

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,

A tough and devastating fire season here in Australia over the last several months has resulted in the tragic and extensive loss of human life, property, habitat, and wildlife. It is a long road to recovery and different strategies are required to deal with fire as the “new normal” in our changing climate. The work

and expertise generated through CCNet are more critical than ever. I have already seen Healthy Country Planning as a key component of recovery proposals.

In this first issue of the year, we share our 2019 accomplishments and stories sent in by conservation coaches around the world. In places like Australia, Bonaire, Canada, Chile, Ecuador, Mexico, Vietnam, and the USA, coaches have been busy training practitioners and supporting conservation efforts to protect wildlife, help people and nature adapt to climate change, manage protected areas, and restore valuable habitats. In Mongolia and China, local professionals who are trained and supported by CCNet are now coaching their own conservation planning processes instead of relying on external experts. This year, we trained 61 new coaches from a wide range of countries, established a Community of Practice to better support Indigenous Conservation Standards practitioners and coaches working with Indigenous resources, and added materials in multiple languages to our website. We also began preparing for our 2020 rally. Thank you all—this collective effort wouldn’t be possible without you as practitioners and the partners and donors who make up our vibrant Network.

—*Michael Looker*

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2020 CCNet Rally Coming Up!



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The CCNet Rally 2020 will be held at the beautiful [Oak Bay Beach Hotel](#) in Victoria, Canada. Sessions will be held May 18-20, so plan to arrive on May 17th and leave in the late afternoon on May 20th (noon on May 21st if you are on the CCNet Board).

Our biennial meeting brings together approximately 150 participants from many continents and organizations. Most participants are trained Conservation Coaches. Other participants include members of the Conservation Measures Partnership, conservation practitioners who are familiar with the Conservation Standards and who are considering coach training, and other Network friends.

Sessions are organized by peers for peers, which allows us to learn with others while giving back to our community of practice. This year's program is tailored to the needs expressed in the pre-Rally survey. Some sessions are dedicated to strengthening core skills; others will build new skills, explore problem areas, and develop new products. The preliminary agenda, list of sessions, and registration link can be found [here](#). If you have questions about the program, contact [Cristina Lasch](#). If you have logistical questions, or would like to request an invitation letter for your visa process, contact [Barbara Allison](#).

We are taking steps to safeguard everyone's safety in regards to the COVID-19 and will provide updates. We advise you to go ahead with your travel plans, but consider airfares that allow for changes or cancellations.

We hope to see you all there!

Can't make it to the Rally? We will make Rally content available online [here](#).

2019 Accomplishments

CCNet Overview

In today's dynamic world, practitioners and managers who work on environmental and social challenges need to be able to work with their teams, projects, and communities to not only adapt to change, but also to create and shape change. The [Conservation Coaches Network](#) brings together a growing pool of trained professionals to support the people who run some of the most critical conservation and sustainable development projects around the world and foster the inclusiveness, openness, and reflexivity needed to guide and adapt actions to benefit people and nature. By using a common approach for adaptive management (the Conservation Standards), projects can learn from others' successes and failures while still solving problems in their own language and cultural context. Tapping into our rich collective knowledge and expertise helps projects get better and faster results.

Highlights from our 2019 Accomplishments Report

- In Mongolia and China, local conservation professionals who are trained and supported by CCNet are now coaching their own processes to develop, assess, and adapt management plans instead of relying on external experts.
- Several countries approved the use of the Conservation Standards for development of plans for protected areas and wildlife management areas.
- We trained 61 new coaches from Albania, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Croatia, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ecuador, Germany, Mongolia, Netherlands, Russian Federation, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom, and the United States. We currently have over 700 active coaches, representing over 200 institutions and doing work in over 60 countries on all continents.
- We certified seven coaches through the second-party [CCNet Certification Program](#).
- We formed a [Community of Practice](#) to better support Indigenous Conservation Standards practitioners and conservation coaches working with Indigenous or communally-owned resources.
- In alliance with the CMP, we updated the Conservation Standards Version 4.0 and reviewed Conservation Standards materials.
- We started preparations for our community gathering in 2020. Learn more [here](#).
- We added event announcements and training materials in multiple languages to our [website](#).
- We currently connect over 750 subscribers through our e-mail listserv.
- We produced two issues of our e-newsletter, CCNet News. View past editions and [sign up here](#).

See the full report [here](#).

