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Anheuser-Busch BP Exxon Mobil Goldman Sachs JPMorgan Chase Schering-Plough Tudor Investment Corporation Wal-Mart Dear Friends.

It is with great pleasure that we welcome you to the International Conservation Caucus Foundation (ICCF) Inaugural Gala. The ICCF was created to support the leadership of the International Conservation Caucuses in the U.S. House of Representatives and U.S. Senate in their development of bold new international conservation policies. As Chairman of the ICCF, I embrace this unprecedented opportunity to work with the leadership of the U.S. Congressional International Conservation Caucuses and with other former Members of Congress to develop wide support for proactive American leadership in conservation and natural resource management globally.

It is our belief that, as America has exported freedom, democracy, and free enterprise, we have the ability and the interest to see that America also exports good natural resource management policies. We firmly believe that conservation is compatible with sustainable development and that *good stewardship of natural resources is fundamental to poverty alleviation, conflict avoidance, good governance, and regional security.* We are convinced that it is truly in our national interest to ensure that the natural resources of the developing world are managed in an equitable and sustainable manner for this and future generations.

The ICCF is proud of the fact that we are widely supported by the most respected U.S.-based international conservation organizations, including Conservation International, The Nature Conservancy, the Wildlife Conservation Society, the World Wildlife Fund, the Cheetah Conservation Fund, the WILD Foundation, the National Geographic Society, and the Audubon Society.

We are greatly encouraged by such a wide range of support from leaders in the U.S. government and private sectors, as well as from friends from around the world. Your partnership in this Inaugural Gala demonstrates the remarkable potential of this critical endeavor to unite government, business, and the international conservation community in support of global conservation and sound natural resource management.

Sincerely,

Bill Archer, M.C. (Ret.)

Chairman



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### ICCF Partners:

Never in our nation's history has there come together a coalition so diverse and with such great potential to change the face of the world as that represented here tonight. Liberals and Conservatives, Republicans and Democrats, Corporations and NGOs, Foreign Dignitaries and American Celebrities, Volunteers and Professionals have joined together in a common cause to elevate to new heights the emphasis that the United States of America places on leading the world in habitat and biodiversity conservation and the overall good stewardship of natural resources.

To succeed in our endeavor to provide bold U.S. conservation leadership globally will require a wholesale overhaul of the current U.S. system in delivering such support. There is insufficient apparatus in place that is incoherently designed, poorly directed, grossly under-funded, and narrowly focused in objective.

The ICCF will guide our allies and leaders in the U.S. Congress and this (and future) Administrations to take upon themselves a mantle of leadership to conserve our world's natural heritage. If we do not, we will have failed, and <u>future generations will never forgive us</u>.

Let it be said: we are <u>not</u> advocating more government. Quite the contrary, we are advocating private sector solutions: *public/private partnerships* supported by public and private funding leveraged internationally to gain the high ground in the war of attrition to conserve the world's remaining biodiversity and host habitat. We are preaching proven policies to help poor people feed themselves, forever. We are selling Teddy Roosevelt's philosophy of good stewardship and sound management. And <u>we are not anti-development</u>. Teddy Roosevelt said, "Conservation is development." But it must be the right kind of development. We are pro-development and pro-business. We are pro-people, pro-wildlife, and pro-wilderness.

With your continued support, we shall prevail.

