands in Australia.

Together, this coalition seeks to drive a significant increase in land voluntarily and permanently protected across the country from less than 2

percent of private land (or 9 million hectares) currently, to 5 per cent (or around 23 million hectares) by 2030.

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## European Networks for Private Land Conservation: Looking Back and Looking Ahead

Carolina Halevy, ILCN Regional Representative for Europe

In December 2020, the European Union LIFE Programme funded the project “European Networks for Private Land Conservation” (LIFE ENPLC). The LIFE Programme is the EU’s funding instrument for the environment and climate action. The newly funded LIFE ENPLC project was designed to bring together European NGO and landowner networks for private land conservation to protect and restore private land for nature and the climate in Europe.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, LIFE ENPLC was forced to shift its planned in-person meetings in 2021 online. Despite the bumpy start, the LIFE ENPLC project team- representing 18 partner organizations from 11 European countries- has been able to build a strong network of private landowners and conservationists. The reason: regardless of different backgrounds, the network shares a passion for preserving land for nature and future generations.

Highlights from last year underscore the cooperative spirit of the project: as one of the first activities, LIFE ENPLC founded the “Conservation Landowners Coalition” (CLC), a partnership of European landowners and conservationists represented by Eurosite and the European Landowners Organization (ELO) respectively. The CLC and the project team are now working together to tackle various questions about how to best protect and restore private land.

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## The Sustainable Landscape Finance Coalition's Finance Solution Approach©: Developing Successful Landscape Finance Solutions in Africa

Chandni Navalkha, Associate Director of the ILCN

Since 2019, the Sustainable Landscape Finance Coalition has been driving the creation of landscape finance solutions for effective and enduring conservation landscapes in South Africa and across the African continent.

Between June 2020 and June 2021, the Coalition launched six Finance Solutions Incubators to generate ideas for new projects. As a next step, the Coalition is now working to realize four new African conservation finance projects. These include: the BMA Tax incentive for Rhinos Project; the Grasslands Carbon Project; the Corporate Finance for Biodiversity Offsets Project; and the Rates Rebates Local Access Project.



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More information on these projects will be detailed over the coming weeks. In the meantime, Chandni Navalkha, Associate Director for the ILCN, spoke with Candice Stevens, Chair of the Sustainable Finance Coalition and Co-Chair of IUCN's WCPA Sustainable Finance Specialist Group, to learn more about the Coalition's four-stage Finance Solution Approach and how it is advancing the development and practical implementation of new finance solutions across landscapes.

[Read the Interview](#)

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## Call for Practitioners to Contribute to Feasibility Study for a Pan-African Conservation Trust Fund

Originally shared by Bruno Zweemba, Consultant, African Wildlife Foundation

The concept of A Pan-African Conservation Trust Fund (A-PACT) has been co-created by the organizers of the African Protected Areas Congress (APAC) - Africa Protected Area Directors (APAD), the African Wildlife Foundation (AWF), and the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN). The purpose of A-PACT is to create a sustainable financing mechanisms for all 8,609 of Africa's protected and conserved areas, including state, private, and community areas in terrestrial and marine environments across all 54 African countries. The A-PACT fund is proposed in response to the challenges that protected area directors face in securing sustained and sufficient financing for operations, particularly in consideration of the abrupt downturn of revenues from tourism that

accompanied the global lockdowns to address COVID-19 health risks.

The project team is presently completing a feasibility assessment of the A-PACT mechanism to determine its best role in the conservation of nature and managing climate-induced challenges and emergencies across Africa, offer guidance in how to structure and implement the mechanism, and ensure that it complements and enhances existing and emerging sustainable financing measures.