For more information, contact [John Morrison](#) (CCNet General Coordinator) and [Cristina Lasch](#) (CCNet Operations Coordinator).

Coaches in Action



Transitioning to the Conservation Standards at Zoos Victoria (Australia)

Story from [Frank Weisenberger](#) ([Frank Weisenberger Consulting](#)) and [Katherine Selwood](#) ([Zoos Victoria](#))

In July and August 2019, staff from Zoos Victoria's Wildlife and Conservation Science team and partner agencies participated in a workshop to explore applying the Conservation Standards to the Fighting Extinction program. The Fighting Extinction program aims to secure and recover species at risk of extinction, with a focus on 27 native threatened species that urgently require conservation intervention.

The recent Conservation Standards training focused on three case study species: the Eastern Barred Bandicoot, Orange-bellied parrot, and Spotted Tree Frog. Each of these species face a number of threats, including habitat loss, introduced predators, and disease. Working with partner organisations, Zoos Victoria implements conservation actions for these species, such as captive breeding, releases to the wild, habitat restoration, predator exclusion, and threat abatement. Zoos Victoria is transitioning to the Conservation Standards to ensure the robustness of strategies, increase the efficiency of internal and external reporting, and improve collaboration with stakeholders. Through this effort and by working with other zoo-based organisations around the world, Zoos Victoria hopes to improve the implementation of the Conservation Standards in complex multi-stakeholder environments. For more information, please contact [Katherine Selwood](#) at [Zoos Victoria](#).



Workshop Helps Analyse and Adapt Indigenous Projects in Western Australia

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

Most Healthy Country Planning projects in the Kimberley region of Western Australia have now been implemented for more than five years. In October, 21 practitioners working on Indigenous Projects in the region gathered to deepen their understanding of the practices needed for monitoring, evaluating and reviewing their Healthy Country Plans.

The first day of the "Analyse and Adapt" training workshop helped the 21 participants to familiarise themselves with their Healthy Country Plan. While some participants have been involved in the development of the plan from the beginning, others joined projects at a later stage. The second and third workshop days focussed on using Results Chains and Roadmaps to develop monitoring frameworks and review processes.

Coaches Clair Dougherty, Stuart Cowell, and Frank Weisenberger from the CCNET Australia Franchise Coordination Committee led the workshop.



Conservation Standards at Jersey Zoo

Story from [Xavier Escuté](#) (*Fundació Catalunya-La Pedrera*) and [Catherine Payne](#) (*Durrell Wildlife Conservation Trust*)

Last October, Durrell Wildlife Conservation Trust and CCNet Europe were thrilled to host 18 participants and eight coaches in a multi-team Conservation Standards workshop at Jersey Zoo in the Channel Islands. Led by trainers Xavier Escute and Catherine Payne, two teams worked on real-life projects, including the Mujib Basin, Jordan, and the Ploughshare Tortoise, Madagascar. A third team practised the tools of the Conservation Standards using a case study from Durrell's work in Manas National Park, India. Participants also experienced behind-the-scenes visits to Jersey Zoo and Jersey National Park to see Durrell's red-billed croug reintroduction project.



Using the Conservation Standards to Connect



A Conservation Framework for Bonaire, Dutch Caribbean

Story from [Oscar Maldonado](#) (*Independent Consultant*) and [Jens Odinga](#) (*FoS Europe*)

One year has passed since coaches Oscar Maldonado (Guatemala) and Jens Odinga (Netherlands) joined forces to assist [STINAPA Bonaire National Parks Foundation](#), the local organization responsible for the management of protected areas in Bonaire, Dutch Caribbean. Initially, the coaches collaborated to help STINAPA determine their conservation priorities through an Conservation Standards workshop. The entire STINAPA staff, including fieldworkers, scientists, technical personnel, and administrative staff, participated in the intensive 15-day process. STINAPA is now actively using the plan as their five-year conservation framework to organize yearly work plans, ease management changes, and focus on priorities.



Using the Conservation Standards to Reduce

Community-based Efforts with Landscape-scale Results

Story from *María Fernanda Cepeda González (Capacitación y Asesorías Ambientales)*

Mexico's United Nations Small Grants Program (SGP) provides seed funding for conservation projects at the community level, but results must be reflected at a landscape scale. Because the SGP is an implementer of the United Nations Development Program's Global Environmental Fund, we follow the COMDEKS methodology (Community Development and Knowledge Management for the Satoyama Initiative). This method focuses on maintaining and improving the ecological and productive resilience of communities within a landscape. Because this method focuses on a community scale, rolling results up to a landscape scale has been challenging.