Best wishes,

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David H. Barron President

# International Conservation Caucus Foundation Inaugural Gala

Tuesday, September 19, 2006 Andrew W. Mellon Auditorium

### **VIP and General Receptions**

Welcome

David H. Barron, President, International Conservation Caucus Foundation

Presentation of the Colors

The Military District of Washington Joint Armed Force Color Guard

Invocation

The Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, Chaplain, U.S. House of Representatives

**Dinner Served** 

Presentation of ICCF Conservation Leadership in Business Award
Dr. Michael Fay

Presentation of ICCF's "The Good Steward" Award
The Honorable Rick Lazio

Presentation of the ICCF Teddy Roosevelt® International Conservation Award
The Honorable Bill Archer

Closing Remarks
David H. Barron



Prepared by Texas Cowboy Chef Tom Perini Caterer to the President of the United States

Mesquite Smoked Peppered Beef Tenderloin Served with Horseradish Cream

Slow Smoked Pork Ribs Rubbed with Chef Perini's Secret Seasoning

Jalapeno Shrimp

Traditional Ranch House Salad

Green Chile Hominy

Old Fashioned Green Beans with New Potatoes

Bread Pudding with Whiskey Sauce

# Honorary Host Committee

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## **ICCF** Awards



The ICCF Teddy Roosevelt<sup>®</sup> International Conservation Award was established to recognize innovative U.S. leadership in conservation policy. The ICCF is pleased to honor the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, The Honorable Rob Portman, as the first-ever recipient of this award in recognition of his contribution as author of the 1998 Tropical Forest Conservation Act (TFCA). As a result of the enactment of the TFCA in 1998, millions of acres of tropical forests and watersheds have been protected by TFCA agreements. The TFCA is a valuable tool for ensuring critical conservation measures in biodiverse regions worldwide while simultaneously reducing the foreign debt

burden of developing nations. Ambassador Portman served as Associate Counsel to the President from 1989 to 1991 and later as Director of the White House Office of Legislative Affairs. Elected to Congress in 1993, Ambassador Portman served in the House of Representatives for 12 years. He served as Chairman of the House Republican Leadership, as a member of the House Ways and Means Committee and its Subcommittee on Trade, and as Vice Chairman of the House Budget Committee. In 2005, Ambassador Portman was appointed United States Trade Representative, and in 2006 he was nominated and confirmed as Director of the Office of Management and Budget.



ICCF's "The Good Steward" Award recognizes outstanding individual leadership in conservation. We are pleased to present this award to Mr. Harrison Ford in honor of his personal commitment to conservation. Mr. Ford is internationally recognized as an Academy Award-nominated actor whose work includes more than 35 feature films. In 1999 he received the Life Achievement Award from the American Film Institute, and in 2003 he was recognized with a star in front of the Kodak Theater in Hollywood. In addition, Mr. Ford is becoming just as well known for his extensive work on behalf of conservation. He has served on the board of Conservation International for more than ten years, currently serving as vice chair of the board and

a member of the Conservation International Executive Committee. He has played a key role in establishing the organization's Center for Applied Biodiversity Science and Center for Environmental Leadership in Business. Mr. Ford is also a board member of Conservation International's Global Conservation Fund, which is credited with securing the protection of more than 40 million acres on three continents. Mr. Ford has been named an Honorary Chair of the Indianapolis Prize, the world's leading award for animal conservation. In 1993, arachnologist Norman Platnich named a new species of spider *Calponia harrisonfordi* in honor of Mr. Ford's conservation work, and in 2002 entomologist Edward O. Wilson named a new ant species *Pheidole harrisonfordi* to honor his efforts on behalf of Conservation International.



The ICCF Conservation Leadership in Business Award honors leaders who use business to inspire solutions to environmental crises. The ICCF is pleased to recognize Mr. Yvon Chouinard, founder of outdoor-clothing manufacturer Patagonia, as a leader who exemplifies a pro-business commitment to international conservation. Mr. Chouinard is an avid sportsman and environmentalist known for his contributions to climbing and the outdoor gear business. His 1978 book *Climbing Ice* launched the modern sport of ice climbing. He is most known for creating the Patagonia company, which is famous for its bold innovations in materials and design and for being an outstanding place to work as well as a

resource for environmental activism. Mr. Chouinard committed Patagonia to using core fabrics with the least environmental impact, such as organically grown cotton and recycled polyester, and in 1998 Patagonia became the first company in California to acquire all of its electricity from renewable energy sources. In 1989, Patagonia co-founded The Conservation Alliance, a network of companies that donate revenues to environmental causes. Patagonia now donates one percent of sales or ten percent of net profits, whichever is greater, to environmental organizations. In 1993, Mr. Chouinard announced the Patagonia Employee Internship Program, through which staff may be paid by Patagonia for two months while working for the environmental group of their choice. In 2001, Mr. Chouinard co-founded 1% for the Planet, a nonprofit group that encourages other companies to donate to conservation causes.

