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# INTERNATIONAL RANGER FEDERATION

**NEWSLETTER APRIL 2023**



**MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**



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Will we see the needed change from the outcomes of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework? The environmental sector is becoming increasingly sceptical about many of the targets, and rightly so, as none of them set to date have been achieved. However, the ambitious targets must still be taken as good news for the planet especially Target 3, which states that:

*“...by 2030, at least 30 per cent of terrestrial, inland water, and of coastal and marine areas, especially areas of particular importance for biodiversity and ecosystem functions and services, are effectively conserved and managed through ecologically representative, well-connected and equitably governed systems of protected areas and other effective area-based conservation measures, recognizing indigenous and traditional territories, where applicable, and integrated into wider landscapes, seascapes and the ocean, while ensuring that any sustainable use, where appropriate in such areas, is fully consistent with conservation outcomes, recognizing and respecting the rights of indigenous peoples and local communities including over their traditional territories<sup>[1]</sup>.”*

The key word here is ‘**effective**’, for this target cannot be achieved without an effective area-based ranger workforce. The current 17% of globally protected areas are already significantly short of ranger capacity as is highlighted in the recent paper: [Protected area personnel and ranger numbers are insufficient to deliver global expectations](#) (Appleton et al, 2022). This was a major point for IRF to push with its partners at the CBD COP 15 in Montreal (December 2022). IRF needs to influence global policy and frameworks so that they include and



recognise the role and value of rangers. IRF was represented in a number of meetings with global actors such as GEF Secretariat, Global Wildlife Program, IUCN, WCPA, GIZ, the ICCA Consortium, USAID, World Bank as well as being part of two side-event presentations on *Rangers for 30 by 30: new needs and new approaches* and *The vital role of rangers in achieving global biodiversity and development outcomes*. Thanks to GIZ and URSA for supporting IRF to attend the CBD COP 15 and to the Ranger Round Table partners (URSA and Thin Green Line) for the materials and networking support.

A key takeaway from attending, was the need to continue to raise the profile of rangers in such fora and for IRF to be the much-needed global voice for rangers. The outcomes and impact of these global meetings will take time to be felt by rangers on the ground, but if we do not continue to try and effect policy, and get rangers embedded in funding frameworks, we will not see the needed changes. Also, what was apparent, is how valuable the foundational research, guidelines, and reference material that IRF with URSA and the Ranger Round Table partners have developed over the last three years. It has been critical to better inform key organisations about rangers by showing who rangers are, what rangers do, why they are a critical sector and what support the sector needs. This also shows that the sector is becoming more organised and therefore needs to be commended.

The other exciting news is the announcement of the 10<sup>th</sup> IRF World Ranger Congress which will take place in France in October 2024. We thank those that submitted proposals to host it and congratulate France on its success. Planning is already underway, and we will keep you informed about key dates and planning progress.

Similarly, the IRF Asia region will host its first-ever Asian Ranger Forum (ARF) in India in December 2023. The Forum is really good news for the region, which will also have time allocated for voting on a new regional committee. This will also be a great addition to the three other regional body Congress's (Africa, Europe, and Oceania) that have taken place since the last WRC. The outcomes of these four regional events will feed into the 10<sup>th</sup> IRF WRC and inform the programme and declarations.

As you will see we have chosen '30x30' as the theme for World Ranger Day. This impresses the importance of addressing ranger conditions, competencies and conduct within the workforce. Please note the call to submit all names of

rangers who have passed away in the line of duty so that their name are recorded in the Roll of Honour.

As always there are lots of exciting events and activities coming up such as webinars as part of the Ranger Round Table, the International Ranger Awards 2023, a new website, and data gathering to inform the 1<sup>st</sup> Global State of the Ranger Report. We will also be undertaking a project, thanks to Fauna and Flora International (a URSA partner) and its Resilience Fund, aimed at identifying optimal governance and operational structures for the IRF to meet its mission and objectives.

Please contact me if you have any questions about IRF. We always enjoy hearing from our members and sharing their stories, so send through any things of interest.