For this reason, we borrowed from the Conservation Standards to create a landscape-scale planning process to guide implementation for the next ten years. This process links the diagnostic phase of COMDEKS with the strategic planning steps of the Conservation Standards. This has allowed us to develop more robust goals, strategies, and results chains within a landscape perspective without losing the community base. At present, we are integrating five landscape-scale strategic plans into one regional plan, identifying crosscutting goals while also keeping goals that pertain to each individual landscape.

Deforestation in the Ecuadorian Amazon

Story from *Fernanda Gonzalez (UNDP-Ecuador), Amy Greenwood (UNDP), and Juan Carlos Gonzalez*

PROAmazonía is an ambitious program seeking to reduce deforestation and greenhouse gas emissions in Ecuador's Amazon region through sustainable management and production practices. This six-year collaborative program to transform the agriculture and forestry sectors is implemented by the Government of Ecuador with support from the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and funding from the Green Climate Fund and the Global Environment Facility.

Originally, two separate frameworks were developed to meet the objectives of the two donors, but in 2017, the two were merged into PROAmazonía. In late 2018, PROAmazonia coordinators and technical staff began using the Conservation Standards methodology as a comprehensive strategic planning process for the program. CCNet coach Fernanda González trained Juan Carlos González and Evelyn García (PROAmazonia) and Amy Greenwood (UNDP), and together they facilitated the planning process.

Through a series of intensive Conservation Standards workshops, the PROAmazonia team identified direct threats and specific conservation and human wellbeing objectives and mapped out short, medium, and long-term expected results. The staff compiled this information using Miradi 4.5.0 software and established results chains. At a subsequent workshop, 50 members of the Ministry of Environment and Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock contributed to each of the results chains. Since then, PROAmazonía has used the results chains and theory of change to inform their annual project planning, monitor progress, prioritize activities, and strengthen their reporting practices.

Follow PROAmazonía online on Twitter and Facebook @PROAmazonia.



Organizations Share Experiences Working on Protected Areas in Latin America and the Caribbean

Story from [Irina Montenegro](#) (WWF) and [Gustavo Gatti](#) (Conserve Brasil)

In October 2019, members and leaders of government institutions, multilateral organizations, civil society, the private sector, and local, traditional, and indigenous communities met in Lima, Peru, for the third Latin American and Caribbean Congress on Protected Areas. One objective of the Congress was to renew and strengthen management plans for protected areas in the region.

As more than 2,700 participants shared experiences, presented academic research, and debated public policies, it became apparent that the Conservation Standards were a critical element in fulfilling conservation goals. For example:

- Representatives of the [Foro Mar Patagónico](#), a regional initiative among organizations in Chile, Argentina, and Uruguay, [shared achievements and lessons learned](#) after two years of the School of Marine Protected Areas in Southern Cone, which shares tools for effective planning and proper management with Marine Protected Area managers.
- Representatives of 7 national government agencies exchanged experiences on monitoring and evaluating results of protected area management. Results were presented at two events during the Congress.
- WWF Chile shared its lessons learned and recommendations for an integrated



Developing Habitat Management Plans in Saskatchewan

Story from [Rob Sutter](#) (Enduring Conservation Outcomes)

The Canadian Province of Saskatchewan is using the Conservation Standards to develop Habitat Management Plans for each of the four ecozones in the Province: Boreal Taiga Shield, Boreal Plain, Parkland, and Prairie. Each ecozone has a team of 8 to 12 experts from different Provincial Ministries working on its plan. The Ministry of Environment is leading the planning project, while Rob Sutter (Enduring Conservation Outcomes and NaturePlan) is facilitating the process.

Six video conference-training sessions and four workshops ensured that the teams were well-prepared to develop effective plans. Each team addressed targets, viability, threats, strategies, results chains, and measures over the course of two workshops. The Plus/Delta exercise at the end of the last session was particularly satisfying. Identified pluses included:

- Breaking down silos across and within Ministries
- The explicit, visual, and color-coded nature of the Conservation Standards
- Thinking at a large scale and about systemic, transformative change
- The value of intermediate results

management model for marine protected areas.