# The ICCF Board of Directors

### The Honorable Bill Archer, M.C. (Ret.) (Chairman)



Congressman Archer retired from the United States House of Representatives in 2001 after a 40-year career of service to his nation in local, state, and federal government. Congressman Archer was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1951 and commenced practice in Houston. He served in the United States Air Force during the Korean Conflict and was President of Uncle Johnny Mills, Inc. from 1953 to 1961. He was first elected to public office in 1955 and began serving the 7th District of Texas as a United States Congressman in 1971. Congressman Archer served as Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee from 1995 until his retirement in 2001.

### David H. Barron (President)



Mr. Barron is the former Chairman of The Jefferson Educational Foundation and the former Chairman of the Young Republican National Federation. He has been active in organizing U.S. support for emerging democracies and developing nations for 30 years and has established many bipartisan coalitions that have helped project U.S. foreign policy globally. He has served on the National Board of the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) and the boards of the African Safari Club of Washington, the WILD Foundation, and the Cheetah Conservation Fund.

#### Sharon Archer



Sharon Archer is a nationally recognized interior designer and the wife of Congressman Bill Archer. She has served on the boards of the Multiple Sclerosis Society, National First Ladies Library, Meridian International Center, Congressional Club, Congressional Spouses' Fellowship, Republican Women's Federal Forum, International Club #1 of Washington, March of Dimes, Ford's Theatre, Former Members of Congress Auxiliary, and many others. She has chaired the First Lady's Luncheon, 1995 Ambassadors Ball, 1998 Meridian International Center Ball, Holding Little Hands for the Americas Luncheon, Cancer Research & Prevention Foundation Gala, March of Dimes Gourmet Gala, and A.T. Childrens Project Fundraiser. She is also co-editor of the *Congressional Club Cookbook*.

### The Honorable Sonny Callahan, M.C. (Ret.)



Elected to Congress in 1984, Congressman Callahan was named Chairman of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Foreign Operations in 1995. During the six years he chaired this subcommittee, he worked to protect America's interests and investments around the world. As Chairman of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, Congressman Callahan worked to develop and finance a new national energy policy. He served in the U.S. Navy and served in state government for 12 years before running for Congress.

### The Honorable Lindsay Thomas, M.C. (Ret.)



Congressman Thomas served for six years as president and chief executive officer of the Georgia Chamber of Commerce. Congressman Thomas represented the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games as the director of state governmental affairs. His career also includes service as U.S. Congressman from Georgia's First District from 1982 to 1993. From 1998 to 2002, Congressman Thomas served as the Federal Commissioner of the Georgia, Florida, and Alabama Tri-State Water Compacts. He was recently elected chair of the Georgia Corporation for Economic Development, a public/private sector marketing initiative.

# ICCF Board of Advisors



**Dr. Michael Fay (Chairman)** Dr. Fay is a conservationist with the Science and Exploration Program at the Wildlife Conservation Society and a Conservation Fellow at the National Geographic Society. In 1997, he walked more than 1,200 miles over 15 months through a vast, intact forest corridor spanning Congo and Gabon, systematically surveying plants and wildlife as well as human impacts on uninhabited forest areas, for a project he developed called the Megatransect. This voyage resulted in the creation of a network of 13 national parks in Gabon and the Congo Basin Forest Partnership.