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[1] <https://www.cbd.int/article/cop15-cbd-press-release-final-19dec2022>

## **TRIBUTE TO DR KATHY MaCKINNON**

**In Memoriam  
Dr Kathy MacKinnon**



**Photo credit:** The Thin Green Line Foundation



**Photo credit:** Chris Galliers

It is with great sadness that we learned of the sudden passing of Dr. Kathy Mackinnon. She leaves behind a long distinguished career where her passion and commitment to conservation was evident in all her work. She was also an absolute champion for rangers globally and was directly involved in supporting IRF's work. Most recently she participated in the IRF events at both the Asian Parks Congress (seen above participating in a workshop at the APC 2023) and the African Protected Areas Congress.

Dr MacKinnon received her PhD in Zoology from Oxford University and spent ten years in Indonesia working on tropical ecology research and protected areas planning and management. She worked with many international and national conservation NGOs, as well as government agencies in developing countries. For 16 years, Kathy was the Lead Biodiversity Specialist with the World Bank where she found ways to include conservation outcomes in development investments. She is the author of over 100 scientific books and publications, including recent books that promote protected areas as proven and sustainable natural solutions, helping societies to cope with climate change. In 2007, she was awarded the Distinguished Service Award of the Society of Conservation Biology and in 2018, she was awarded the Midori Prize for Biodiversity. She was a constant member of IUCN's many delegations to the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Working Group implementing the Programme of Work on Protected Areas, the implementation of the far-reaching Target 11 on Protected Areas, and the negotiations towards the new 30x30 Target of the Global Biodiversity Framework.[\[1\]](#)



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[1] IUCN Communique, 20 March 2023. In Memoriam Dr Kathy MacKinnon.

## IRF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

We cordially invite all our Member Associations to join us for the International Ranger Federation Annual General Meeting:

**Date:** **Wednesday** 6 September 2023

**Time:** 9:00pm UK (London time)

**Venue:** Zoom

**Register here:** [https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_2M9Kp-gpQ9gg6YYiD1VU1w](https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_2M9Kp-gpQ9gg6YYiD1VU1w)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

This meeting will be conducted in English and translated live time to Spanish and French.



# INTERNATIONAL RANGER FEDERATION

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, 6 SEPTEMBER 2023, 9PM UK TIME  
ZOOM WEBINAR**

The Board of the International Ranger Federation (IRF) would like to take this opportunity to invite all members of the IRF to join us for our Annual General Meeting.

We are excited to share with you the progress that we have made since our last AGM in September 2022.

Please submit any advanced questions in writing to [executiveofficer@internationalrangers.org](mailto:executiveofficer@internationalrangers.org) by 25 August 2023. Should you have questions on the day, they will be noted and replied to after the event due to time restrictions.

**PROPOSED AGENDA:**

- Welcome and Introduction – 10 Mins
- President's Report – 20 Mins
- Regional Reports – 40 Mins
- Working Group Reports – 10 Mins
- Financial Reports – 5 Mins
- Resolutions – 5 Mins

**IT IS ESSENTIAL TO RSVP BEFORE OR BY THE 25<sup>th</sup> OF AUGUST 2023  
TO [EXECUTIVEOFFICER@INTERNATIONALRANGERS.ORG](mailto:EXECUTIVEOFFICER@INTERNATIONALRANGERS.ORG)**

THIS AGM WILL BE TRANSLATED IN SPANISH AND FRENCH BY  
INTERPRETERS ON THE DAY

## MEMBERSHIP DUES



On behalf of the Board of the International Ranger Federation (IRF) we would like to thank all Full and Associate Members that have paid their 2023 membership dues to date. We would like to urge those members who have not yet paid their dues for 2023 to please do so as soon as possible.

As per previous communications, the Board of the IRF has voted to commence the collection of its annual membership subscription (dues) as per the IRF's Constitution.

The Full Member dues of USD200 were approved by the members in the new Constitution adopted at the 2019 World Ranger Congress (WRC) held in Nepal. It was again discussed during the IRF's first and second Annual General Meetings (held online) in August 2021 and 2022. Also, as written in the Constitution, the Board adopted fees for Associate members in the Regulations at their last meeting (USD50).

There is an enormous amount of work ahead of the Federation, including the establishment of the IRF Strategy, the delivery of its many objectives as well as strengthening the support of its membership base. These goals can only be achieved by increasing the organization's financial security to ensure it remains a strong voice for members into the future.

