

OUR PLACE IN THE WILD

hen we protect wild places — and the Center for Biological Diversity has now achieved the designation of more than 470 million acres of "critical habitat" — we help protect the animals and plants that live near them as well as those that live within protected areas. And some of those animals — quite a few, in fact — are us.

With our ideological tendency to hold human beings apart from other animals and from the wild, we sometimes forget how closely our wellbeing is linked to the integrity of the Earth's biological systems. We couldn't even breathe without abundant vegetation and healthy oceans; trees and other land plants produce about half the oxygen that makes out atmosphere livable, while the oceans' phytoplankton produce the other.

And in the era of climate change, denying the profound dependence of people upon the rest of the natural world is once again becoming impossible — just as it was in the days before the Industrial Revolution distanced us from the rhythms of day and night, weather and seasons. Increasingly we're being brought face to face with a stark physical reality: We have exactly one world, with a delicate balance of life-support systems.

So at the Center we've been working more and more intently to address major social drivers of environmental problems, because if we don't take on those root causes, we won't have a serious shot at damming the cascade of species extinctions or averting the worst effects of global warming.

Our Population and Sustainability program was the first major step in this direction, and in 2014 we took our second: forming the Environmental Health program, aimed at reducing toxins in the environment, from pesticides to fracking pollution to coal and lead, that hurt both people and wildlife. Human health is linked to other species as surely as other species' survival, in so many cases, has come to rest in our hands. This brand-new program has already helped bring about a ban on bee-killing pesticides in Portland and launched a lawsuit over a dangerous new insecticide.

I'm excited to continue to build platforms like these for tackling the world's worst conservation crises — and I'm grateful to you for staying with us in this always-astonishing, always-ambitious fight for life.

Kierán Suckling Executive Director



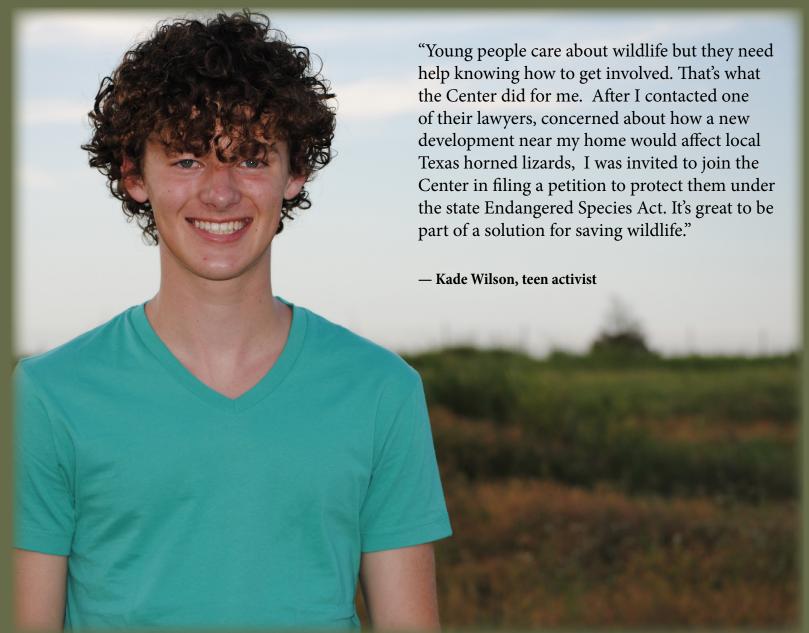




Led the fight to save America's wolves.

As we fought to protect wolves nationwide, the Center played a key role in restoring wolf protections in Wyoming, stopping a planned hunt and uncontrolled killing across 84 percent of the state. We helped achieve state protection for wolves in California and secured a 2015 deadline for the feds to decide whether to protect Alaska's Alexander Archipelago wolves.



