WE LIVE ON A BEAUTIFUL PLANET IN PERIL AND WE CAN DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT

We are working in the heart of biodiversity: Latin America.

Tropical forests, including the Amazon rainforest, are home to 50% of the world’s species. Beyond their extraordinary beauty, these forests are critical to our survival as they mitigate climate change and dictate rainfall patterns as far away as the U.S.

Dear Friends,

We have never felt more urgency to protect our planet, nor have we felt more hope.

At Nature and Culture International, we believe that if we care about our planet, we must take action. Last year, our unique model and philosophy spurred the protection of 2.1 million acres of endangered ecosystems – the size of Yellowstone National Park. Whether you are moved by Earth’s beauty or committed to preserving our air, water, and climate, we ask you to act with us.

In carrying out our conservation mission, we differ in key respects from our fellow nonprofit groups. We are a bottom-up organization, with 17 in-country offices staffed by more than 160 local experts who act with urgency, integrity, and passion to save their natural environment. We are also a lean organization – our overhead is half that of most groups.

This Annual Report reflects our optimism. In the pages that follow, we share our major accomplishments in 2015, from the national declaration of a one million-acre indigenous reserve to the numerous new reserves that are safeguarding water supplies, endangered species, and indigenous people’s traditional way of life. It also highlights our staff and key donors, people like you who are making a difference.

We are grateful to each and every one of you who have chosen to donate to NCI. Not only do you keep our programs alive – you enable them to thrive.

As we approach our 20th anniversary, bold plans for expansion are already underway, from our growing operations in Ecuador, Peru, and Mexico to our new footholds in Colombia, Bolivia, and Brazil. Please join us in protecting the planet for generations to come.

Sincerely,

Byron Swift                                      David Welborn
President                                         Chairman of the Board

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Indigenous Awajun boys from the community of Condorcanqui in Amazonas, Peru.
INTRODUCTION

WHAT SETS US APART

We protect the world’s most diverse ecosystems with the people who live in them. We start by thinking and acting locally.

• NCI conserves land at the scale of entire functioning ecosystems, protecting from 20,000 acres to over one million acres at a time.

• As we conserve the forests, we empower the people living closest to nature to create sustainable livelihoods and improve healthcare and education.

• Our 17 offices collaborate with governments, communities, and indigenous tribes through every step of the process to declare a protected area.

• Our 169 local conservationists live in the places they protect. They build enduring relationships with local people and bring legal scholarship, biological expertise, political know-how, and geo-mapping skills that help people protect their land.

• Nearly 90% of our budget is spent on program activities every year.

TWO DECADES OF EXCELLENCE

Since 1996, we have helped to conserve 13.8 million acres of endangered ecosystems in Latin America. Our major accomplishments include:

• Ecosystem Conservation | Directly supported the creation of 50 protected areas spanning 7.3 million acres of Amazon rainforest, Andean cloud forest, tropical dry forest and more in Ecuador, Peru, and Mexico.

• Community Empowerment | Worked with 300 communities, including 60 indigenous communities, to conserve key ecosystems and implement sustainable development programs, in some cases doubling community incomes.

• Watershed Conservation | Improved the water supply for more than one million people by establishing and strengthening three water funds in Ecuador and Peru.

• UNESCO Biosphere Reserves | Guided the creation of three out of Ecuador’s six biosphere reserves, bringing global attention to 6.5 million acres of high priority ecosystems.
### Amazon Rainforest
Over half of our work is aimed at protecting the Amazon rainforest – the most extensive tropical rainforest in the world, containing more species than any other ecosystem. The Amazon provides essential ecosystem services, storing massive amounts of carbon that mitigate the effects of climate change and stabilizing the world’s rainfall patterns. It is also home to an estimated 400 indigenous tribes.

### Andean Cloud Forest
We work extensively to protect Andean cloud forests, which contain the highest number of endemic plants and animals on Earth – including hundreds of species of spectacular orchids and hummingbirds found nowhere else in the world. Many biologists consider these fragile ecosystems the world’s top conservation priority due to the sheer number of species and high degree of threat.

### Páramo Grasslands
The páramo is a high-altitude grassland with vegetation composed of a diversity of grasses, shrubs, and giant rosette plants. Páramos are a major source of fresh water, and we work with municipal governments to protect these vital ecosystems, which are often threatened by unsustainable agriculture, in order to secure clean and abundant water for their people.

