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### **Growing our Network: News from the International Land Conservation Network's Scoping Trip to India**

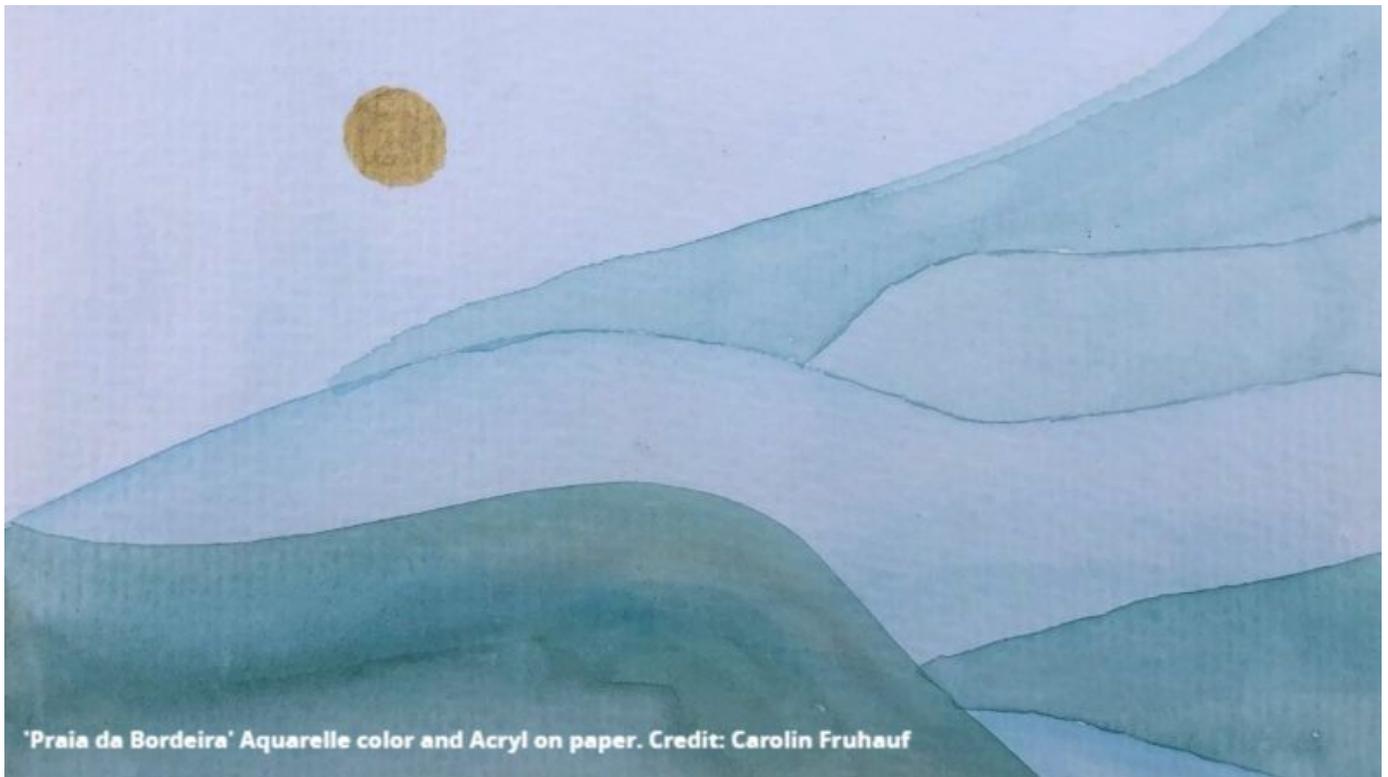


*Chandni Navalkha - Associate Director Sustainably Managed Land and Water Resources*  
May 10, 2023

ILCN Associate Director, Chandni Navalkha was joined by ILCN advisor Henry Tepper on a three-week trip to India where the pair met with leaders in civic and private land conservation. The trip was born of a recognition that civic conservation organizations play a critical role, and are often well-established, in South Asian countries, but lack the visibility of groups in surrounding regions. It is part of an ongoing effort to expand the ILCN's network in Asia, Africa, and Latin America.

