



WILD FORESTS
& FAUNA

2018 ANNUAL REPORT

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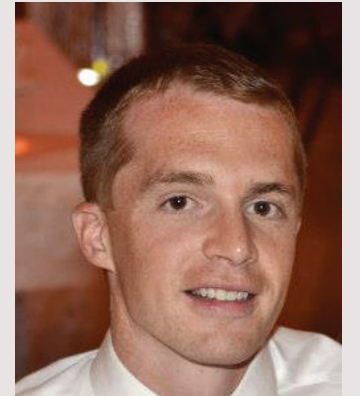
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Letter from the President

Hello WildFF supporters and forest lovers,

As I write this letter, I am in northern Uganda having just returned from visiting WildFF's projects in the Palorinya refugee settlement and the local farming communities near Gulu. Both projects are going extremely well and I was struck by how positive and difficult these visits were for me personally.



When visiting Gulu, Uganda, I was encouraged by the site of native forests in their early growth, nurtured by our partners' long-term vision and commitment. At the same time, the stark contrast of degraded forest landscapes and villages in desperate need is always difficult to experience. This friction between positivity and reality is also emblematic of our world today.

Whether it is our rapidly changing climate or the loss of endangered species, life on Earth in 2018 is not easy for many. Yet, around the world people are working together to make the world a better place. At WildFF, our motto is "together we protect and restore forests," specifically the best of the last intact forests. Over the last six years of our organization's existence we have continued to grow and evolve but we have always followed the belief that our success depends on working together for both people and forests.



In the following pages of this report, you will see this spirit in action, including the fifth year of the Future Leaders education program in Peru, the continued growth of the Las Piedras Amazon Center, and our projects to bring back health to the people and forests of northern Uganda. In summary, WildFF continues to make a positive difference for people and forests together. Of course, we could not achieve any of this without your support. Please take pride in reading what we have accomplished in 2018!

Dr. Jason J. Scullion
WildFF Board President

WILD FORESTS AND FAUNA

SEATTLE, WASHINGTON, USA

WE ENVISION A WORLD
WHERE PEOPLE AND
WILD FORESTS THRIVE

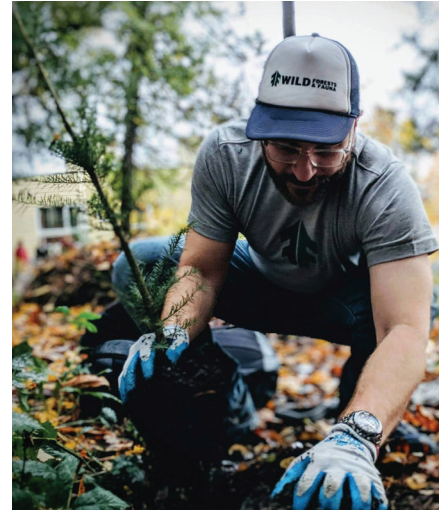
Together we work to protect and restore wild forests

What began as a dream to protect a strategically important piece of land in the Las Piedras watershed in Peru has grown into a global network of like-minded professionals working to protect and restore intact forests. Wild Forest and Fauna (WildFF) is now in its 6th year as a thriving nonprofit, and not only is that piece of land in the Las Piedras protected from degradative resource extraction, it is now a driver of economic and educational opportunity for its local communities (see [page 8](#) for Peru).

We believe that what makes WildFF different than other conservation groups is our commitment and investment in the local community. We take the time to understand the culture and local traditions and how it may translate to capacity building and economic opportunity. Furthermore, educating various stakeholders on climate change, sustainable land practices, and entrepreneurship is key to seeing the value of standing forests. Forest communities who find a balance between stewarding healthy land use and meeting economic needs is what will keep the forests—their homes—intact for future generations.

This holds true for our partners in Uganda as well. Our farmer outreach initiative is spreading to many other surrounding counties as farmers literally see the native trees growing and improving soil resiliency and crop yields. The response by farmers has been incredible, with an overwhelming number of locals asking our partners on the ground for the opportunity to receive native tree seedlings and climate change resiliency training. (see [page 14](#) for Uganda).

With many of our programs either nearing completion or operating in the hands of our regional partners, WildFF is seeking new paths of growth. At the yearly WildFF board retreat on Whidbey Island, Washington, the big question was, "What will WildFF look like in the next 6 years?" One of the clear answers was to use our ambition and dogged persistence to strengthening our marketing and development initiatives. We want to share all our accomplishments with the world, and allow our network to be able to share as well. Keep an eye out for the 'What's next' sections in this report, which highlight some of the exciting new projects we have lined up for 2019!



