



2022 Annual Report

# 10 YEARS OF WILDFF



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# Letter from the President

**Dear WildFF Supporters,**

This is a very special edition of our annual report, commemorating 10 years of saving forests, uplifting communities, and making a positive difference in the world.

Over the past decade, our experience has proven that the good work we do together either prevails or it pivots, as there will always be threats and challenges that compete with the greater good. And while nothing is ever promised, one thing I know for certain is that WildFF's supporters, donors, and partners are unwavering in their commitment to our vision to protect the last of the best forests left on this planet.

It's no wonder that I'm feeling very nostalgic and emotional about hitting a 10-year anniversary. We have done so much good work over the last ten years with so many amazing people.

Reflecting back on 2022, we can already see how fruitful a year it was for our projects worldwide. From our **2020 Annual Report**, it was clear that Palorinya, Uganda would have no remaining tree cover without conservation and restoration efforts. As of this report, we have planted more than 400K trees. When COVID shut down tourist operations all around Las Piedras, the rate of poaching and illegal tree harvesting was left unchecked. Fortunately, our strong partnership with local Jungle Keepers rangers stopped several illegal logging and poaching attempts before these activities became more serious. As our work over the years show, community-based conservation can have impact at a global scale and for the livelihoods of the local community.

As I reflect on the decades-long journey of WildFF, I feel privileged to be a supporter and friend to the communities we have partnered with on this journey. And yet there is still so much good work to do. In the pages ahead I hope you will enjoy reading about our recent impacts and exciting future plans.

With gratitude,

**Dr. Jason Scullion**  
Co-Founder and Board President







# Our Conservation Framework— Today and For the Future

For the past 10 years, WildFF has taken a grassroots approach and opted to go deep into communities that live on the frontlines of highly valuable forests. There are many such regions that don't get widespread media attention; without intervention, these forests would suffer catastrophic losses to their livelihoods, their culture, their future. In contrast, funding and conservation support for other well-known areas of the world is vastly disproportionate.

**That's why WildFF works with a specific conservation framework:** we make it our mission to protect the **last of the best** forests of our planet. We build **community** relationships in a culturally sensitive way to get a realistic perspective of how they envision their future and their forests. Then, we empower communities through **capacity building** so that our local partners have a long-term stake in the health of their communities and surrounding forests for generations to come.

At this 10-year mark in our work, we are looking ahead to new projects—focusing on highly threatened areas to invest in for the next 10 years and beyond.

## Wild Forests & Fauna Conservation Framework



### Last of the Best

Identify and protect forests of high value/high risk and work directly with the communities to protect, restore and support their homes



### Community

Build local relationships, understand culture and traditions, and co-create a vision with communities to protect their environment and future



### Capacity Building

Make the greatest impact by developing local solutions alongside the community's existing knowledge and skills to encourage system-wide conservation



# Our Global Impact Over the Past 10 Years



Our work in Africa is aligned with AFR100

## Peru



**Last of the Best:** The Peruvian Amazon is one of the most biologically diverse habitats on Earth. Madre de Dios is home to several endangered species, to uncontacted indigenous groups, and to the Las Piedras—one of the last wild rivers left in the Amazon Basin. WildFF is one of 11 partners in the area protecting this conservation corridor.



**Community:** Since 2012, WildFF has worked with its Peruvian nonprofit partner, ARCAmazon, and completed major, flagship initiatives including land acquisition to protect 16,000 acres of rainforest; the development of a world-class education center; the purchase and management of an 11,000-acre ecotourism concession (Las Piedras Amazon Center).



**Capacity Building:** WildFF supported the establishment of ARCAmazon; piloted a 5-year place-based leadership program, Future Leaders, to build the entrepreneurial capacity of more than 50 local leaders; and supported education for school-aged children to learn about ecosystems, biodiversity, stream ecology, and camera trapping.

## Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)



**Last of the Best:** The Congo Rainforest is the largest intact rainforest in Africa and home to many endangered species including forest elephants, bonobos, and gorillas. But the DRC has many threats: a challenging political landscape; forests and wildlife that are highly endangered and inadequately protected; an intact rainforest that is so remote, it is difficult and dangerous to reach.

Mr. Dalley-Divin (DD)



**Community:** Since 2019, WildFF has partnered with Mr. Dalley-Divin (affectionately known as DD) to establish and maintain the Kalonge Nature Reserve, a 94-acre forested area that allows the community to care for wild animals recovered from illegal traffickers. The project has employed more than 670 members of the Masiki-Kalonge community, generated income for the local people, and donated seeds for vegetables and medicinal plants to 121 households. WildFF's work in Kalonge helped us to understand the culture and traditions of the communities and build a trusting partnership with DD.