The payment of annual membership subscriptions and fees can be waived upon request. It will be possible for member associations, who are willing and financially able, to support fellow members to pay their fees. We will provide options in the membership payment form for this to occur. The dues membership payment order form and payment information can be found on the IRF website at: <https://www.internationalrangers.org/membership-dues/>

Thank you for your ongoing support and we look forward to bringing future projects to you that will help further enhance and consolidate the worldwide ranger network. For any questions, please contact Executive Officer Carlien Roodt at: [executiveofficer@internationalrangers.org](mailto:executiveofficer@internationalrangers.org).



## IRF SECRETARY VACANCY



The IRF is looking for an energetic person, who understands rangers and ranger associations, to volunteer for the IRF Secretary position. This is a non-remunerated position. This position is vacant until the 10th IRF World Ranger Congress in October 2024 where an election for the position will take place. Anyone interested please email stating where you are from, and why you feel you would be suitable for the position. Good communication skills are needed and applicant must be willing to contribute to the broader IRF objectives. Send emails to [executiveofficer@internationalrangers.org](mailto:executiveofficer@internationalrangers.org) with 'Secretary Application' as the subject.

The decision by the IRF is at the discretion of the organisation and is final. An interview may be required.

## THE THIN GREEN LINE FOUNDATION



### **Thin Green Line Facelift**

Thin Green Line is updating its logo and building a new website. Part of a refresh as it recommits to the cause of rangers' resources, their professional recognition, and welfare. More information to follow in the coming months.

### **Chris Galliers steps down as Thin Green Line Director**

Following the introduction of new requirements by the Australian Government regarding company directors, it is no longer possible for a Thin Green Line director to also hold an official position in an organisation that is supported by the Foundation. As a result, Chris Galliers, president of the International Ranger Federation, is stepping down as director of Thin Green Line.

*On behalf of the Foundation and its supporters, I extend our deepest gratitude and appreciation for Chris's contributions to the board over the last seven years. His experience and knowledge of natural heritage stewardship and his direct understanding of the challenges facing rangers are greatly respected. In the future, we look forward to working with Chris as president of the IRF while Thin Green Line maintains its commitment to the IRF and the shared mission to support rangers across the globe.* Dr William Jackson TGL Chair

*"I would like to thank Dr Bill Jackson for his guidance and leadership of the organisation, and know that with the current team in place, TGL is in the best position to thrive and deliver on its important role of supporting rangers globally. It has been a privilege to be part of the Board and to have worked with so many great people that are committed to improving the lives of those on the frontline of conservation."* Chris Galliers IRF President.

## **WORLD RANGER CONGRESS 2024**



**International Ranger Federation  
World Ranger Congress  
Giens Peninsula, Hyères, southern France  
October 2024**

Preparations are well underway to organise the 10<sup>th</sup> IRF World Ranger Congress in the south of France, in October 2024. The team from the French Ranger Association, Gardes Nature de France, is busy working with the IRF on the programme of presentations, workshops and field trips in this stunning area of southern France. Blessed with many National Parks, reserves and a strong historic heritage, the Hyères area also boasts a star studded sky and a turquoise blue ocean. Click here to view some of the natural sites surrounding Hyères:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1v0Vwf3DDMfGxSgNFG82xDeqoLpKXo8-QmSEs58KAF9o/edit?usp=sharing>

We are exhilarated to announce that the exact dates of this prestigious event have been confirmed for 7-11 October 2024.



The 2024 Congress will focus on empowering rangers globally to meet the 30 x 30 challenge.

The IRF 10<sup>th</sup> World Ranger Congress website is currently in the development stages, which will provide you with easy access, to book your place and select accommodation and field trip options. There will also be optional pre- and post- Congress opportunities to extend your visit and explore the area further.

More updates to follow soon - Watch the space!

## **ASIAN RANGER FORUM - DECEMBER 2023**



**Photo credit:** Ivy Farheen



Photo credit: Asian Ranger Forum

### **Announcing the 1st Asian Ranger Forum in Guwahati, India 2023**

The Ranger Federation of Asia is organising the first-ever Asian Ranger Forum, in Guwahati, India, in December 2023. This landmark event will bring together rangers from all over Asia on a common platform to address the key challenges they face during the course of their duties. The event will also give them the opportunity to learn new skills, share knowledge, create partnerships, and develop strategic ways to continue protecting forests and biodiversity.

