



2013 ANNUAL REPORT

The Wolf Conservation Center teaches people about wolves, their relationship to the environment, and the human role in protecting their future.







MESSAGE FROM BOARD OF DIRECTORS & STAFF OF THE WCC



Dear Friends of the Wolf Conservation Center,

In 2013, all of us at the Wolf Conservation Center (WCC) were gratified to see the completion of several long-term efforts to expand our educational reach and contribute to wolf survival. At the same time, we undertook amazing new initiatives that we hope will have even greater impact in the coming years.

A few of the high points from 2013 were:

- ❧ We hosted a record number of educational programs, conducting 516 on-site and traveling events to educate and fascinate local schoolchildren, scientists, scouting groups, as well as a group of rapt adults at our annual Wine and Wolves happening.
- ❧ We completed the development of our innovative “Interdisciplinary Curriculum in Wolf Education,” which enlivens the delivery of Common Core State Standards in Language Arts, Reading, Math, and Science by using the wolf as an integrating theme. We also partnered with two schools to pilot the program in the spring of 2014.
- ❧ The Center undertook extraordinary measures to aid the recovery of the critically endangered Mexican wolf when one of our females gave birth to two healthy male pups. They were successfully transferred to Mesker Park Zoo & Botanic Garden to be hand-reared and eventually placed with captive lobo foster parents.
- ❧ Atka, our traveling ambassador, kept up a hectic agenda of personal appearances throughout our area and also visited our nation’s capital as part of the Defenders of Wildlife “Conservation Crossroads” symposium. He may even have started his own “PAC” by adding an impressive list of Senators and Congressman to his fan base.
- ❧ Two of our wolves, which were bred on-site, started down the road to a wild future. Red wolf M1804, born at the WCC in 2010, was flown to the St. Vincent Wildlife Refuge to be paired with a resident female for whom he is an excellent match genetically. Additionally, one of our Mexican gray wolves, M1141 born in 2008, was transferred to a USFWS management facility in New Mexico to meet a potential mate — a step that may lead to release into the wild at a later date.
- ❧ GreatNonprofits, the leading provider of user reviews about nonprofit organizations, honored the WCC with the prestigious 2013 Top-Rated Award.
- ❧ We testified in two public hearings, one in Washington D.C. and one in Albuquerque, New Mexico about the potential negative impact of USFWS’s national delisting draft rule and other proposals that affect the future of gray wolves in the lower 48 and Mexican wolf recovery.
- ❧ We launched **#LoboWeek**, a first of its kind effort, which harnessed the collective power of a “wild” group of partners to educate people about the importance of wolves on the landscape of the Southwest and to create a “national moment.”
- ❧ We hosted a service-learning event, “Family Walk to Protect America’s Wild Heritage,” to foster participation in the National Day of Action to Support Wolf Recovery via activities that raised awareness about wolves and the challenges they face in the wild.





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- ❃ A new recycling campaign that doubles as a fundraiser, “Collecting for Carnivores” was launched. This program enables businesses, individuals, and community groups to raise money for the WCC by collecting and recycling used printer cartridges, laser toner cartridges, cell phones, and small electronics.
- ❃ The WCC was one of 30 citizen advocates at Defenders of Wildlife’s grassroots campaign “Conservation Crossroads: Extinction or Recovery,” which encourages federal leaders to safeguard the Endangered Species Act. Our own Atka also made the trip to Washington D.C. to thank this empowered group of citizen advocates and to encourage those on Capitol Hill to become champions for his wild kin.

As satisfying as these accomplishments were, our vision and efforts are focused on the exciting and challenging year ahead. Already, we are gathering feedback on the effectiveness of our wolf curriculum in our pilot classroom and finalizing plans to expand the number of schools participating in the program. Additionally, the WCC recently became a founding member of the Northeast Wolf Coalition. Comprising 13 respected environmental advocacy groups, the Coalition’s two-fold mission is to offer a voice for wolf recovery in our own region and to fight proposals to remove Endangered Species Act (ESA) protections in the contiguous United States. We are particularly excited to be allied with scientists and other species-recovery groups to restore wolves and other wildlife, where appropriate, to our once-stunningly diverse Northeast ecosystem, from Maine to New York.

