



XIII CONGRESO LATINOAMERICANO DE CONSERVACION VOLUNTARIA 2025

Un encuentro para promover la conservación
de la biodiversidad en América Latina

16 al 18
de septiembre

Ciudad de
Panamá



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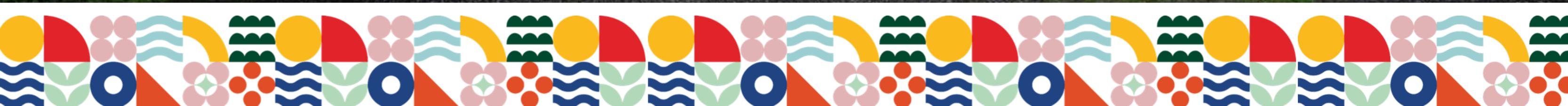


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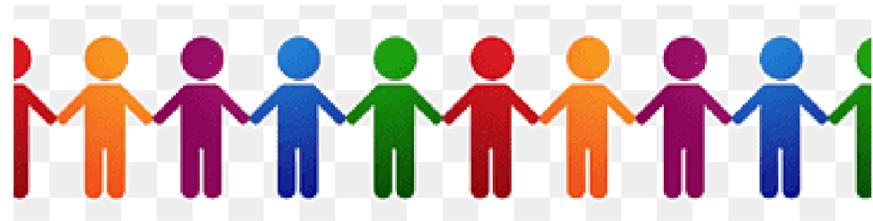


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131 TOTAL PARTICIPANTS

46 SPEAKERS

85 PARTICIPANTS/AUDIENCE MEMBERS





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17 COUNTRIES

Centroamérica

-  Panamá: 38
-  Costa Rica: 16
-  El Salvador: 5
-  Guatemala: 5
-  Honduras: 4

Sudamérica

-  Perú: 12
-  Chile: 9
-  Ecuador: 5
-  Argentina: 4
-  Venezuela: 3
-  Brasil: 2
-  Bolivia: 1
-  Paraguay: 1
-  Uruguay: 1
-  Colombia: 11

Norteamérica

-  Estados Unidos: 7
-  México: 5

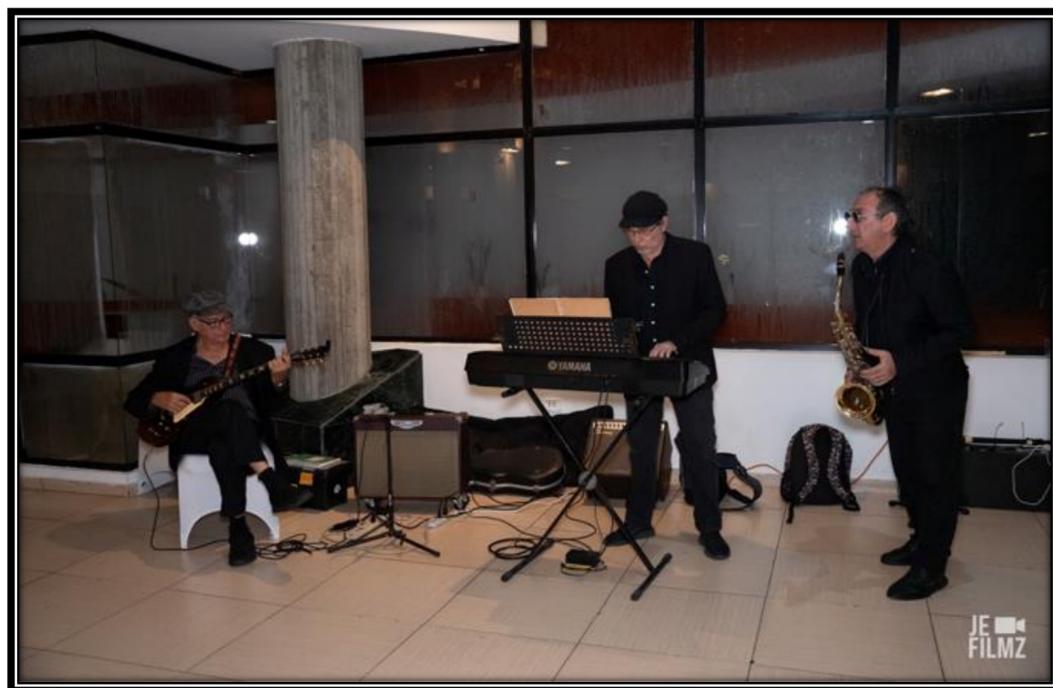




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DAY 1

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16





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To **bring together** national networks and non-governmental conservation organizations, reserve owners, and other stakeholders from across Latin America who are promoting voluntary conservation as a key tool for democratizing the protection of biodiversity, land, and sustainable livelihoods, beyond the role of the state.