### Tropical Deciduous Forest
We work in five countries to conserve tropical deciduous forests, which are as endangered as the Amazon rainforest. Their canopy is dense during the wet summer, but during the dry winter, the leaves fall and the canopy opens up, resulting in uniquely adapted species such as the guayacan tree, which produces millions of yellow flowers each year.

### Coastal and Marine Areas
Mangroves, estuaries, lagoons and oceans protect significant ocean resources, marine biodiversity, and areas of importance for migratory birds. They house complex webs of life that support marine fisheries and thriving coastal communities. The Ecuadorian and Peruvian marine areas where we work are some of the richest on Earth.

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**THE ECOSYSTEMS WE PROTECT**

- **Amazon Rainforest**
- **Andean Cloud Forest**
- **Páramo Grasslands**
- **Tropical Deciduous Forest**
- **Coastal and Marine Areas**

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Shuar
Indigenous Shuar culture is characterized by strong traditions and a unique vision of the universe, manifested through their language, food, myths, music and dance. Our work with the Shuar in Ecuador has enabled them to protect more than 80,000 acres of their ancestral homeland and develop sustainable livelihoods so they can thrive culturally and economically.

Achuar
With an ancient culture deeply rooted in the forest, the Achuar have many traditions that speak to their spiritual relationship with nature. One is the ritual they perform at waterfalls, which the Achuar consider sacred. Our team is working with the Achuar to protect 200,000 acres in the Amazon rainforest, an “alfombra verde con ríos” – a carpet of green with rivers.

Sápara
The Sápara nation of Ecuador is recognized by UNESCO as an “Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity” because their language and culture are in danger of disappearing. Just 200 Sápara people remain in Ecuador and 100 in Peru, of whom only five still speak the native language. We are working with the Sápara to protect their ancestral land in the Amazon rainforest, which is critical to their cultural survival.

Awajun
The Awajun people have been stewards of the rainforest for thousands of years. Now, with the support of our team, they have obtained the legal right to manage a large swath of their ancestral territory. These areas preserve the pristine Amazon rainforest in which they live and help preserve their traditional way of life. With nearly 210,000 acres protected to date, we are continuing to support the Awajun with sustainable development projects.

Maijuna
Numbering fewer than 500 people, the Maijuna are one of Peru’s most vulnerable ethnic groups. For eight years, we worked closely with the Maijuna to create a reserve larger than California’s Yosemite National Park. It protects nearly one million acres of Amazon rainforest and its wealth of biodiversity, as well as the indigenous Maijuna’s ancestral homeland.

Shawi
For centuries, the indigenous Shawi have lived in Peru’s Paranapura basin, whose lush forests and jagged mountains hold countless undiscovered species that could yield new medical and agricultural products. Now, we are helping them protect 370,000 acres of their ancestral homeland, a high priority for biodiversity and an important watershed for the inhabitants of the Mayo and Paranapura river basins.
OUR OFFICES

We operate our conservation programs through 17 offices in Ecuador, Peru, and Mexico that are staffed by local conservationists who are passionate about protecting the ecosystems they call home and empowering the communities they come from.

6 Countries
17 Offices
169 Local Staff

VISION FOR EXPANSION

CREATING A MOSAIC OF RESERVES TO PRESERVE BOLIVIA’S WATER SUPPLY

The 226,499 acre Ivi Maraei Municipal Watershed Reserve in the southern Bolivian province of Chuquisaca marks the first reserve declared in Bolivia with NCI’s support. This reserve protects rich Andean forests, a stunning array of species, and the regions’ water supply. Moreover, it represents a vision by the local communities and governments to secure clean water now and for generations to come.

Through a partnership with the local NGO Natura Bolivia, NCI provided the funding needed to catalyze and guide the creation of this important watershed reserve. Now, NCI is continuing its expansion in Bolivia by funding the creation of additional protected areas alongside Natura.

In 2016, NCI and Natura Bolivia are embarking on a plan to protect 1.2 million acres through the creation of four new protected areas across multiple ecosystems, from the dry Chaco in the south to the mountainous tropical forests of the Andes.

PROTECTING COLOMBIA’S RICH BIODIVERSITY WITH FOUR NEW RESERVES

Colombia is one of the world’s 17 mega-diverse countries, hosting nearly 10% of all known species within its borders. After 60 years of armed conflict, the country is poised to sign a historic peace agreement, creating opportunities for conservation that did not exist a decade ago. Colombia’s president has also announced an ambitious goal to protect more than seven million acres by the end of his term in 2018.

