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Coastal dwellers in Indonesia rely heavily upon the sea for their livelihoods. The region's marine biodiversity is unmatched—but vulnerable—inspiring CI's work to protect critical ocean ecosystems.



Yellowback fusiliers (*Caesio teres*) are a reef fish commonly seen by divers in the waters between East Africa and Indonesia.



At its heart,
Conservation International's
work is about **relationships**.

It's about seeing the interconnectedness of the natural world and understanding the ways in which we all depend upon the gifts of nature for our well-being.

It's about convening the right people and developing the programs and policies that together can advance a common cause. And it's about cultivating partnerships and working in collaboration with brave hearts and like minds to create positive, lasting change.

It's not just a high-minded way to work; **it's the only way**. The problems that now confront our planet and its people are of such magnitude and complexity that no one can solve them alone.

Fortunately, we don't have to do it alone.
As surely as the well-being of nature and people go hand in hand, so do your support and our results.



CI is protecting 371,000 hectares (1,432 square miles) and restoring 1,100 hectares (4 square miles) of rainforest in Madagascar where the diademed sifaka (*Propithecus diadema*) lives. The project will link three parks to form a single wildlife corridor and reduce CO₂ emissions by 10 million tons.

A river in Guyana. Fresh water nourishes all life on Earth, but it is a finite resource. A mere 2.5 percent of the planet's water is fresh—and most is locked up in glaciers or deep underground.



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A woman from Mali. CI is developing a network to monitor global environmental conditions and provide the data needed to make more sustainable agricultural development decisions. Monitoring is already underway in Tanzania with the goal of replicating it across the African continent.

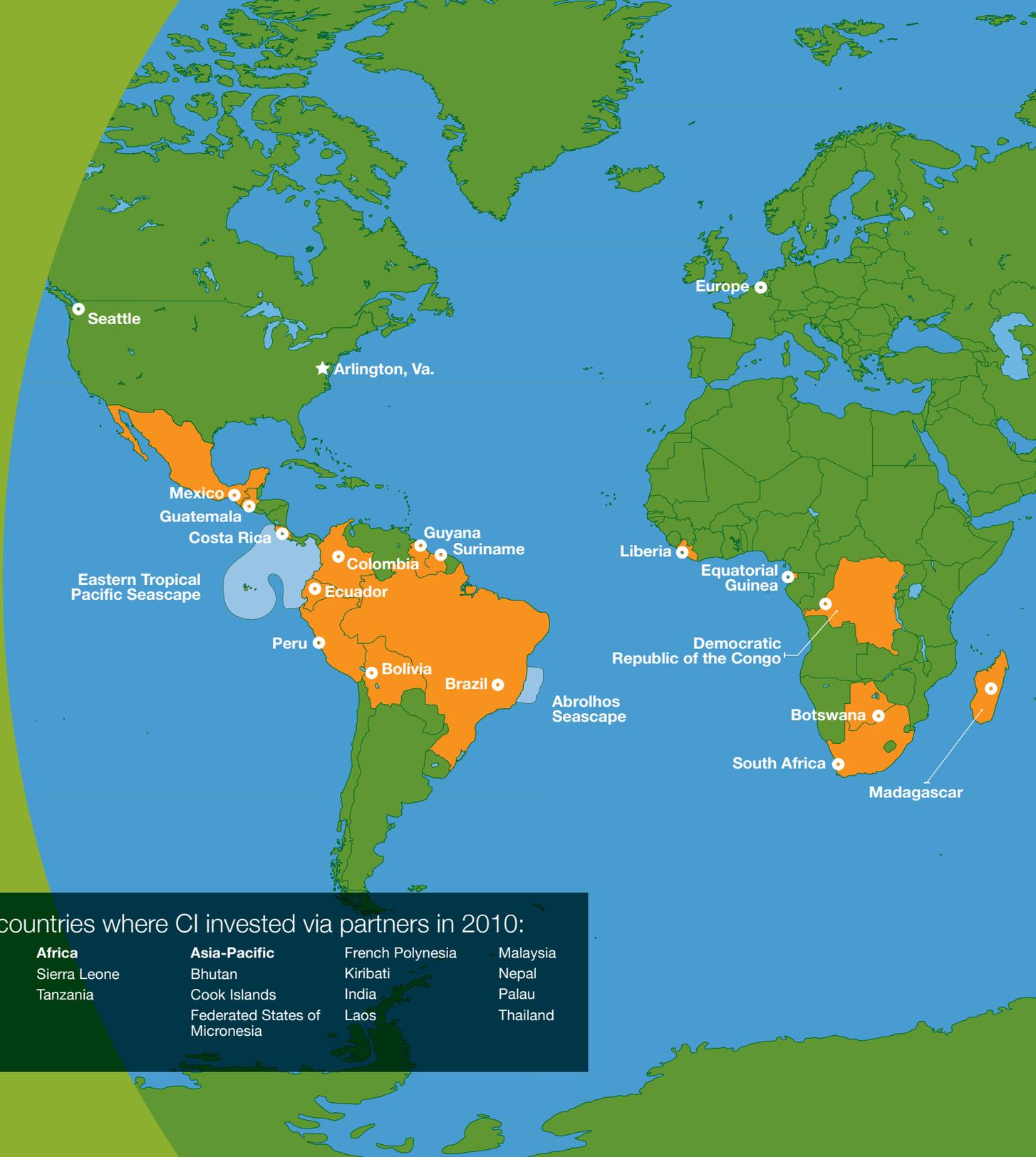
San Francisco—or your hometown—may feel far from the places CI strives to protect, but our world is interconnected. Degradation of vital ecosystems impacts our climate, food and water supplies—and our health and well-being.



leadership message

It was a year of high notes for Conservation International, including a string of successes— from the grass roots to the global stage— that confirmed our commitment to the protection of nature for the well-being of humanity.