To **foster** pluralistic dialogue that values and positions the Latin American Voluntary Conservation Network as a robust, flexible, and effective collective, capable of strengthening sector capacity, identifying key opportunities, and connecting efforts to leverage expertise and skills, with the aim of advancing and contributing to common goals such as achieving the 30x30 Target of the Global **Biodiversity Framework and climate change adaptation and mitigation targets**.





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STRATEGIC PILLARS OF THE CONGRESS:

- Financial Mechanisms, Ecosystem Services & **Bioeconomy**
- **30x30 Target:** Effective Management, OECMs, and Enabling Conditions
- Education, Strategic Communication, and **Conservation Technologies**
- Regulatory Frameworks for **Voluntary Conservation**





JUAN CARLOS NAVARRO

Minister of environment of Panama



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CHANDNI NAVALKHA

Director of Conservation and Responsible Management Lincoln
Institute of Land Policy – ILCN

SANDY MOSQUERA

President, Panamanian Association Network of Private Nature
Reserves (RRNP)

IZABELA MATUSZ

Ambassador – Head of the European Union Delegation in Panama





Opening Ceremony



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Award Presentation for the Mesoamerican Great Forests Grant Competition



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¡TE INVITA A CONVOCATORIA ABIERTA!

Concurso de Subvenciones (Modalidad ventanilla) en el marco del XIII Congreso Latinoamericano de Conservación Voluntaria Panamá | septiembre 2025.

¿Formas parte de una organización que implementa la conservación voluntaria de la biodiversidad?

¡Esta es tu oportunidad de participar en un concurso regional y obtener apoyo para tu iniciativa!

Esta convocatoria forma parte de una iniciativa de la Unión Europea y Expertise France, en el marco del proyecto Grandes Bosques de Mesoamérica, y busca fortalecer el trabajo local por la conservación de la biodiversidad.

Este concurso es parte de las subvenciones en la modalidad de ventanilla para financiar iniciativas de conservación y monitoreo de biodiversidad en territorios clave de los Grandes Bosques de Mesoamérica.

¿Qué buscamos?

Proyectos que:

- **Monitoreen biodiversidad o especies amenazadas**
- **Usen ciencia ciudadana o nuevas tecnologías**
- **Impulsen el intercambio regional**
- **Promuevan alianzas con otros actores públicos o privados**

¿Quiénes pueden participar?

Este concurso en el marco del XIII Congreso Latinoamericano de Conservación Voluntaria está dirigido a iniciativas de conservación privada.



Tropical Science Center, French Ambassador Isabela Matusz in Panama, and Panama's Minister of Environment Juan Carlos Navarro





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Presenting:

