













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 Africa,















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.















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























ABCG Resources

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 - Meeting resources
 - Publications
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- Twitter: @ABCGconserve
- Listserv: email nbailey@abcg.org to join
- Brown bags, thematic meetings & more















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















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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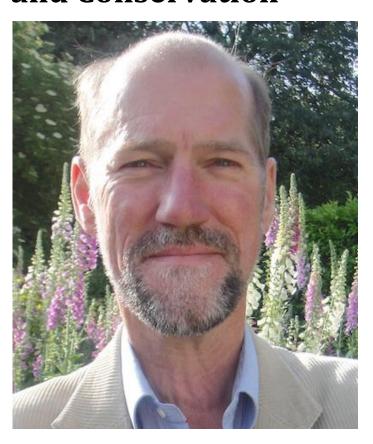








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- Helping faith groups develop environmental programs based on their core beliefs
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