

The future of conservation NGOs

Summary

The future of conservation NGOs is an initiative incubated by the Luc Hoffmann Institute that seeks to engage a diverse set of voices to reimagine integrated and innovative pathways for conservation NGOs that can meaningfully benefit people and nature in a rapidly changing world.

The issue

We live in times of unprecedented speed and scale of change. Digital transformation and shifting societal norms and perceptions of justice provide extraordinary challenges, as well as opportunities for change. Further, in the recent decade, conservation NGOs have come under increasing criticism and pressure, raising questions about organisational culture and racism, colonial legacy, power distribution between Global South and Global North and existing funding models. As the gap widens between the rapid pace at which the world is changing and the pace of change in international and notably conservation NGOs, how can we ensure that the conservation sector remains effective and relevant? What would a successful and impactful nature conservation world look like?



The response

The Luc Hoffmann Institute will bring together a diverse set of voices from across different geographies, disciplines and sectors to collectively identify a list of themes and areas of inquiry that are needed to reach an agreed 'future conservation NGO' state. It aims to gather evidence on the barriers and enablers of transformation for the desired future, as identified through a convening, and spur the creation of new processes or prototypes of the envisioned future conservation NGO.

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