

SAVING LIFE ON EARTH

2021 | SEE HOW WE'RE WINNING FOR THE WILD



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A YEAR OF SAVING THE WILD

Last year was a tough one, no doubt about it. But it's also important to shine a light on what we've accomplished together.

More than ever, I'm proud that the Center for Biological Diversity continues to lead the way when it comes to protecting wildlife, wild places, oceans, rivers, and deserts – as well as the air we breathe and the water we drink.

You can read about some of our key accomplishments in this report, but I don't want to overlook some of these major, on-the-ground wins from 2021:

- Pressuring the Biden administration to restore vital protections for more than 1,000 migratory bird species,
- Securing federal protection for dozens of species, including Sierra Nevada red foxes, Franklin's bumblebees, alligator snapping turtles and a plant called Bartram's stonecrop,
- Safeguarding 3 million acres of spotted owl habitat and more than 1 million acres of habitat for Humboldt martens in Oregon and California,
- Stopping a black bear hunt in Washington state, preventing federal funding for a mountain lion slaughter in Colorado, and helping ban trapping and poisoning on New Mexico public lands.

These wins happen because you are here with us every step of the way – protecting the wild, speaking up for wildlife and demanding a future that chooses light over dark. We'll never give up on that. I'm deeply grateful for your support.



Executive Director

FIGHTING FOR WOLVES

We're leading the fight to save wolves coast to coast, including legal challenges to a Trump rule that ended wolf protection across most of the lower 48 states. We're also mobilizing our grassroots network to fight cruel wolf-killing sprees in Idaho, Montana and Wisconsin.





PROTECTING THE FAR NORTH

In the pristine Arctic in 2021, we helped overturn a plan for a sprawling oil and gas project slated for the heart of habitat for polar bears, caribou and migratory birds.

Farther south in Alaska, after a lawsuit by the Center and partners, a federal court rejected a proposal by oil and gas company Hilcorp Alaska LLC to hurt and harass Cook Inlet beluga whales and other marine mammals.

WHO WE ARE



Kierán Suckling
Executive Director

WINNING FOR WHALES

Whales along the West Coast swim safer this year. We won protection for 133,000 square miles of habitat for endangered humpback whales and nearly 16,000 square miles for the rare West Coast orcas known as Southern Residents.

“The Center has the heart of a poet, the smarts of a scientist, the tenacity of a prize fighter, and the savvy of a seasoned courtroom attorney — all working to ensure the wild still exists for future generations.”





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PUSHING FOR JAGUARS

After winning protection for more than 700,000 acres of jaguar habitat in the southwestern United States, we've now helped identify 20 million more acres of potential habitat in Arizona and New Mexico for this stunning-but-rare cat.

UNPRECEDENTED PROTECTION

500 MILLION +

The number of acres of protected habitat we've secured since 1989.

700+

The number of animals and plants we've put on the endangered species list since 1989.

WORKING ON THE GROUND



Jean Su
Director of the
Energy Justice program

SAVING GRACE

Few species are as graceful and iconic — and troubled — as the monarch butterfly, with a heartbreaking decline of 99.9% west of the Rockies.

We're leading the effort to protect monarchs under the Endangered Species Act and have been instrumental in organizing support for a congressional bill to provide \$125 million for on-the-ground conservation projects to stabilize and save these backyard beauties.

“Some of our most important work is partnering with, and supporting frontline communities bearing the brunt of the climate crisis, industrial pollution and energy shutoffs. There’s no environmental justice without real justice for these communities. We’re fighting for their access to renewable, distributed and resilient energy systems that also safeguard imperiled species.”





A FUTURE FOR ALL SPECIES



Miyoko Sakashita
Director of the
Oceans program

A NEW MANDATE FOR PUBLIC LANDS

We're transforming the mandate of our public lands through efforts to protect 30% by 2030 and half by 2050 — a vital step to protect wildlife and wild places from the chaos of climate change.

In 2021 we helped overturn a Trump plan to mine 10 million acres of greater sage grouse habitat in Nevada and Idaho; we also halted a sweeping clearcut logging project in grizzly and lynx habitat near Yellowstone National Park.

“Every species matters in confronting the wildlife extinction crisis, from the smallest fish to the mightiest whale. We’re all intimately connected on this planet and the fate of all living things, including us, hinges on that crucial fact.”

THE SMALL ONES MATTER TOO

Sea turtles, birds, fish, plants — we fight for them all. In 2021 we won protection for nearly 300,000 acres of habitat for one of the Southwest's rarest birds, the western yellow-billed cuckoo, and safeguarded nearly 370 river miles for the colorful candy darter, an endangered fish in Virginia and West Virginia.





WATCHDOGS

Part of winning for wildlife is shaping the national narrative, moving quickly to help journalists understand what's at stake in the news cycle every day, and holding politicians and government officials accountable at every turn.

BEATING POISONS

After years of Center advocacy and legal action, the EPA in 2021 finally agreed to phase out the endocrine-disrupting pesticide propazine, which is linked to increased risk of cancer and can chemically castrate frogs even at low concentrations.