**Capacity Building:** WildFF has provided organizational capacity building to Congo Biotropical Institute (CBI), founded by DD, such as defining a long-term strategy, budget and financial plan. Our continued partnership with CBI has helped scale efforts by exploring other areas of the Congo rainforest whose communities, wildlife, and natural resources could benefit from long-term protection. Dr. Scullion and DD visited the Tshuapa Province in the summer of 2022 and spoke with communities to collaborate on a socio-environmental and wildlife assessment of their area.

## Northern Uganda



**Last of the Best:** The woodlands of Northern Uganda, home to many native communities and a diverse wildlife network, is facing immense environmental pressure due to three decades of civil war and poverty, mass migration, and climate change. Uganda is under threat of losing all its forests by 2050. Their biggest challenges are: loss of trees in dry forests leads to desertification, increased drought, and decreased food security due to irreversible soil loss. Deforestation in these parts also means a loss of traditional knowledge and livelihoods.

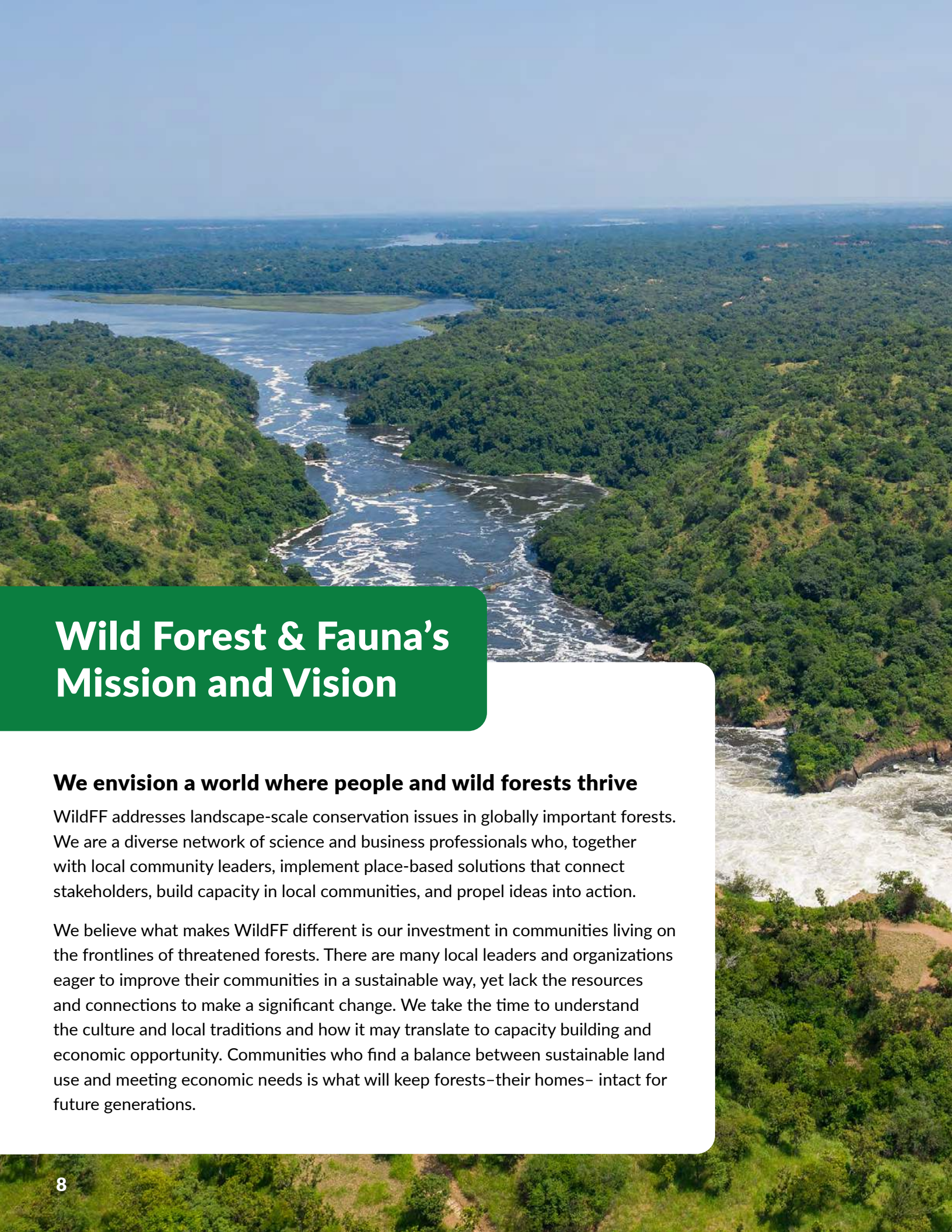


**Community:** WildFF has worked with various communities to plant and maintain almost 500,000 native trees. Working with traditional women healers, agroforestry systems were established with 900 subsistence farmers in the Gulu region. In the Moyo/Obongi region, we partnered with the District Forest Service to plant fruit trees and fast growing timber trees with the growing South Sudanese refugee population. Agroforestry best practices were implemented with local landowners to restore degraded plantations.



