

We hope you enjoy our bi-annual CCNet News, where conservation practitioners from around the world share their stories. You will also find announcements of events and resources to support the practice of nature conservation.



**Greetings everyone,**

*In this first newsletter as your new chair of CCNet, let me briefly introduce myself. While I'm delighted to take up this role, I also acknowledge that I have huge shoes to fill in taking over from Brad Northrup. I'm a botanist by training, but I have spent most of my career to date*

in conservation management. My first introduction to Conservation Action Planning/Open Standards was in 2001 through a workshop facilitated by The Nature Conservancy (TNC) in Australia. I was with Trust for Nature, a conservation NGO in southeastern Australia at the time and we were working on scaling up our program. We quickly adopted the Open Standards as our way forward. I later joined TNC as the Australian Country Program Director where we further focused on expanding the Open Standards among a range of partners across the country through workshops and trainings. It has been heartening to see the huge growth in our network that allows coaches around the world to share our experiences and knowledge to better deal with the pressing environmental issues now facing us.

After 8 years with the Australia program, I then took up a role as Director of Regional Strategies for TNC's Asia Pacific region. I have recently completed a 2.5-year global assignment to establish a new program in New Zealand. More recently, I've taken up a role as Senior Adviser to our Indigenous and Local Communities team.

I feel truly honored and humbled to be able to serve you as CCNet Chair and continue building and expanding our ability to do great work. I hope you enjoy this edition of CCNet News, which contains stories of our coaches' work to conserve endangered porpoises in China, monitor key mammals in Brazil, protect watersheds in the southeastern United States, partner with Indigenous

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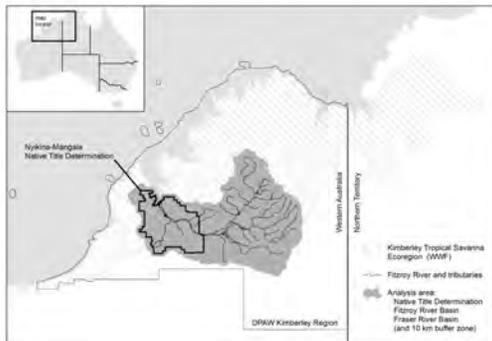
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communities, embrace social science and evidence in conservation planning, and train conservation practitioners around the world. Also be sure to check out the Bulletin Board for important announcements about upcoming workshops, franchise changes, and other important news.

—*Michael Looker*

## Coaches in Action



### Proactive Development Planning for Indigenous Communities

*Story from [Frank Weisenberger](#) (Frank Weisenberger Consulting) and [David Hinchley](#) (The Nature Conservancy)*

Environmental impact assessments typically focus on the impact of developments on environmental values, specifically biodiversity. Often, they do not adequately consider social and cultural impacts.

[A recent article](#) published in the Environmental Impact Assessment Review presents a novel framework that integrates biodiversity and social/cultural values to deliver better conservation outcomes and overcome the separation of the conservation and development planning processes. The Development-By-Design tool builds on Healthy Country Plan targets and threats and uses spatial analysis to report and visualise the impact of a given development footprint. Community-based use of the tool supports Free, Prior and Informed Consent of Indigenous Communities during development negotiations and helps groups conduct their

### Conservation International Brazil Reconnects to Open Standards

*Story from [Gustavo Gatti](#) (Conserve Brasil)*

Last February, a group of 24 professionals from Conservation International Brazil (CI Brazil) gathered in Rio de Janeiro for an Open Standards introductory training course. Over five days, participants learned all the steps of the Open Standards cycle, but focused on Steps 1 and 2: Conceptualize, Plan Actions and Monitoring. In breakout group sessions, participants practiced applying the Open Standards to four current CI Brazil projects. During the closing session, participants expressed that they could see how the Open Standards would be of value as a planning framework for current and future projects.

The training was organized by Marcia Panno (CI Brazil), Flavia Rocha, and Annette Olsson (a CCNet coach from CI) and delivered by Gustavo Gatti (Conserve Brasil), assisted by Maísa Guapyassú.

own internal impact assessment of development proposals.

For more information, check out the related story shared in our CCNet News in 2018, "[Incorporating Social, Cultural and Natural Values in Development Decision Making.](#)"



## Healthy Country Planning Training in Winnipeg, Canada

*Story from Amanda Karst, Cary Hamel, Emily Gonzales, Heather Barna, Mary Huffman, and Stuart Cowell*

What is Healthy Country Planning? How is it different to Open Standards? And where the heck is Winnipeg? These were some of the pressing questions participants had at the recent Healthy Country Planning training held in a provincial park outside Winnipeg in Treaty 1 territory (Anishinaabe lands).