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## As an artist, conservationist, and academic, Frühauf is inspired by Portugal's protected coastline



Carolin Frühauf - Eurosite & Lily Robinson - ILCN program coordinator

May 2, 2023

Carolin Frühauf is launching her career as an artist with painting and photography inspired by the Southwest Alentejo and Vicentine Coast Natural Park in Portugal. This profile of her portfolio is one in an ongoing initiative by the ILCN to promote creative work inspired by land conservation across the globe.

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**Global Landscape Stewards lays the groundwork for collaborative cross-border conservation with inaugural peer exchange**



*Lily Robinson - ILCN program coordinator*

*May 9, 2023*

In October 2022, a group of U.S. and Australian conservationists came together to imagine a new and collaborative model for sharing tools, experience, and best practices across borders. Over four weeks, the Global Landscape Stewards Exchange—facilitated by the U.S.-based Global Landscape Stewards (GLS)—traversed Australia, weaving the beginnings of a conservation practitioners' network and exploring themes of First-Nations-led stewardship; private lands conservation; landscape connectivity; wildfire and disaster resilience; conservation finance; policy and governance; collaborative approaches; and community engagement.

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## Notes From the Field



## Dynamics of successful partnerships

By Cecilia Riebl - ILCN regional rep for Australasia  
May 9, 2023

ILCN Regional Representative Cecilia Riebl draws from and expands on discussions from the recent webinar "Indigenous Wisdom: The dynamics of successful partnerships between conservation organizations and Indigenous groups".

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## Trophic rewilding can expand natural climate solutions

By Oswald J. Schmitz et al.  
March 27, 2023

Could protecting wildlife have a larger carbon impact than conserving vegetation? New research published in the journal Nature Climate Change suggests that a practice called trophic rewilding could have a major impact on mitigating climate-change effects.

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## How landscape conservation partnerships are working to address climate change

By Ernest Cook et al.  
April, 2023

A new working paper published by the Lincoln Institute explores how land conservation can be used to address climate change by mitigating greenhouse gas emissions and helping human and natural communities adapt to the changes caused by global warming.

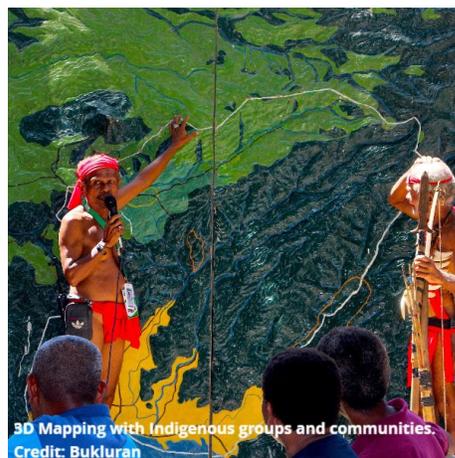
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## Indigenous Peoples' Community-Conserved Areas leading to paradigm shift in Philippines

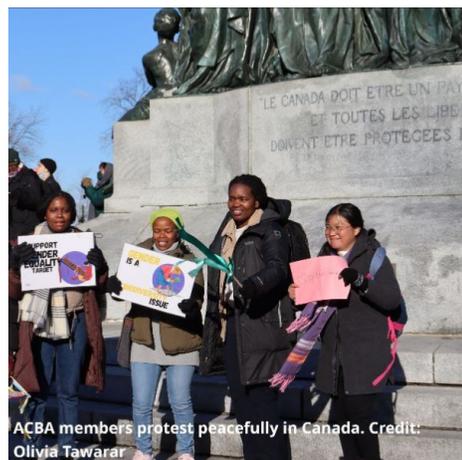
By Shenmin Liu - ILCN regional rep. for Asia  
May 3, 2023

Home to about 102.9 million Indigenous people, the state has developed an exemplary set of policies and strategies to promote Indigenous-led conservation.