The Congress was organized by the [International Union for Conservation of Nature](#) along with the Ministry of Environment of Peru and other international, national, and regional organizations from several countries in the region, including CCNet coaches from the Latin America franchise.

We invite you to read a related story from the same congress [here](#).



Protected Area Staff in South America Share Experiences on Monitoring the Impact of Management

Story from [Paola Mejía](#) (Foundations of Success and Wildlife Conservation Society Peru)

Staff from protected areas of Brazil, Colombia, Chile, Ecuador, Mexico, Peru, and Uruguay came together again to share and learn from adaptive management experiences. Last year, at a workshop organized by coach Paola Mejía (Wildlife Conservation Society Peru) and the Latin American Technical Cooperation Network on Protected Areas, 15 participants shared their conceptual frameworks for and experiences with monitoring the impacts of protected area management. Participants outlined key principles of monitoring, synthesized their current situations—including strengths and weaknesses—and laid out solutions to overcome current challenges. The group ended the workshop with a “Message from Lima,” a set of recommendations that highlights four key points: 1) telling the complete story based on a theory of change, 2) monitoring intermediate

- The Conservation Standard’s ability to represent complexity
- Learning how to curl (see photo above!)

This project has resulted in a lot of synergies. The Ministry of Environment wants to use the Conservation Standards for a protected areas plan as part of a strategic approach to protect 12% of the land and water in the province. Environment Canada will be using the Conservation Standards to plan for three grassland priority places in Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and Alberta and to manage community pastures in southern Saskatchewan.



Aligning Conservation Planning for Mexico’s Natural Protected Areas with Public Policy

Story from [María Fernanda Cepeda González](#) (Capacitación y Asesorías Ambientales)

In January 2019, we shared a [story](#) on a regional Conservation Standards planning process conducted with Mexico’s Commission for Natural Protected Areas (CONANP). This planning process used an integrated perspective and recognized that sustainable livelihoods are strongly linked to natural resources. Since then, the team has been seeking ways to integrate regional planning and public policy. Integration would demonstrate that different government agencies can have shared goals if they are willing to “learn the language” used by other sectors. Aligning goals could also reduce monitoring costs, which is important in light of significant decreases in economic and human resources faced by Mexico’s environmental sector.

This past year, we have worked to identify government programs and projects that could contribute to the implementation of the regional plan, so that we can align the plan to initiatives promoted by other sectors. Currently, the

and long-term results, 3) integrating the different challenge is linking the indicators used to tools and processes used, and 4) looking at the evaluate public policies to the regional whole system of protected areas. The message, monitoring plan, while also considering progress challenges, and recommendations discussed at against results and activity metrics. this workshop--and many others--were presented during the Latin American and Caribbean Congress of Protected Areas in October 2019.

We invite you to read a related story from the same congress [here](#).



Building Capacity for the Second Generation of Protected Area Management Plans in Western Mongolia

Story from [Tuguldur Enkhtsetseg](#) (TNC) and [Munkhchuluun Basan](#) (WWF)

Western Mongolian Protected Areas protect unique conservation targets, including snow leopards, wild sheep, and lakes. In 2012, the Ministry of Environment and Tourism (MET) of Mongolia approved the Conservation Standards approach for Protected Area management plans, and in late 2018, the MET approved the upgraded Management Effectiveness Tracking Tool (METT) for formal assessments of the effectiveness of Protected Areas. To date, 55 out of 102 State Protected Areas have developed Conservation Standards-based management plans, and most Strictly Protected Areas and National Parks have renewed their management plans to reflect the Conservation Standards principles. Many State Protected Areas completed their management plans in 2018 or 2019, and 10 Protected Areas have used the tracking tool to assess their effectiveness. [Here](#) you can see a map of Mongolian protected areas, showing those that have applied the Conservation Standards.