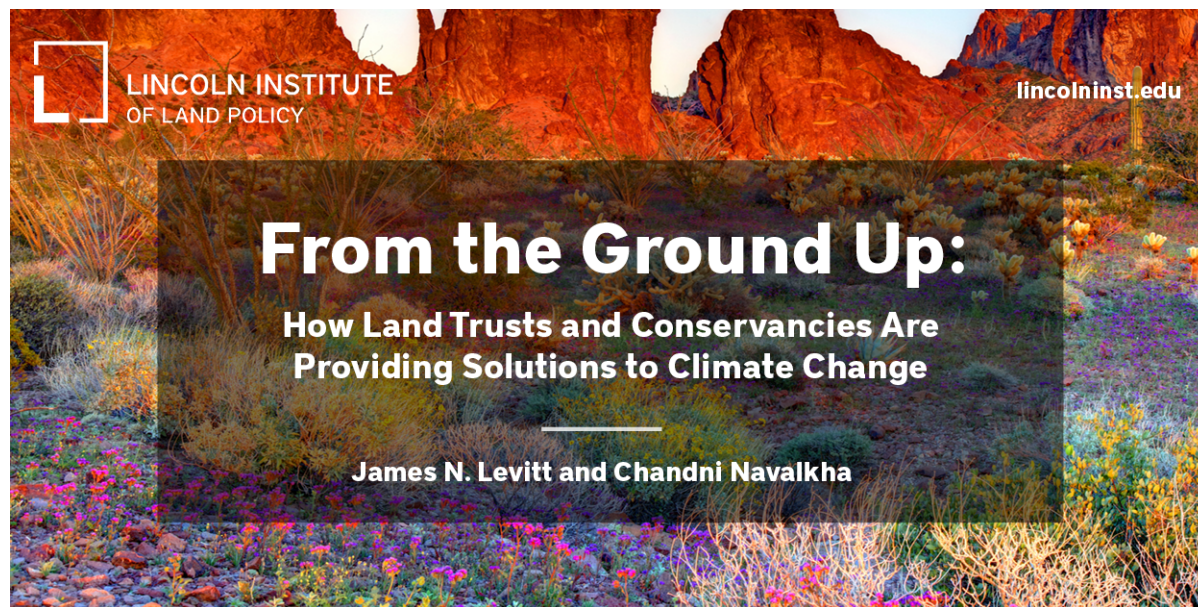
We are asking practitioners and experts with expertise in the wildlife and nature conservation sector in Africa and beyond to participate in the online survey below. The questionnaire will take approximately 20 minutes to complete. Kindly share within your networks as well.

[Take the Survey](#)

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## What We're Reading (and Watching)

### "From the Ground Up," A New Policy Focus Report From the ILCN and the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy



The latest report from the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, *From the Ground Up: How Land Trusts and Conservancies Are Providing Solutions to Climate Change*, shows how land conservation organizations in the U.S. and abroad are partnering with the public and private sectors to provide land-based solutions to the climate crisis. These organizations are working to protect land, biodiversity, and historic resources

in more than 100 countries on six continents. They work in partnership with public agencies as well as private companies, other nonprofits, colleges and universities, and Indigenous communities. They offer largely nature-based solutions that are conceptually creative, measurably effective, strategically significant, transferable, and potentially enduring.

[Read the Report](#)

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## Eurosite-ELCN Webinar: Russia's War on Ukraine - What Does it Mean for People and Nature?



On March 17, Eurosite-ELCN convened a group of panelists involved in land conservation in Ukraine to discuss how the current war is affecting their lives personally and professionally, and consider the on-the-ground outcomes that they continue to strive to achieve. This webinar was moderated by Dr. Tilmann Disselhoff, and included Bohdan Prots, CEO of the Danube Carpathian Programme; Ivan Timofeiev, Nature and Biodiversity Conservation Union (NABU) Head of Ukrainian Office; and Natalia Kulia, Project Manager at the Institute of Ecological and Religious Studies.

[Watch the Recording](#)

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## Upcoming Events

### **Eurosite-ELCN Agriculture, Biodiversity and Climate Working Group Webinar: Carbon Sequestration on Arable Farms and How to Measure It**

*Monday April 4, 10-11am Central European Time*

An important arena for carbon sequestration is sequestration on working agricultural lands as a result of sustainable agricultural practices. However, measuring and proving these sequestration results poses a significant challenge. Addressing this challenge is essential if farmers are to be rewarded and incentivized for their contributions to carbon sequestration.

