



THE CULTURAL SANCTUARIES FOUNDATION

Protecting the Protectors



In our January newsletter, we explained that we had decided to be fiercely optimistic about 2021.

That optimism holds strong as we reach the half year point.

1. We hope to get back to our on-the-ground projects later this year:

- Mongolia looks likely to open up this summer and, together with our local project partners, we will meet this September with the elders of the eagle hunting community to finalise the plans and budget for our community centre to be built there
- we are planning to meet with the Chachi community and our partner, the Jocotoco Foundation, in Ecuador in the autumn to make further progress with our Sanctuary there
- the Covid situation in Brazil and Kenya remains precarious but we are in close touch with our local partners there and will get cracking on our projects as soon as it is safe for everyone involved
- in Bhutan, we are delighted that the Government is now sponsoring the teaching of Ole (the oldest traditional language in Bhutan - of which our team created the first ever dictionary). When Bhutan's borders reopen, we are confident that tourists will start visiting our Sanctuary in beautiful Rukha

2. Project ideas are coming thick and fast:

- we are always keen to explore the idea of new projects while being careful not to spread ourselves too thin
- we are in the early stages of discussing potential Sanctuary projects with local partners in Papua New Guinea, Japan and Canada
- importantly, we are also starting to explore the plan for more ocean community-based projects: it is as crucial to protect our endangered oceans as it is our endangered forests

3. We are hugely grateful to our donors:

- most of CSF's funding to date has come from the wonderful donations of individuals and family foundations
- this source of funding remains absolutely critical for us but we are also excited to announce our first corporate sponsors coming on board
- our huge thanks to Cisco Systems Inc and StarAnimalSundays Inc for believing in our cause
- we hope to be in a position to announce three further corporate sponsors in the coming months

4. Science talks:

- our mission is, as you know, to protect the world's indigenous protectors - their culture and their land
- science is unanimous in its view of the crucial role that indigenous communities are playing in the climate and wilderness crises
- remember that while indigenous communities represent just 5% of the world's population, they protect 80% of its remaining wilderness
- the good news is that most governments and corporations no longer need convincing about what needs to be done and their path into the future
- we look forward to transformational commitments being made by world leaders at the Glasgow COP in November - we hope to be there in person to present
- we must protect the protectors

Onwards!

Thank you for your continued support.

The Cultural Sanctuaries team

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