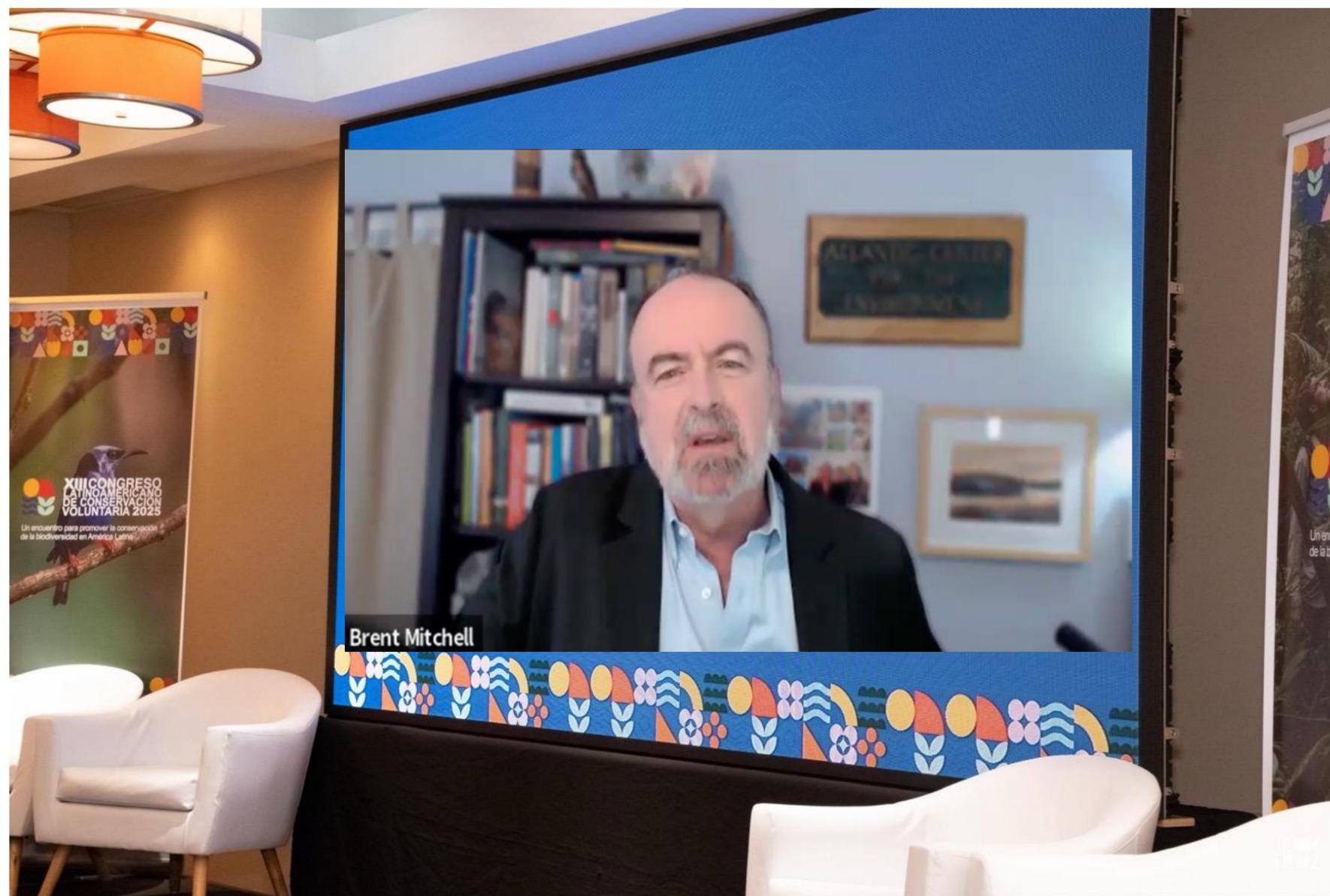
BRENT MITCHELL

Vice President of the IUCN World Commission on Protected Areas. Senior Vice President of the Atlantic Center for the Environment at QLF (Quebec-Labrador Foundation)





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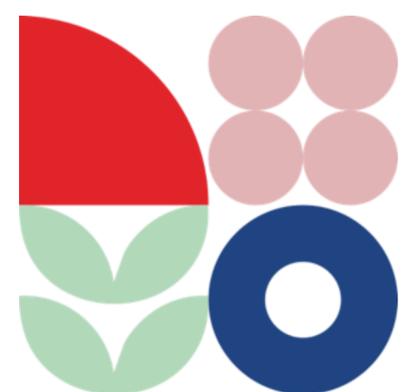
FROM VISION TO ACTION:

The perspective of IUCN and WCPA on the role of private protected areas in achieving the 30x30 Target. **USA**





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UNITED FOR NATURE:

**The Latin American Voluntary
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CAROLINA BUTRICH

Manager of Conservamos por Naturaleza
Peruvian Society of Environmental Law – SPDA

HERNÁN MLADINIC

Representative, Latin America
International Land Conservation Network – ILCN





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Hernán Mladnic / Carolina Butrich. United for Nature: The Latin American Voluntary Conservation Network

Who are we? Where are we? What do we do? How do we connect?