The training brought together practitioners from a wide range of backgrounds and organisations to build understanding and skills so they can better support Indigenous peoples in Canada. Because our participants came from such different contexts, we used three different case studies to explore the ideas and realities of rolling out a Healthy Country Plan. The case studies covered planning for an Indigenous Protected Area within the Fundy Biosphere Reserve in New Brunswick; establishing Protected Areas with the Cree Nation Government in Eeyou Istchee, Quebec; and the proposed Dinàgà Wek'èhodì Protected Area with the Tlicho Government in the Northwest Territories.

While exploring the unique challenges of these cases, the workshop emphasised that Healthy Country Planning is a set of tools, but it is also about the ability and willingness to



## Conservation Planning Training Helps Protect Endangered Porpoise in China

*Story from Wang Luhong and Jin Tong (The Nature Conservancy China)*

The Yangtze Finless Porpoise is currently the only freshwater mammal living in the Yangtze River. Due to the human disturbances, the number of these porpoises has rapidly declined and they are now listed on the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species

To better protect this porpoise from extinction, China established the Hewangmiao/Jicheng Yangtze Finless Porpoise Nature Reserve in 2015. The 6,000 hectare reserve is located on an old section of the Yangtze River main stem that was created by river straightening projects. The reserve faces a few main challenges, including habitat disturbance, lack of funding and skills, and lack of collaborative management.

The Nature Conservancy is focusing on solutions, including:

- Providing technical and funding support for environmental monitoring and biodiversity surveys that will gain information about the conservation targets and potential threats;

adapt those tools to better meet local circumstances. During the workshop, participants explored the potential connections between reconciliation and the establishment of Indigenous Protected Areas in Canada. As government land management agencies in Canada look for ways to enact new mandates for Indigenous-led conservation while working with existing plans and regulations, how might Healthy Country Planning help? For example, how might Healthy Country Planning dovetail with the current format of management plans in Canada's national parks?

As awareness and use of Healthy Country Planning continues to grow in Canada, we expect to see a version of these tools adapted to help practitioners and coaches better support Indigenous communities in Canada and strengthen their leadership in the protection and management of their ancestral lands. This work will be touch, and we're especially grateful to Australia's Traditional Owners for making Healthy Country Planning such a powerful approach.

Read the full story [here](#).



## Strengthening Protected Areas in Magallanes, Chile

**Story from [Irina Montenegro](#) (WWF Chile and CCNet Latin America Franchise)**

CONAF, the National Forest Corporation in Chile, is responsible for the administration of the Wildlife Protected Areas. In 2016, CONAF adopted the Open Standards as the main methodological framework for their management plans. This past June, the CONAF regional office based in Magallanes (the largest and southernmost region in Chile) and WWF Chile arranged an Open Standards training for 22 staff, including administrators, technical staff, and

- Initiating nature education programs for the surrounding schools and communities;
- Training staff; and,
- Developing a participatory conservation management plan that supports local engagement efforts, including interviews and community surveys.

In March 2019, coaches Wang Luhong, [Luo Yongmei](#), and [Zhang Yanfang](#) (TNC China) conducted a two-day Conservation Action Planning (an equivalent of the Open Standards) training for more than 40 participants, including local government agencies, fishers, NGOs, research institutes, and other stakeholders from the two porpoise reserves. The team will complete a Conservation Action Plan for the reserves at the end of this year. The team is hopeful that this approach will help protect the unique porpoise and its habitat.

Read the full story [here](#).



## Embracing Social Science in Conservation Planning

**Story from [Leander Lacy](#) (Lacy Consulting Services, LLC) and [Lesley Bertolotti](#) (The Nature Conservancy Florida )**

The Nature Conservancy Florida is demonstrating how nature-based solutions are essential components of watershed management. One area of focus is the Peace Creek Watershed in Polk County, one of the fastest growing counties in the nation. To gain support for and foster greater success for their watershed protection

park rangers of seven protected areas in the region. The workshop sought to increase the capacities of CONAF staff at a regional level so that each team responsible for a protected area can develop their own conservation plans. With the support of CCNet Coach Irina Montenegro, participants got familiar with key tools from the first two steps of the Open Standards by applying them to case studies from their own protected areas. A story on this training can be found in Spanish in the Chilean publication *Diálogo Sur*.

efforts, TNC Florida is incorporating the community's values and views in their management plans.

