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Conservation Action Fund

Africa

The largest antelope migration in the world. An essential feeding site for Whale Sharks and hundreds of other fishes. A single island that is the last home for an entire species of colobus monkey.

Here at Rainforest Trust, every single project is essential. But some stand out. These are the projects that protect the most vulnerable, promise to be the most impactful, and are the most urgent.

These are the projects you make possible when you donate to our Conservation Action Fund.

Thank you for helping us protect these places and the species that rely upon them.

PHOTO Tiang in Boma and Badingilo National Parks | © Marcus Westberg



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Together, We Accomplish Great Things



With your help, the Conservation Action Fund has supported **68 projects** in Africa.



We have already **safeguarded 11,360,844 acres**, and another estimated 21.7 million acres are in the process of being protected.



When fully protected, these acres will safeguard the CO₂ equivalent of **630 million vehicles** driven for one year.



Overall, these projects are protecting **1,009** threatened and endangered species in Africa.

This work is possible only because of our past, present, and future CAF donors. **Thank you for being a part of this essential work.**



Zanzibar Red Colobus | Steffen Foerster

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Tanzania | Ensuring a Future for the Zanzibar Red Colobus

The Zanzibar archipelago dates back to the end of the Pleistocene, when melting glaciers and rising seas separated the islands from the rest of Tanzania and the African continent. Endemic species—those found here and nowhere else—are plentiful. Among those is the Zanzibar Red Colobus, an endangered primate with a global population of fewer than 6,000. Every single one of those individuals lives on Ungula, the largest of Zanzibar's islands. But rampant deforestation is quickly destroying their habitat, leaving them with a smaller range and greater vulnerability every year.

With support from Conservation Action Fund donors such as yourself, we and our partner, Wildlife Conservation Society-Tanzania, created the **1,714.9-acre Nongwe-Kidikotundu-Vundwe Forest Reserve**, which was officially designated on November 10, 2023. This new protected area safeguards the habitat for 11% of the world's population of Endangered Zanzibar Red Colobus, and also protects vital nesting beaches for the Critically Endangered Hawksbill Turtle.



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Cameroon | Protecting One of Africa's Top Sites for Amphibian Conservation

Built from volcanoes—some of which are still active—the Cameroon Highlands is among Africa's most biologically diverse regions. Within the sub-montane and montane rainforests that grow along these slopes, we find numerous endangered and critically endangered amphibians—many of which are found here and nowhere else—as well as seven species of chameleons, including five that are endemic to the region.

With your help, we and our partner, Cameroon Wildlife Conservation Society, established the **11,604-acre Mount Manengouba Herpeto-ornithological Sanctuary** in February 2023. This new protected area safeguards essential habitat for numerous species within this amphibian hotspot, including the endemic and Critically Endangered Manengouba Long-fingered Frog, Nsoug Long-fingered Frog, and Redbelly Egg Frog—all of which are believed to exist in only a few places on Mount Manengouba and nowhere else in the world. Also protected are 16 additional species of endangered amphibians and numerous species of endangered birds and mammals.

Manengouba Long-fingered Frog | © CAMHERP-CBF

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Mozambique | Increasing Protection for the Greater Gorongosa Landscape

Situated at the southern end of the Great African Rift Valley, the Gorongosa National Park is one of Africa's greatest conservation success stories. Its tropical rainforests, montane forests, savanna, and grasslands provide essential habitat for numerous endangered species, including Grey Crowned Cranes, African Wild Dogs, and African Savanna Elephants. But encroachment from poaching and development is a constant threat. To better protect the park and safeguard more acres for more animals, Rainforest Trust partnered with the Gorongosa Restoration Project to support the establishment of the **158,888.8-acre Cheringoma Community Conservation Area**, which was formally designated in April 2023.

This new protected area borders the northeastern boundary of the Gorongosa National Park, and is the first step in a multi-project effort to create a migratory corridor between Gorongosa National Park and the Marromeu Reserve along the coast. Already, we and Gorongosa Restoration Project have begun work on a second project to safeguard approximately a quarter million additional acres in the region. CAF funds have provided essential support for both projects, which means you and your fellow CAF donors have helped make both these projects possible.

(Top) Grey Crowned Crane | Wang LiQiang; (Bottom) African Wild Dog | William Steel



IN PROGRESS

South Sudan | Saving South Sudan's Great Antelope Migration

Spanning more than 9.3 million acres of savanna and woodland floodplain, the Boma-Badingilo Migratory Landscape in South Sudan is home to the largest antelope migration on Earth. Approximately 6 million antelope—including White-eared Kob, Tiang, Bohor Reedbuck, and Mongalla Gazelle—rely on these lands, as do an estimated 40,000 people with a long history of pastoral livelihoods in the region.

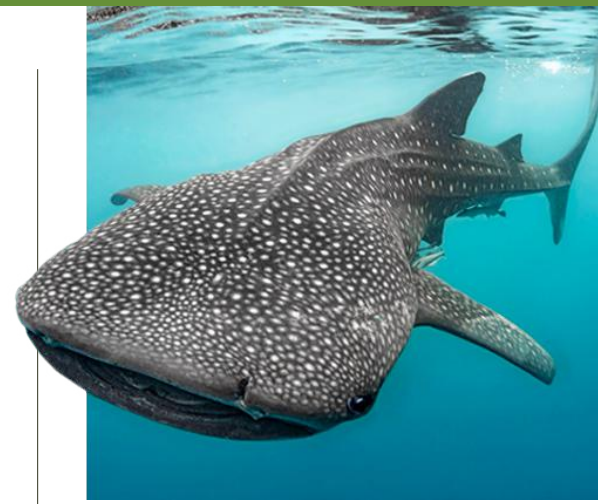
With support from CAF donors, Rainforest Trust and our partner, African Parks Network, are working to protect this irreplaceable landscape. This multi-year project is only just getting started, but our partner has already completed a vast aerial survey that captured more than 330,000 images of the landscape and its animals. Those results confirm the value of this project: In addition to vast numbers of antelope, our partner recorded sightings of Endangered African Savanna Elephants, as well as Lions, Cheetahs, and the first sighting of Endangered African Wild Dogs in the region for nearly ten years.

Nile River in Boma and Badingilo National Parks | © Marcus Westberg



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With your gift to the Conservation Action Fund, Rainforest Trust will take swift conservation action when and where it is needed most. We are working to raise \$35M by the end of 2025.



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Madagascar | Creating a Shark Park and Stopping Overfishing

Surprisingly little is known about the world's largest fish—the Endangered Whale Shark—which reaches an impressive 39 feet in length on average. We do not know where they breed or birth their young. We do not know how long they live. And we are only just beginning to understand their migratory patterns across the world's oceans.

But we do know that they congregate in large groups in a handful of places around the world. One of those places is Tandavandriva Nosy Be, a marine area off the northwest coast of Madagascar. Here, with support from CAF donors, Rainforest Trust and our partner, Wildlife Conservation Society–Madagascar, are working to help the Madagascar government create the **695,400-acre Tandavandriva Nosy Be Marine Protected Area**. This will link two existing MPAs, creating a total protected area of more than 1.37 million acres that will protect hundreds of species of corals and fishes, including the Whale Shark.

Whale Shark | Vladimir Turkenich