Chile/Peru





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Presenting:

GABRIEL QUIJANDRÍA

Regional Director for South America of the
International Union for Conservation of Nature
(IUCN)





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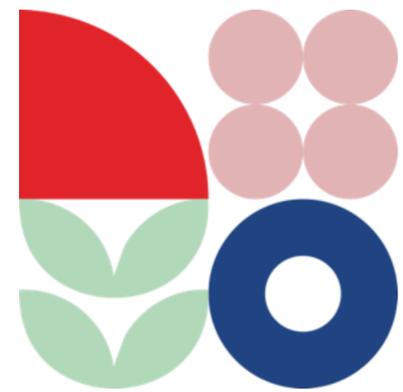


Gabriel Quijandría The Importance of Voluntary Conservation in Achieving Latin American Countries' Targets under the Biodiversity and Climate Change Framework Conventions. Peru





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The Importance of Voluntary Conservation in Latin America for Achieving Conservation Targets, with Participation from the State, International Cooperation, Conservation Organizations, and National Networks





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Presenting:

JOSÉ FELICIANO GONZÁLEZ

General Director of Institutional Strengthening and International Affairs
National Commission of Natural Protected Areas of Mexico

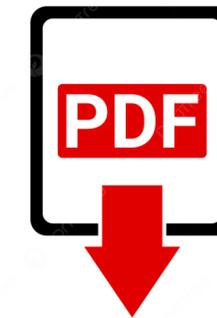
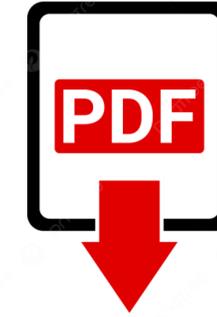
MARCOS PASTOR ROZAS

Director of Strategic Development
National Service of Natural Protected Areas – SERNANP





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The Importance of Voluntary Conservation in Latin America





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Funding Opportunities for the Financial Sustainability of Voluntary Conservation in Latin America





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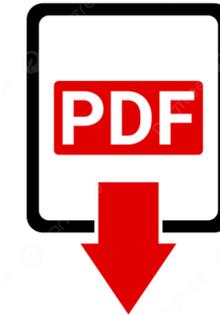
ENRIQUE ORTIZ

Senior Program Director
Andes Amazon Fund





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Enrique Ortiz Funding Opportunities for the Financial Sustainability of Voluntary Conservation in Latin America. **USA**





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Experiences with Financial Mechanisms, Ecosystem Services & Bioeconomy for Conservation





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Moderator: Alberto Beto Mezquita

EDUARDO DEL VALLE

President of the Colombian Network of Civil Society Natural Reserves Association (Resnatur)

MARTÍN KELLER

President of the Association of Private Nature Reserves of Guatemala (ARNPG), FEDMESO, and President of RENALA

ADRIÁN BENEDETTI

Executive Director, National Association for the Conservation of Nature (ANCON)





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**Eduardo del Vale: Biodiversity Financing through Habitat Banks.
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Martin Keller: National Valuation of Natural Resources in Guatemala.





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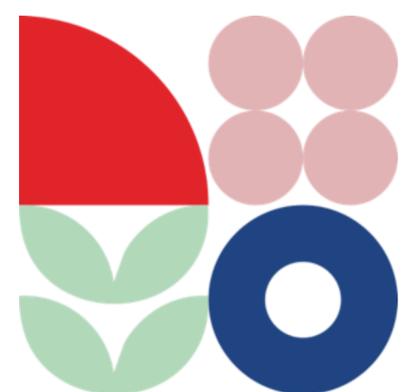


Adrián Benedetti: Project Financing for Permanence (PFP): Fondo Natural Panamá.





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Competitive Programs for Financing Conservation Initiatives





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Presenting:

BEATRIZ SCHMITT

Small Grants Program (UNDP/SGP)

DAVID SOLANO

Mesoamerican Great Forests Program implemented by Expertise France, AECID, GIZ, and ASDI with funding from the European Union





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Beatriz Schmitt: Competitive Programs for Financing Conservation Initiatives. UNDP





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David Solano: Competitive Programs for Financing Conservation Initiatives. Expertise France





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Presenting:

JOSE ALBERTO CHINCHILLA

Central American Indigenous and Peasant Association
for Community Agroforestry – ACICAFOC

MARIO MEJÍA

Administrator, Monteverde Cloud Forest Biological Reserve
Tropical Science Center (CCT), Costa Rica

LUISA VICTORIA SALDAÑA

General Manager, Avifauna Foundation Eugene Eisenmann





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José Alberto Chinchilla: Living Communities Conserving Biodiversity and Community Development Adapted to Climate Change. Costa Rica





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**Mario Mejía: Tourism and Governance in the Monteverde Reserve:
Strategies for Long-Term Sustainability. Costa Rica**





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Luisa Saldaña: Sustainable Tourism as a Conservation Tool: The Panama Rainforest Discovery Center Model.