The event will be held under the aegis of the International Ranger Federation (IRF) and in collaboration with the Government of Assam, India, All India Forest Officer Federation, National Ranger Associations from Asian countries, and conservation partners. The event carries manifold objectives, including networking, sharing knowledge and best practices, and collaborating towards addressing the challenges rangers face. Outcomes and major recommendations of the Asian Ranger Forum together with other regional ranger congresses would support outlining the agenda of the 10th World Ranger Congress which is tentatively planned in France next year.

We are also pleased to announce that the [website for the Asian Ranger Forum](#) is now live. We are looking for a diverse range of contributions to the concurrent sessions and encourage you to submit proposals for talks, poster presentations and workshops. The deadline for proposal submission is **24 June**

**2023.** We will also announce the registration opening soon.

## OCEANIA



**Photo credit:** Rebecca Hope - Tasmania

### **Aboriginal Trainee Rangers in Tasmania**

A ranger program in Tasmania's far northeast is bringing the country back to health using both traditional Aboriginal land management practices and modern techniques.

Rebecca Hope has dreamt of being a ranger her whole life. "A few years ago, I started to have this yearning to find out more about my culture," said Rebecca. The new program is offering Rebecca the opportunity to live her childhood dream and connect with her roots.

See more:

[https://www.abc.net.au/news/2023-04-01/aboriginal-trainee-rangers-across-tas-learn-to-care-for-country/102175698?utm\\_campaign=abc\\_news\\_web&utm\\_content=facebook&utm\\_medium=content\\_shared&utm\\_source=abc\\_news\\_web&fbclid=IwAR38e4Agen0QslvoyiviT93IfHuTuHOz1q-P7X0fGs6xmPnpw92vr7BZUmk](https://www.abc.net.au/news/2023-04-01/aboriginal-trainee-rangers-across-tas-learn-to-care-for-country/102175698?utm_campaign=abc_news_web&utm_content=facebook&utm_medium=content_shared&utm_source=abc_news_web&fbclid=IwAR38e4Agen0QslvoyiviT93IfHuTuHOz1q-P7X0fGs6xmPnpw92vr7BZUmk)

(Source: ABC News, Australia)





Photo credit: Protected Areas Workers Association (PAWA)

### **Down Under Rangers helping Rangers**

Oceania rangers are continuing to get behind fellow rangers by walking, hiking, riding, swimming and connecting with their colleagues, and raising funds for future ranger development opportunities.

Australian Capital Territory (ACT) ranger and Protected Area Workers Association (PAWA) committee member, Nick Thorne, had a vision to organise an Australian Alps Ranger Relay of 650km across three states in Australia. The goal of the Australian Alps/Three Summit Ranger Relay was to raise \$15,000 in conjunction with Thin Green Line (TGL) for community rangers in the Mount Kenya region professional exchange.

A number of rangers completed different legs of the relay, crossing the finish line at the ACT's Namadgi Visitor Centre on International Mountain Day, December 11, 2022. It was an amazing effort by all organising and completing this event.

### **Still walking the Thin Green Line**

Amanda Dudgeon is about three quarters the way through her year-long journey from 31 July 2022 – 31 July 2023, travelling throughout Oceania raising funds to support ranger-led initiatives and opportunities in Oceania including supporting Indigenous Rangers to access development, exchange and networking opportunities.

To date, over 254 days, she has travelled 66, 647km throughout two countries (Australia and Aotearoa/New Zealand) and hiked 960km!

Follow her on Instagram, Facebook or the website to see more of the action, meet Oceania Rangers and see pics of some possible future workplaces!!