Chile Uses Conservation Standards in National Plan for Landscape Restoration

Story from [Anita Diederichsen](#) (WWF), [Trevor Walter](#) (WWF), [Rene Zamora Cristales](#) (WRI), [Roger Villalobos](#) (CATIE), and [Rodrigo Catalán](#) (WWF)

Chile has been using the Conservation Standards to plan and manage Protected Areas for many years. Now, we are looking forward to using them in our National Plan for Landscape Restoration. In December 2019, Chile presented a draft plan for public comment. The draft plan was developed with the support of the Initiative 20x20 and its technical members, including WWF, WRI, FAO, and CATIE. At the beginning of the planning process, these organizations provided training for government officials at the Ministries of Environment and Agriculture. Following the initial capacity-building workshop, a series of regional workshops took place across the country. Integrating the Restoration Opportunity Assessment Methodology, Social Landscapes, and the Conservation Standards processes, workshop participants identified major challenges and opportunities related to planning and implementing landscape restoration, mapped the landscape actors, and identified conservation targets and management strategies. Results and theories of change from

In the past, management plans for Protected Areas were developed by external experts. Plan implementation was limited because park staff didn't fully understand the scope and purpose of activities included in the plans. For the last four years, conservation coaches have been training Mongolian conservation professionals in the Conservation Standards and adaptive management. In November 2019, the MET and coaches [Sergelen Erdenebaatar](#) (WWF) and [Tuguldur Enkhtsetseg](#) (TNC) led an Conservation Standards training for 35 staff from State Protected Areas in Western Mongolia and four teachers from Khovd University. Coaches shared experiences, reviewed the draft management plans, and suggested ways to improve coherence among plans in the same region. In December, eight Protected Areas submitted plans to the MET for approval.

each region were integrated into the national plan. In December, the plan was presented for public consultation and was also introduced to participants at the UN Climate Change Conference. Implementation will begin once public comments are incorporated and the final draft is approved.

With this training--and the insights gained from the METT assessments--Protected Area staff now have the skills and understanding needed to develop their next five-year management plans by themselves and guide successful plan implementation.



Improving Forest Landscape Restoration Strategies in the Mekong Region, Asia

Story from [Anita Diederichsen](#), [Amalia Mailing](#), [Thibault Ledecq](#), [Sue Sangkum](#), [Mallory Graves](#) (WWF)

The UN declared 2021 to 2030 the Decade on Ecosystem Restoration. Several of the landscapes we work in need tailored approaches to effectively incorporate landscape restoration. The Southeast Asia Forest Landscape Restoration Workshop was held in December 2019 to share tools and support the



New Coach Training in the Cuyamaca Mountains, California, USA

Story from [Andrew Bridges](#) (Institute for Wildlife Studies/NaturePlan)

CCNet coaches John Morrison (WWF), Arlyne Johnson (Foundations of Success), and Andrew Bridges (Institute for Wildlife Studies/NaturePlan) conducted a New Coach Training on in November 2019, at beautiful Camp Stevens, located in the Cuyamaca Mountains east of San Diego near the historic gold rush mining town of Julian. The teams bonded as they overcame obstacles, including broken room dividers, power outages, and hail

inclusion of forest landscape restoration in conservation work in Vietnam, Thailand, Laos, and Myanmar. During the workshop (organized by WWF Greater Mekong, the WWF Forest Practice, and the Forest Restoration Research Unit of the Chiang Mai University), participants learned how to use Restoration Diagnostics and Social Landscape Mapping (World Resources Institute tools) and how to analyze and incorporate climate change components. Each country identified main strategies, and participants will continue to improve these strategies and share their knowledge with colleagues to further build capacity for ecosystem restoration.

storms to successfully complete their training. We thank Foundations of Success and the Institute for Wildlife Studies for generously donating Arlyne's and Andrew's time, and we warmly welcome our 21 new Brazilian, Ecuadorian, Canadian, and American CCNet colleagues!



Putting the "Community" in Our "Community of Practice"

Story from [Natalie Holland](#) (*The Nature Conservancy*)

So, what exactly are the key advances in Conservation by Design 2.0 (CbD 2.0, TNC's recently updated core conservation methodology)? How is it similar to and/or different from the Conservation Standards? And how can we as facilitators support teams in applying it?

Recently, an amazing group of 29 trainers, subject matter experts, and participants from across TNC came together as a "Community of Practice" to answer these questions and contribute their experiences and perspectives to our collective understanding of CbD2.0. Our venue ticked all of the boxes for a workshop setting: we were the only group of people present and we enjoyed spectacular natural surroundings, comfortable lodging, and a big meeting room with lots of wall space, a deck overlooking the pond and resident alligator, and

Franchise Leadership Changes in Africa

We would like to extend our gratitude to [Nancy Chege](#), UNDP, who served as co-franchise leader for Africa for many years. While Nancy will no longer be the point person for this region, she will still be an active participant of CCNet.

We welcome [Musa Cheruiyot](#), WWF-International, Africa, who kindly is taking on the role as co-franchise leader for Africa, covering East and Southern Africa.