The Honorable Beryl Anthony, M.C. (Ret.) Congressman Anthony is a former seven-term Member of Congress, prosecuting attorney for the 13th Judicial District in Arkansas, and assistant attorney general of Arkansas. He served on the House of Representatives Ways and Means Committee and as a member of the Oversight and Trade Subcommittees as well as the Select Committee on Children, Youth, and Families.



The Honorable Lindy Boggs, M.C. (Ret.) Congresswoman Boggs served for 18 years in the House of Representatives following the death of her husband, House Majority Leader Hale Boggs. In 1997, President Bill Clinton appointed her U.S. Ambassador to the Vatican, a position she held until 2001.



The Honorable Butler Derrick, M.C. (Ret.) Congressman Derrick served in the House of Representatives for more than 20 years. He was appointed as Chief Deputy Majority Whip, served on the House Rules Committee for 16 years, and chaired the Subcommittee on the Legislative Process. He served for 12 years on the House Budget Committee and chaired its Reconciliation Process. He also served for four years on the Banking Committee.



The Honorable Bill Dickinson, M.C. (Ret.) Congressman Dickinson served in the U.S. House for 28 years. He was elected to serve for 12 years as the Ranking Republican on the House Armed Services Committee. A former city, county, and circuit court judge, Congressman Dickinson served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and later served in the U.S. Air Force Reserve.



The Honorable James Greenwood, M.C. (Ret.) Congressman Greenwood represented Pennsylvania's Eighth District in the House of Representatives from 1993 to 2005. He served as Chairman of the Energy and Commerce Committee Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigation. He later served as International President of the Global Legislators Organization for a Balanced Environment (GLOBE).



The Honorable Rick Lazio, M.C. (Ret.) Congressman Lazio represented New York's Second Congressional District for eight years. He became Deputy Majority Whip in 1994 and was later named Assistant Majority Leader. Mr. Lazio served on the Commerce and Banking Committees and was chairman of the House Financial Services Committee's Subcommittee on Housing.

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The Honorable Dick Schulze, M.C. (Ret.) Congressman Schulze represented Pennsylvania in the U.S. House of Representatives for 18 years. He served on the House Ways and Means Committee and is a leading Washington expert on environmental regulations and legislation. He was founding Co-Chairman of the Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus in the U.S. Congress.



The Honorable Bob Smith, M.C. (Ret.) Congressman Smith served in the U.S. House of Representatives from 1983 to 1995 and again from 1996 to 1999. He was Chairman of the Committee on Agriculture. He served in the Oregon State House of Representatives from 1960 through 1972 and as Oregon's Representative on the President's Public Land Review Committee from 1965 to 1969.



The Honorable Charles Stenholm, M.C. (Ret.) Congressman Charles Stenholm served in the U.S. House of Representatives for 26 years. He was a member of the House Committee on Agriculture, serving as the Committee's ranking Democrat for eight years until 2004. He earned a reputation for building bipartisan alliances in areas as diverse as agriculture, resource conservation, food safety, Social Security, energy, health care, and budget.



The Honorable Don Sundquist, M.C. (Ret.) Governor Sundquist served in the U.S. House of Representatives from 1983 to 1995 and served as Governor of Tennessee from 1995 to 2003. In 2005, he was named head of a national panel on improving Medicaid.



**Donald G. Carlson** Mr. Carlson worked for Congressman Bill Archer for 30 years, serving as his Chief of Staff from 1988 to 2001. He has also served as Chief of Staff to Congressman John Culberson and worked for Congressmen Don Riegle and James Harvey. He is currently managing director in the Washington National Tax Services office of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP.



Steven Munro Elkman Mr. Elkman has more than 30 years of experience in financial services and has been a client advisor in the New York office of Deutsche Bank Alex. Brown for 11 years. Mr. Elkman is Chairman Emeritus of the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) and has served as director of the Jefferson Educational Foundation and a member of the New York Republican Finance Committee.