Also, we hope to complete an important milestone early this year when we purchase the last of the three lots that comprise our wooded site. This acquisition will solidify our ability to remain in our current location and will allow us to draw up long-term improvement plans. At last, we will truly have a “Den of Our Own.”

Finally, a smaller, but no less exciting, event is the expected arrival of a new ambassador pup in late spring. The little male will join Alawa and Zephyr in delighting and educating our on-site visitors. While we cannot predict if the pup’s temperament will make this possible, we also hope that our new family member will eventually be able join Atka as a crowd-pleasing advocate for species preservation and ecological balance.

As always, we thank all our donors, volunteers, and staff whose invaluable dedication and support make it possible for us fulfill our mission. We look forward to a productive year in 2014 in which we will broaden the impact of our science-based educational programs and continue our efforts to ensure the survival of the awe-inspiring and beautiful wolf.

Warmest wishes,

The Board of Directors and Staff of the Wolf Conservation Center



The Wolf Conservation Center

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OVERVIEW OF THE WOLF CONSERVATION CENTER



Wolves once ranged across most of North America, a vital part of many varied ecosystems. But by 1950, an unremitting slaughter by humans had brought many species, including Gray and Red wolves, to the brink of extinction. A few wolves survived, only in captivity, their wildness caged. And the lands where they once roamed were diminished, as was our own relationship to the wilderness.

Over the last several decades, however, efforts have begun to right this horrible wrong: to reintroduce and restore these magnificent creatures to their rightful places in our landscapes, in our hearts, and in our culture.

The WCC has been part of this effort for almost two decades. We have nurtured wolves, educated hundreds of thousands of people about the wolves' plight, and fought for their habitat and protection.

THE WOLF CONSERVATION CENTER IS MAKING A DIFFERENCE

The Wolf Conservation Center (WCC), founded in 1999 by Hélène Grimaud, is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit environmental education organization located in South Salem, NY. The WCC's mission is to recover wolf populations in North America by teaching about wolves, their relationship to the environment, and the human role in protecting their future. The WCC accomplishes this mission by educating adults and children about the importance of wolves and the challenges they face, mobilizing support and advocating for these species which cannot speak for themselves, and participating in two federal wolf recovery programs.



WHAT WE DO AT THE WCC

🐾 Nurture Wolves

We are home for up to 30 wolves, most of them kept off exhibit with the goal of one day releasing them into their wild ancestral landscapes. We are the preeminent facility in the eastern United States for the captive breeding and pre-release of endangered wolf species.

The WCC participates in the Species Survival Plan (SSP) and Recovery Plan for the Mexican gray wolf and the red wolf, which are among the rarest mammals in North America. Both species at one time were completely extinct in the wild.

Under the aegis of the Endangered Species Act, reintroduction efforts in the past decade have established small, wild populations of about 100 red wolves and 75 Mexican grays. To-date, four wolves from the Center have been given this extraordinary opportunity.



🐾 Educate People

We teach about 40,000 people a year, mostly children, about the importance of these predators and their positive impact on our lands, waters, and culture. Our Ambassador Wolves and other programs reach people both at our 26-acre facility in South Salem, NY, and in schools, museums, libraries, and nature centers throughout the Northeast. The WCC wolves aid students in understanding the importance of our wolves' wild counterparts by allowing unparalleled personal interaction.

The WCC's newly developed interdisciplinary curriculum in wolf education will deepen the educational experience the Center can provide and expands our organization's geographic reach.

🐾 Mobilize Support

Our thousands of supporters are encouraged and guided to make their voices heard on the numerous issues that continue to effect wolves in the wild. We believe every individual has the ability and responsibility to affect the world, as well as, a voice (and the right to use it) to safeguard the future for generations to come.

We are able to interact with a vast number of learners and supporters through our robust social media effort. Consistent, professional effort has resulted in over 100,000 people following our work on Facebook where they are alerted to ways they can help save wolves locally and across North America, to communicate effectively with their elected representatives, and are encouraged to take personal responsibility for improved human stewardship of our world.