To better understand the community, TNC Florida collaborated with an environmental social scientist, Leander Lacy, to design and implement a stakeholder study. Based on 27 face-to-face interviews with stakeholders and other research, TNC Florida found out that the community considered water (quality, supply, access to lakes), urban growth, and education as their top issues. All respondents felt nature-based solutions were viable options, but were concerned about the costs to implement and maintain them. TNC Florida considered these findings while developing actionable next steps that will support and sustain the Peace Creek Watershed.



## NaturePlan Open Standards Workshops

*Story from Andrew Bridges (NaturePlan)*

This past March, [Quinn Shurtliff](#) and Andrew Bridges ([NaturePlan](#)) led a one-day introductory Open Standards short course at the [National Military Fish and Wildlife Association Meeting](#) in Denver, Colorado. The workshop's 38 participants included biologists, contractors, and resource managers from around the world. Breaking into four teams, participants applied the Open Standards to real-world case studies and emphasized how this planning process could be used in Integrated Natural Resource Plans.

In June, Andrew taught a three-day workshop as a module in the San Diego Zoo/University of Ohio Advanced Inquiry graduate program. Eight graduate students (and a couple zoo biologists who wanted to audit!) worked through the Open Standards

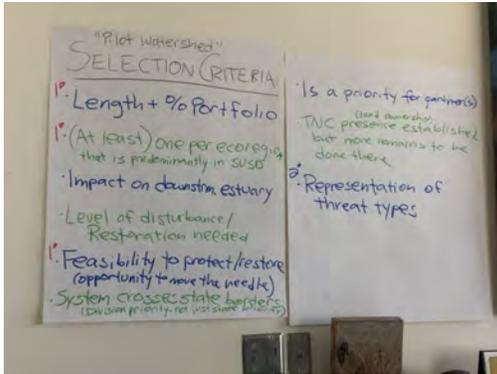
## Science and Strategic Planning Enhance Conservation of Golden Lion Tamarins

*Story from Lou Ann Dietz (Save the Golden Lion Tamarin)*

Since its creation in 1992, the Brazilian NGO Associação Mico-Leão-Dourado (AMLD) has coordinated local, national, and international efforts to assure the long-term future of endangered golden lion tamarins in their native habitat, the lowland Atlantic Forest of Brazil. Over the years, AMLD has brought the population back from the brink of extinction, from only an estimated 200 individuals in the early 1980s to 3,700 tamarins in 2018. Part of the association's work is ensuring the existence of a block of connected habitat large enough to hold a population of tamarins that would be demographically and genetically viable in the

steps and applied them to real-world case studies provided by conservation biologists working at zoo. Case studies focused on tortoise conservation in the Mojave Desert and leopard conservation in Kenya.

long term. AMLD and its partners follow the Open Standards, which combine conservation action and research in a continuous cycle to develop and adapt a strategic plan. In a recent [article](#) in *PLOS One*, the AMLD team reports how they use science-based computer modeling to establish measurable goals, how they design and implement conservation strategies, and how they use census data to evaluate progress and adapt their plan.



## Planning for Freshwater Protection in the Southeastern United States

**Story from Sara Gottlieb (Director of Freshwater Science and Strategy, The Nature Conservancy and CCNet North America Franchise Co-Leader)**

Protecting land and water is one of The Nature Conservancy's priorities in North America. The goal is to sustain North America's biodiversity by conserving a network of resilient sites and connecting corridors that allow species to adapt to climate change impacts. Planning for this work is being undertaken at the division level. This year, the Southern US Division became the first to develop freshwater protection plans.

During the first half of 2019, Angie Watland, a CCNet Coach in the Virginia Chapter of TNC, and I coached four watershed teams through a Conservation Action Planning (CAP) process. The four teams included the Choctawhatchee in Alabama and Florida, Great PeeDee in North Carolina and South Carolina, Cahaba in Alabama, and Yazoo in Mississippi and

## MAVA Foundation "Going Full Cycle" with the Open Standards

**Story from Vladimir Milushev, Nico Boenisch (FOS Europe) and Julien Sémelin (MAVA Foundation)**

MAVA, one of Europe's largest private foundations, is entering its last grant-making phase before it closes in 2022. With that in mind, MAVA has taken a conscious decision to invest in [conservation programs that are organised as functioning partnerships practicing adaptive management](#). MAVA's current portfolio is built around 24 so-called Outcome Action Plans (OAPs) ranging from conservation of freshwater systems in Switzerland, to tackling overfishing in the Mediterranean Sea, to protecting sea turtles in West Africa. Each OAP is a multi-partner conservation program anchored in concrete threat reductions. Partners from more than 150 organisations across Europe, the Mediterranean basin, and West Africa use the Open Standards to plan and adaptively manage their OAPs.