Galvanized by these opportunities, NCI is seeking to provide as much support as possible to speed the creation of protected areas. In 2015, NCI formed partnerships with three regional environmental authorities, which acted to protect nearly 175,000 acres of rich ecosystems. Two of these reserves protect core habitat for a wealth of biodiversity such as the Silvery-brown Bare-face Tamarin, an endangered monkey species found only in northern Colombia. A third area protects the water supply for Medellín, Colombia’s second largest city.

In 2016, NCI will continue to catalyze the protection of key ecosystems in Andean state such as Nariño, Antioquia, and beyond. We will form new partnerships and build in-country capacity, enabling us to broaden our scope and prioritize new conservation opportunities efficiently. The Humboldt Institute, one of Colombia’s premiere biodiversity research organizations, is one of our main allies in conservation.

Unprecedented opportunities to preserve land and biodiversity await us in Colombia. With an operating framework in place and concrete results already achieved, NCI is poised to make the most of the exciting road ahead.
The cloud forests of the Andes play a vital role in the water cycle, making their preservation crucial to the health and prosperity of local people. Despite this, the Andes are threatened by unsustainable practices that provide poor economic returns, including deforestation for cattle grazing. Today, just 5% to 25% of the original forest cover remains in most areas.

NCI plays a key role in helping local people secure control over their natural resources, ensuring that conservation is a grassroots and long-term endeavor. Germán Solano, a representative from one of NCI’s community partners, illustrates this: “By gaining title to our communal lands, we can guarantee long-term protection of our natural resources, most of all, our water, which is essential to our survival.”

Our local work also integrates into a larger vision. By partnering with communities and governments, we are developing a corridor of protected areas – like pearls on a string – extending down the spine of the Andes.

This connectivity will benefit mammals like the spectacled bear that need room to roam, as well as the Andes’ many endemic species, which are found nowhere else in the world. In September 2015, two frog species previously believed to be extinct (Azuay Stubfoot-Toad and Buckley’s Giant Glass Frog) were rediscovered in Sígsig, one of the areas we are working to protect.

Our office in Cuenca has helped to conserve 326,000 acres of high-priority Andean ecosystems, including, in 2015, the 219,938 acre Gualaquiza Municipal Reserve, three times the size of the nearby Cajas National Park. Now, we are working to preserve another 436,000 acres alongside six municipalities.

As more and more reserves are declared, the scale grows: local protection becomes regional, connecting vital habitats for flora and fauna and ensuring water for people.
Under an agreement with Ecuador’s Ministry of Environment, we have enabled 28 communities to join SocioBosque, protecting 372,315 acres to date. Beyond providing extensive technical support in the form of mapping, biological studies, community outreach, and legal work, we are also training indigenous communities in financial planning, conservation, and sustainable forest management.

In 2015, our local team worked closely with indigenous Shuar, Achuar, Andwa, and Kichwa communities in the Amazon to enter their rainforest lands into SocioBosque, protecting nearly 128,973 acres and generating over $200,000 in annual community investment funds.

NCI is continuing to support the SocioBosque program by monitoring communities’ annual investment plans and facilitating knowledge exchanges between SocioBosque and similar initiatives in neighboring countries, including Colombia and Bolivia.

“At dawn in my forest, I see birds, toucans singing beautifully and all the other animals, and I see what I love in my forest where there are waterfalls and other beautiful things. Before we were in the habit of knocking down the trees, but now we want to save our forest.”

– Clemente Santi, Achuar representative
FROM THE JAGUAR TO THE TORTOISE: PROTECTING THE SPECIES OF SONORA

We and our local partners are conserving this magical landscape, of which only 5% is currently protected.

Our team of local conservationists is guiding the ongoing protection of NCI’s 15,116 acre Monte Mojino Reserve in the tropical dry forests of Sonora, Mexico, where less than 15% of this unique habitat remains and only 5% has been legally protected.

On top of its mission to conserve this magical landscape, the Monte Mojino Reserve serves as a training ground for local conservationists, the home of environmental education for the community, and a hub of scientific research for visiting biologists.

In 2014, the Monte Mojino Reserve and its EcoClub students set their sights on the elusive jaguar, spending months installing camera traps and monitoring their findings. In total, seven jaguars were documented, bringing fresh hope to our conservation work. Now, our team is expanding their focus to a much smaller (and slower) species – the desert tortoise.

