
Annual Report

2019



Learn how WildFF supports communities and partners on the frontlines of forest conservation

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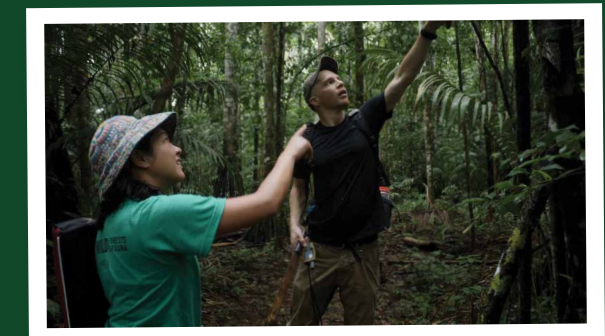
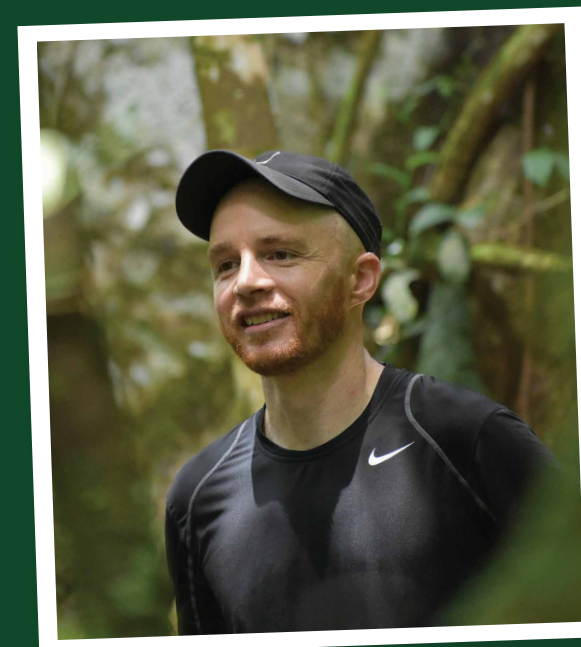
Letter from the President

Since the inception of Wild Forests and Fauna (WildFF), we have sought out local leaders in the places we work to support their efforts in forest conservation and restoration. We believe that developing landscape-scale conservation must come from its roots—the community.

This year, I had the opportunity to visit our project sites in Uganda. My visit was full of hope and celebration as my arrival allowed local partners to share their stories in conserving and restoring their forests. In Uganda’s largest refugee settlement, Palorinya, I saw firsthand how our partners at the District Forest Authority have planted over 150,000 native trees with local refugees. In Gulu, Uganda, I met with the Wise Women, traditional healers whom we have worked with for 5 years, to celebrate their accomplishments in replanting native forests lost during the civil war.

I also had the opportunity to meet with the leader of our new project to develop a community-based wildlife conservation reserve in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Mr. Dalley-Divin. He was extremely grateful for WildFF’s support in catalyzing his project to restore a community forest and refuge for trafficked wildlife. Similarly, our forest conservation efforts in the Peruvian Amazon were initiated by and are being led by a team of Peruvians.

Taken together, 2019 was a year of continued growth and success for WildFF in accomplishing its mission. My visit to Uganda reminded me of the great value of WildFF’s locally-led approach and the vital role WildFF plays in advancing forest conservation and restoration in Uganda, DRC, and Peru. We hope that you enjoy reading about local partners and all our shared accomplishments in 2019 in the pages that follow.



Sincerely,

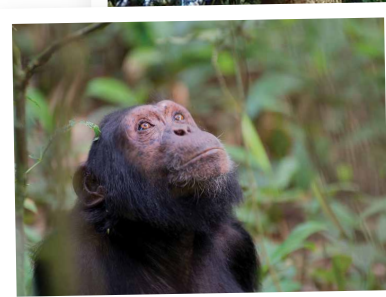
Jason Scullion, PhD
Co-Founder and Board President

Kalonge Nature Reserve Restoration and Conservation

NORTH KIVU, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO

We have been partnering with conservation organization Paradis de Primates and the local Masiki-Kalonge community in the Democratic Republic of Congo for a full year now. The Kalonge Nature Reserve Restoration and Conservation project aims to create a protected refuge for local wildlife. Together, we're reforesting the reserve, and rescuing and rehabilitating wild animals from the pet trade and poaching, and releasing them in the nature reserve.