All OAP partnerships go through a mid-term evaluation to assess the effectiveness of their joint efforts and propose adaptations

Louisiana. These watersheds were selected based on a GIS analysis of resilience criteria (length of functionally connected network, number of size classes, watershed land use, etc.) and other factors agreed upon by the group. We chose to use the CAP methodology, which was TNC’s “flavor” of the Open Standards prior to the adoption of Conservation by Design 2.0 in 2016, because it is well understood by those involved, has readily-available guidance and tools, and can be adapted easily. During monthly calls, we introduced each step of the CAP process and reviewed work from the previous month. The process culminated in an in-person workshop in Atlanta, Georgia, in May 2019, where team members and others reviewed Theories of Change for each team’s freshwater protection plan, and cross-cutting themes were identified. A final report outlining the process, results, and recommendations to other divisions undertaking their own planning process is due in July.

for the final phase. The review is designed as a participatory adaptive management process in which partners of all OAPs are “going full cycle” together. That means the process is dependent on the active participation of all involved partners across all OAPs and covers the progress, effectiveness, and impact of work, as well as functional and contextual changes. MAVA uses the results of mid-term reviews for its final grant-making decisions. Positive feedback shows that this review process is robust and helps to bring partners together so they can discuss issues and develop meaningful adaptations.

Over the years, MAVA’s approach has built capacity among partners and in-house familiarity with the Open Standards has grown substantially. All MAVA program and OAP managers are well trained in using the Open Standards—many are official coaches and active members of CCNet Europe. MAVA has also been collaborating with Foundations of Success Europe for process coordination and ongoing coaching.

Read more about [Managing MAVA’s OAPs adaptively](#) or see the [Mid-Term Reviews of MAVA’s OAPs](#).



## New Conservation Coaches Trained and 4th Rally in Europe

*Story from [Xavi Escuté](#) (Fundació Catalunya-La Pedrera/CCNet Europe co-leader)*

During the first week of April 2019, in beautiful Vålådalen, Sweden, CCNet Europe and The Swedish Environmental Protection Agency hosted the third New Coach Training in Europe. Coaches John Morrison (CCNet Global/WWF US),



## Conservation Measures Partnership Retreat 2019

*Story from [Caroline Stem](#) (Foundations of Success and Conservation Measures Partnership)*

In mid-May, 42 representatives from non-profit organizations, donors, and government agencies gathered in Shenandoah National Park for three intense days together during the Conservation Measures Partnership’s biennial retreat. The retreat

Xavier Escuté (Fundació Catalunya La Pedrera), and Jenny Hertzman (Blenkinge Country Administrative Board) trained 18 talented participants from 14 countries.

The setting was incredible and we enjoyed the weather, which was what the Swedish call the Fifth Season, or Spring-Winter. We had everything from snow to sun and managed to find time in between training activities to go cross-country skiing at night to hear owls, gather around a campfire in the snow, build a snowman, and take a snowshoeing fieldtrip through the fantastic landscape.

The New Coach Training was followed by the 4th European Coaches Rally where 32 coaches gathered to share innovations and experiences, learn from each other, and to celebrate our network.

The Rally agenda included sessions on “going full cycle,” systems for adaptive management, climate-smart OS, flipping an organisation, tools for prioritizing strategies, using the OS for planning and managing a marine protected area network, and campfire stories about coaching experiences around the world. During a plenary session, we presented the new CCNet Europe Strategic Plan and our new website and reflected on what CCNet Europe is for us

We would like to thank the coaches who contributed to these events as well as the Swedish Environmental Protection Agency for their generous financial and logistical support!

was a fantastic opportunity to bring CMP members together to learn from one another and get energized about all the cool work members are doing across the globe. The retreat centered around five themes:

1. Evidence, Decisions, and Open Standards
1. Expanding Access, Use, and Reach of the Open Standards
1. Scale and Complexity: Using the Open Standards in Planning and Managing Multi-project Programs or Portfolios
1. Audits, Evaluations, and Learning
1. Change, Organizations, and Operationalization

As usual, we had lots of great discussions and left the retreat with lots of energy. The key will be to keep that energy going as we continue to work on CMP initiatives and our projects with partners.