**Nancy Thurmond** Mrs. Thurmond, wife of the late Senator Strom Thurmond, is the former Miss South Carolina and a well-known public speaker. She is active in numerous charities, many of which she chairs, and is a published author.

# The U.S. House of Representatives International Conservation Caucus

The Members of the International Conservation Caucus share a conviction that the United States of America has the opportunity, the obligation, and the interests to advance the conservation of natural resources for this and future generations. The mission of the Caucus is to act on this conviction by providing the strong U.S. leadership necessary to conserve the world's most biologically rich and diverse places.

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Even the most arid landscapes are home to Earth's amazing species. The Nature Conservancy is dedicated to protecting the variety of plant and animal life on Earth-even when found in the most unlikely places. The Nature Conservancy has protected 117 million acres in 32 countries. With your support, that number will keep growing. Visit nature.org or call 1-888-2 JOIN TNC.

Conservation International's mission is to conserve the Earth's natural heritage—our global biodiversity—and to demonstrate that human societies are able to live harmoniously with nature. We believe that governments, the private sector, non-governmental organizations, local communities, and individuals must all work together to make this vision a reality

Conservation International thanks members of the International Conservation Caucus for their leadership and dedication. Through focused funding and proactive policies, the United States plays a critical role in building and strengthening conservation programs worldwide.



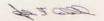
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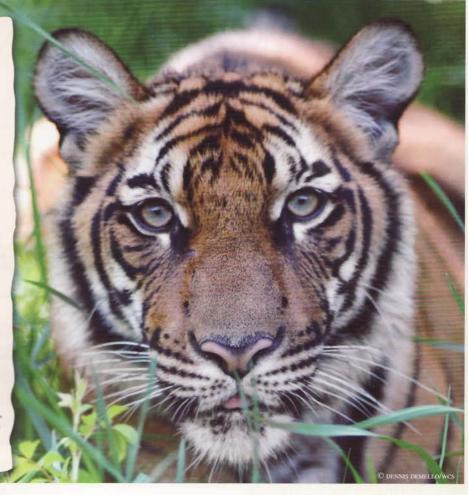
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On behalf of the World Wildlife Fund's 1.2 million members, we thank the members of the congressional International Conservation Caucus for their support and leadership benefiting people and wildlife.



World Wildlife Fund is the largest conservation organization in the world. For 45 years, WWF has engaged in public-private partnerships to save endangered species, protect habitat, and to find global solutions for threats such as deforestation, over-fishing, and climate change.

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On February 15, 2006, the International Conservation Caucus Foundation (ICCF) was incorporated with the mission of establishing a new vision for the sound management of natural resources globally, one that incorporates good stewardship of natural resources into all aspects of U.S. foreign policy and U.S. assistance policy. To achieve this goal, the ICCF provides the leadership of the U.S. Congressional International Conservation Caucuses and other Members of Congress with the resources they need to develop bold and innovative new conservation policies, assuring America's leadership in public/private conservation partnerships worldwide.

The inspiration for the ICCF came from the International Conservation Partnership (ICP), a collaborative effort of four leading U.S.-based conservation non-governmental organizations (NGOs) (Conservation International, The Nature Conservancy, Wildlife Conservation Society, and World Wildlife Fund) dedicated to raising awareness about opportunities for United States leadership on behalf of worldwide conservation efforts.

The ICCF firmly believes that conservation is compatible with sustainable development and that good stewardship of natural resources is fundamental to poverty alleviation, conflict avoidance, good governance, and regional security. We are convinced that it is in America's national interest to expand its leadership in the world to promote sound long-term policies of good management of land, water, and biodiversity.

The ICCF brings international conservation issues to the attention of U.S. leaders and engages, educates, and inspires them about the challenges and possibilities of conservation projects throughout the world. We have organized and are expanding an ICCF Conservation Council to unite leading global conservation organizations and the private sector in an effort to ensure that conservation issues are properly addressed to U.S. decision makers.