We also thank [Anne Ntongho](#), WWF Cameroon, who after many years continues to serve as co-franchise leader for Africa, covering West, Central and North Africa.

a dock with visiting dolphins! In addition to sharing knowledge and experiences, we also worked together as a “Community” with participants pitching in to cook for others and ensure we had coffee and snacks.

The workshop followed the standard format of a Conservation Standards Coaches Training with presentations and exercises to practice facilitation of the steps, but it was tailored to CbD content. Throughout the workshop, we emphasized key advances of CbD 2.0: how can we factor in systemic change, diversity, equity, inclusion, evidence, and spatial considerations at each step of the process, and what this looks like in practice. Throughout the process, we identified areas that benefit from the application of the Conservation Standards, as well as areas where the Conservation Standards could be improved. While we do not have all the solutions yet, we selected priorities to work on together as a Community of Practice, and in the spirit of adaptive management, we will be seeking further perspectives in a session at the CCNet Rally.

Learn more about CbD 2.0 [here](#).

Reflections

The Making of Conservation Standards Version 4.0

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

The [Conservation Measures Partnership](#) is pleased to release version 4.0 of the [Open Standards for the Practice of Conservation](#) (click on the link for a full version and specific chapters)!



We are really excited about this release and ask all of you to help us promote it widely! Please also follow us on and share posts from our newly established [Twitter account](#) and [LinkedIn profile](#)

This version of the Conservation Standards (our new shorthand name) is the culmination of 2 years of work across our community - from technical input to editorial suggestions to formatting support. We could not have achieved this without the support of this fantastic community of ours!

Who Was Involved? Version 4.0 had a higher number and wider range of participants than any other version of the Conservation Standards. A huge thank you to everyone who has been involved in this process. The Conservation Standards are a more robust product because of your efforts. A full list of those who were involved and a detailed outline of our process can be found [here](#).

The Process: This table summarizes our timeline and the major steps we took to create Conservation Standards 4.0.

Soliciting participation & ideas	
Mar – May 2018	Initial survey to OS community for ideas & interest; CCNet Rally session
Crafting updates & soliciting reviews	
May – Oct 2018	Working groups make initial proposals for updates
Oct – Dec 2018	Initial “messy” review. Working groups review of edits + those interested in heavy involvement
Jan – Mar 2019	Round 1: Review & incorporation of edits. Clean version incorporating group edits & comments from messy review. Shared with broader revisions group
Apr – May 2019	Round 2: Broader group review & incorporation of edits
May – Jul 2019	Round 3: Broader group review & incorporation of edits. CMP Retreat session on terminology, references, major pending questions. Incorporate major decisions from CMP retreat
Jul – Sep 2019	Round 4: CMP final review - One last opportunity for CMP only high-level review
Producing Release Versions	
Sep 2019	Final technical version released as a Google doc
Oct – Dec 2019	Professional design input: Working group consulting with professional designer
Jan – Feb 2020	Transfer to professional design Start of first round of translations (Spanish, French, Portuguese)
Feb 2020	Anticipated release Start to additional translations
May 2020	Celebration at CCNet Rally!!

What's Next? We are in the process of producing translations in French, Portuguese, and Spanish and expect these within the next 6 months. If you are interested in proposing a translation in another language, you can submit a letter of interest to CMP (caroline@fosonline.org) to apply for modest funding.

Bulletin Board

Launch of Miradi Share 2.0

Story from [Nick Salafsky](#) (Foundations of Success) and the Miradi team

The Miradi team is pleased to announce the launch of Miradi Share 2.0!

You asked for a fresh, collaborative way to design and manage your conservation work, and we listened. Our team worked with usability experts to create a modern, interactive online hub for projects and programs at any scale. Highlights include:

- Easier sharing with colleagues and partners
- Edit key project information online

What has the CMP and CCNet Review Committee been Doing?

Do you know we have a CMP-CCNet Committee that reviews Conservation Standards guidance?

With an increasing amount of Conservation Standards guidance being produced, it can be challenging for conservation practitioners to find the best materials on a particular topic or the most appropriate guidance or tool for their specific needs.

In 2014, a joint Guidance Committee was formed between the Conservation Measures Partnership and the

- Update project progress online to enable adaptive management
- Streamlined upload/download to Miradi Desktop

Miradi Share 2.0 is setting the stage for full online diagramming in the near future and for easier real-time collaboration. We are also rolling out new subscription pricing that will hopefully enable more organizations to use Miradi Share.