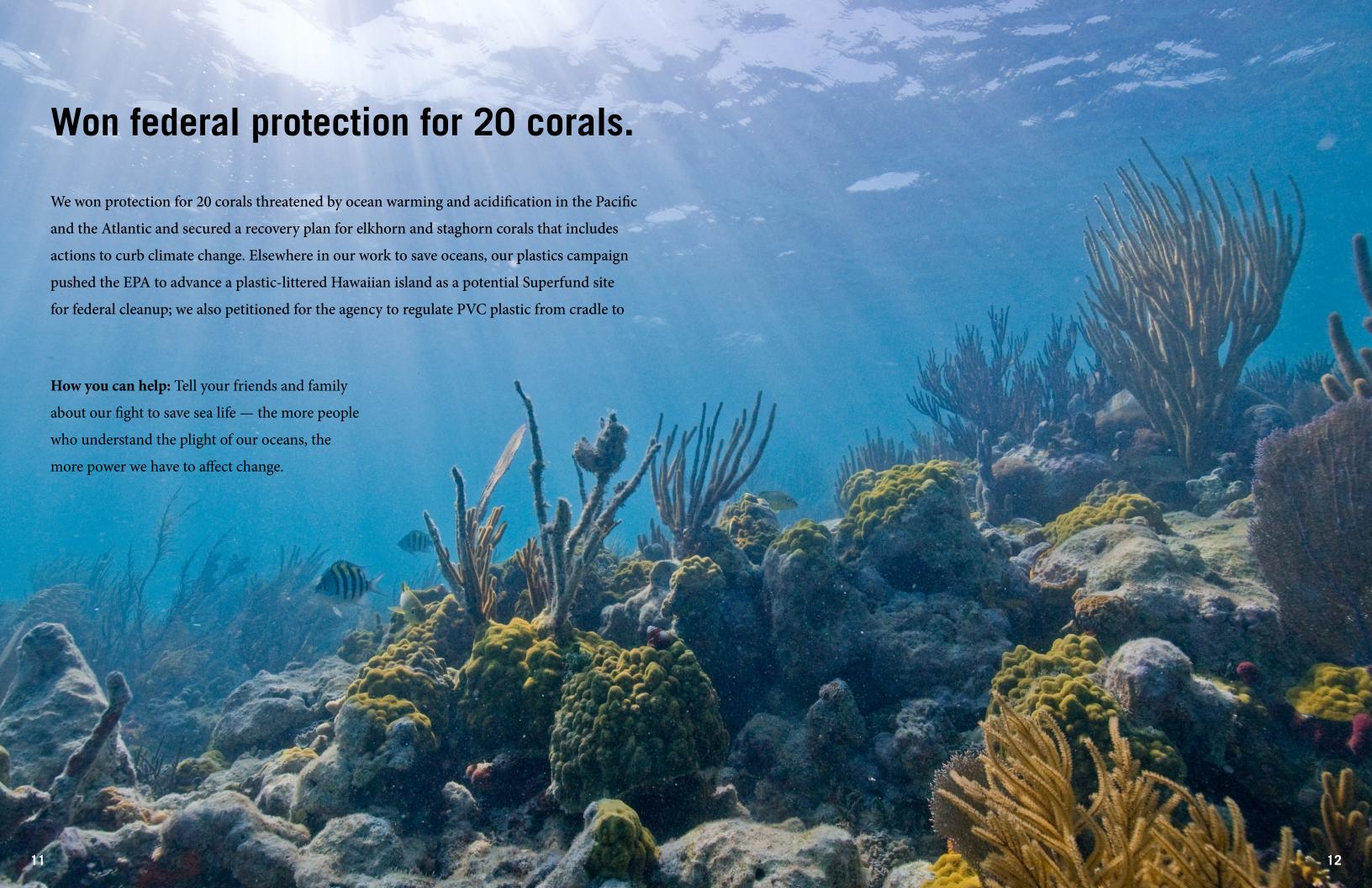


We're helping build the next generation of wildlife activists — #GenerationWild.



BiologicalDiversity.org/generationwild





Kept the fracking frenzy in check.

We had several wins in the fight against fracking, supporting grassroots activists in passing California's first successful local ballot measure banning fracking and other dangerous oil development, with more such measures on the way. We exposed the dangerous practice of offshore fracking along the California coast and filed a legal petition with the EPA to ban the discharge of toxic fracking chemicals into the ocean.

How you can help: The fracking battle continues to heat up. Local, state and national politicians need to hear from you that fracking poses a serious threat to our wildlife and environment.



climate and wildlife. We launched Take Extinction Off Your Plate to address the devastating role that meat production plays in endangering wildlife; mobilized supporters to submit more than 1,500 letters to the editor around the country about the effects of population growth on wildlife; and talked about family planning on dozens of college campuses through our Endangered Species Condom distributions, presentations and conferences.

How you can help: Sign up for our online newsletter, $Pop\ X$, and join the growing ranks of our population and sustainability activists.