Propazine likely harms or kills 64 endangered species, including whooping cranes and ocelots.



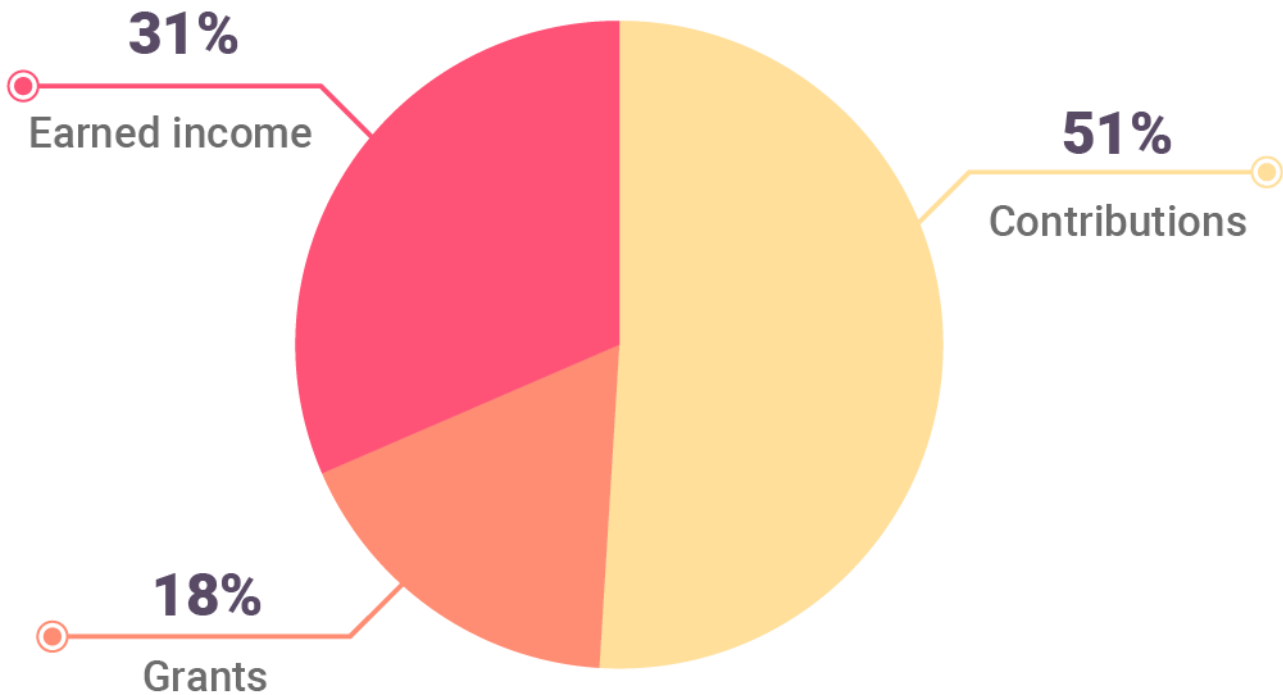


A FUTURE FOR THE WILD

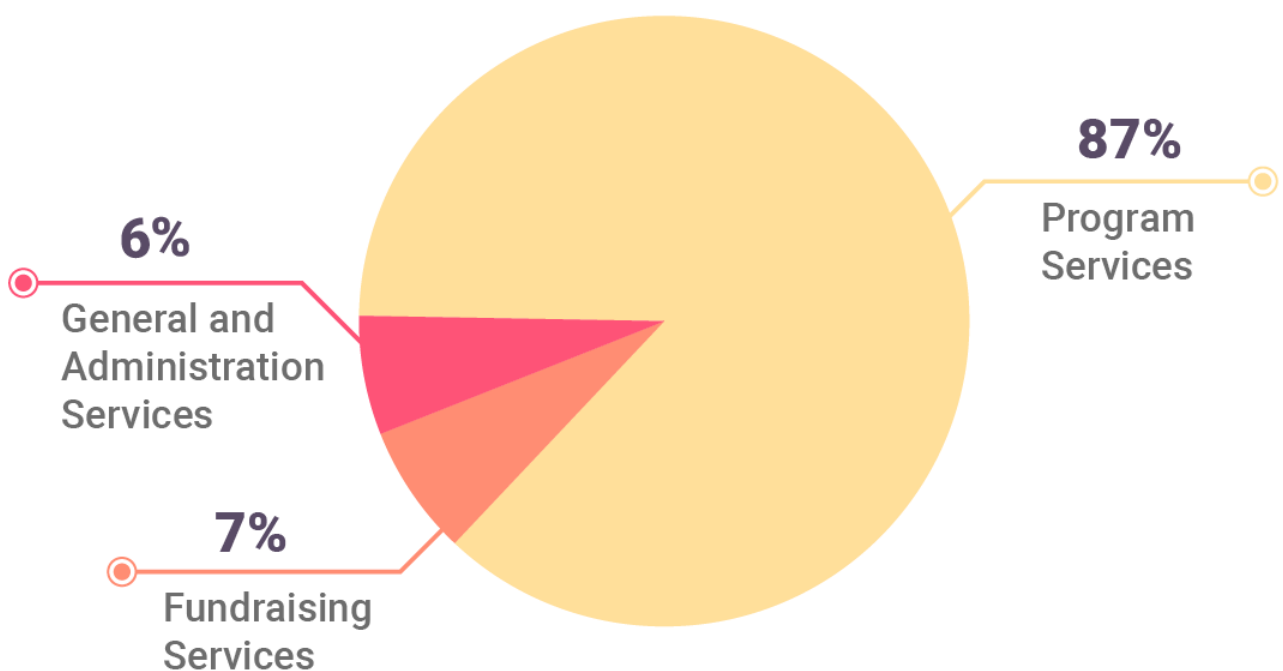
We're in the most critical moment in history. What we do now and in the coming decade will determine the future of life on Earth. We must fight and we must win. There's simply — literally — no alternative. Learn more about our work and how you can get involved at www.biologicaldiversity.org.

