



THE CULTURAL SANCTUARIES FOUNDATION

Protecting the Protectors



Eagle hunter Bigtas and his wife Bazargul pictured in their family ger

We have great news to share and a request to make.

Mongolia: The first ever Eagle Hunter Community Centre is built! After years of planning and the hard work of our local project partners, we have completed the central ger's construction on land kindly donated to the project by the local Government of Bayan-Olgii province (home to the largest number of eagle hunters in the world) and are currently working on all the finishing touches to get everything ready for the Centre's official opening in the town of Ulgii on 4 October. Hundreds of eagle hunters are expected to attend the ceremony which will take place the day before the start of this year's Annual Golden Eagle Festival. The Centre will be the first of its kind in Mongolia and will act as a gathering place for the eagle hunting community, a conservation hub and a living museum. We are incredibly excited to see this vision come to life and we are very grateful to all of our supporters and donors who have helped to make this happen.

Mexico: Here, we have three milestones to tell you about. First, the first ever Mazahua language class has just graduated in the town of Crescencio Morales. This endangered indigenous language was fast fading away so for us to see 45 students - of all ages - completing a year-long course to learn and celebrate it is a very emotional moment. The class will begin again for its

second year in the autumn. Secondly, the Mazahua community has for the first time created a Mazahua flag which now hangs in every local classroom, a physical sign of the growing pride in the local culture and identity, and has also set up social media sites to spread the word of the growing Mazahua cultural revitalisation. Thirdly, we have arranged for a series of technical and financial workshops to support Mazahua weavers and other artisans in generating much needed income by selling their textiles and baskets. So there is a lot going on but we continue to raise the funds that we need to renovate the building and garden which have been donated to Cultural Sanctuaries by the community to create a dynamic Community Cultural and Conservation Centre. Please help us complete the last phase of this fantastic and exciting project which will protect Mazahua culture and the local forest which is the precious but threatened over-wintering home of all migrating Monarch butterflies. All donations, large and small, will make a real difference.

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THANK YOU
The Cultural Sanctuaries Team