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The ICCF supports the U.S. Congress and coordinates U.S. leaders and decision makers in development of innovative conservation and sustainable development policies—policies that will assure America's leadership in public/private conservation partnerships worldwide. We do so through:

- Organizing and hosting monthly Congressional Staff Briefings and quarterly Policy Briefings for Members of Congress to highlight successful international conservation programs and potential projects;
- Coordinating and leading timely Congressional field missions for Members and high-level Congressional Staff to experience first hand the challenges and opportunities associated with conservation programs on the ground;
- Providing a dependable flow of information on timely issues involving international conservation to Members of Congress, key staff, and U.S. leaders—information which we collect, synthesize, and condense from our base of global NGO supporters. The ICCF maintains a website at www.iccfoundation.us and provides timely electronic updates as well as a monthly electronic newsletter to a growing network of policymakers and opinion leaders in the U.S. Capitol and around the world.



# International League of Conservation Photographers

The International League of Conservation Photographers (ILCP) was launched as a platform to empower conservation-minded photographers to use their talents to help create a culture of appreciation, understanding, and stewardship for the natural world. The International Conservation Caucus Foundation would like to thank Cristina Mittermeier, ILCP Founder, and the ILCP photographers who have donated photographs to be presented at the ICCF Inaugural Gala.



Gary Braasch, a Nikon Legend, has been a professional writer and photographer since 1975. His work has been published in more than 150 publications, including *LIFE*, *Smithsonian*, *Audubon*, *Discover*, *Time*, *Scientific American*, and *Natural History* magazines. He has a master's degree in journalism from Northwestern University. His exhibit titled World View of Global Warming, an exhibit of prints on climate change, has recently been displayed at the American Association for the Advancement of Science in Washington, DC and at Chicago's Field Museum.

Connie Bransilver is an internationally known nature photographer, artist, author, and speaker. She has been published widely in books and magazines, and her fine-art prints hang in institutions and private collections worldwide. She serves on the Board of Directors of the North American Nature Photography Association (NANPA) Infinity Foundation and was President of NANPA. She served as Vice-Chair of the Images for Conservation Fund, Fellow in the Explorers Club, and Founding Chairperson of the Duke University Primate Center Board of Visitors and is active in the Jane Goodall Institute. She has been honored with a number of prestigious awards, including Woman of Achievement by the American Association of University Women, First Photographic Artist on the Artists' Studio Tour by Friends of Art at the Naples Art Museum at The Philharmonic, African Wildlife Foundation Photographer of the Year, Explorers Club Magazine Grand Prize Photograph awardee, and U.N. Conference on Women Grand Prize Winner.







Robert Glenn Ketchum has worked for 38 years as a writer and photographer and has been recognized by *Audubon* as one of the 100 people "who shaped the environmental movement of the 20th Century." A fellow of the ILCP, he has received the United Nations Outstanding Environmental Achievement Award, the Ansel Adams Award for Conservation Photography, the Josephine and Frank Duveneck Humanitarian Award, and the Robert O. Easton Award

for Environmental Stewardship. He has also been listed by American Photo as one of the 100 most important people in photography and was named Outstanding Photographer of the Year for 2001 by the North American Nature Photography Association and Outstanding Person of the Year by Photo Media magazine. He is a Lifetime Trustee of the Alaska Conservation Foundation and served for 15 years as Curator of Photography for the National Park Foundation. His work is represented in most of the major museum collections in the United States.



Tom Mangelesen is one of the world's premier nature photographers. He has a background in wildlife biology and works in both cinematography and still photography. In 2005 he was named one of the 100 most important people in photography by *American Photo* and was awarded Nikon's Legend Behind the Lens recognition. He has received an Honorary Fellowship from The Royal Photographic Society and the BBC Wildlife Photographer of the Year Award and has been named North American Nature Photography Association's Outstanding Nature Photographer of the Year. His work has been published in *Audubon*, *National Geographic*, *Life*, *American Photo*, and many others.