In 2015, Goode’s Thornscrub Tortoise was discovered and classified as a new species of desert tortoise. It lives in one of the most threatened habitats in Mexico, and has a limited range. Its presence in NCI’s Monte Mojino Reserve kick-started a collaboration between NCI and The Turtle Conservancy, an NGO dedicated to protecting the world’s most endangered turtles and tortoises.

With The Turtle Conservancy’s support, NCI is now working in both Sonora and Sinaloa to conserve its tropical dry forest habitat, simultaneously benefitting five cat species, along with numerous birds, trees, and plants.
In the lush Amazon rainforest of northern Peru, coffee growers and conservationists have come together with the regional government to create Monte Alegre, the fourth protected area in the region to be declared with NCI’s support. NCI’s team in Amazonas worked steadily to bring this vision to life by providing key technical support and coordinating diverse stakeholders.

The Monte Alegre Conservation Concession spans 52,700 acres and completes a corridor of four protected areas in the Amazon-Andes region of southern Amazonas. In addition to preserving pristine Amazon rainforest, it safeguards charismatic species such as the spectacled bear, hairy anteater, and the yellow-tailed woolly monkey – an endangered species found only in this area.

Monte Alegre and its neighboring protected areas – Dase Nain, Tijae Nain, and Pamau Nain – are playing a key role in the advancement of sustainable industries that enhance the economic wellbeing of local people while preserving the globally important forests of Amazonas. In Monte Alegre, coffee has emerged as the leading industry to unite goals for conservation and economic prosperity.

NCI’s partner in Monte Alegre, the Flor de Café Cooperative, works with local growers to produce organic coffee for European markets. The 220 families involved receive direct economic benefits and actively promote forest conservation. The Cooperative also funds the development of nurseries, including bamboo, fine hardwoods, and stevia, which coexist alongside forest conservation.

In the words of Lleydy Alvarado, an NCI-Amazonas staff member who worked closely on this initiative, “With the declaration of Monte Alegre we are protecting a forest with a high degree of biodiversity and endemism, as well as the ecosystem services that sustain the local people.”
LARGER THAN YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK: AN INDIGENOUS HOMELAND PRESERVED

Our journey with the Maijuna began in 2008 when Romero Ríos, a Maijuna chief, walked into NCI’s office in Iquitos, Peru with a remarkable request – to help protect the rainforest connecting their ancestral homeland’s four remaining villages. Numbering fewer than 500 people, the Maijuna are one of Peru’s most vulnerable ethnic groups, and their native language is nearly extinct.

For the next eight years, NCI’s local team worked tirelessly alongside the regional government of Loreto and communities from the indigenous Maijuna and Kichwa tribes to make this declaration a reality. Likewise, the support of major funders and partners including Blue Moon Fund, the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation, and George Mason University was indispensable.

On June 18, 2015, President Humala of Peru granted national recognition to the Maijuna-Kichwa Regional Conservation Area in the northern Peruvian Amazon. Larger than California’s Yosemite National Park, this vast reserve protects nearly one million acres of rainforest and its extraordinary biodiversity, while safeguarding the indigenous Maijuna and Kichwa’s ancestral homeland and supporting their traditional way of life.

In the words of Romero Ríos, President of the Maijuna Indigenous Federation, “Nature and Culture International has supported us on reforestation and fish repopulation projects, bringing our lakes back to life. With NCI, we are improving our handicrafts, such as our chambira baskets. The NCI field staff works in coordination with our people. In this way we continue to progress.”

This conservation dream was made a reality by the vision of Loreto’s government and their conservation program PROCREL, the continuous support of NCI and its partners over eight years, and because these indigenous communities held firmly to the unbreakable bond between their ancient culture and their natural environment – and acted to preserve both.
WELCOMING E.O. WILSON TO OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

“E.O. Wilson is an icon in the field of biology, and a staunch supporter of conserving tropical forests for both their biological and aesthetic values.”

In March 2015, Edward O. Wilson, noted biologist and author, joined NCI’s Board of Directors. Wilson, a Professor Emeritus at Harvard University, is considered one of the world’s foremost biologists.

Among his many scientific achievements, he is also a two-time Pulitzer Prize winner renowned for his books ranging from biology and environmental advocacy to his humanist views on religion, ethics, and conservation.