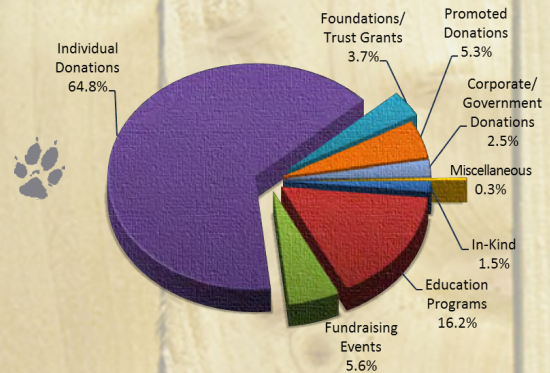




SOURCES OF FUNDS

In-kind	\$ 25,237
Education Programs	\$ 264,761
Fundraising Events	\$ 92,031
Individual Donations	\$ 1,062,586
Foundations / Trust Grants	\$ 60,900
Promoted Donations	\$ 87,481
Corporate / Government Donations	\$ 40,764
Miscellaneous	\$ 5,224
Total Revenue	\$ 1,638,984

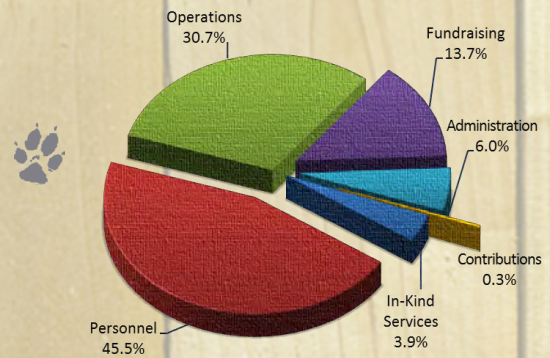
2013 Revenue



USES OF FUNDS

In-kind	\$ 25,237
Personnel	\$ 295,992
Operations	\$ 199,719
Fundraising	\$ 88,999
Administration	\$ 39,023
Contributions	\$ 2,025
Total Expenses	\$ 650,995

2013 Expenses



ASSETS

Current Assets	\$ 471,582
Fixed Assets	\$ 2,210,460
Total Assets	\$ 2,682,042

LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

Liabilities	\$ 58,191
Accumulated Fund Balance	\$ 1,635,863
Net Income	\$ 987,988
Total Liabilities	\$ 2,682,042



🐾 EDUCATION PROGRAMS



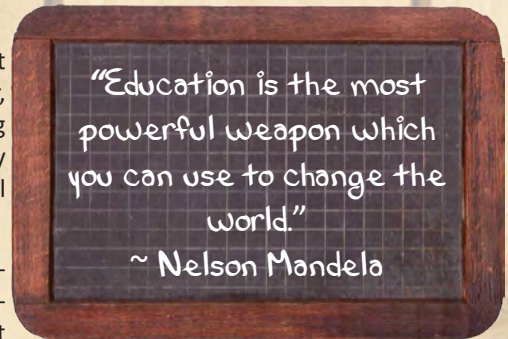
As citizens of the 21st century, of our nation, and of our world, we are at a crossroads when it comes to ensuring the future sustainability of our air, water, wild lands and wildlife for future generations. Ultimately, achieving this goal will not be easy. It will require a sustained and shared effort by our government, American businesses, American educators, parents, and all those who value our natural treasures.

Thus, our nation's future relies on a well-educated public to be wise stewards of the very environment that sustains us, our families and communities, and future generations. It is environmental education which can best help us as individuals make the complex, conceptual connections between economic prosperity, benefits to society, environmental health, and our own well-being. Ultimately, the collective wisdom of our citizens, gained through education, will be the most compelling and most successful strategy for future conservation initiatives.

Through wolves, the WCC teaches the broader message of conservation, ecological balance, and personal responsibility for improved human stewardship of our world. By providing science-based information, the WCC demonstrates that wolves and humans can coexist in our fragile environment. Our programs teach the importance of the efforts to successfully restore endangered wolves to their ancestral homes in the wild and offer direct exposure to an elusive predator people might not ever see in the wild. The WCC education and Ambassador-wolf programs open the door to understanding the importance of a healthy planet. They are designed to conform to New York State Standards for Science Education and touch on a variety of disciplines from biology to history.