Website: <https://www.walkingthethinggreenline.com>

Instagram: @walkingthethinggreenline

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/walkingthethinggreenline>



**Photo credit:** Jolene Nelson - Amanda Dudgeon, walking The Thin Green Line

## **AFRICA**



**Photo credit:** Ashwell Glasson - Game Ranger Association of Africa - General Annual Meeting

The Game Rangers Association of Africa (GRAA) knows that in order for the African ranger to work optimally in the field, he/she needs adequate training. Rangers need a diverse array of skills, which need to be maintained and developed. Through our Bursary Training Fund, we provide training based on needs assessments. This March the GRAA was able to train 16 ranger members from across South Africa and Zambia in the Braveheart Leadership Development course, presented at the Southern African Wildlife College in South Africa. The GRAA identified Braveheart as an essential course to develop and upskill ranger leaders. The purpose of this course is for these individuals to gain insight into the role of leadership in conservation and to provide them with the skills, knowledge and attitude necessary to add value to their specific job. The course focuses on:

- Leadership and management
- Conservation ethics
- Law enforcement ethics
- Community engagement
- Technology
- Communication
- Combatting corruption



Another core focus of the GRAA is on Ranger Gear, providing equipment to rangers so that they can work better in the harsh African environment. Rangers have to patrol long hours in harsh terrain which is why we partnered with Jim Green Footwear. The [African Ranger Boot project](#) has provided over 1200 high quality boots to rangers all over Africa, and more to follow!

The GRAA is also proud to see the growth of its membership across the continent and the GRAA South African Chapter recently held its successful AGM. The overall theme of the event was the professionalization of the ranger – following on from the findings from the 2<sup>nd</sup> African Ranger Congress, last September in Kasane, Botswana. A working session focused on the IRF's Ranger Code of Conduct.

It is very exciting to see the positive strides being made to better capacitate the African Ranger!



**Photo credit:** Brendon Presens

## **UNITED FOR WILDLIFE**

### **United for Wildlife (UfW)**

Frontline conservation organisations joined the private sector and law enforcement in South Africa last month in a conference to tackle illegal wildlife trade across the region. Hosted by United for Wildlife at Timbavati Private Nature Reserve, in partnership with the Global Conservation Corps (GCC) and the Greater Kruger Environmental Protection Foundation, *Combating the Illegal Wildlife Trade in Southern Africa* promoted greater engagement and collaboration between non-profit, public and private sectors, highlighting the

crucial role they could play in supporting wildlife rangers – Africa’s first line of defence against poachers.

Taken from: <https://unitedforwildlife.org/news/united-for-wildlife-brings-south-african-private-sector-leaders-to-the-front-line-of-the-fight-against-wildlife-crime/>

The United for Wildlife Taskforces are a network of private, public and third sector partners working individually and co-operatively to engage, inspire, and equip the transport and finance sectors in the fight against illegal wildlife trafficking. The Transport Taskforce was launched in 2016, convening all air, sea, freight and logistics industries, and the Financial Taskforce in 2018, featuring banks, money transfer services

## LATIN AMERICA



The Latin American Federation of Park Rangers (FLG) was re-established in 2019 at the Congress of Protected Areas of Latin America and the Caribbean in Lima - Peru, as an alternative to face the new regional challenges that affect the group.

In order to consolidate the process of strengthening as a regional collective,



after more than 3 years, the FLG organized its first meeting at the Center for Training in Protected Areas (CFyCAP) of the National Parks Administration, city of Embalse, Province of Córdoba, Argentine Republic, from March 27 to April 3, 2023.

The meeting of the Latin American Federation of Park Rangers had the participation, in person, of representatives of 8 organizations from 7 countries (Argentina, Ecuador, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Paraguay, Peru and Uruguay), however, the National Council of Park Rangers Chile, the Dominican Association of Park Rangers, the Association of Park Rangers of the Federal District (Brazil), the Association of Park Rangers of Amapá (Brazil) and the Park Rangers Association of São Paulo (Brazil) also participated through virtual media.

Among the objectives proposed and achieved in the event were:

1. Updating the technical document Regional Diagnosis of the Labor Situation of Park Rangers in Latin America (in the process of being published).
2. Collection of information from the organizations and countries that are part of the FLG from a gender perspective.
3. Reviewing and approving the statutes that will govern the FLG.
4. Holding the first general assembly of the FLG in person.

During days of intense collective work, presentations were made by each of the participating organizations, which fostered a valuable exchange on local realities, process development, lessons learned, as well as achievements reached in each country of the region.