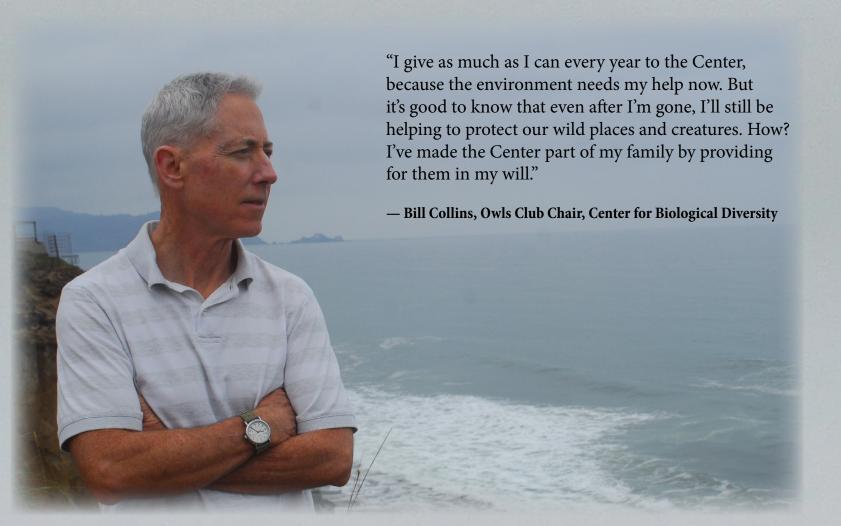
Elevated the plight of the nation's disappearing monarchs.

Our petition to protect these iconic butterflies under the Endangered Species Act sparked a nationwide media frenzy. Center staff talked to thousands of people (and dozens of news outlets) about our culture's love of these backyard beauties; we built a coalition of more than 200 groups and businesses pushing for their protection — and the feds quickly issued a positive preliminary finding.

How you can help: Stay in the fight to keep monarchs around forever by making the Center a beneficiary of your estate.



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Protect Tomorrow's Wildlife and Wild Places Today: Join the Owls Club

wls — ancient symbols of wisdom, helpfulness and protection — have long been among the vast suite of species we are fighting to save.

Joining the Owls Club and making a planned gift to the Center, such as a bequest, a charitable trust, a gift of insurance or a pension, helps ensure the future of one of the most widely recognized and effective species and habitat protection organizations in the world.

By naming the Center in your will, or making the Center a beneficiary to your retirement plan or other estate plan, you can help us continue our superb work fighting for the iconic wildlife, trees and landscapes we love — not just for our lifetimes, but for generations to come. These gifts are designed to help **you and your family** as well as the Center. Please call to get more information.



To request a free information packet, please call Chief Development Officer Paula Simmonds at (646) 770-7206 or email psimmonds@biologicaldiversity.org.

To view our planned giving information online, visit: BiologicalDiversity.org/owlsclub.











Secured new protection for 33 animals and plants.

We won Endangered Species Act protection for eight amphibians and reptiles this year — including Georgetown salamanders and Yosemite toads — along with 25 freshwater species, 12 plants, five mammals, three fishes, three butterflies and two birds. Also, sixteen years after we first petitioned for them, western yellow-billed cuckoos were finally protected under the Act.

How you can help: Renew your membership early and annually to ensure we can continue to fight for lifesaving protection for scores of other wildlife.



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Grants and donations Foundation grants \$ 2,134,073 10,777,598 Membership and donations **Total public support** 12,911,671

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Legal returns	1,260,754
Contracts	100,203
Miscellaneous	15,869
Investment income	17,173
Total revenue	1,393,999
Change In Value - Sale of Contributed Property	-268,918
Total support and revenue	14,036,752

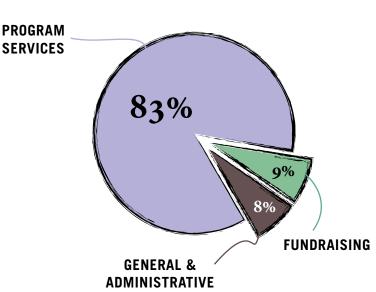
EXPENSES

Program services	
Climate	1,681,431
Endangered species	2,370,966
Oceans	987,461
Population & Sustainability	450,733
Urban wildlands	682,732
Public Lands	1,835,610
Other (International & Litigation)	
International	75,356
Strategic Litigation	397,513
Total program services	8,481,802 (83%)

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General and administrative	828,072 (8%)
Fundraising	932,121 (9%)
Total support services	1,760,193 (17%)
Total expenses	10,241,995
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