**Capacity Building:** Through the Native Seeds Project, the Wise Women Uganda were able to play a central role in building a network of sustainable farmers. After 6 years, these traditional women healers self-manage two tree nurseries and create multiple year-round programs that bring education, income-generating activities, and tree planting activities to 30 villages in the Gulu District. Further north, WildFF helped secure grants to allow the Moyo District Forest to implement several environmental initiatives with both refugee and host communities, including tree-planting, agroforestry planning, cookstove construction, and educational workshops.





# Wild Forest & Fauna’s Mission and Vision

## We envision a world where people and wild forests thrive

WildFF addresses landscape-scale conservation issues in globally important forests. We are a diverse network of science and business professionals who, together with local community leaders, implement place-based solutions that connect stakeholders, build capacity in local communities, and propel ideas into action.

We believe what makes WildFF different is our investment in communities living on the frontlines of threatened forests. There are many local leaders and organizations eager to improve their communities in a sustainable way, yet lack the resources and connections to make a significant change. We take the time to understand the culture and local traditions and how it may translate to capacity building and economic opportunity. Communities who find a balance between sustainable land use and meeting economic needs is what will keep forests—their homes— intact for future generations.



# Future Plans and Long-Term Goals




## Peru

-  Establish and maintain forest carbon projects in Peru in partnership with local landowners and NGOs
-  Maintain and expand the conservation and sustainable development corridor in the Las Piedras
-  Support youth environmental education activities in the Madre de Dios region

## DRC

-  Develop a community-based wildlife conservation corridor along the remote Tshuapa River
-  Start a community-based ecotourism project to help develop the local economy and people in sustainable ways
-  Increase the capacity and resilience of our DRC partner, CBI

## Northern Uganda

-  Continue to mitigate drivers of deforestation through community-based initiatives (eg, tree planting, agroforestry, optimized energy systems)
-  Restore buffer zones along the edges of Era Central Forest Reserve and the White Nile River by planting native trees to maturity
-  Create a watershed management plan for the riparian zones in an around the Palorinya refugee settlement to regenerate waterways and restore habitat



# WildFF Board



**Jason Scullion**

Board President and  
Conservation Director  
Cofounder, 2012



**Corrie Reynoso**

Board Vice President  
Member since 2014



**Michael Mueller**

Board Secretary  
Member since 2018

## Local project leaders and strategic advisors



**Dalley-Divin Saa-Sita**

President of Congo Biotropical Institute  
Field coordinator for DRC projects  
WildFF partner since 2019



**Patrick Drama**

Moyo District Forest Officer  
Field coordinator for Moyo/Obongi projects  
WildFF partner since 2017

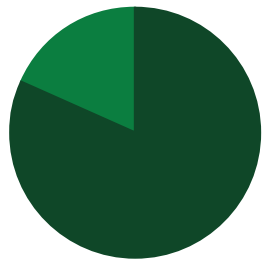
# Financials

## Income Statement

**Fiscal Year:**

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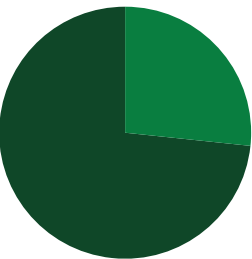
### 2022 Expenses



Program  
\$69,458

Overhead  
\$15,414

### 2022 Revenue



Individuals  
\$18,890

Corporate & Foundations  
\$51,793

Total Expenses  
\$84,872

Total revenue from grants,  
gifts and donations  
\$70,683

Total Assets - Cash  
\$24,464

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## 10 years of service to forests and their communities

### *Achievements since 2012*



**5 landscape-level conservation projects** completed in globally important forests



**500,000 trees planted** in Northern Uganda with local communities, farmers, and refugees



**16,000 acres** of Amazon rainforest protected with partners



**4 local nonprofits** created through partnerships with WildFF



**5 major grants** awarded to support our conservation



**\$1M+ total donations** over the last decade



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