People can experience the WCC's educational message in three formats:

- 🐾 On-site programs at the WCC facility in South Salem, NY
- 🐾 Off-site programs in schools, museums, libraries and nature centers throughout the Northeast in which a visit from our traveling ambassador wolf, Atka, is the highlight. In 2013, we led 141 off-site education programs, including one for the decision makers in Washington, D.C.
- 🐾 Classroom learning, through our innovative "Interdisciplinary Curriculum in Wolf Education – Tracks to the Future," enables middle grade students to learn and master many of the required Common Core State Standards in Language Arts, Reading, Math, Science and Social Studies while using wolf conservation as an integrating theme. The Curriculum deepens the educational experience the Center can provide and expands our organization's geographic reach.



VISITORS TO THE CENTER



The WCC conducted 375 on-site education programs during 2013, an all-time high. Some highlights include outstanding attendance for our long-running "Wolves of America," "Wolf Camp for Kids," and "Sleeping with Wolves Overnight Adventure" programs, along with the debut of "Saving a Species" and "Wolves: Recovery and Challenges" sessions. Programs are conducted Tuesday through Sunday, year-round, so WCC visitors can experience the wolves as they change throughout the seasons.

As we begin 2014, we are actively planning ways to better accomplish our educational mission. This will include establishing a permanent "Den of Our Own" by purchasing and developing the final 6-acre lot that we currently lease. This acquisition will give us the freedom to develop a new education center and exhibit space to dramatically increase the number of visitors we serve and enhance their experience.





AMBASSADOR WOLF PROGRAMS

The WCC conducted 141 off-site Ambassador Wolf programs during 2013. The following schools and organizations helped us bring our message to wide and diverse audiences.



Accompsett Middle School

Achievement First Endeavor Middle School

American Museum of Natural History

Ardasley Middle School

Arlington High School

Bauer Park Harvest Festival

Berkeley Carroll School

Berkshire Botanical Garden

Berkshire Museum

Binghamton University

British International School of New York

Bulkeley Middle School

Burr Elementary School

Camp Critter

Central Elementary School

Charles DeWolf Middle School

Clearpool Outdoor Education

Corlears School

Cornwall Public Library

Cross Street Intermediate School

Darien Library

Defenders of Wildlife - Washington D.C.

Dover Scouts

Elmwood Elementary School

Fairfield Country Day School

First Congregational Church

Fox Lane

Gold Award Project

Green Chimneys

Greenbelt Nature Center

Greenwich Scouts

Gristle Tattoo

Hackley School

Hampton Classic

Harrison High School

Haviland Middle School

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Highland Residential Center

Historic Hudson Valley at Cortlandt Manor

Huckleberry Hill

Hudson Highlands Museum

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L.I. Wolf Expo

Lincoln Titus Elementary School

Litchfield Intermediate School

Long Ridge Camp

Lycee Francais

Mahopac Middle School

Marlboro Middle School

Mildred E. Strang Middle School

Mohegan Tribe

Mohonk Preserve

New Canaan Country School

New Canaan Historical Society

New York Hall of Science

North Salem Old Farm

Obscura Society

Ostrander Elementary School

P.S. 33

P.S. 89 The Williamsbridge School

Parkway Elementary School

PEARLS Hawthorne School

Pelham School

Pound Ridge Day Camp

Pound Ridge Elementary School

Promise Academy II

P.S. 105

Redding Elementary School

Restaurant 42

Riverside School

Riverside School Animal Embassy

Rocky Hill School

Santa Maria School

Scarsdale Middle School

Sharpe Reservation

Sharon Audubon

Somers Intermediate School

South Orangetown Middle School

St. Joseph School

Stamford FFA

Stanwich Intermediate School

Stanwich School

Staten Island Zoo

Sweetbriar Nature Center

The Children's Home of Poughkeepsie

Thomas Jefferson Elementary School

Two Rivers Magnet Middle School

Urban Assembly School for Wildlife Conservation

Videology Bar & Screening Room

Village of Hastings on Hudson Recreation Department

Waccabuc Country Club

Wakefield Hills

Wallingford Senior Center

Ward Pound Ridge Reservation

WCSU Roots & Shoots

West New York Middle School

West Rocks Middle School

Westbury Middle School

Whitby School

Wildlife Rehab Assoc. of R.I.