Within this last point, it is worth noting that progress has been observed in Paraguay (2019) with the modification of "Law No. 352/94 on Protected Wilderness Areas (Art. 41 to 45)" based on Law No. 6,422, incorporation of Women Park Rangers as Macrozonal representatives in the National Council of Park Rangers in Chile (2020), development of the I Latin American Virtual Meeting of Women Park Rangers in Chile (2021) and in Argentina (2022) with the signing of the "Sectoral Collective Labor Agreement of the National Park Rangers Corps (Decree 647/2022)".

This confirms that, through the organization of the collectives and the political will of the state, dialogue is possible for the formulation and implementation of public policies that contribute to the path of transformation of our profession in the region with the improvement of our labor rights.

Another point that stood out in the event is that the gender perspective was transversal, however, one of the days was dedicated entirely to "Park Rangers and gender", where the following presentations were made:

- "Results of the First Meeting of Women Park Rangers in Latin America", carried out virtually by CONAF Chile.
- Situation of park rangers in the Province of Córdoba.
- Gender policies in APN Argentina.
- "History, trajectory and struggles as a woman park ranger within the community reserves" carried out by Celsa Ortiz, indigenous and community park ranger of the Yanasha Communal Reserve of Peru.

As a final part of the event, to advance on the pending issues as a regional organization, a road map was put together. This document aims to address priority issues such as updating the "Regional Diagnosis of the labor situation of Park Rangers in Latin America", internal and external communication of the FLG, training for park rangers in the region and completion of the draft statutes of the FLG.

The last activity of the meeting of the FLG, the Declaration of "Embalse 2023" was carried out collectively and participatively, in which the feeling of the group of park rangers in the region is manifested, it was disseminated worldwide by social networks.

The event was possible thanks to the support of the Argentine National Parks Administration through CFyCAP, providing its facilities, technical and logistical support from its entire human resources team, as well as lodging and food. The Montevideo Departmental government sponsored the meeting with clothing. It is important to highlight the commitment and economic effort made by each of the organizations that make up the FLG to be able to finance international transfers, as well as the efforts made with other institutions to achieve assistance: WWF – Paraguay, Protected and Conserved Areas International Union Conservation of Nature, ProParques Association – Costa Rica, Cattle Grazing Project Palo Verde National Park (Costa Rica), H. Looschelders Sozial-und-Okologiestiftung Foundation (El Salvador); Wildlife Conservation Society – Ecuador, Association Flüchtlingshilfe Mittelamerika e.V (El Salvador); Organization for Tropical Studies (Costa Rica), National Service of Natural Areas Protected by the State (SERNANP) – Peru and PROFONANPE.

The FLG works and will continue to work together for the well-being of the Latin American community, inviting more ranger organizations in the region to walk together on the path towards transforming the reality of the profession.



**Photo Credit:** The Latin American Federation of Park Rangers (FLG)

The Brasília Ranger Association (AGP-DF) from Brazil, together with its partners initiated the first ranger training course of the federal district on the 3rd of April, held in Brasília (DF). The course was focused on training rangers to act in public and private Protected Areas of the Central-West region of Brazil (Savannah) and also aims to contribute to the presence in the field of professional rangers that are fully trained to exercise their broad, transversal and important functions in local Protected Areas.

For more info: [guardaparquesdf@gmail.com](mailto:guardaparquesdf@gmail.com)

Photo credit: AGP-DF



Photo credit: The Brasília Ranger Association (AGP-DF)

### **Indigenous leaders of Peru:**

Indigenous leaders of Peru, presidents and directors of ECGs (Executor of management contract), participated in the socialization workshops of the project IKI Paisajes Vivos Amazónicos (Living Landscapes of the Amazon): "Model of co-management between indigenous communities for the conservation, effective protection and recovery of the Amazon territories", in the city of Pucallpa, with the aim of generating a space of knowledge and reflection, where the concepts of co-management and sustainability are reinforced, the scope of the project is mainly on:

- (a) chain validation,
- (b) ecosystem characteristics,
- (c) ecosystem risks and threats.



