Conservation Trust Funds
Private, legally independent institutions that provide sustainable grant funding for biodiversity conservation.

Can support long-term management costs and recurrent costs
- Protected Area (PA) systems and outside PAs.

CTFs raise and invest funds to make grants
- Non-governmental organizations (NGOs),
- Community based-organizations (CBOs)
- Governmental agencies (such as national protected areas agencies)

Financing institutions ≠ implement biodiversity conservation.

Source: Practice Standards for Conservation Trust Funds, Conservation Finance Alliance
A solution for all tastes

Endowment
Sinking
Revolving

Innovative
Large
Small
Thematic
Regional

Other Finance
- PES schemes
- Program related investments
- Offsets
- Impact investing
- Nature bonds
- Climate Finance
70-100 Conservation Trust Funds currently operating or in development around the world

Estimated total assets of over $1B USD

Individual CTF investments range from $1.2M to over $110M; average is $24M

Scope ranges from single protected area to national PA system to transnational ecosystems

Average age is 14 years; oldest is 37*

* The Seychelles Islands Foundation; the second oldest is 25
Source: Conservation Trust Investment Survey database, Wildlife Conservation Society
CTF Demographics

Overall CTF investments, USD equivalent

- 0-10M: 42%
- 10-20M: 19%
- 20-50M: 23%
- 50M+: 16%

Region wise investment distribution

- Latin America/Caribbean: 49%
- Africa: 26%
- Asia-Pacific: 18%
- Europe/Eastern Europe: 6%
World Bank Announces New Global Fund for Healthy Oceans
https://www.worldbank.org/.../world-bank-announces-new-global-... - Traduire cette page
26 sept. 2018 - ... trust fund that will support healthy and productive oceans by tackling ... million has been committed so far to the fund, with Norway providing ... PROBLUE

Conservation Trust Funds Around the World: marine

Operating or in development as of July, 2017
Source: Conservation Trust Investment Survey database, Wildlife Conservation Society
Benefits and challenges of CTF

+ A flexible and resilient instrument for sustainable finance
+ A capacity to leverage additional funds
+ An aid coordination platform
+ A tool for policy dialogue

— “Locks up” substantial funding in endowments
— Need for strong stakeholder buy-in and ownership
— Risk of mission drift – stay focused
— Highly dependent on good governance and transparency
— Need to manage expectations
— Transaction costs high at the beginning
Efate, Vanuatu – Last July, the Restoration of Ecosystem Services and Adaptation to Climate Change (RESCUE) project, implemented by the Pacific Community, formally established the first local Conservation Fund in Vanuatu, with the signature of the North Efate Conservation Management (NECM) Deed by the Environment Networks and Tourism Associations of North Efate, Vanuatu.

Chair Tony Tevi commended the successful establishment of the Conservation Fund as a key RESCCUE outcome in that it leaves North Efate with a clear financial sustainability plan. He also thanked SPC for the EUR 90,000 grant to the Fund which allows it to be
– Latin American/Caribbean CTF network (RedLAC) 
  Consortium of African Funds for the Environment (CAFÉ) 
  Asia Pacific Network (APNET) – 3 networks of ~50 CTFs; 
  annual assembly; knowledge sharing and collaboration
– CFA – community of practice for 650+ conservation 
  finance professionals; Working Group; publications and 
  knowledge sharing; innovative finance 
  Practice Standards for Conservation Trust Funds 
  Environmental Funds Toolkit 
  Conservation Trust Investment Survey
CONSERVATION FINANCE ALLIANCE


www.conservationfinancealliance.org
- Member/Partner driven organization active in conservation finance for over 20 years
- Mission to catalyze sustainable financing for conservation worldwide
- Seeking and disseminating tools and mechanisms necessary to close the global conservation funding gap ($250 billion annually)
- Currently hosted by the Wildlife Conservation Society with financial support from MAVA and FFEM
2015-2025 Strategy

5 pillar programme

- Knowledge products and capacity building
- Innovative Finance Incubator
- Outreach and communication
- Data and knowledge Management
- Integrated landscape financing

10 year / US$ 10 Million

+ web training programmes

Platform, convening, events, webinars

Partnerships