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Faith and Conservation in Africa

Faith-based communities comprise the largest social organizations in Africa, representing a repository of opportunities to spread the cause for sustainability in the continent. Conservation leaders should reach out to religious communities to collaborate in implementing these recommendations, with a view to enhancing the capacity for value-based sustainability decisions that link nature and human well-being.

- Dar Vision on the Future of Biodiversity in Africa₁

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ABCG's mission is to tackle complex and changing conservation challenges by catalyzing and strengthening collaboration, and bringing the best resources from across a continuum of conservation organizations to effectively and efficiently work towards the vision of an African continent where natural resources and biodiversity are securely conserved in balance with sustained human livelihoods.

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Biodiversity Analysis & Technical Support (BATS)

- Analytical and technical assistance to USAID/Africa
- Support for USAID operating units in design & implementation of development, security & humanitarian assistance
- Conservation of natural resources and biodiversity, including tropical forests & other critical habitats



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BATS is a multi-partner USAID Bureau for Africa effort including:

- International Resources Group (IRG)
- USDA Forest Service International Programs
- ABCG



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ABC G Resources

- Website: www.abcg.org
 - Meeting resources
 - Publications
- Facebook: www.facebook.org/ABC Gconserve
- Twitter: @ABC Gconserve
- Listserv: email nbailey@abcg.org to join
- Brown bags, thematic meetings & more

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Help BATS/ENCAP with ICT in Africa

- With support from BATS, IRG is working to identify information and communication technology (ICT) needs and experiences in Africa
- Complete a survey to help identify emerging ICTs that would help conservation groups
- Participate in a focus group on current information-sharing challenges & opportunities

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Meeting Objectives

- To explore the opportunities available for collaboration between faith communities and conservation groups
- To understand the funding mechanisms that can support such collaboration
- To learn about how conservation groups have developed relationships with faith communities and how they have implemented projects together

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- Director of WWF's conservation programs around the world
- Established Greater Mekong Program
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Martin Palmer, Director, Alliance of Religions and Conservation



- ARC founded in 1995 by HRH Prince Philip
- Helping faith groups develop environmental programs based on their core beliefs
- Former religious advisor to WWF International
- 2006 publication of *Beyond Belief* with ARC and WWF International
- Theology & religious studies at Cambridge Univ

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