Visit miradishare.org and login with your existing credentials to see your projects in a fresh new light. Or click [here](#) to take a quick video tour.

Conservation Coaches Network to help curate guidance resources. This group of experienced practitioners and trainers meets regularly to vet Conservation Standards guidance and tools upon request, describe them, rate them, and provide feedback to the authors for improvement.

You can learn more about what the Committee does and does not vet, the ranking system, the criteria used to vet guidance, and how they deal with different languages [here](#). If you have guidance materials related to the Conservation Standards that you would like the Committee to review, or if you would like to join the Committee, please contact Marcia Brown.

See [here](#) for a list of case studies and guidance recently reviewed by the committee.

Updates to the Conservation Standards Website

We've heard from you that the [Conservation Standards website](#) is a critical resource for learning and communicating. We've also heard it has been hard to navigate the site and find the resources you need. Though we work on a small budget, we knew we could--and had to--do better. With funding support from the Conservation Measures Partnership, we've made some updates to the website that we hope you will like!

The main change is a new library tool with an agile search function. Using a variety of filters or key word searches, you can now find what you need more easily. We also redesigned the home page so that it better reflects what most users want to know and quickly directs them to answers. In addition, we've been uploading exciting case studies and examples of the Conservation Standards at work, including examples of management plans and teams going full cycle. And finally--spoiler alert!--exciting changes to the website's look and feel are coming in 2020! Stay tuned.

Webinar with Examples of Conservation Standards in Practice

As part of ongoing efforts to increase sharing and learning across the Conservation Standards community, CMP has invited CCNet members to join the presentation portion of CMP's quarterly calls. During these calls, members share examples of the "Open Standards in Practice." View past presentations and recordings [here](#).

- ***Conservation Essentials: Vital skills for Implementing and Managing Conservation Efforts.*** This session will provide a preview of exciting products created by the [Training Tomorrows' Leaders](#) group for an online course at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Presenters: Marika Suval, Felix Cybulla, Arlyne Johnson
- ***Testing, Improving, and Rolling Out CMP's Conservation Audit Tool.*** This session will share lessons from testing the [Conservation Audit Tool](#) with multiple teams across the globe. Presenters: Elizabeth O'Neill, Sheila O'Connor

We'd love to hear what you think of the changes we've made so far. Tell us what you think in this [brief survey](#) (1 – 2 minutes) or just [email](#) us.

Updated Healthy Country Planning Materials Available

Story from [Frank Weisenberger](#) and [Stuart Cowell](#)

Healthy Country Planning (HCP) is an adaptation of the Conservation Standards that has been used for nearly a decade to help Aboriginal people in Australia look after their “country”--their homelands, waters, culture, and the resources on which they depend. HCP is now used in many countries around the world for a wide range of projects, from “rolling up” regional plans to species-specific plans.

Ever since the first [Healthy Country Plan](#) was developed, the community of practice has been developing support tools and processes. After a review by the joint CCNet and CMP Guidance Committee, the HCP [resources](#) have been updated and standardised to provide a more consistent, up-to-date “starter set” of slides and exercises for those who want to use them in a project and for training purposes. Some of the changes include using language more consistently, adding two new examples that run through all presentations, and adopting the new colour scheme of the Conservation Standards/Miradi (someone will need to talk to the Post-it people about this!). You can access the new [materials](#) here.

As always, we encourage you to take these materials and make them your own: adjust the language so it is meaningful locally, add relevant examples, create exercises that work for you, and so on. When you do, please share your successes or tell us about changes you think are needed through our Community of Practice [listserv](#).



Conservation Standards Products Survey Report

Story from [Erica Cochrane](#)
([International Crane Foundation](#))

Remember back in August and September when a survey went around asking you for feedback on Conservation Standards products and tools? To the 110 people who completed the survey, thank you for contributing to our joint learning and growth! And congrats the survey raffle winner who received \$500 for the charity of their choice. The full [Product Survey Report is now available](#). Some of the report's recommendations include:

- Focus on improving the delivery of currently available resources
- Develop compelling stories/case studies on the benefits of applying the Conservation Standards and risks of not doing
- Develop Conservation Standards “lite” and do-it-yourself material
- Build on the effectiveness of the CCNet Listserv
- Identify a regular means for the Conservation Standards community to identify and prioritize product development
- Incorporate key product gaps into CMP and CCNet working group assignments

You can also take a look at the [complete set](#) of thoughtful and useful comments we received.