[Click here to see presentations and recordings from the Retreat.](#)



## New Community of Practice: Indigenous Open Standards Projects

*Story from [Frank Weisenberger](#) ([Frank Weisenberger Consulting](#))*

Some of the world's most biodiverse areas are held and managed by Indigenous

## Involving Coaches in USAID's Measuring Impact II Project

*Story from [Marcia Brown](#) and [Vinaya Swaminathan](#) ([Foundations of Success](#))*

peoples and traditional communities. With a close relationship to their natural environments, Indigenous peoples have developed unique knowledge and effective management practices that contribute to biodiversity conservation and to the sustainable natural resource use. Being so closely connected to nature also means that Indigenous peoples are often first and most severely affected by environmental degradation and the impacts of climate change. In many places, Indigenous peoples have no secure tenure rights and are excluded from decisions affecting their environment, which increases their vulnerability and limits their ability to contribute to conservation efforts.

Since CCNet was formed, conservation coaches in different parts of the world have collaborated with Indigenous partners to help adaptively manage Indigenous or communally-owned resources. Innovations such as Healthy Country Planning were co-developed with Indigenous peoples, and numerous Indigenous colleagues have been trained as planners and conservation coaches. Over the years, a community of Indigenous Open Standards practitioners and coaches working with Indigenous communities has emerged.

To improve sharing and learning and allow this community to grow, we launched the “Community of Practice: Indigenous OS Projects” in April 2019. To connect community members, we established an email listserv ([ccnet\\_indigenous\\_projects@npogroups.org](mailto:ccnet_indigenous_projects@npogroups.org)). In addition, the Coach Database can now display affiliation with the Indigenous OS Projects community of practice. We are also developing a [web-based repository](#) of tools and resources, such as Healthy Country Planning presentations. Please feel free to download, use, share, and adapt them to your local needs and circumstances.

If you would like to sign up for the CoP Indigenous OS Projects listserv, or if you would like to be identified in the Coach Database for your work with Indigenous communities, contact [Frank Weisenberger](#) via email. Please reach out to us if you would like to share materials that you have found useful in your practice of the Open Standards or Healthy Country Planning with Indigenous projects.

The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) invests more than USD\$250 million each year to conserve biodiversity around the world. Since 2012, partner organizations Foundations of Success, Environmental Incentives, and ICF International have worked with USAID’s Forestry and Biodiversity Office to use Open Standards principles and tools to increase the agency’s capacity to design, monitor, evaluate, and improve the impact of their global biodiversity conservation and natural resource management programs.

Just as this project, called Measuring Impact, was winding down in August 2018, we received the exciting news that the Forestry and Biodiversity Office had awarded a follow-up contract for [Measuring Impact II](#) (MI2). The MI2 contract focuses on the countries of highest priority for biodiversity conservation, which include Brazil, Peru, Colombia, Indonesia, Philippines, Papua New Guinea, Vietnam, Madagascar, Kenya, Tanzania, Democratic Republic of Congo, and regional missions in South America, Asia, and Central Africa. In addition, “buy-in” contracts secured by the first phase of the Measuring Impact project support biodiversity programming in a number of USAID operating units, including the Bureau for Latin America and the Caribbean, the South American Region/Peru mission, USAID Madagascar, and USAID Colombia.

The interest in and continuation of our partnership is a testament to USAID staff values and commitment to adaptive management principles. Though the expanded scope of MI2 is reaffirming and inspiring, meeting the rapidly increasing demand has been a challenge. We have solicited the help of CCNet coaches in the Latin America/Caribbean region to fulfill the many requests for strategic planning and workshops and plan to do the same in Asia and Africa. As MI2 progresses, we will work together to ensure we make the most of these high-profile and far-reaching opportunities to influence the practice of conservation across the globe. For more information about MI2, contact [Vinaya Swaminathan](#).



## Monitoring Key Mammals in the Atlantic Forest in Brazil

**Story from [Gustavo Gatti \(Conserve Brasil\)](#) and [Anita Diederichsen \(WWF-Brazil\)](#)**

Protected Areas in Brazil attempt to conserve the nation's unique biodiversity, including key mammals, which are threatened by direct and indirect human pressures, such as forest conversion, poaching, and infrastructure. Managers of Protected Areas face many challenges, including a lack of information on whether or not these areas are successfully conserving important species.

Knowing this, a group of biologists from two Brazilian non-profit organizations, the [Instituto de Pesquisa Ecológica de Cananéia](#) and the [Instituto Manaca](#), are promoting a network for monitoring big mammals in one of the most important remnants of the Atlantic Forest in Brazil. Federal agencies, two state environment agencies, NGOs, law enforcement agencies, and private reserve owners have joined the monitoring network, encompassing around 30 protected areas.

