



Wildlife
Conservation
Society

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Founded in
1895



Conserves habitat for
~50%
of Earth's biodiversity



350+
protected areas WCS helped
create since our founding



WCS works in
50+
countries



4,000+
scientists, conservationists, animal
experts, and other dedicated staff



400+
peer-reviewed scientific
publications each year



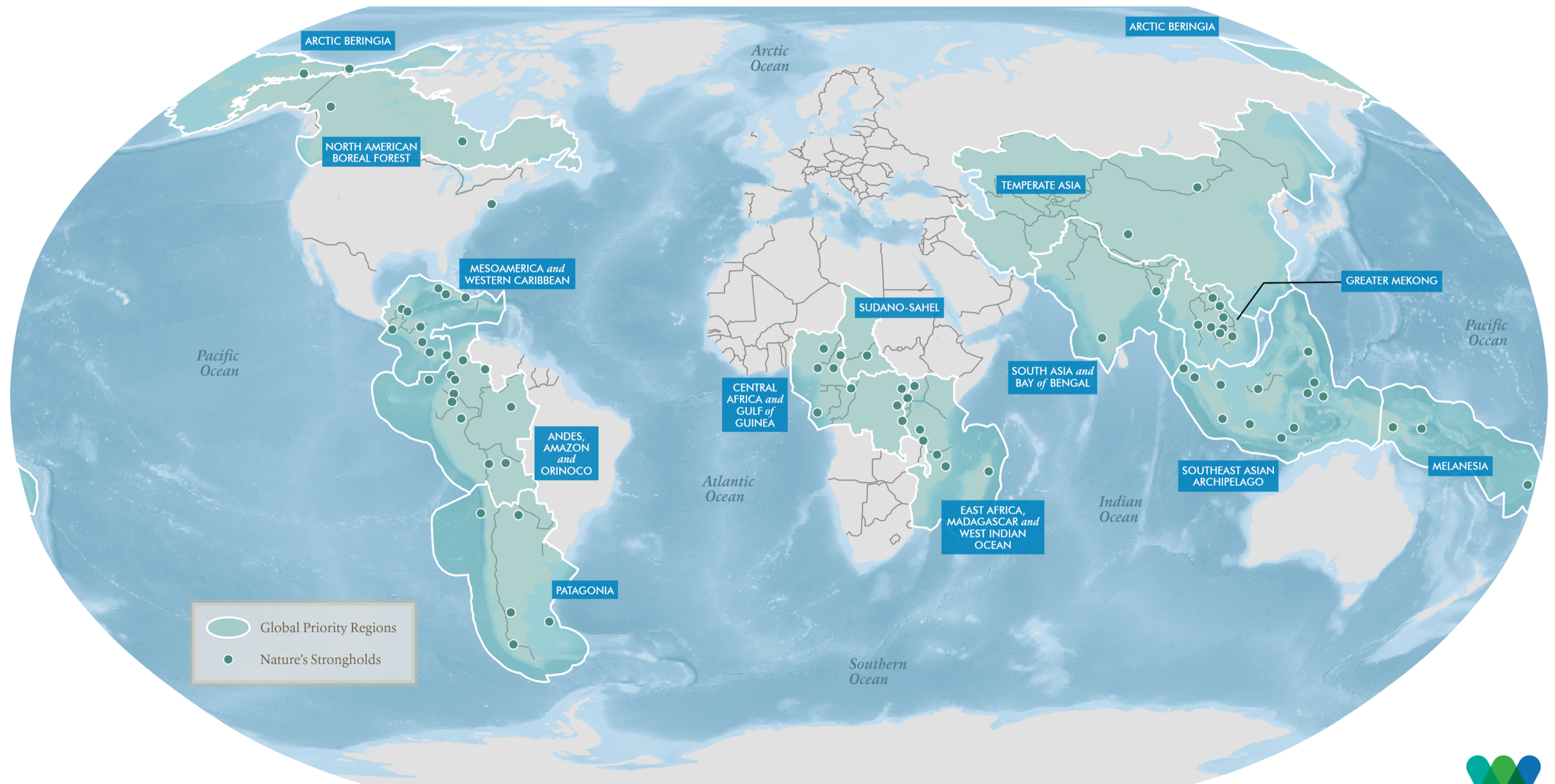
205
Indigenous community partners



2,000+
local community partners



30X30
Partnering with governments,
communities, and others to protect
30% of the planet by 2030



Credits: EuroGeographics and UN-FAO, Countries (2020). Countries, 2020-Administrative Units-Dataset; GEBCO Compilation Group (2019) March 2024



WCS main objectives and One Health activities in Europe and Central Asia

Europe

1. Co-hosted, with the Quadripartite, BMZ, BMUV, and GIZ, the 'Breaking Barriers' event in October 2023 in Berlin, advocating for a biodiversity-inclusive One Health approach and breaking down silos.
2. Influencing EU policy to advance the One Health agenda with a focus on environment: EU Global Health Strategy, EU Biodiversity Strategy to 2030, etc.
3. Contributing to the development and implementation of the Belgian National One Health Policy Recommendations.
4. Contributing, as a Relevant Stakeholder in Annex E, to the negotiations for the development of an ambitious WHO instrument on pandemic prevention, preparedness and response, with a focus on pandemic prevention at the source.

Central Asia

1. Our main approach on One Health in Central Asia focuses on livestock and their infectious agents.
2. Our activities are currently limited to a socio-economic/livelihood action in central Tajikistan to protect a high-value ecosystem supporting key wildlife, and a preparation work in Kyrgyzstan with the aim of piloting a SMART Health to detect health issues at the livestock-wildlife interface.



ONE PLANET, ONE HEALTH, ONE FUTURE

The Wildlife Conservation Society and the German Federal Foreign Office held a one-day conference in Berlin on Oct. 25: "One Planet, One Health, One Future." The conference, which included top minds from around the globe, addressed how human development and interference with nature are generating threats to humans, livestock, and wildlife.



Overview



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One Health in Action

Wildlife Conservation Society

Links between ecological integrity, emerging infectious diseases originating from wildlife, and other aspects of human health - an overview of the literature

Tom Evans, Sarah Olson, James Watson, Kim Gruetzmacher, Mathieu Pruvot, Stacy Jupiter, Stephanie Wang, Tom Clements and Katie Jung



Overview

Reducing the risk of future emerging infectious disease outbreaks by changing social norms around urban bushmeat consumption and stopping its commercial trade

WCS Central Africa

WCS POLICY: PREVENTING EPIDEMICS AND PANDEMICS OF ZONOTIC ORIGIN

JUNE 9, 2021



In March 2020, WCS issued a [policy statement](#) on reducing the risk of future zoonotic pandemics, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and the available information on its origin. The devastation of the COVID-19 global pandemic, impacting human health, well-being, economies, and global security, is well documented and highlights the interconnections of our world.

The science is clear that pandemics of zoonotic origin such as COVID-19 are directly related to the increased human/wildlife interface caused by destruction of intact ecosystems, deforestation and forest degradation, and the role of urban markets in wild birds and mammals, and wildlife farms.

In May 2020, WCS issued a [detailed, researched report](#) on the links between ecological integrity and human health, as well as a [detailed report](#) on COVID-19 and Indigenous Peoples. These reports and statements were based on available scientific information, as well as the research and