IMPACTS IN 2018

>16,000

acres of forest protected by WildFF

>150,000

trees planted in northern Uganda and Madre de Dios, Peru

40

jobs created through our projects for people in the local communities

6

local networks on the ground actively partnered with WildFF

- ARCAmazon
- Future Leaders
- Wise Women Uganda
- Alumalum
- African Women Rising
- Moyo District Forest Office

MISSION

WildFF protects and restores globally important forests. We do this through conservation and entrepreneurial capacity building in collaboration with local communities and leaders. We work at the landscape-scale and implement high-impact projects that connect people to forests around the world.



PEOPLE



JASON SCULLION, PHD
Board President
Member since 2012
Westminster, MD



RYAN CEURVORST, MBA
Board Secretary
Member since 2015
Seattle, WA



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Board Member
Member since 2017
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Member since 2012
Seattle, WA



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Member since 2015
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Member since 2012
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Board Member
Member since 2017
Fort Mill, SC



JOANNA TREWERN
Communications Associate
since 2016
Farnham, United Kingdom

PLACE

CONTINENT: North America

COUNTRY: United States

BASED IN: Seattle, WA



WildFF Progress to Date

2018

- WildFF completes its fifth and final Future Leaders summit
- WildFF supports expansion of Las Piedras Corridor Initiative
- WildFF launches a successful campaign to plant 150,000 trees in 2019
- The entire board meets on Whidbey Island, Washington for the annual 4-day board retreat

2017

- WildFF expands its board with the addition of Azura Bates, John Boet and Trey Montgomery
- LUSH Cosmetics highlights WildFF on their Charity Pot lotion
- First Spanish blog post published
- Partnership with Arbio established to support reforestation in the Las Piedras region

2016

- WildFF hires its first external Executive Director, Ben Colvin
- WildFF receives grant from LUSH Cosmetics

2015

- WildFF celebrates protecting 11,000 acres of rainforest with a party in San Francisco: Jam in the Jungle
- WildFF expands its board with the addition of Corrie Reynoso, Lucy Dablin, and Ryan Ceurvorst

2014

- WildFF receives 501(c)(3) status
- WildFF receives its first grant from Kiwi Energy
- Native Seeds Project launches with a literary assessment of the potential for reforestation and forest conservation in Uganda

2013

- The ARCAmazon, Future Leaders Project, and Big Tree Project are launched
- First Board workshop in Bolinas, CA
- Letty Brown joins the Board
- Doug Sorin transitions from Board Member to organization's first Executive Director

2012

- WildFF receives funding from Greater Kansas City Community Foundation
- WildFF founded by Jason Scullion, Douglas Sorin, Liz Feldman and Nancy Zamierowski

FINANCIALS

Income Statement

Fiscal year: Jan 01-Dec 31, 2018 | Wild Forests and Fauna | Guidestar Model

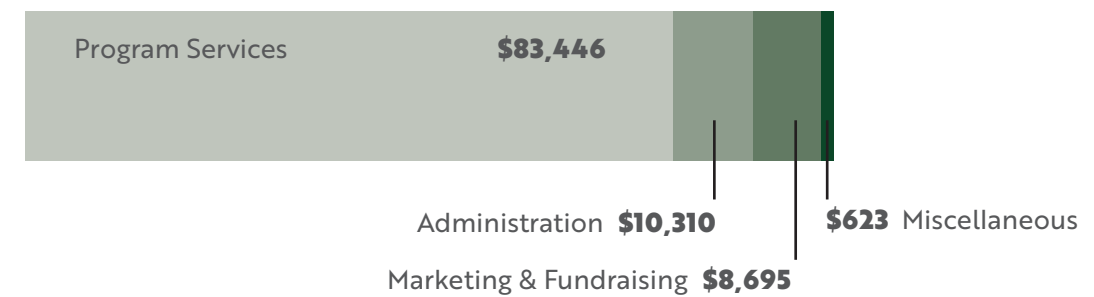
Revenue

\$125,064 Total Revenue



Expenses

\$103,073 Total Expenses



Balance Sheet

Fiscal Year 2018 | Source: Self-reported by organization

Assets	
Total Assets	\$89,881
Liabilities	
Total Liabilities	\$0
Fund Balance (EOY)	
Net Assets	\$89,881

PERU



The Madre de Dios region in Peru is both a globally important biodiversity hotspot and a hotbed of legal and illegal resource extraction. WildFF aims to increase the protection of intact forest landscapes through capacity building and involving local organizations and communities in conservation efforts.

ARCAmazon: expanding the Las Piedras Corridor

In 2018, WildFF supported ARCAmazon, Junglekeepers Peru and the Moksha/Modo Yoga Communities to purchase a 2,780 acre (1,125 ha) Brazil nut concession in the Las Piedras watershed, increasing the amount of protected rainforests within our scope to 15,960 acres (6,459 ha).