Coaches Anita Diederichsen and Gustavo Gatti are helping network coordinators develop a conceptual model for the conservation of jaguars, tapirs, and white-lipped peccaries as the conservation targets that will represent all important threatened local mammals. During two workshops, network participants learned about the importance of monitoring conservation targets, aligned expectations, and agreed on next steps. The Open Standards process illustrated how a coordinated monitoring effort

can contribute to the conservation of mammals in this biodiversity hotspot.

## Reflections

**Do we have evidence that our conservation actions are working?**



## New Guidance for Using Evidence to Improve Conservation

*Story from [Nick Salafsky](#) ([Foundations of Success](#))*

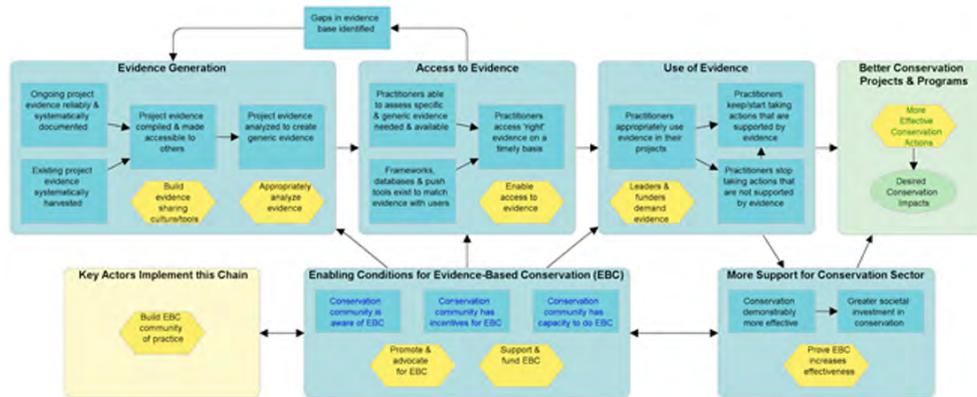
Despite growing interest in evidence-based conservation, practitioners lack clear guidance on what evidence is or how to realistically apply it to their work. A Conservation Measures Partnership working group brought together leading experts to explicitly incorporate principles of evidence-based conservation into the Open Standards.

We reviewed evidence-based practice in medicine, education, and other fields to develop a working definition and typology of evidence in conservation. We then developed guidance for realistically using evidence in day-to-day conservation practice. Finally, we developed a road map (based on theory of change) for the conservation community to better generate, disseminate, and use evidence across the discipline (see results chain below). A recent paper, "[Defining and Using Evidence in Conservation Practice](#)," describes our work in more detail.

These principles are being incorporated into Version 4.0 of the *Open Standards* (scheduled for launch in 2019) and have already been built into the latest version of [Miradi Software](#). Going forward, our working group will use this road map to better promote and enable the use of evidence in conservation. We welcome participation and feedback from coaches!

For more information or to join our ongoing effort, please contact [Nick Salafsky](#).

Please share the article using hashtags #ConservationEvidence and #CMPopenstandards and using the paper's DOI: [10.1111/csp2.27](https://doi.org/10.1111/csp2.27)



Results chain showing how the conservation community can better generate, disseminate, and use evidence. Chart from “*Defining and Using Evidence in Conservation Practice*,” published in *Conservation Science & Practice*, DOI: [10.1111/csp2.27](https://doi.org/10.1111/csp2.27)

## Bulletin Board



### Map Records Projects That Use the Open Standards, Miradi, and Miradi Share

Shared by [Felix Cybulla](#) (*Independent Adviser, Conservation Planning & Adaptive Management*)

We now have a map that records the location of and other data about projects that are using the Open Standards, Miradi, and Miradi Share. This user-curated map has already registered over 30,000 views on Google Maps.

Please help us get your projects on the map and encourage other to add their projects. In addition to recording the location, we encourage you to share as much information on your project as



### New Leadership and Listserv for CCNet Australia

We would like to thank [Natalie Holland](#) (The Nature Conservancy) and [Paul Koch](#) (independent consultant, formerly with Greening Australia) for their many years of service as franchise leaders in Australia. Natalie and Paul leave CCNet Australia in the very capable hands of [Clair Dougherty](#), National Conservation Planning Manager with Bush Heritage Australia. We are very grateful to Clair for stepping up into this leadership role and appreciate Bush Heritage’s support. If you’d like to be connected to fellow coaches in Australia and Papua New Guinea, or are interested in Open Standards and coach training opportunities, please contact [Clair](#).