Crucially, the project is also supporting the local Masiki-Kalonge community, by generating employment and income for community members; supporting orphaned children through free schooling and conservation training; and improving the nutritional quality of local diets by providing protein-rich vegetables and legumes.



"Even without proper tools, you have to try. Reforestation is one of the best solutions to fight global warming while rebuilding wildlife habitat. We have planted more or less 3000 trees in 2019, thanks to funding from WildFF. The activities we do at the Kalonge Nature Reserve will help fight against global warming and restore natural habitats for our wildlife. We thank WildFF for their support and accompanying us in our struggle."

Dalley-Divin Saa-Sita
President and Co-founder of Paradis des Primates

2019 *impact*

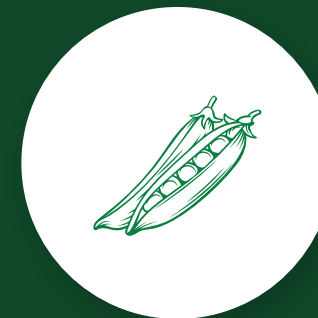
IN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO



3,000 seedlings
planted in deforested areas



150 members
of Masiki-Kalonge community
members employed by project



60 households
supported through donations of vegetables,
legumes, and medicinal plants



11 orphans
from Musienene school received free
schooling and conservation training





Palorinya Refugee Settlement

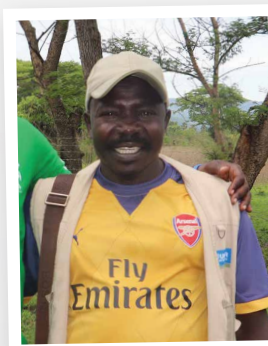
MOYO, NORTHERN UGANDA



Refugee emergency operations commonly neglect issues of refugees having access to firewood, natural minerals and shelter materials. At the emergency phase, only shelter poles are provided to refugees for the construction of temporary shelters. Access to firewood and natural minerals is left a responsibility of the refugees. This inevitably forces the refugees to encroach on natural forests and wetland resources in the vicinity, causing long-term degradation and destruction. As the refugees continue to settle in their new homes, their personal needs increase with increasing household sizes.

With over 120,000 Sudanese refugees living in Palorinya camp, it is crucial to ensure their needs are met while reducing pressure on scarce natural resources. To that end, our strategy in the Palorinya region is to provide fast-growing tree species for sustainable harvests and fuel-efficient cookstoves to reduce the need for firewood. Through these actions we restore lost tree cover, contribute to climate change mitigation and protect existing trees.

Our Palorinya Environmental Interventions initiative started as a small pilot project in 2018, delivered in partnership with the Moyo District Forest Office. Since last year, we've continued to build this strong and important relationship, and have been enabled to increase our impact and expand the focus of the program by receiving funding this year from the Conservation, Food and Health Foundation.



Patrick Drama
District Forest Officer,
Moyo District, Uganda

"I value WildFF because it came as an angel during our trying times with our brothers and sisters of South Sudan, displaced by war, and we (Uganda) had nothing to do but share the limited natural resources available despite the environmental sufferings it brings. However, from the blue sky, WildFF appeared to support us in afforestation, restoration of lost tree cover and energy access while also enhancing nutrition of both refugees and local communities. WildFF turned our future to a bright one within 3 years – they are more than a friend but an angel of nature."

2019 impact

IN PALORINYA, NORTHERN UGANDA

tree planting

41,000
seedlings distributed

40,000 people
from 8,200 households reached

127 local people trained and recruited to the Environmental Protection Committee

Seedling survival rate **76%**
compared to 55% from previous year



cookstoves

2,000
cookstoves constructed

10,000
people reached

148
cookstove artisans trained

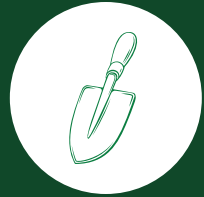


Native Seeds Project

GULU, NORTHERN UGANDA

WildFF has been working to conserve the forests of northern Uganda since 2015 by supporting Wise Women Uganda and their indigenous knowledge as traditional medicine women. By being exclusively grassroots-oriented, WildFF has empowered Ugandans with the tools and expertise they need to implement landscape-scale restoration in their communities.

The Native Seeds Project is now a well-established program with 12 full-time paid staff, a seven-acre reforestation demonstration plot, two native tree nurseries, and multiple year-round programs that bring education, income-generating activities, and tree planting activities to over 30 villages in Gulu District.