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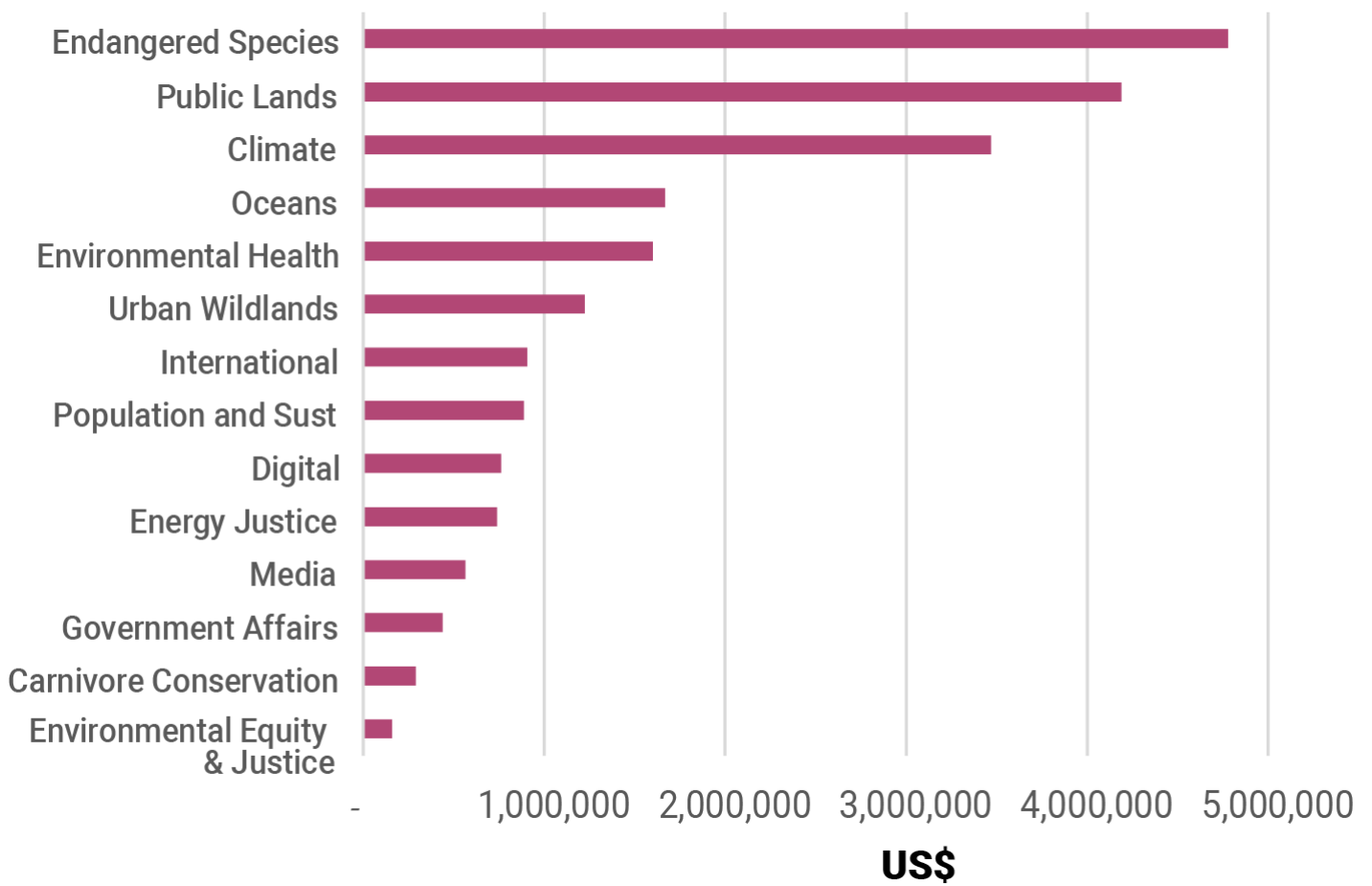
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