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SAMUEL VALDÉS DÍAZ

Director at Biodiversity Consultant Group (BCG)
and Panamá Biological Supplies (PBS)

DIANA ARDILA

Land and Water Protection Specialist
TNC Colombia

RICHARD ESTRADA

Deputy Director, Fundación Natura Bolivia





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Samuel Valdés: From Forest to Market: A Voluntary Conservation Model Linking Butterflies, Cacao, and Communities in Cerro La Vieja, Panama





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 **Conserva Orinoquía:
Un mecanismo financiero
y técnico para impulsar la
conservación privada y
comunitaria en Colombia**



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**The Nature
Conservancy** 
Colombia

Diana Ardila
Mayra Gonzalez
TNC Colombia



Diana Ardila: Conserva Orinoquía: A Financial and Technical Mechanism to Promote Private and Community Conservation in Colombia



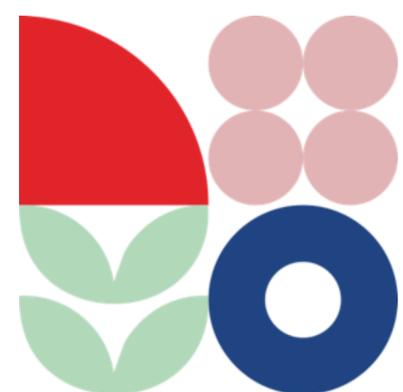


Richard Estrada: Reciprocal Water Agreements (ARA): A Successful Conservation Model in Bolivia.





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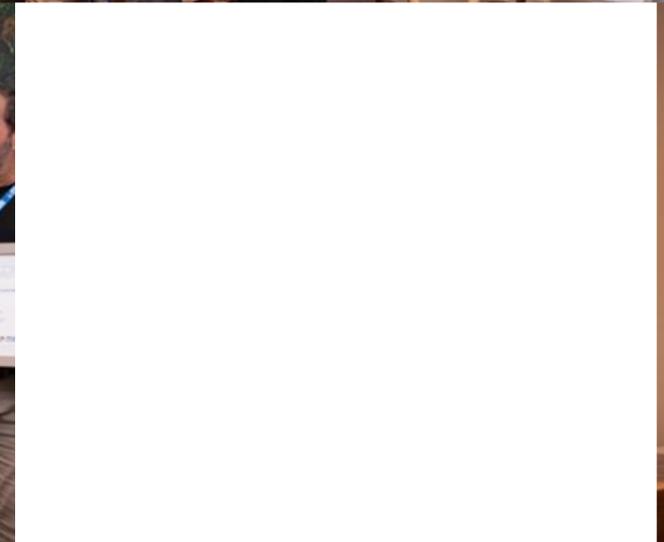


Recognition of the Networks Participating in the Congress





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RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL NETWORKS AND VOLUNTARY CONSERVATION INITIATIVES





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Cultural Dinner





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DAY 2

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27





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Panel



Effective Management of Voluntary and Community Conservation Areas in Latin America to Ensure Achievement of the 30x30 Target

Moderator: Carolina Butrich





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Presenting:

HEIDI RUBIO TOGLER

Senior Advisor
Project SALL Leader, WWF Peru





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Heidi Rubio: Landscape Connectivity for the Well-Being of People and Nature. Peru





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MARCELA SANTAMARÍA GÓMEZ

Leader of the Piedemonte Meta 3 Project / Resnatur – CI Colombia – Re:wild

ROBERTO DE LA MAZA HERNÁNDEZ

Director of Environmental Policy, Vo.Bo

ANDREW BURGE

Vice President, ARNPG

CLAUDIA GARCÍA

Executive Director, ARNPG

RITA VILCA LUCANA

Executive Director – Amazónicos por la Amazonía (AMPA)

Red Amazonía – Peru That Beats

FERNANDO GAVITO

Director of Terra Peninsular – Mexico





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Marcela Santamaría: Voluntary Conservation Initiatives and Achieving the 30x30 Target. Colombia





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Roberto de la Maza:

**Voluntary Conservation Initiatives and
Achieving the 30x30 Target. Mexico**





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Claudia García and Andrew Burge: Voluntary Conservation Models in Guatemala





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Rita Vilca Lucana

Voluntary and Community Conservation and Its Contributions to Achieving the 30x30 Target in Peru