New sub-county, Unyama, and **700 new farmers**

added to Farmer Outreach Program, inclusive of Climate Change Resiliency Trainings and seedling distribution & management



50,000 seedlings

produced and distributed with new farmers in Unyama & Bungatira sub-counties



Ongoing data collection and followup with over

1,000 farmers

"We have done a lot of work together over the years, especially in the regeneration of trees lost over the past decades. When I first bought the land for our garden, there was nothing. It was awesome to see the trees propagate, from planting the seedlings to seeing them bear fruit. The community now feels hope that the trees planted today will be here for generations to come, because we are training our farmers on how to take care of them. WildFF is helping us make a great history here in Gulu."

Juliet Adoch

Traditional healer from Wise Women Uganda (Mon Ma Ryek)



2019 impact

ARCAmazon

LAS PIEDRAS WATERSHED, PERU

This year we have been working closely with ARCAmazon - our long-term local partner on the ground in Peru - to improve their governance structure and enable them to grow. This included the hiring of a general manager, Luis Garcia, a local leader who participated in our Future Leaders program and was one of ARCAmazon's co-founders.

The organization continues to grow stronger, and 2019 was their best year in terms of visitors, bringing the total revenue generated in this part of the Peruvian Amazon to over \$800,000 in 5 years. They reached more people than ever before with their vital conservation messages, raising awareness of the importance of protecting and restoring this precious place.



"WildFF has been our biggest supporter since the beginning of the project. During 2019 they have assisted and overseen the ARCAmazon formalization process which has enabled a new business entity to manage all activities and security of our 11,000 acres of primary forest."

Furthermore, WildFF has provided counseling and dialogue to facilitate the renewal of our Board of Directors which is our goal for 2020. This is the fifth anniversary of LPAC and we can't imagine achieving all we have accomplished so far without the continuous advice, expertise, and financial support from our friends at WildFF."



Luis Garcia

General Manager of Las Piedras Amazon Center (LPAC)

WildFF Organization

Back in 2012, our *raison d'être* for starting a non-profit was to protect a strategically important piece of land in the Las Piedras watershed, Peru. Before we had a name, it was a small impassioned group of business graduates and scientists figuring out a way to protect the very spot they all found themselves. They had met many local leaders and organizations in the area eager to improve their communities in a sustainable way, yet lacked the resources and connections to make significant change. So, we gathered together to form the Las Piedras Amazon Center (LPAC), which led us to establish WildFF.

Capacity building is an important facet of conservation that WildFF believes is key for effective conservation. It is also the hardest to explain to our supporters because it is not defined by one specific activity.

In early 2019, board member and co-founder, Liz Feldman, organized a friends and family expedition to the Las Piedras Amazon Center (LPAC). There, our guests had the opportunity to see firsthand how the potential of a place and its community was activated into a protected area and incubator of sustainable ideas (see our impact to date on the next page).

It was an honor to have more than 20 WildFF advocates immerse themselves in the jungle and understand how the capacity of a remote and wild forest can impact the lives of many –including themselves.



Forest conservation and capacity building in Las Piedras

- WildFF is actively supporting the conservation of over 15,000 acres of tropical forest with its partner, ARCAmazon
- A thriving ecotourism business was built with the mission to teach visitors about the value of the forest and its wildlife
- Other sustainable enterprises have sprung up in the watershed, started by Peruvians, with the support of LPAC and WildFF in fields such as sustainable energy, farming and education
- Scientists from all over the world have done their research studies in LPAC to study aspects of conservation biology, ecology and natural history
- Many local Peruvians have found livelihoods with LPAC as tour guides, forest rangers, cooks and other operational managers
- Over 50 Peruvian entrepreneurs have created a business network after connecting with one another at the Future Leader Summits, a WildFF youth leadership program held at LPAC

WildFF Highlights of 2019



- Organized a group of 20 WildFF friends and family to experience a week at Las Piedras Amazon Center
- Grant awarded from *Conservation, Food, and Health Foundation* to improve forest conservation outcomes under scenarios of displaced people in northern Uganda
- Michael Mueller joined the WildFF Board and lends his 20+ years in the global financial sector to supporting our conservation efforts
- New community conservation project started in Democratic Republic of Congo with *Paradis des Primates*

WildFF used almost 90% of its revenue on program development

Fiscal year: Jan 01-Dec 31, 2019 | Wild Forests and Fauna | Guidestar Model


1. Total revenue from grants, gifts and donations **\$113,792**

2. Total Expenses **\$108,758**



3. Total Assets - Cash **\$94,915**



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