Photo credit: Werhner Atoche Montoya

## GLOBAL FOREST WATCH





# Capacitación para guardaparques en Global Forest Watch

GLOBAL  
FOREST  
WATCH



Entrenamiento en español (dos horas)  
viernes, 24 de febrero

7am San José / 8am Lima / 9am La Paz / 10am Buenos Aires

virtual en Zoom - requiere registro previo

FOTO: CHRISTIAN QUISPE - CORTESÍA DEL SERNANP, PERÚ

## 25 Rangers in Latin America trained on Global Forest Watch

[Global Forest Watch](#) (GFW) is an online platform that provides data and tools for monitoring forests in real-time. 25 rangers from Latin America participated in the *workshop Training for rangers at [Global Forest Watch](#)* on February 24th, organized by the [World Resources Institute](#) and the [International Ranger Federation](#).

The virtual workshop lasted 2 hours. It started with a brief context presentation



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# DIGITAL CAMPFIRE

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1700 GMT  
1900 SAST

## What does 30 x 30 mean for Rangers?

PRESENTED BY JIM BARBORAK  
CSU CENTER FOR PROTECTED AREA MANAGEMENT

The new Global Framework for Biodiversity includes a bold goal to increase the coverage of protected areas and ensure they are managed effectively and equitably. What does this mean for the global ranger force? The size and scope of this global challenge will be explored, as well as innovative ways to fill the personnel and funding gaps, and how to greatly expand other effective conservation measures beyond protected areas.



## RANGER ROLL OF HONOUR - RECORDING OF LINE OF DUTY DEATHS:

# I STAND WITH THE WORLD'S RANGERS

WORLD RANGER DAY  
31 JULY



The Ranger Roll of Honour – recording Line of Duty deaths.



We are approaching that time of the year when we start to prepare the Annual Ranger Roll of Honour for World Ranger Day. This commemorates those rangers who have died in the line of duty since 1<sup>st</sup> June 2022 and up to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2023.

Death in the Line of Duty (LoDD) is the death of a ranger by felonious or accidental means while performing their normal functions while on-duty, or sometimes when off-duty when it is apparent that the death was because the deceased was a ranger.

Up to the end of March 2023 we have so far recorded about 90 such deaths in the previous 10 months. We would ask you to please notify us of any deaths you are aware of, and we can check these against our LoDD database. The IRF Regional representatives have a report form for reporting Line of Duty deaths, or you can provide information directly to the IRF Vice President Linda Nunn. [vicepresident@internationalrangers.org](mailto:vicepresident@internationalrangers.org)

Please include as much information as possible so that we can independently verify the ranger's death. Unverified deaths will not be eligible for inclusion in the Roll of Honour.

## STATE OF THE RANGER REPORT



Photo credit: Monica Alvarez

## **Starting Data Collection for the first-ever State of the Ranger Report**

We are happy to inform you that we are ready to start data collection for our first-ever IRF State of the Ranger Report! Surveys were developed after an intense collaborative process with the participation of regional ranger associations and IRF partners last year and are **now ready to be distributed in 16 languages.**

The report will be the first global baseline of where the ranger profession currently stands, including the assimilation of the **best available, internationally comparable data on the ranger workforce.** The framework of the report is based on the IRF declarations from the World Ranger Congresses and will include the following sections: demographics, welfare, community relations, inclusivity, capacity, ranger associations and recognition.

The Report will be published next 2024 at the WRC in France. **The findings will be essential to influence the decision-making for the benefit of the ranger sector and to allocate resources and attention to priority areas identified in the survey's responses. That is why every single voice of rangers' counts! Don't miss out on the opportunity to participate in the surveys!**

