



Esri Conservation News



The 2021 Esri User Conference will be virtual again this year. Make sure to register to be able to view Plenary Sessions, working groups, technical sessions, prerecorded user presentations, and so much more! The event will be held July 12–15. Mark your calendar for the Conservation Special Interest Group (SIG) meeting on Thursday, July 15, from 6:45 a.m. to 7:45 a.m. (PDT). [Register today!](#)



Esri Blog | Mapping America's Land and Sea: A Time for 'Precision Conservation'

The new Biden administration report, *Conserving and Restoring America the Beautiful*, is a welcome answer to the call of several emerging global movements to stop the rapid loss of species and improve resiliency to climate change. The proposal aims to preserve 30 percent of US land and oceans by 2030 (30 by 30). Such proposals can be made possible through data collection, management, and analysis supported by GIS.

[Read the blog](#)

Esri Blog | If Our Forests Could Talk: New Maps Spotlight Forestry Concerns in Canada

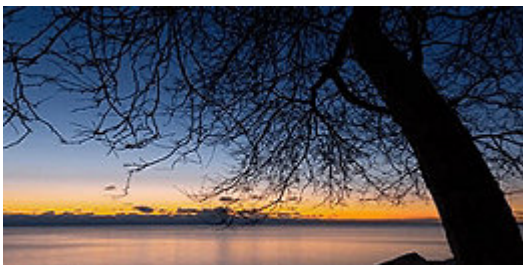
Conservation North knew the impacts on the land and used a map to show the world honestly and transparently. The GIS layers created from multiple sources combined to reveal logging activities in British Columbia. Conservation North's map generates a greater dialogue on biodiversity and draws focus to forest conservation efforts.

[Read more](#)

Global Conservation GIS User Community

Members from the Esri conservation team have created an ArcGIS Experience Builder site dedicated to a global conservation community. This site serves two roles: The first is to offer a wider web presence of the Esri Conservation Program and feature the current work of its many partners and grantees in the conservation GIS community. The second is to offer tutorial support for how to build a GIS community website using the new ArcGIS Experience Builder.

[View Experience Builder](#)



Podcast | Supporting Water Justice for Indigenous People

Dr. Kelsey Leonard, assistant professor at the University of Waterloo and citizen of the Shinnecock Indian Nation, explains how the combination of technology and tradition helps safeguard water rights for indigenous communities. Esri's David Gadsden investigates the role that location intelligence plays in identifying injustice and fostering sustainable ocean governance.

[Listen to the episode](#)



Born Free Uses Smart Maps to Save Lions, Solve Human-Wildlife Conflict

Location intelligence helps the Born Free Foundation see the sum of the organization's activities, plan actions, and record positive conservation results. Born Free uses mapping to understand where communities and lions are in conflict, and location-aware apps keep conservationists aware of current activities that directly or indirectly impact wildlife.

[Read the blog](#)

Emerging Conservation Professionals



This quarter we would like to recognize the important work of Paul Mjema, GIS manager at the Jane Goodall Institute. Mjema is responsible for overseeing all GIS tasks on the ground and in the office to help manage threats, forest change, and chimpanzee observations within a project area. Mjema is currently working on a five-year conservation project, Landscape Conservation in Western Tanzania (LCWT), by combining GIS tools and technologies such as ArcGIS

Online, ArcGIS Survey123, and satellite images.

Meet Mjema →

Upcoming Events and Webinars:

- [Esri User Conference](#) | July 12–15, 2021
- Save the date: Esri Conservation Summit—Africa Webinar | September 28, 12:00 p.m. (EAT)

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In Case You Missed It (ICYMI)

- [Industry Blog | Our Wonderful World: Earth Day 2021](#)
 - Read reflections from the Esri conservation team as we celebrated Earth Day 2021. As a global pandemic raged, our human footprint briefly retracted for the first time in modern history, and for an instant, the natural world around us was permitted to catch its breath.
- [ArcGIS StoryMaps Collection | 2021 Earth Day StoryMap Showcase](#)
 - In celebration of Earth Day 2021 on Thursday, April 22, the Esri conservation team compiled some of our favorite interactive maps that focused on understanding our Earth and all of its inhabitants. We hope you find these as inspiring as we do!
- [Esri Blog | Maps Cut through the Fog in Peru to Help Preserve Unique Ecosystems](#)
 - Often going unseen by the millions living below in bustling Lima, the ecosystem that's unique to Peru and Chile's coast has faced threats from land traffickers, feeding a demand for housing in the hills and mining for the materials to build them. Conservationists use GIS to show why the unique lomas ecosystems are worth protecting.



The Nature Conservancy—Earth Day Virtual Summit

For Earth Day on April 22 of this year, The Nature Conservancy hosted a virtual summit with conservation leaders, scientists, policy makers, and advocates to help show the way forward. The full summit recording is now available. Make sure to listen to Esri's David Gadsden's [closing remarks](#).

[Watch recording](#)

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