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Fernando Gavito

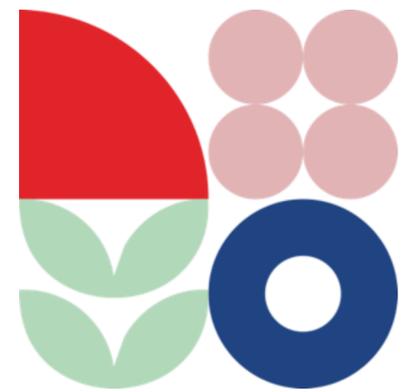
Voluntary Conservation of the Mexican Mediterranean, a Successful Terra Peninsular Experience Towards the 30x30 Target in **Mexico**





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30x30 Target:

**Effective Management, OECMs, and
Enabling Conditions for the Sustainability
of Voluntary Conservation Initiatives**





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Presenting:

ANA MARÍA MACEDO

Executive Director of the Paraguayan Network for Conservation on Private Lands

ALEXANDER GONZÁLEZ VEGA

Coordinator of the Biological Corridors Program, Tropical Science Center

RICARDO MORENO

Biologist

ENRIQUE CRUZ

FORECOS – This is How Chile Conserves





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Ana María Macedo: Management Models in Private Conservation in Paraguay: Challenges and Opportunities.





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Alexander González Vega: From Private Reserves to Connected Landscapes: Experiences from the Tropical Science Center's Private Reserves System in Costa Rica





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Enrique Cruz: Conservation Strategies in Chile: 20 Years of Experience of FORECOS and the Network of Private Conservation Initiatives





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Ricardo Moreno: How Can We Better Understand Forest Connectivity Through Terrestrial Mammals in Panama?





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Presenting:

IGNACIO BUNSTER - OSSA

Landscape Architect, Instructor in Planning, Design, and Environmental History at the Graduate School of Harvard University

JOSÉ ARAYA - OROZCO

Tropical Science Center

JUAN E. BEZAURY - CREEL

Private Protected Areas Working Group, WCPA-IUCN, Mexico

OSCAR PIETRI

Network of Conserved Areas of Venezuela (RACV)





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Ignacio Bunster: Innovation and Sustainability in the Panama Canal, A New Vision from the Harvard Graduate School of Design.





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Juan Bezaury: Private Conservation Areas in Mexico: 25 Years of Lessons Learned





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José Araya: Beyond Its Boundaries: The Regional Impact of Los Cusingos Bird Refuge on Conservation. Costa Rica





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Oscar Pietri: From Guáquira to RACV: Linking Private Conservation for the Future of Venezuela





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Panel



The Importance of **Education, Strategic Communication, and Technologies** for Conservation

Moderator: Roberto de la Maza, **Mexico**





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MARIBEL PACCO SUMA

Red Ayni Qosqo – Red Amazonía que Late

CRISTIAN DÍAZ

Conservamos por Naturaleza – Peruvian Society of Environmental Law

VERÓNICA SUCH

Cordillera Tropical Foundation and Tinker Foundation

MIMI FOYLE

Vice President, National Corporation of Forests and Private Reserves of Ecuador

JUAN PABLO RIVERA

Cartographer

MARIELA GARCÍA - SÁNCHEZ

Coordinator of the Academic Department, Tirimbina Biological Reserve





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Maribel Pacco: Conservation of the Spectacled Bear Habitat (*Tremarctos ornatus*) Through Environmental Education and Generational Renewal in the ACP Bosque de Pumataki of the Pillco Grande Peasant Community, Peru