This webinar will explain how, within the wider European Carbon+Farming Coalition, Bayer's European Carbon Programme is testing various criteria that influence soil carbon field conditions, across a variety

of farm types. The intention is to come up with a set of criteria that can validate improved carbon sequestration in the context of Integrated Crop Management trials.

[Join the Webinar Here](#) (Passcode: 946174)

**ILCN Webinar: Practice, Progress and Potential for Private and Civic Land Conservation in Africa**

*Tuesday April 12 8-9:30am Eastern Time (US), 2-3:30pm South Africa Time*

*Online*

In the run-up to the Africa Protected Areas Congress taking place in July 2022, ILCN Steering Committee member and Regional Representative for Africa Kiragu Mwangi will be hosting a series of virtual conversations with Africa's key experts and stakeholders who play a critical role in facilitating private and civic land conservation in Africa to achieve the twin goals of nature conservation and sustainable development.

In the first webinar, we will hear from experts who are working with national governments and stakeholders in Southern and Eastern Africa to realize the role of civic and private land organizations as well as Other Effective Area-Based Conservation Measures (OECMs) in meeting the 30 x 30 target.

The panel will include:

- Maxi Pia Louis, Director of Namibia Association of CBNRM Support Associations
- Dickson Kealo, Chief Executive Officer, Kenya Wildlife Conservancies Associations
- Kathleen Fitzgerald, Partner, Conservation Capital
- Daniel Marnewick, Regional Programme Officer, IUCN ESARO, Green List of Protected and Conserved Areas.

Facilitator: Mike A. Kiragu Mwangi, ILCN Africa Regional Representative and Director Earth Positive Consulting Ltd.

[Register Here](#)

**Asia Parks Congress**

*May 24-29, 2022*

*Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, Malaysia*

The 2nd Asia Parks Congress is being held to address the increasing pressures on the region's protected areas. The Congress will address the challenges facing this dynamic region through learning, sharing of experience and close collaboration. The upcoming 2nd Asia Parks Congress (2nd APC) will be held in Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, Malaysia.

[Learn More and Register Here](#)

**Africa Protected Area Congress**

*July 18-23, 2022*

*Rwanda and Online*

The IUCN Africa Protected Areas Congress (APAC) is the first ever continent-wide gathering of African leaders, citizens, and interest groups to discuss the role of protected areas in conserving nature, safeguarding Africa's iconic wildlife, delivering vital life-supporting ecosystem services, promoting sustainable development while conserving Africa's cultural heritage and traditions.

The overarching objective of the IUCN Africa Protected Areas Congress (APAC) is to position Africa protected and conserved areas within the broader goals of economic development and community well-being and to increase the understanding of vital role parks play in conserving biodiversity and delivering the ecosystem services that underpin human welfare and livelihoods.

[Learn More and Register Here](#)

### Conservation Finance Learning Lab

Join the last session in this five-part Conservation Finance Learning Lab produced in partnership between [Highstead](#) and [The Conservation Finance Network](#) and made freely available to registrants. The webinars have taken place from December 2021 to April 2022, and have featured panel discussions, case studies, and networking opportunities for participants to take a deep dive into tangible, innovative approaches to conservation funding and financing. The concepts and lessons learned from the case studies presented are broadly applicable to practitioners everywhere. Each session has built on the previous sessions, culminating in the "Dolphin Tank" exercise, where participants will have the opportunity to analyze and deliberate solutions to real-world conservation problems. [Learn more.](#)

#### **Part V: "Dolphin Tank" Project Consultations: Bringing It Home**

*Tuesday, April 12th at 2 PM ET*

*Online*

This last session will put the previous webinar lessons into practice where participants will have the opportunity to analyze and deliberate solutions to real-world conservation problems

[Register Here](#)

## Highlights from the ILCN

**We are excited to share stories from ILCN members. If you have a successful conservation initiative, story, event, or webinar to share, then please contact us at [ILCN@lincolnst.edu](mailto:ILCN@lincolnst.edu).**

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The mission of the International Land Conservation Network is to connect organizations and people around the world that are accelerating voluntary private and civic sector action that protects and stewards land and water resources.

Learn more at [landconservationnetwork.org](https://landconservationnetwork.org).



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