

**GAIN ACCESS TO THE DATA  
AND INFORMATION OF OTHERS  
AND LET OTHERS LEARN FROM  
YOUR KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE**

The following organizations are among a growing number that recognize the need to change the way we store and disseminate conservation data and information:

American Museum of Natural History	The Nature Conservancy
BirdLife International	NatureServe
Chevron Texaco Corporation	PALNet
Center for International Forestry Research	Red Hat - Open Source Affairs
Centro de Referência em Informação Ambiental (CRIA), <i>Brazil</i>	Rio Tinto
Conservation International	Shell International Exploration & Production
Fauna & Flora International	Species Information Service
Global Biodiversity Information Facility (GBIF)	Species Survival Commission
Global Invasive Species Database	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)
INBio, <i>Costa Rica</i>	United Nations Development Program (UNDP)
IUCN - The World Conservation Union	World Conservation Monitoring Center (UNEP)
NASA, <i>United States</i>	Wildlife Conservation Society
National Botanical Institute, <i>South Africa</i>	World Bank
National Commission of Biodiversity, <i>Mexico</i>	WWF International

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**CONNECTING PEOPLE WITH**



**THE INFORMATION THEY NEED**

## A NEW PARADIGM

Comprehensive data, information and knowledge are essential for the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity. Unfortunately, difficulties in accessing information limit our ability to plan and implement successful conservation strategies.

*The Conservation Commons is connecting people with the data, information, and knowledge they need.*

Working together, individuals and organizations are finding new ways to share their knowledge and successful practices to promote effective conservation at a local, national and regional levels.



By participating in the Commons, you *gain access* to the data, information, knowledge and experience of others. As a provider of data and information, you *let others* in the conservation community *learn from your knowledge and experience*.

## USERS

Your Organization

Local Communities

Indigenous Peoples

Scientific Community

Government Agencies

Private Sector

Individuals

NGOs

## PROVIDERS

Your Organization

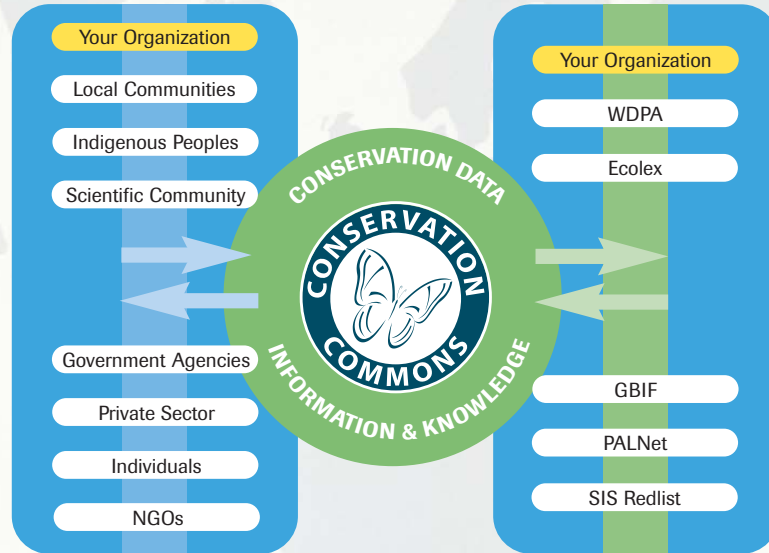
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*Any organization, large or small, can participate in the Conservation Commons as a provider or user of data. Members of the conservation community and others can provide free and open access to their knowledge and find and use data that is critical to their conservation decisions.*

The Conservation Commons is a new paradigm for sharing of biodiversity data, information, knowledge and technology to facilitate the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity. Through cooperation and common principles, governments, non-governmental organizations, indigenous peoples, academia, the private sector, and local communities will collaborate in new ways to share conservation information.

## CONSERVATION COMMONS PRINCIPLES

### Open Access

The Conservation Commons promotes free and open access to data, information and knowledge for conservation purposes.

### Mutual Benefit

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