



THE CULTURAL SANCTUARIES FOUNDATION

Protecting the Protectors



Happy New Year to one and all. So what does 2026 hold for Cultural Sanctuaries? More than we can cover here but we want to share a few highlights...

Casa de la Cultura Mazahua, Mexico

Wow, what a start for this new Center. Having been named by *Bloomberg Pursuits* as one of its 25 Best Places to Visit in 2026, we are also about to be featured in *Travel and Leisure* magazine. The Casa is thriving and has already had visits from most of the top domestic and international travel agencies that bring tourists to the area. It's going to be a great year for this community and we are SO proud of our team there.

A new Language and Cultural Center in Papua New Guinea

Construction will soon begin on our new language and cultural center in Madang. The first of its kind in PNG, the Center will be a graduate student research hub for linguists from around the world to work with local speakers to collaborate and document PNG's unique languages. This project is a first for CSF in being designed to benefit multiple tribes and communities. In all of our other cultural projects, we focus on, and/or have built a cultural center for, one culture and language group, one unified community with a common language and set of traditions. The Madang Center will be rather different as it is going to be for more than 60,000 people speaking over 50 languages.

Eagle Hunter Cultural Center, Mongolia

We are looking forward to a great second year for the Eagle Hunter Cultural Center. Buoyed by the amazing coverage that it received in being on the cover of *TIME Magazine* and also in being named by *Condé Nast Traveler* as one of its 25 Bright Ideas in Travel, we are hoping that more visitors from near and far will visit the Center to support the community and learn all about the eagle hunter culture of the Altai mountains. Tourism is crucial to the local economy.

The Chachi community in Ecuador and the Quechua community in Peru

Work has begun in earnest on our project in Ecuador to protect and celebrate the endangered culture, music, dance and textiles of the Chachi people. Our project in Peru is also gathering pace. Here we are supporting 500+ families in 10 communities and funding the video and audio documentation of highly endangered textile traditions to protect and celebrate them for future generations.

More to come on these and all our other projects soon.

Thank you

As always, we are SO VERY grateful to our supporters. None of this would be possible without you.