CI field demonstrations + seascapes in FY10



★ CI headquarters	Additional countries where CI invested via partners in 2010:				
○ CI office	Americas	Africa	Asia-Pacific	French Polynesia	Malaysia
■ field demonstrations	Haiti	Sierra Leone	Bhutan	Kiribati	Nepal
■ seascape	Guatemala	Tanzania	Cook Islands	India	Palau
■ regional ocean stewardship	Panama		Federated States of Micronesia	Laos	Thailand
	Paraguay				



We are engaged globally—but concentrate major efforts on selected geographies because of their importance for ecosystem services, biodiversity and their contributions to human well-being, and because they present opportunities for transformational and lasting, positive change.



A Macushi Amerindian boy plays in a river near his village in Guyana, where local indigenous communities depend on waterways like this one for transportation and food.

A hand is visible on the left side of the page, reaching out towards the center. The background is a scenic view of a body of water, possibly a lake or river, with a dense forest of trees in the distance under a clear blue sky. The entire scene is framed by a large, curved green shape that dominates the right and bottom portions of the page.

2010 highlights

Through our commitment to partnership and collaboration, Conservation International is forging a brighter future for both people and nature—with an integrated, strategic approach that starts small, but delivers big results. It begins on the ground, where CI's foundation—science, partnership and field demonstration—not only directly improves livelihoods and communities, but also validates the approaches that can be built upon for future success. By working with governance at all levels, we're taking those successes to scale by helping nations—and entire regions—ensure a better tomorrow by protecting their natural capital today.

To transform lives and lifestyles, we count businesses and corporations among our most influential partners—whose power and reach give them the potential to create positive change on an enormous scale.

And, as an effective and respected voice in the global conversation, we are influencing practices and advancing policies to create global solutions to the most pressing issues of our time.

Some of the highlights and successes of this last year—and the positive results that you have helped to make possible—appear on the pages that follow. Jump in.



rolling up our sleeves

working on the ground at the
front lines of conservation

Abrolhos receives an economic boost from tourism from July to October when Southern Hemisphere humpback whales (*Megaptera novaeangliae*) make their way to the region to breed.

the ocean's bounty

For centuries, families of fishers in Abrolhos have relied upon the coastal waters of Brazil's Bahia state, which are thought to contain the most diverse concentration of marine life in the South Atlantic. The vibrant corals and extensive mangroves shelter hundreds of species, many of which live their entire lives within a few kilometers of the shore—providing the main source of protein for local communities.

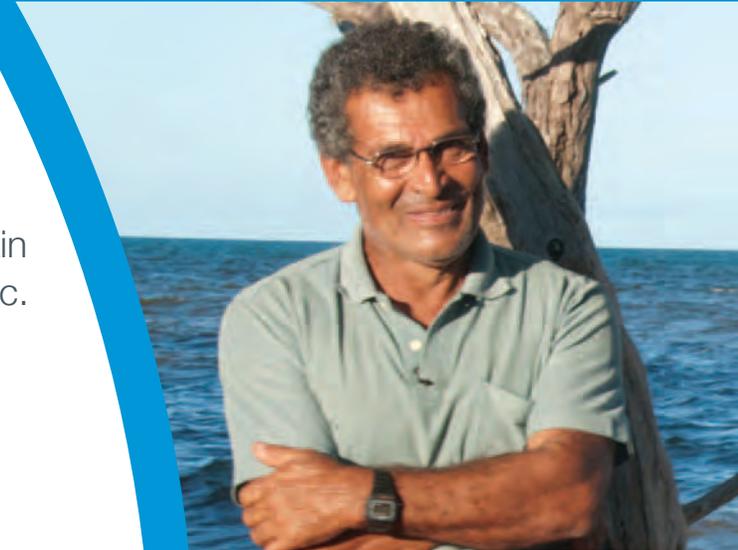
But destructive activities like industrial fishing, shrimp farming, oil drilling and dredging threaten Abrolhos' natural abundance—and the livelihoods of its local communities who suffer the consequences of illegal fishing.

In Abrolhos, CI and its grassroots network of more than 40 partner organizations turned the tide by helping to support the creation of Corumbau Marine Extractive Reserve in 2000. Composed of both no-take zones and areas that allow fishing, the reserve has shown that as fish multiply in the no-take zones, they spill over into the regions where fishing is permitted. Since 2000, CI's monitoring efforts have demonstrated an increase in fish abundance of up to 300 percent for some commercially important species.

A healthy fish population not only sustains the livelihoods of many fishers and their families, but also paves the way for economic opportunities like tourism, which is now the primary source of income in the region. The increase in local reserves has also expanded access to services, such as electricity and secondary education, the people never had.

Through improved marine protection and outreach efforts in the Abrolhos region, CI is helping to expand opportunities for the next generation—and beyond.

Watch a video: www.conservation.org/abrolhosvideo



“My father, grandfather and great-grandfather were all fishermen. I started fishing when I was eight years old. My own son is now fishing, and soon my grandchildren will be fishermen—so today I consider the ocean my home.”

Albino Neves, Fisherman from Abrolhos, Brazil



PEOPLE NEED NATURE TO THRIVE

OUR VISION

We imagine a healthy, prosperous world in which societies are forever committed to caring for and valuing nature, our global biodiversity, for the long-term benefit of people and all life on Earth.

OUR MISSION

Building upon a strong foundation of science, partnership and field demonstration, CI empowers societies to responsibly and sustainably care for nature, our global biodiversity, for the well-being of humanity.

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