Cristina Mittermeier is the director of the International League of Conservation Photographers. A marine biologist, biodiversity conservation consultant, and noted photographer, she has co-authored eight books, and her photographs have been featured in *National Geographic*, *National Geographic Explorer*, *Nature's Best Magazine*, and many other publications. She serves on the advisory board of Nature's Best Foundation, the WILD Foundation, and the

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**Michael "Nick" Nichols** is a former member of Magnum Photos, staff photographer at National Geographic, and founding member of the ILCP. He is the author of seven books including *Brutal Kinship* with Jane Goodall. Nichols spent two years documenting Mike Fay's Megatransect, in which their team crossed 2,000 miles of the Congo forest on foot. Nichols is a four-time winner of the World Press Photo Competition. This fall Nichols will release a two-book boxed set documenting his 12-year partnership with Fay; all net proceeds will go to African forest conservation.





**Kevin Schafer** has worked for more than 20 years all over the world, documenting wildlife and wild places. His work has appeared in the most important nature and science magazines worldwide, including *Smithsonian*, *Natural History*, *National Geographic*, and *BBC Wildlife*. Schafer is a founding fellow of the ILCP and the author of several books, including *Penguin Planet*, which received the 2000 National Outdoor Book Award. He spent two years documenting threatened eco-regions around the world for the World Wildlife Fund and has worked closely with conservation NGOs on three continents. Before becoming a full-time wildlife photographer, Schafer worked as a seabird biologist and naturalist. He is the first professional photographer to have photographed all seventeen species of living penguins.

Roy Toft is a widely published photographer with a background in wildlife and conservation biology who chooses to focus solely on wild images that convey a sense of the animal's character and spirit. His work has been featured in *National Geographic*, *Smithsonian*, *Audubon*, *Wildlife Conservation*, *Discover*, and *Birder's World*, and he is a founding fellow of the ILCP. Toft regularly teaches photography classes and leads tour groups and workshops in the field. Toft donates a portion of the revenue from fine art print sales at his California photo gallery to support conservation projects.





Art Wolfe has worked on every continent over the course of his 30-year career. He has taken an estimated one million images and released more than sixty books, earning numerous prestigious awards, including the Alfred Eisenstaedt Magazine Photography Award, North American Nature Photography Association Outstanding Nature Photographer of the Year, and the National Audubon Society's Rachel Carson Award. He is a member of Canon's elite list of renowned photographers "Explorers of Light" and Fujifilm's Talent Team. He is an Honorary Fellow of the Royal Photographic Society and serves on the advisory boards for the Wildlife Conservation Society, Nature's Best Foundation, Bridges to Understanding, and North American Nature Photography Association.

Michele Westmorland specializes in capturing travel and cultural images from around the world and is known for her underwater photography. Her work has been published in many recognized publications such as National Geographic Traveler and Outside. She has won many awards for her imagery, and her clients include Microsoft, American Express, Lexus, The Gap, and America Online. Michele lectures extensively and is a photo pro to exotic locations. Her book Ocean Duets will be available this fall. She is a Fellow Member of The Explorers Club.



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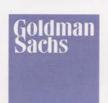


















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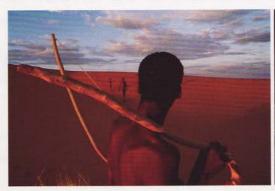
















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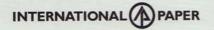
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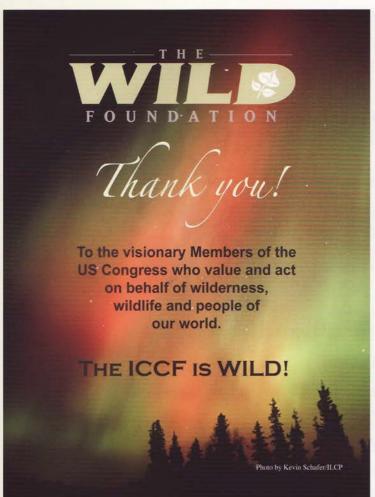


