



THE CULTURAL SANCTUARIES FOUNDATION

Protecting the Protectors

As Spring begins and borders reopen in much of the world, our Cultural Sanctuaries projects continue to gain momentum.

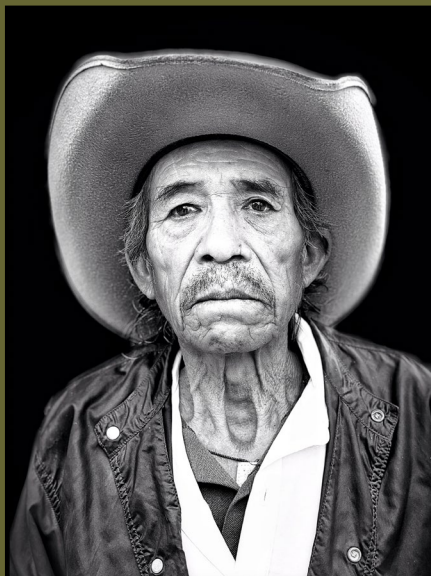
By way of just three examples....in Bhutan, tourism should soon be able to return so that visitors can visit the Olep people and our community center in beautiful Rukha; in Mongolia, we will soon meet our local partners in the Western town of Uljii to finalise the plans for our community center close to the heart of the eagle hunting community and the site of the astonishing annual eagle hunter festival; and in Michoacan Mexico, we have now agreed on the location for our community center with the Mazahuan community in Crescencio Morales. The renovation work there will begin in the autumn and we are really fired up about creating a gathering place as vibrant and exciting as the nearby Monarch butterfly reserve.

We are also currently fundraising for our projects in Brazil and Ecuador, building relationships for our future projects in New Guinea, Canada, Japan and the US and in early discussions about replicating our work with a number of ocean communities in the South Pacific, Panama and Greenland.

This sounds like we have a lot going on and we do but as each project takes some years

of relationship building and planning, they are all at different stages of development and we are always careful not to spread ourselves too thin. Our mission is to help protect as many cultures and languages as possible and to underpin as much crucial conservation as we can. Most countries and NGOs now accept that indigenous peoples are the best guardians of our lands and oceans. Most are not yet doing enough, though, to protect indigenous culture and language. Without that protection, planned conservation risks being short lived. If the guardians leave for lack of economic opportunity and lose their connection to their land and language or if they have no choice but to work for the loggers and miners, they can not remain its guardians. We must protect the protectors.

Perhaps most importantly of all, we feel really lucky to have wonderful partnerships in place for all of our projects, to have an ever-growing number of supporters, sponsors and funders and to have a wise and wonderful board and council of advisors who help and advise us every step of the way. Thank you all. This is a huge team effort and we could not do any of this without you.



Thank you for your continued support.

The Cultural Sanctuaries team

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