Williamsburg Northside School

Woodcliff Middle School

Woodcock Nature Center

Wooster School



The WCC participates in the Species Survival Plan (SSP) and Recovery Plan for the Mexican gray wolf (*Canis lupis baileyi*) and the red wolf (*Canis rufus*), which are among the rarest mammals in North America. Both species at one time were completely extinct in the wild. Under the aegis of the Endangered Species Act, reintroduction efforts in the past two decades have established small, wild populations of about 100 red wolves and 75 Mexican grays. Presently, there are approximately 400 Mexican gray wolves and 300 red wolves remaining in the world, the majority living in captivity within the network of facilities participating in the SSP.

Organizations participating in the SSP are tasked with housing and caring for the wolves, collaborating in the captive breeding program, sharing observations and recommendations for release, and engaging in the sometimes unusual and often controversial efforts to save the species.

Every one of the captive endangered wolves is a part of something bigger than their pack, or the facilities that house them. They are integral parts of the recovery of their rare species. Some of these wolves contribute as emissaries for their species, living on exhibit to help educate people about the importance of their wild counterparts. Some of these animals also contribute to the revitalization of their species as participants of the SSP captive breeding program. The most fortunate captive wolves, however, contribute as candidates for release into the wild.

Raising Awareness

At the close of 2013, the Center's campus housed fifteen Mexican gray wolves and five red wolves. Visitors can view two of the SSP enclosures, and four wolf families are broadcast to a global audience via WildEarth TV webcams. By exposing the public to these beautiful and rare wolves, the WCC aims to raise awareness for the species, as well as, of the natural and political pressures that challenge recovery.

Via the WCC's awareness and action campaigns, the WCC helps to arm supporters with tools to demand progress in both the rules governing wolf reintroduction and recovery management for both species.

Captive Breeding

The primary goal for the SSP is to breed wolves for maximum genetic integrity for reintroduction into the wild. In order to maintain genetic diversity within the Mexican wolf and red wolf populations, the SSP management groups use software developed for the population management of endangered species to select breeding pairs. Wolf unions are chosen based on the genetic "value" of the individuals and the benefits their potential offspring would contribute to the diversity of their rare species. Because the entire existing Mexican wolf population descended from just seven founders rescued from extinction, and the red wolf just fourteen, genetic health is the primary consideration governing all wolf pairings.

Thanks to our partnership with experienced live wildlife broadcasters from WildEarth.TV, WCC staff, volunteers, and an unlimited number of supporters were able to enter the private lives of our elusive breeding pairs via unobtrusive cameras in and around anticipated den sites. Mexican wolves M804 and F749, the Mexican wolf pair with the lowest in-breeding coefficient in the program, were perhaps the most popular pair viewed via webcam. In early 2013, we were thrilled when F749 gave birth to two healthy male pups. Because of F749's well-documented history of newborn fatalities and poor mothering capabilities, the valuable pups were transferred to the Mesker Park Zoo & Botanic Garden to be hand raised by staff and then fostered by a Mexican wolf pair with great experience rearing pups of their own. We are delighted to report that the pups are growing and thriving!

Captive to Wild Release Events

To date, four of the WCC's Mexican wolves have received the "call of the wild," — two in 2013. M1804, a red wolf born at the WCC in 2010, was flown to the St. Vincent Wildlife Refuge to be paired with a resident female for whom he is an excellent match genetically. Additionally, one of our Mexican gray wolves, M1141 who was also born at the Center, was transferred to a USFWS management facility in New Mexico to meet a potential mate — a step that is expected to lead to release in spring of 2014. These lucky canids follow in the steps of two WCC Mexican gray wolves released into the Arizona landscape in 2006 and 2008.

Our participation in the SSP captive breeding program and our ability to accommodate endangered wolves is essential for these animals to resume their rightful place in the wild.

Looking ahead, we are currently in the early stages of developing plans for the upgrade and expansion of our Species Survival Facilities for both our Mexican gray and red wolf residents.





The WCC would like to extend its sincere thanks and appreciation to the dedicated volunteers who work so hard to help fulfill our mission.

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The value and importance of conserving species and ensuring biodiversity is an accepted axiom of the 21st century. The importance of a keystone predator, such as the gray wolf, to a balanced ecosystem is undeniable. That our policies would and should be motivated by these basic scientific principles seems sound. Not surprisingly, however, there are serious cultural and political realities that continue to affect the future of wolves.