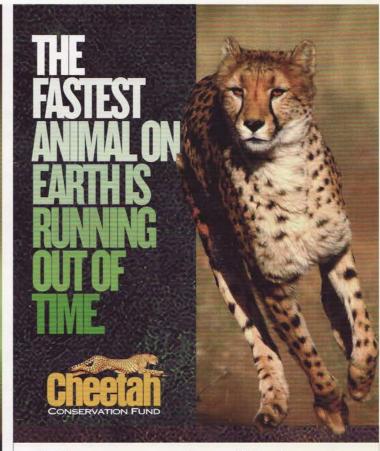
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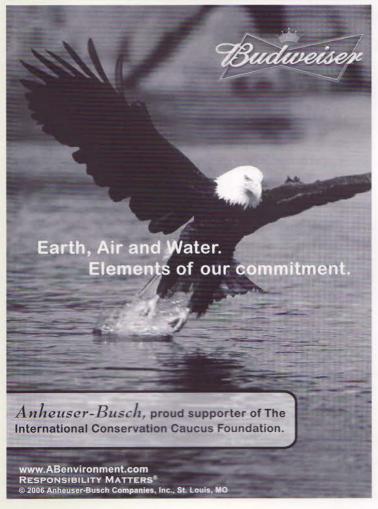


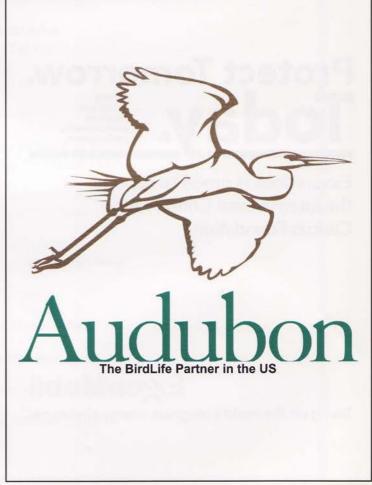




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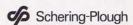


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# Looking to the Future

As we move forward, we eagerly anticipate building upon the success of tonight's Inaugural Gala. We are pleased to announce a new venture that the ICCF is undertaking in partnership with Fulcrum Publishing: the creation and publication of "A Conservationist's Heart" In Wilderness is the Salvation of the World. This Fulcrum book edited by the ICCF will feature essays by leaders in international conservation and the American political arena as well as noted American celebrities on the topic of what Wilderness means to them. In this book we will highlight the role that the United States has played as the world leader in working to preserve our own country as good stewards of the land, with an emphasis on leadership the United States has demonstrated in environmental legislation and national parks, clean air and water, and other conservation and stewardship policies.

Additionally, we have a number of legislative priorities on which we will focus.

### Short-term priorities include:

- Reauthorize/Expand the Congo Basin Forest Partnership (CBFP).
- Replicate CBFP-Type Corridor Projects in Other Biospheres.
- Expand the Tropical Forest Conservation Act as a Global Conservation Act.
- Enact an Annual Natural Resource Management Scorecard.
- Coordinate Establishment of Conservation Caucuses in Parliaments Globally.

### Long-term priorities include:

- Incorporate Natural Resource Management into All Aspects of U.S. Government Foreign Policy and Foreign Assistance Policy.
- \* Enact a Presidential Commission on International Conservation.
- Establish and Adequately Fund a U.S. International Conservation "Czar."
- Enact Wildlife Trade Legislation.
- Enact Illegal Logging Legislation.

We are encouraged that so many supporters from the government and private sectors, as well as friends from around the world, could share in our Inaugural Gala festivities as we launch this crucial endeavor. We look forward to working in partnership with you as we look to the future.



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