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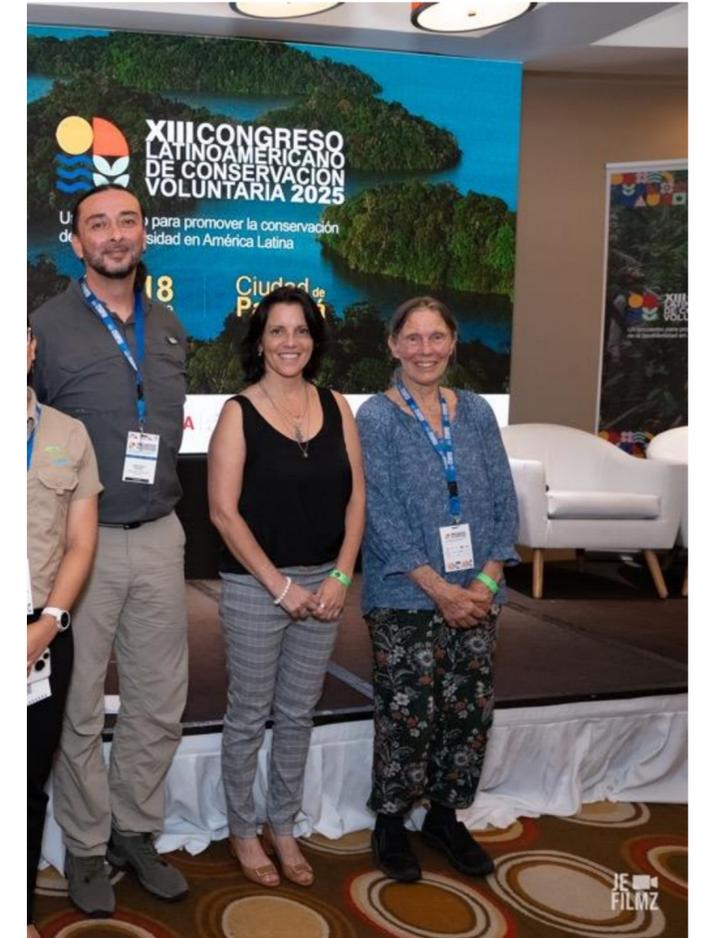


**Cristian Díaz: Storytelling. Strategic Communication for Conservation.
Peru**





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Verónica Such / Mimi Foyle / Juan Pablo Rivera: "When You Understand the Map, You Improve the Path" – A Proposal to Organize Information and Strengthen Private Conservation in Latin America: The Case of Ecuador





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Marcela García: The Tirimbina Biological Reserve in Costa Rica: An Integrated Model of Tropical Rainforest Conservation, Scientific Research, Ecotourism, and Environmental Education





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EMA TAPULLIMA

President of the Puerto Prado Native Community – Loreto Conservation Network

JORGE FACHÍN

Director of Conservation – Amazónicos por la Amazonía

DIEGO COTO GONZÁLEZ

Researcher at the Monteverde Cloud Forest Biological Reserve





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Ema Tapullima: Involving Youth, Girls, and Boys in the Management of the Paraiso de Iwirati Community Conservation Area – BONI, Peru





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Jorge Fachín: Participatory Monitoring Using Technology and Addressing Environmental Crimes. Peru





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Diego Coto: From Forest to Classroom: How Science Strengthens Conservation in Monteverde. Costa Rica





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Regulatory Framework for Voluntary Conservation in Latin America. Mexico





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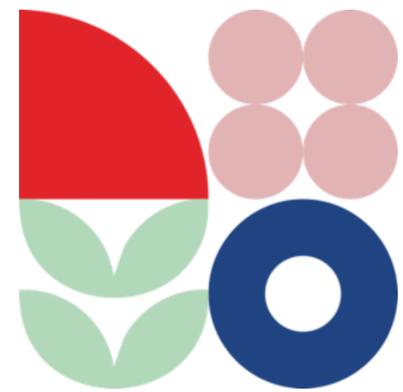


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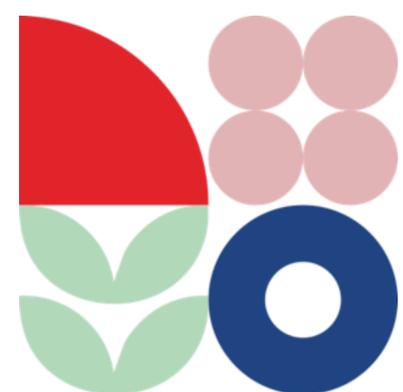


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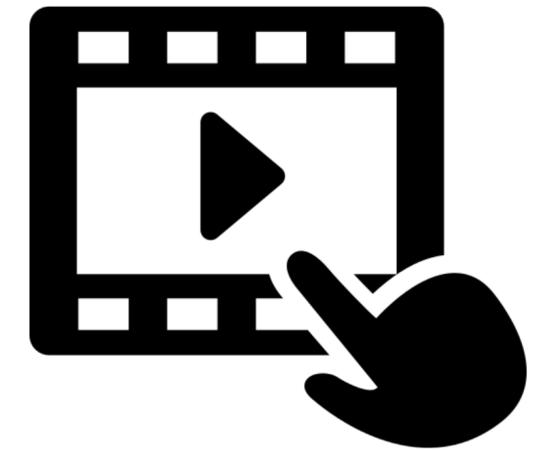
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Network Building, Scaling Opportunities, and Financing for Conservation: The **REDLAC** Experience