**Listserv provides opportunity to connect with conservation coaches**

possible, such as links to management plans, websites, contact details, and photos.

Everyone applying the Open Standards, using Miradi, or Miradi Share can (and should) add projects to this map. You can find simple step-by-step instructions [here](#).

## 2019 Cohort of Certified Conservation Coaches

Last year, we announced our first group of eight practitioners who received their certificates as conservation coaches.

The CCNet Certification Program provides an opportunity for conservation practitioners who coach projects with the Open Standards to achieve “official” recognition for their proficiency. To be clear: you don’t have to be formally certified to call yourself, and act as, a conservation coach. Certification is for coaches who feel the need (e.g., as a consultant) to have those credentials and for practitioners who want to further pursue conservation coaching as a professional path. Because the certification process requires significant effort and a documented high level of proficiency, we expect that only a certain percentage of coaches will seek certification. We are happy to announce that this year the following seven practitioners were certified by CCNet as conservation coaches:

- Nico Boenisch (Germany)
- Erica Cochrane (United States)
- Andy Dickerson (United States)
- Xavier Escute (Spain)
- Tobias Garstecki (Germany)
- Irina Montenegro (Chile)
- Quinn Shurtliff (United States)

We have updated our [conservation coach database](#) to show who is certified.

## and practitioners in the region!

This email-based discussion forum for conservation coaches and practitioners who apply the Open Standards in Australia and Papua New Guinea and would like to ask questions, share experiences, discuss regionally-relevant conservation and sustainable development topics, or tell others about interesting opportunities relating to the Open Standards and adaptations. Please contact [Frank Weisenberger](#) if you’d like to subscribe to the listserv.



## Multi-team Open Standards Training Opportunity in Europe!

CCNet Europe and Durrell Wildlife Conservation Trust are excited to announce a workshop on adaptive management using the Open Standards at Jersey Zoo, Jersey (Channel Islands) from 20 to 25 October 2019.

Durrell Wildlife Conservation Trust (Durrell) was established by the world-renowned naturalist and author Gerald Durrell in 1963 with the primary aim of saving species from extinction. Since then, it has been responsible for the recovery of critically endangered mammals, birds, reptiles, and amphibians in the wild through the application of hands-on species management techniques and an evidence-based approach to threat mitigation. Durrell has adopted the Open Standards organisationally and is working hard to ensure all its conservation programs are managed adaptively.

A key part of Durrell’s commitment to the Open Standards is incorporating it into their well-established training program. We hope the joint training event with CCNet Europe in 2019 will be the start of a long-term partnership and regular

If you want to learn more about the certification process, or want to apply for certification, [visit our website](#).



## Upcoming Conservation Coach Trainings

Conservation Coach Trainings are offered by CCNet Global in coordination with regional CCNet Franchises and often other partners. Trainings are for those already experienced with the Open Standards, who have the opportunity or the mandate to lead conservation project teams, and who want to increase their knowledge. Our upcoming coach trainings include:

*California, USA, North America  
November 2019  
New Coach Training*

The course is full, but if you'd like to be put on a waiting list, contact [Andrew Bridges](#) and [John Morrison](#).

*Australia  
Potential New Coach Training*

Depending on interest, we might offer a training some time in 2019. If you are interested, contact [Clair Dougherty](#).

*Chile, Latin America  
Potential New Coach Training in Spanish*

Depending on interest and financial support, we might offer a training some time in late 2019. If you are interested, contact [Irina Montenegro](#) and [Cristina Lasch](#).

To check on updates regarding coach training opportunities, [visit our website](#).

training opportunities for conservation practitioners.

Find out more about the upcoming event [here](#).



## CCNet Mesoamerica and South America Franchises Join Forces

In 2012, two separate franchises were established to serve conservation coaches in Mesoamerica and South America. At the 2018 CCNet Rally, a group of coaches from Latin America met to discuss ways to better address the needs of conservation coaches in the region. As a result, we have decided to merge the franchises into CCNet Latin America. This new franchise will serve Spanish-speaking South America, Brazil, the Caribbean, Central America, and Mexico. A list of countries served by this franchise can be found [here](#).

We would like to thank Dave Kramer and Yven Echeverría who served in the past as franchise leaders for CCNet Mesoamerica and Irina Montenegro who served as franchise leader for South America for many years and has kindly accepted to continue as a co-leader of the new joint franchise.