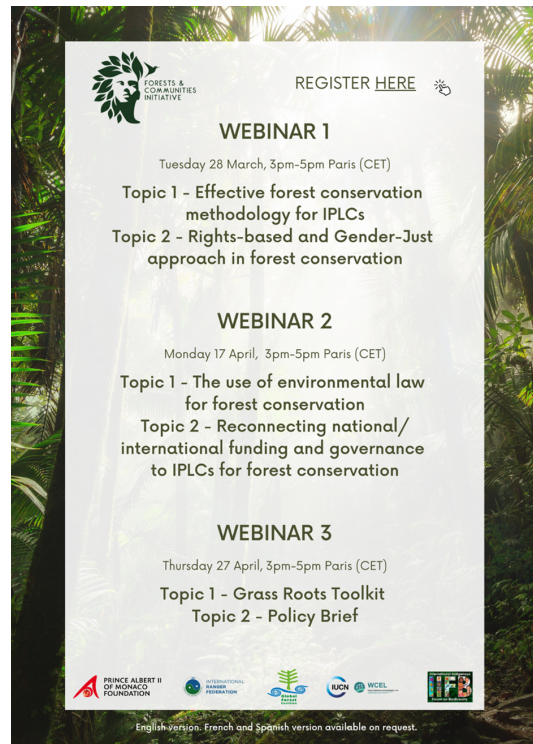
### **Next Step:**

In the upcoming months, IRF will distribute the ranger surveys through our member associations database. Surveys will be available in 16 languages. Stay tuned and be part of this project, make sure to participate. Every ranger's voice counts!

## **FOREST AND COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE**

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## Online preparative discussions for the Forest and Communities Initiative (FCI) Conference are happening now:

The preparative discussions (through a webinar series) for the first [Forest and Communities Initiative](#) (FCI) Conference to take place this November 2023 in Monaco are happening now.

If you have not joined the webinar series but are part of the following regions: sub-Saharan Africa, Latin America, South and Southeast Asia, and Pacific islands and would like to participate, please register [here](#)

The first session was held last March 28<sup>th</sup> and covered two topics: Topic 1 *“Effective conservation methodology for Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities”* with the participation of Claudio Maretti independent consultant from Brazil and Ramiro Batzin from Sotz’il Guatemala as panelists. The conversation was moderated by Mónica Alvarez, IRF Federation Officer and involved the active participation of the audience. This session was followed by Topic 2 *“Rights-based approach and gender-just approach in forest conservation”* with the participation of Valentina Figueroa (Brazil), Bhola Bhattarai (Nepal) and Andrea Echeverri (Colombia) and moderated by Global Forest Coalition. Over 70 participants from more than 40 countries joined the webinar.

IRF participates as an active partner in this initiative along with the Prince

Albert II of Monaco Foundation, the IUCN World Commission on Environmental Law, the Global Forest Coalition, and the International Indigenous Forum on Biodiversity. The objective of the **Forests and Communities Initiative (FCI)** is to support the conservation of forest ecosystems through the action of indigenous peoples and local communities (IPLCs) and the development of a supportive network of actors providing a range of multidisciplinary expertise. For more information about FCI initiative, its mission including our six cross-disciplinary principles and who we are, please visit the [website](#).



## CALL FOR ACTION: LINE OF DUTY PHOTOGRAPH REQUEST



The International Ranger Federation is currently developing our new website and we would like to call for assistance from our members to support us with

photographs of the work that is being done in the regions by our rangers, to showcase the diversity of rangers and the work that rangers do.

The photographs that are required are as follows:

**1) Slider photos** (to auto slide across the top of the home page). These photos must show rangers from each region (not just a great landscape photo) and if possible, show rangers actively participating in a work activity (Tracking, firefighting, monitoring etc.)

The slider photo requirements are as follows:

- Landscape format only
- Minimum size of 1920 x 1080 (The larger the better)

**2) Postcards from the Field.** Any spectacular images of rangers in the field.

The postcard requirements are as follows:

- A good quality photo of the ranger, name, job title, Protected Areas/park /area, country
- In no more than 250 words in total, answers to these questions:
- When did you first become a ranger?
- What is your background (education / work experience / community)
- What are your main duties?
- What is your favourite part of the job?
- What is the most craziest, most dangerous or funniest thing that has happened to you at work?
- What is your most memorable moment?
- Why is the job important to you?

**3) Other photos** - landscapes, rangers, communities and wildlife we work amongst. It can also be rangers at work, on patrol, with fauna/flora, with schools and communities, at events, forums etc.

- Minimum size = 1280 x 720

Please ensure that all photographs are clearly labeled with the following information:

- Location
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- What is being done
- Photo credit of the photographer.

Your help is greatly appreciated.

Please send photos to [executiveofficer@internationalrangers.org](mailto:executiveofficer@internationalrangers.org)

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