



Ethical
Conservation
Alliance

Ethical Conservation Alliance launched on 6th November, 2023

The Ethical Conservation Alliance was launched in London on 6th November, 2023, at the People for Planet Summit.

“Across the world, conservation efforts have historically been founded on injustices to local and indigenous communities, and they continue to be so even today...Through trainings, awareness, policy interventions and international cooperation, we aim to transform the way biodiversity conservation is practiced across the earth’s lands and oceans by making it more ethical.”

See Dr. Charu Mishra’s full speech at the launch [here](#).

Steering Committee constituted

Our alliance currently has 42 members from 29 countries, representing 33 organizations. Our current Steering Committee members are: Dr. Alifereti Tawake (Fiji), Dr. Hotlin Ompusunggu (Indonesia), Mr. Manfred Epanda (Cameroon), Dr. Rachel Graham (Belize, Panama), Dr. Rodrigo Medellin (Mexico), Dr. Shivani Bhalla (Kenya), and Ms Vatosoa Rakotondrazafy (Madagascar), supported by Ms. Bayarjargal Agvaantseren (Mongolia; ECA Coordinator) and Dr. Charudutt Mishra (India).

Session conducted for sensitizing Governments

A dedicated session on ethical conservation was held for government representatives of Asia’s snow leopard range countries in Samarkand, Uzbekistan, on February 11, 2024. At the 8th Steering Committee Meeting of the intergovernmental alliance of Environment Ministers, called the Global Snow Leopard and Ecosystem Protection Program, participating ministers and senior civil servants were informed about the Ethical Conservation Alliance, and the alignment of our mission with globally ratified conventions such as Convention on Biological Diversity, the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, and the Convention on Migratory Species. Principles and best practices in ethical conservation were shared, and the officials were informed about how the Ethical Conservation Alliance can serve as an impactful resource for all governments. The Samarkand Resolution, which is currently in the process of endorsement by the 12 snow leopard range countries, explicitly states the desire of the respective governments to explore synergies with the initiatives and the goals of the Ethical Conservation Alliance. We expect such interactions with Governments to set the stage for policy interventions and new laws in support of ethical conservation.