The new CCNet Latin America franchise is led by the following colleagues:

- [Irina Montenegro](#) (WWF-Chile) is the point of contact for Spanish-speaking South America. She also represents the franchise team on decisionmaking as part of the CCNet Board.
- [Anita Diederichsen](#) (WWF-Brasil) will help update the database for Brazil.
- [Gustavo Gatti](#) (Conserve Brasil) is the point of contact for Brazil.
- [Estuardo Secaira](#) (independent consultant) is the point of contact for Central America.
- [Cristina Lasch](#) (TNC-Mexico and Northern Central America/CCNet) is

the point of contact for Mexico and the Spanish-speaking Caribbean.

We thank all these colleagues for stepping into these leadership roles.



## CCNet North America Leadership Changes and Reorganization

The decision was made to merge the Sierras/California Franchise and the Rocky Mountains/Canada Franchise, forming the new Western Franchise in North America. Until a separate franchise is formed for Canada, the Western Franchise will also serve Canadian coaches. We are grateful to [Andrew Bridges](#) and [Terri Schulz](#) for their leadership under the previous structure and for being willing to continue to lead this new franchise together. We would like to thank Sandi Matsumoto from The Nature Conservancy for her many years of service as the leader of the former Sierras/California Franchise!

If you are interested in Open Standards or Conservation Coach Training opportunities in this region, please contact [Terri](#) or [Andrew](#).



## CCNet Southeast Asia Leadership Change

We'd like to thank Annette Olsson, Independent Consultant formerly with Conservation International, for her service as co-leader of the Southeast Asia franchise. Due to a change in location, she is stepping down from this role, but CCNet Southeast Asia remains in good



## New CCNet Europe Website

The CCNet Europe Core Team are excited to present our new [CCNet Europe website](#)! We have been working over the last few months to update the content and style of our website to make it clean, clear, and easy to access all the information our community needs. We designed the website in line with CCNet Europe's strategic plan, which you can view via the "About" page on the website. We will continue to add content over time, advertise upcoming events, and update the Community section as more coaches join CCNet Europe.

We are really happy with the new site and feel that it represents our diverse, active community. We hope you like it, too!



## Rally 2020!

As many of you know, we come together approximately every two years to connect, share innovations, sharpen our skills, and uplift our spirits so that we can

hands with [Hui Shim Tan](#), WWF-Malaysia and [Felix Cybulla](#), Independent Adviser, Conservation Planning & Adaptive Management.

If you are in the region and want to learn about opportunities on Open Standards or Conservation Coach Trainings, feel free to contact [Hui Shim](#) and [Felix](#).



## One-day Intensive Open Standards Training Opportunity in Nevada, USA

September 29, 2019  
8:00 am - 5:00 pm  
Reno, Nevada, USA, North America

The course, "Systematic Planning to Improve Wildlife and Fisheries Conservation and Management," is hosted by The Wildlife Society with support from the Military Lands Working Group as part of the joint annual conference of the American Fisheries Society and The Wildlife Society 2019. In addition to providing an introduction to the Open Standards and the support software Miradi, participants will learn how this adaptive management method can be applied in highly regimented and complex situations such as federal military lands Integrated Natural Resource Management Plans and State Wildlife Action Plans. Advance registration is required through the conference website. [Click here](#) for more information.

To find out about other upcoming Open Standards training opportunities, [visit our website](#).

better support projects and people and achieve tangible conservation results.

We are currently selecting a venue for our next CCNet Rally, which we hope can take place in Canada in May of 2020.

More specific information will be shared in the next months through the CCNet listserv and on our [website](#), so stay tuned.

We look forward to seeing many of you next year!



## Open Standards v3.0 Available in Korean

The Open Standards have now been translated into 9 languages! The [latest translation for Korea](#) was released in January of 2019.

Many thanks to the hard work of the contributors: Jeong Eun (Any) Lim, Moonhyun Shin, Baekjun Kim, Raeha Jang, Heejong Kim, and Jaehwa Do.

The Research Center for Endangered Species of the National Institute of Ecology (South Korea) is now using the Open Standard to structure and implement their species restoration efforts across the country.

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## Looking for conservation coaching resources?

Check out the CCNet [website](#).

## Need help or want to share something cool related to the application of the *Open Standards*?

Tap into our [CCNet Listserv](#)! To sign up, e-mail [Cristina Lasch](#).

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CCNet is a community of practitioners who support the application of the *Open Standards for the Practice of Conservation*. Our mission is to train, connect and support conservation practitioners to do better, smarter conservation that achieves tangible results, benefiting people and nature all around the world.

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