In early 2016, Wilson released a compelling call to action to protect our planet in his book entitled Half Earth. In it he outlines our imperative to set aside half of the land and half of the sea in protected areas – a goal he says is both achievable and necessary if we want to preserve upwards of 90% of the life on Earth and achieve a sustainable future.

In Wilson’s words, “The program of NCI is powerful because it is grounded in two fundamentals: conservation is achieved acre by acre, and it is most effective and sustainable when it enhances not just the economic, but also the spiritual needs of those who inhabit the land.”

“E.O. Wilson is an icon in the field of biology, and a staunch supporter of conserving tropical forests for their beauty and biological value that are essential to our own and our planet’s survival,” said Byron Swift, President of NCI. “We are proud and honored to have him on our Board of Directors.”

CELEBRATING THE PHILANTHROPY OF KEITH BEHNER AND CATHY STIEFEL

“A dollar going to NCI goes further in addressing environmental concerns than it does by going to any other conservation NGO that I’m aware of.”

At NCI, we are honored to have a community of donors who consider our mission a personal one, such as Catherine Stiefel and Keith Behner, both lifelong environmentalists.

Cathy grew up with a passion for the environment in rural New York State, where she spent her childhood marveling at the forests and their many creatures. In her words, “I can’t imagine not wanting to protect those landscapes and make them permanent.” Her husband, Keith, discovered environmentalism during his college years, when he read books like Silent Spring, and knew he wanted to make a difference.

Both began giving to environmental causes as soon as they were able, and their philanthropy has only grown. In Keith’s words, “Cathy and I have supported various conservation organizations, but when we were introduced to NCI, we were both blown away. We feel that NCI is a template for other nonprofits – how they’re set up, the way they work with local people, and how effectively they use their dollars to save our environment.”

For Cathy and Keith, donating to NCI has enabled them to combine their philanthropic mission of environmental protection, education, and social justice. In Cathy’s words, “Like a lot of people nowadays, I feel very anxious and frustrated about the threats facing our planet. Being involved with NCI makes me feel like I’m doing something concrete, and in a relatively short time we have seen real progress and impact.”

Thanks to their generosity, we have been able to expand our work with indigenous communities in the Ecuadorian Amazon, and launch new programs in Colombia and Bolivia.

As Cathy says, “If you want to make a real difference, especially on climate change, you couldn’t pick a better place for your efforts. We are rigorous about vetting the organizations we support, and NCI gets an A+.”
FINANCIAL SUMMARY

We are grateful to our donors and partners, whose contributions have achieved the impact and results described in this annual report. We strive to be as efficient as possible, by directing 89% of funds to our programs in 2015, and believe that each dollar contributed to NCI conserves more of the natural world than it would with any other organization.

Sara Dozier, Treasurer

2015 Income Sources

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Total revenues: $5,571,431

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Total expenses: $5,858,158

CHANGE IN NET ASSETS

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Total change in net assets: (286,727) 677,910

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## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2015 (Unaudited)

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– E.O. Wilson, renowned biologist, author and Harvard professor

### CONSERVATION PARTNERS & FUNDERS

We wish to thank the following partners and funders whose generous support has been essential to carrying out our conservation initiatives:

#### MAJOR PARTNERS AND FUNDERS

- Andes Amazon Fund
- Anonymous
- Blue Moon Fund
- Bobolink Foundation
- Bos Tropen
- Del Mar Partnership, Inc.
- Disney Conservation Fund
- Earth’s Birthday Project
- Fore River Fund
- Fundación Neotrópica
- German Research Foundation (DFG)
- Hattie Ettinger Conservation Fund
- Hollomon Price Foundation
- Horne Family Foundation
- Hunter Industries
- Jewish Community Foundation
- Natura Bolivia
- Rainforest Trust
- RARE
- Robert Wilson Charitable Trust
- San Diego Foundation
- San Diego Zoo Global
- Technical University of Loja
- The Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation
- The Moxie Foundation
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David Welborn, Chairman, is the former president of San Diego Coastkeeper and member of the San Diego Foundation Environment Working Group. He is an avid outdoor enthusiast and kayaker.

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Ann Hunter Welborn is a former chairman at Hunter Industries, a leading manufacturer of irrigation and landscape lighting equipment. She serves on the board of Rachel’s Network and the Sonoran Institute, and holds a PhD in depth psychology with an emphasis on mythological studies. She and her husband David have three daughters and seven grandchildren.

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