

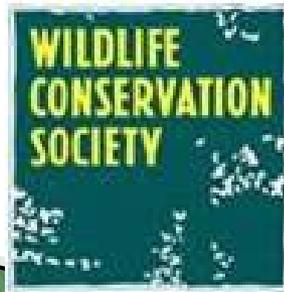


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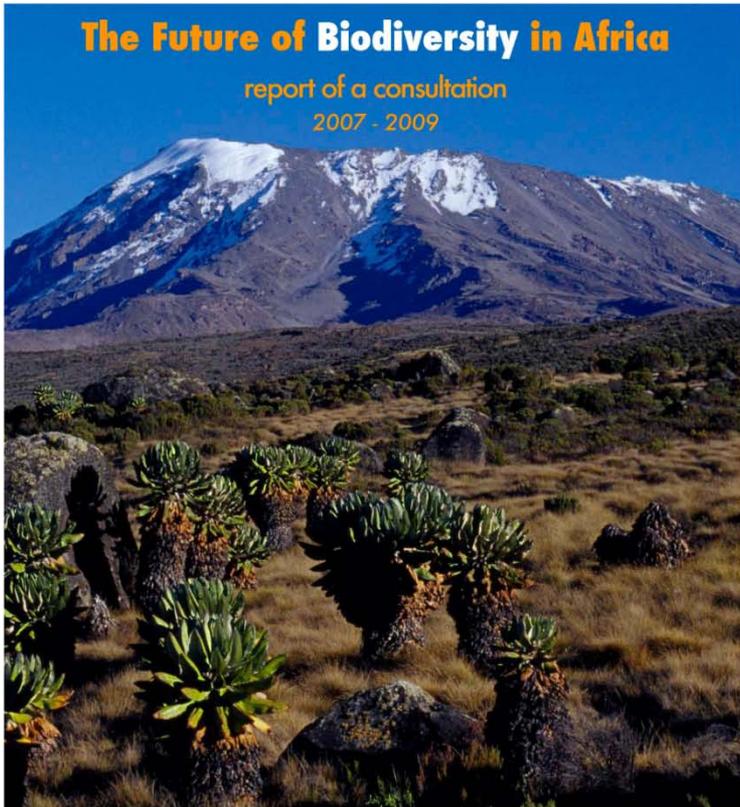
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ABCG's Mission

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.

AFRICA BIODIVERSITY COLLABORATIVE GROUP



The Future of Biodiversity in Africa

report of a consultation
2007 - 2009



A VISION FOR THE FUTURE OF BIODIVERSITY IN AFRICA

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Biodiversity remains the fundamental basis of Africa's development, and underpins the well-being of current and future generations. With swelling human demand upon natural resources and inadequate institutional infrastructure, however, Africa has witnessed the destruction and degradation of vast natural areas, from forests and savannas to freshwater and marine areas. Nevertheless, significant areas in Africa still remain where the habitat is relatively intact, and Africa holds much of the world's biodiversity and natural resources. However, climate change, ongoing population growth till late in the century and globalization of trade pose serious threats for the future. But there are also opportunities which we must seize, building on existing successful approaches to biodiversity conservation as well as new innovation, to take urgent and renewed action. For the great majority of Africans, biodiversity represents the only lifeline that can no longer be ignored.

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The Africa Biodiversity Collaborative Group (ABCG) is a partnership of US-based conservation organizations with field programs in Africa. Members include: the African Wildlife Foundation, Conservation International, the Jane Goodall Institute, The Nature Conservancy, Wildlife Conservation Society, World Resources Institute, and World Wildlife Fund.

In September 2008, the ABCG, with the support of IUCN, convened a group of African biodiversity experts in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. The group produced this Vision Statement, which has been widely circulated and refined since then. It is a living document that will continue to evolve as African conservationists and their allies and supporters worldwide adapt to and learn from a complex and rapidly changing environment.

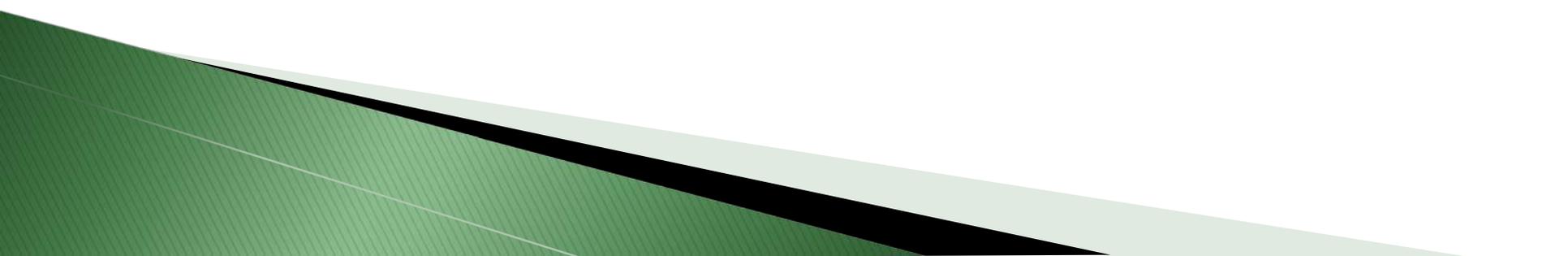
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Implementing the Vision

1. **Prioritize:** Mainstream biodiversity in human well-being and development agendas
2. **Promote** good conservation **practices**
3. **Partner:** Strengthen the role of **social and development institutions** in biodiversity conservation and human well-being



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Key ABCG Issues

- A. Future of Biodiversity in Africa
 - B. Managing Extractive Industries to Protect Biodiversity
 - C. Governance and Land Use/Tenure
 - D. Biodiversity and Tropical Forestry Assessments
 - E. Integrating Food Security and Biodiversity
 - F. Addressing Global Climate Change
 - G. Global Health and Biodiversity
 - H. **Forecasting and Building Capacity on Critical Issues**
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Biodiversity Analysis & Technical Support (BATS)

USAID Bureau for Africa supports:

- ▶ Consulting group: currently Development Alternatives International (DAI)
- ▶ USDA Forest Service International Programs
- ▶ Environmental Law Institute
- ▶ Africa Biodiversity Collaborative Group (ABCG)



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Martin Palmer

- ▶ Many Heavens, One Earth, Our Continent
- ▶ Theologian, author, China expert
- ▶ ARC founded in 1995 by HRH Prince Philip
- ▶ Helps faiths develop environmental and conservation projects based on own beliefs
- ▶ www.arcworld.org



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- ▶ Community based conservation in Eastern Himalayas
- ▶ Greater Mekong program
- ▶ Work with His Holiness, the 17th Karmapa, to train and advise 50 monasteries on environmental projects



Director, Sacred Earth
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Rev. Al Bailey

- ▶ WASH in Schools – Partnership with New Psalmist Baptist Church
- ▶ Faith commitments to Water, Sanitation & Hygiene (WASH)
- ▶ Mapping and project tracking



Minister of Missions and Outreach, New Psalmist Baptist Church

Rachel Rose

- ▶ Partnering with Faith-Based and Community Organizations
- ▶ Religious Affairs team of President Obama's campaign
- ▶ Phi Beta Kappa graduate of UNC-Chapel Hill
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