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3D Mapping with Indigenous groups and communities.  
Credit: Bukluran



ACBA members protest peacefully in Canada. Credit: Olivia Tawarar

## The African CSOs Biodiversity Alliance gives voice to civil society organizations across the continent

By Kiragu Mwangi, Olivia Tawarar, and Yemi Katerere  
May 2, 2023

The three-year-old organization is already establishing itself on an international stage, appearing at the African Protected Areas Congress and COP15 in 2022.

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## New solutions to underreporting of PPAs in Latin America emerge in recent study

By Lily Robinson and Hernán Mladnic  
May 9, 2023

With data discrepancies and no formal method to account for PPAs, Latin American conservationists are grappling with the challenge of measuring private land conservation across the region. New solutions are just emerging.

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Guanaco at torres del Paine, Argentina.  
Getty: Nicolamargaret



Mathias Brummer and Valerie Vandenbeele.  
Credit: Hans von Sonntag

## Where the Euros are: European Conservation Finance Bootcamp

By Hans von Sonntag - Eurosite  
May 5, 2023

From May 2-6 conservationists met in Italy to explore pathways to harnessing private-sector investment power to promote conservation priorities. The event was cohosted by Eurosite and the Conservation Finance Network

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## Supporting blended finance solutions for natural capital in Asia

By Convergence Blended Finance  
2023

A report published this year by the RS Group and Convergence Blended Finance details the lessons of the Asia Natural Capital Design Funding Window, a first-of-its-kind initiative advancing blended finance as a tool for nature-based solutions in Asia.

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Rice Terrace Mountains in Mu can chet, Getty/chanuch

## Upcoming Events

### Webinar: Traditional land management driving conservation outcomes

Join ILCN Regional Representative for Australasia, Cecilia Riebl, for the second conversation in a two-part series exploring Indigenous stewardship practices and pathways to leveraging traditional knowledge systems for healthier landscapes.

- June 21, 2023 7:00 PM EDT

[Register](#)

### Webinar: Setting the Stage - Understanding the conservation partnerships working paper and its implications for climate change solutions

Explore the role of large-landscape conservation in providing nature-based climate solutions, as illustrated in a new working paper created by the ILCN and the University of Montana. Guests will hear from Ernest Cook, a conservation finance innovator from the Network for Landscape Conservation; Jim Levitt, the director and co-founder of the ILCN, which connects practitioners and champions private and civic land conservation globally; and Stefanie Covino of the Blackstone Watershed Collaborative whose work serves to improve watershed health and resilience across 39 communities.

- *May 25, 2023 2:00 PM MDT*

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### Eurosite Annual Meeting - Save the Date

The Eurosite Annual Meeting will take place in Amiens, France, from November 7-9, 2023. It is hosted by *Conservatoire d'espaces naturels Hauts-de-France*.

- November 7-9, 2023 - Amiens, France

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## Opportunities

### Inclusive GEF Assembly Challenge Program: Call for Submissions of Initiatives

The Global Environmental Facility (GEF) Assembly is accepting submissions for initiatives that address global environmental and climate change problems in a developing country or countries. Selected initiatives will receive up to \$100,000 in funding support, will be recognized at a high-level Ministerial event at the 7th GEF Assembly, and will be connected with each other through a global platform for peer learning.

[Submit by May 29, 2023](#)

### Eurosite: ABC Working Group resource page

The Agriculture, Biodiversity and Climate (ABC) working group brings together farmers, practitioners, and researchers around the belief that nature-friendly farming has a pivotal role in solving the biodiversity and climate crisis. Its new website is live and lists upcoming meetings, webinars, workshops, and networking opportunities. The working group is open to anyone active and interested in these topics from anywhere in Europe.

[Learn More](#)

### 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@lincolnst.edu](mailto:lrobinson@lincolnst.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.

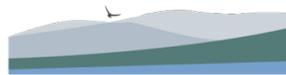


We are excited to share stories from ILCN members. If you have a successful conservation initiative, story, event, or webinar to share, then please contact us at [ILCN@lincolninst.edu](mailto:ILCN@lincolninst.edu).



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.

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