Wildlife and other natural resources are a public trust which means that every citizen has an interest and a voice in the management of natural resources. The public trust is a legal concept that implies that we all share equal, undivided interests in America's wildlife. The public trust doctrine imposes limits on governments to ensure public access to and protection of important natural resources.

Thus, decision-making and resulting wildlife policy should be developed based on sound science and carried out in a democratic manner responsive to the voice of the people.

In 2013, our voices were especially important.

USFWS Nationwide Delisting Plan

Strong and wild, America's gray wolves once roamed across most of the United States. More than a symbol of wilderness, scientists agree that the wolf is a keystone species. Its presence is critical to maintaining the integrity and balance of native ecosystems. Thanks to the safety net of the Endangered Species Act, wolves had begun to slowly recover in wild places across their former home ranges.

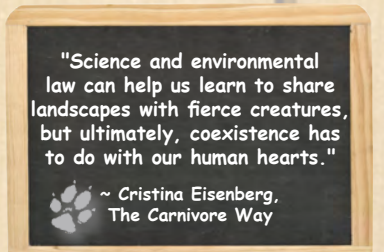
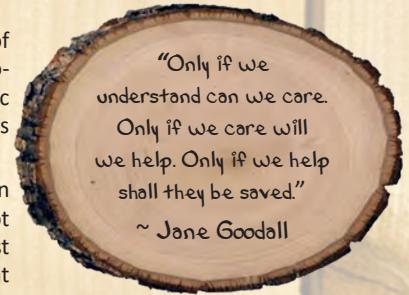
In June of 2013, however, just as the number of wolves was beginning to stabilize, the USFWS proposed to strip wolves of federal protection, and thus allow them to be killed via hunting and trapping once again.

The WCC reacted to USFWS proposals by guiding and directing thousands of supporters to make their voices heard on the numerous issues that continue to effect wolves in the wild. This was done via awareness campaigns, service learning events, and participation in public meetings, rallies, coalitions, and more.

Awareness and Action

- "Stand for Wolves" movement:** coupled education with action via emails, social media, and boots on the ground initiatives to promote participation in USFWS' public comment process. The WCC collected over 2,000 personalized letters from both children and adults appealing to Secretary of the Interior, Sally Jewell, to "follow the science" and withdraw USFWS' delisting rule.
- "I am essential" Campaign:** a response to proposed rules for Mexican wolf reintroduction and recovery and specifically, to counter USFWS' proposed re-designation of wild Mexican gray wolves as "experimental, non-essential" which allows recreation and industry to trump recovery of America's most endangered gray wolf.
- Walk for Wolves:** The WCC hosted a service-learning event, "Family Walk to Protect America's Wild Heritage," as an opportunity for kids of all ages to participate on the National Day of Action to Support Wolf Recovery via activities that raised awareness about wolves and the challenges they face in the wild. Through a guided reading experience, volunteer mentors taught a new generation of youthful participants to appreciate the grace, dignity, and value of wolves as 300+ children learned about our environment's delicate balance.
- POVVOX** - Amassed thousands of votes, actual emails sent directly to our respective senators, via the WCC's Popvox campaign in support of the Endangered Species Act and other environmental legislation.
- "Conservation Crossroads":** WCC participated as one of 30 citizen advocates for the kickoff of Defenders of Wildlife's grassroots campaign "Conservation Crossroads: Extinction or Recovery" which encourages federal leaders to safeguard the Endangered Species Act. Our own Atka also made the trip to Washington D.C. to thank this empowered group of citizen advocates and to encourage those on Capitol Hill to become champions for his wild kin.
- Public Testimony:** The WCC testified in public hearings in Washington D.C., and Albuquerque, New Mexico about the potential negative impact of USFWS's national delisting draft rule and proposals that affect the future of gray wolves in the lower 48 states and Mexican wolf recovery. WCC was one of the special speakers at the rallies that preceded the meetings.

With both the natural and political challenges continuing to face wolves, our work ahead has never been more important. We are confident that we are making a difference. We remain committed to mobilizing support and advocating for these essential species which cannot speak for themselves.





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