These connected forestlands form part of the Las Piedras Corridor Initiative, a network of protected areas that serves as an effective buffer zone against a major highway connecting Peru into Brazil. This prevents deforestation from moving up the Las Piedras River, which is the homeland of:

- Uncontacted tribes
- Indigenous groups
- Alto Purus National Park
- Threatened and endangered species, including the endangered Peruvian black spider monkey, Brazilian tapir, giant anteater, and giant armadillo.



This newly-purchased concession produces an abundance of Brazil nuts and will create jobs throughout the annual harvest. This “working forest”, coupled with Junglekeeper’s existing forest ranger program, helps reduce hunting pressure on local wildlife, boost the local economy and promote regenerative land-use practices.

PEOPLE

WILDFFF PROJECT TEAM



JASON SULLION, PHD
Project Co-Lead



DOUG SORIN, MBA
Project Co-Lead

ARCAMAZON TEAM



DAVID JOHNSTON
Executive Director, LPAC



CHRIS KIRKBY, PHD
President, ARCAmazon
Managing Director, Fauna Forever



LUIS GARCIA NEYRA, JD
Board Vice President, ARCAmazon

PARTNERS



ARCAMAZON
conservetheamazon.org



GREATER KANSAS CITY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
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FAUNA FOREVER
faunaforever.org



ARBIO PERU
arbioperu.org

JUNGLEKEEPERS
junglekeepers.org



Las Piedras Amazon Center (LPAC) is part of the Las Piedras Corridor Initiative and conserves Amazon rainforest through ecotourism.

Above: LPAC lodge sits in pristine intact forest.

At right: Newly constructed entryway to LPAC eco-lodge.

Below right: Experiential learning in the rainforest with one of LPAC’s researchers.



ARCAMAZON 2018 IMPACT

\$200,000

annual revenue generated from ecotourism

15,960

acres of connected Amazon rainforest protected with partners

25

Local businesses supported by LPAC’s ecotourism model

340

visitors to LPAC, the highest attendance in a single year since its inception in 2015

25

Researchers actively working in LPAC across several areas of study, such as reptiles, entomology, primates, and lepidopterology (butterflies).

0

Number of trees or area of forest lost since 2015, despite encroaching deforestation at the borders of the land

PLACE



CONTINENT: South America
COUNTRY: Peru
REGION: Las Piedras



Future Leaders: 5 years of place-based learning in the “biodiversity capital of the world”

The Future Leaders program is a youth leadership initiative providing young professionals with skills in sustainable business, leadership, and environmental stewardship. The 2018 Summit was the fifth and final year of this place-based pilot project. The program has been hosted in the Amazon rainforest all 5 years, specifically the Madre de Dios region of Peru.

This final year was extra special. For the second time, it was held at Las Piedras Amazon Center (LPAC). Of the 15 Peruvian participants, 11 were returning from previous summits and the 4 new youth leaders were from Lucerna, the native community across the river. This was the first time Future Leaders from both the city and the local river community workshoped together and were able to discuss their perspectives and how it affected their choices of the future. To further add to the mix, 16 students from The Forest Online Class at McDaniel College, Maryland, also participated, many of them setting foot in a rainforest for their very first time.

The Summit continued to be supported by the pillars of environment, leadership, and sustainable entrepreneurship. The workshops focused on ecology, learning professional skills and telling the stories of the land, people, and culture. The guest experts shared TedX style talks on Peruvian policy, ecology, social governance, and activism.



At top, Guest scientist Varun Swamy gives an ecology workshop at the Future Leaders Summit. Above, Future Leaders 2018 and McDaniel College students pose for the camera at the end of an action-packed week.

IMPACT IN 2018

15

Peruvian summit participants in 2018

50%

Future Leader participants currently working in sustainability sector

72%

of Innova network is female after 5 years

IMPACT OVER 5 YEARS

50+

Peruvian summit participants through 5 year pilot

200+

direct hours of experiential learning activities delivered over 5 years

Immeasurable

Relationships between participants, instructors, the land and local community



McDaniel College student wades through jungle waters.

PEOPLE



LIZ FELDMAN
Project Lead



JASON SCULLION, PHD
Project Co-Lead

FUTURE LEADERS TEAM



LUIS GARCIA NEYRA, JD
Guest Expert – Legal



VARUN SWAMY, PHD
Guest Expert – Ecology



JULIA URRUNAGA
Guest Expert – Environmental Activism



JAMES (DIEGO) LESLIE
Guest Expert – Ecosystems and Climate Change

PARTNERS



UNAMAD



ARCAMAZON
conservetheamazon.org

LPAC

UGANDA



Uganda is under threat of losing all its forests by 2050. That is why WildFF is working with traditional women healers and refugees to put more native trees in the ground and increase resilience to climate change.