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Building More Reliable and Effective Organizations and Networks

Moderator: Ruchi Patel





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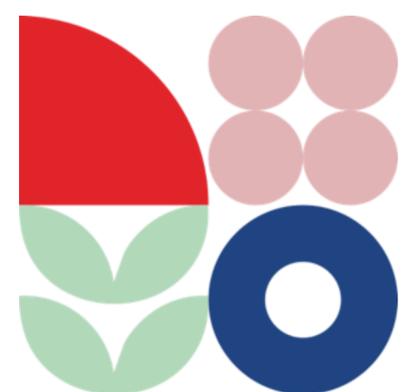


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Closing Remarks

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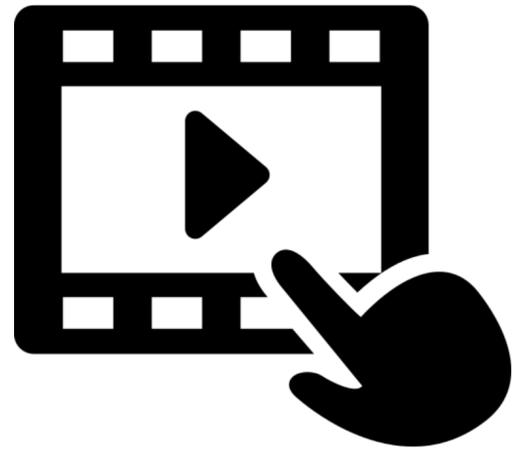
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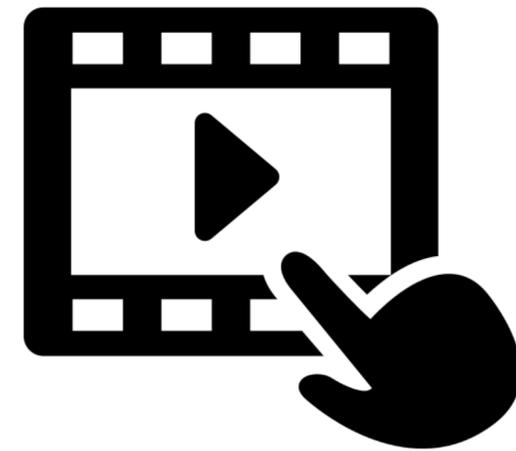
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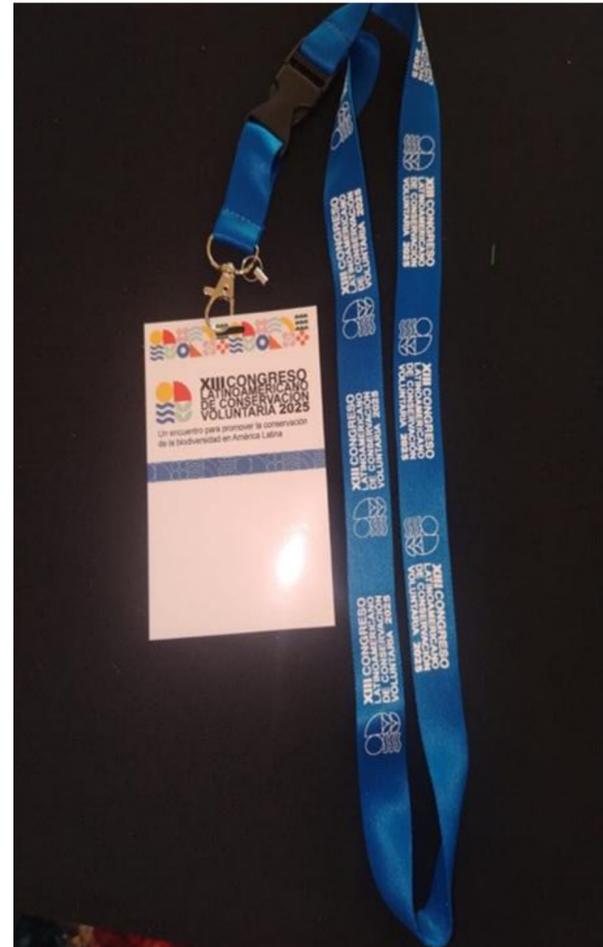


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