We hope everyone--whether you participated in the survey or not--will get value from the results and insights in the report. We look forward to working with you on the next joint learning opportunity.



Global Conservation Case Study Competition

Every two years, the [Conservation Coaches Network](#) and the [Conservation Measure Partnership](#) run a case study competition. The competition is a great way to share your experience with adaptive management in conservation--and earn a travel award while you're at it! Submission instructions and judging criteria are available [here](#). The deadline for entries is April 3, 2020. Winners will be announced at [CCNet's Coaches Rally](#) in May. Please send any questions to [Jaclyn Lucas](#).

Participatory Approaches to Natural Resource Management Planning

Story from [Olivia Freeman](#) (U.S. Forest Service International Programs) and [Michelle Wieland](#) (Wildlife Conservation Society)

The U.S. Forest Service International Programs and the Wildlife Conservation Society collaborated to produce a guide on *Participatory Approaches to Natural Resource Management Planning* for practitioners and field teams involved in protected area and community natural resource management. The aim is to provide a support tool to ensure that planning or management approaches respect the rights of customary land users and owners while also achieving the best possible and most sustainable resource management outcomes. While this guide is not directly related to the Conservation Standards, it reflects lessons learned from the past 20 years of implementing USAID's Central Africa Regional Program for the Environment (CARPE).

The guide is available in [English](#) and [French](#) and can be downloaded directly at the USFS [website](#). A "tear-out page" on Free, Prior and Informed Consent is also available as an additional resource in [English](#) and in [French](#). We hope that you find this guide useful.

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Recent and Upcoming Conservation Coach Trainings

New Coach Training | February 16-21, 2020 | Johannesburg, South Africa:

The Endangered Wildlife Trust will host South Africa's first CCNET Coach Training at a bushveld lodge outside of Johannesburg. For more information, contact [Claire Relton](#) or [John Morrison](#).

CCNet Rally 2020 | May 17-21, 2020

| Victoria, Canada: Approximately every two years we come together to connect, share innovations, sharpen our skills, and uplift our spirits to support conservation practitioners to do better, smarter conservation all around the world. Many sessions and networking opportunities are offered by peers for peers at this event. More information [here](#).

New Coach Training in English | August, 2020 | Hawaii, United States:

The Nature Conservancy will host a CCNET Coach Training. For more information, contact [Emily Fielding](#) or [John Morrison](#).

Coach Facilitation Training | June 2020

| Kuching, Malaysia: This is not a training for new conservation coaches. This training aims at fostering the facilitation skills of trained coaches through active practice and role play to help coaches feel stronger, more confident, and better equipped to facilitate or lead groups. For more information, contact [Felix Cybulla](#).



Upcoming Conservation Standards Trainings

Healthy Country Planning | May 15-17 and May 22-24 | Victoria, Canada.

In conjunction with the CCNet Rally, colleagues are willing to offer two sets of three-day trainings on Healthy Country Planning, one at an introductory level from May 15-17, and one focusing on measures, evaluation, adaptation, and learning from May 22-24. If you are interested, contact [Stuart Cowell](#) and [Frank Weisenberger](#).

In-depth Conservation Standards Training | June 22-26, 2020 | Maine, USA: We will be teaching a five-day, in-depth course on the Conservation Standards at the College of the Atlantic in Bar Harbor, Maine. This training is offered through the Center for Wildlife Studies. Continuing Education credits for the The Wildlife Society Certified Wildlife Biologist program and/or graduate/undergraduate credits are optional. Additional information and [registration](#) is available [here](#). Contact [Andrew Bridges](#) or [John Morrison](#) with questions.

Introductory Conservation Standards Training | July 26-27, 2020 | Colorado, USA:

In conjunction with the North American Congress on Conservation Biology, we will be offering a two-day introductory training on the Conservation Standards. Additional information and registration is available [here](#). Contact [Andrew Bridges](#) or [Jim Goetz](#) with questions.

Possible New Coach Training in Spanish | November 2020 | Chile:

Depending on interest and financial support, we may offer a training in 2020.

If you are interested, contact [Irina Montenegro](#) and [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 (Conservation Standards)*. 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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