Native Seeds Project: scaling our reforestation efforts with farmers



In 2018 WildFF more than doubled its impact on the ground through the Native Seeds program, planting 37,500 native species with over 900 farmers and partner NGOs, and training over 400 farmers in climate resilience. The intended long-term outcomes of Native Seeds is to contribute to national reforestation goals and provide job opportunities to communities affected by climate change, food insecurity and forest loss.

In addition, the Native Seeds program empowers local women to play a central role in building a movement of sustainable farmers. Many of the Wise Women partook in literacy classes, enabling them to have a greater say in their community's decision-making processes and training sessions with the farmers. The women of the community also contribute to the VSLA, a collective savings

pot that allows them to save together and take microloans as needed. A variety of activities funded by Native Seeds are now self-sustaining, a major accomplishment in the 4th year of the program:

- Beekeeping provides sustainable income for women during the harvest season
- Training in medicine making has increased the quality of their product, enabling them to be sold at a higher price

PEOPLE

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Reforestation Specialist



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Project Lead

UGANDA TEAM



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President, Wise Women
Uganda; Project
Coordinator



LINCOLN OCAYA
Project Forestry
Program Manager



MORRIS AYELLA
Project Administrator



Pasca and Stella with a tido seedling planted in 2016 at the Wise Women garden at Panykwaro

IMPACT TO DATE

37,000

trees planted with 900 farmers

23,000

seedlings distributed to partner organizations and farmers in 2018

25

local jobs created

15

traditional women healers who have received literacy classes and tree care certifications

100%

Ugandan team of 12 full time employees on the ground

PLACE

CONTINENT: Africa

COUNTRY: Uganda

REGION(S): Gulu



PARTNERS



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**MON MA RYEK
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**OCER CAMPION JESUIT
COLLEGE (OCJC)**
ocercampion.org



At right, Concy, one of Native Seed's Tree Planting Pioneers, loading seedlings up for distribution.



Below, Field Coordinator Peter, right, checking on a mosisi seedling with a farmer in Bungatira county.



Reforestation South Sudanese refugee camps

After a successful small-scale pilot which demonstrated how community tree planting and tree care training can increase food security, WildFF piloted a reforestation project in two zones of the Palorinya refugee settlement in Northern Uganda. Palorinya is the second largest refugee camp in Uganda, home to more than 180,000

South Sudanese refugees. In partnership with Moyo district forest office, a tree nursery was built in the settlement and 120,000 seedlings were planted, including moringa, jackfruit and fast-growing timber species. Once the trees are ready for harvest, about 100,000 refugees will have access to sustainable food sources and firewood. An area of 267 acres has been reforested through our efforts.

It also provided training and temporary jobs to 196 refugee volunteers in the 'Environmental Protection Committee', creating necessary income to individuals working to rebuild their lives.

PEOPLE

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UGANDA TEAM



PATRICK DRAMA
Palorinya
Co-Coordinator



DAVID LUGU
Palorinya
Co-Coordinator



Landscape adjacent to refugee settlement. The project reached five primary schools, which educated children about the importance of native trees.



2018 IMPACT

+\$20,000

grant received from LUSH Cosmetics to plant trees with South Sudanese refugees

100,000

refugees reached

120,000

moringa, fruit and fast-growing timber seedlings planted in 2 zones of Palorinya Refugee Settlement

196

refugees trained in climate change adaptation, consequences of deforestation, tree seedling care and sustainable harvesting and uses of species

PARTNERS



LUSH COSMETICS

MOYO DISTRICT FOREST OFFICE (DFO)



Top, Women carrying wood for household use. At left, Christine Adong, a South Sudanese refugee and project outreach participant.

WHAT'S NEXT



▶ Peru

Environmental education with school-aged kids

We're proud to be supporting one of our Future Leaders in a new environmental education project aimed at school children in the native communities of Puerto Lucerna and Boca Pariamanu. These communities use and depend on local natural resources, and due to their geographical location, have an opportunity to define the future of Peru's largest protected area: Alto Purus National Park.

Carbon credits in the Las Piedras

WildFF has formed an executive team to investigate how best to work with our local partners to develop forest carbon projects. Our goal is to follow established carbon certification protocols as we conserve and restore native forests and thereby generate forest carbon certificates. These certificates can then be sold to generate revenue to increase the economic value of standing forests for local communities and reduce the effects of climate change.

▶ Central Africa

Establishing the Kalonge Nature Reserve

We've got a really exciting new project on the horizon. It will be WildFF's first project in the Democratic Republic of Congo, specifically in the well-known Virunga Region which is home to some of Africa's most iconic and threatened primates, including the gorilla and the chimpanzee. We'll be working with a local partner to reforest an agricultural area to establish a protected wildlife reserve.



Future Leaders celebrating the 5th and final leadership Summit.



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