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INTERNATIONAL CRANE FOUNDATION





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## A LETTER FROM OUR CEO AND BOARD DIRECTOR

**T**his past year, the global pandemic profoundly impacted all of us worldwide and here at home. Yet, we are struck by all of the great things we achieved together. Our teams quickly adapted to the situation and pivoted to create new opportunities when faced with circumstances beyond our control. We feel privileged to share with you many uplifting ways we stayed safe and “on mission” and made a real difference for cranes and the people and places that sustain them.

### Strengthening Protected Areas for Cranes—and so Much More

Many countries are struggling to support their national parks during the pandemic, especially with crashing tourism revenue and escalating health care costs. In Zambia, we negotiated a long-term agreement with the government and other partners to help manage two national parks and a vast game management area on the wildlife-rich Kafue Flats. We deepened our support for law enforcement, community livelihoods, floodplain restoration, and research and monitoring so people and parks can thrive together.

In Mongolia, we committed to the new Khurkh-Khuiten River Valleys National Nature Reserve—the most important breeding ground for White-naped Cranes. We are working in partnership with the Mongolian Wildlife Science and Conservation Center to find a balance between traditional livestock herders and this fragile landscape.

In China, we are using the relationship between cranes, water conditions, and food availability to demonstrate best management practices for nature reserves that secure more than 70 million acres of habitat for cranes and many other wetland-dependent species.

### Helping Farmers and Ranchers Conserve Cranes on Private Lands

So often, the future for cranes depends on private lands outside protected areas. In Texas, we increased our team working with ranchers to promote land and water conservation on private lands outside of Aransas National Wildlife Refuge to ensure that the Whooping Crane population can continue to grow and spread along the coast.

In Rwanda, we helped more than 3,000 households grow Napier Grass to reduce livestock pressure and human disturbance in Rugezi Marsh and stabilize erosive soils on their upland farm plots—and recorded a record number of Grey Crowned Cranes on the marsh in 2020.

### Fighting and Adapting to Climate Change

One of the keys to fighting climate change is naturally storing carbon in our wetlands and grasslands and preventing its release to the atmosphere when these natural lands are lost or degraded. Long-term Biodiversity Stewardship Agreements linked to the carbon market (in which farmers receive financial support for storing carbon in the soil and vegetation through better land use practices) have allowed us to secure a vast landscape of wetlands

and grasslands in the stunning Drakensburg region of South Africa, benefitting farmers and cranes. We will take lessons from this project to secure other large floodplains and grasslands where we work.

In Kenya, we are setting up demonstration sites and training extension workers to reach more than 1,000 farmers with climate-smart agricultural practices that promote more drought-resistant crops and improve moisture retention on farms where cranes breed.

### Caring for Communities Who Care for Cranes

We know that lasting conservation solutions must benefit the people who share their lands with cranes. Using their existing Crane Custodian network, our teams in Uganda and South Africa provided food relief parcels for thousands of people facing hunger. We helped farmers feed their livestock and produce more milk, honey, raise poultry, and other alternative livelihoods that reduce pressure on wetlands where cranes breed. We employed 150 households around the Kafue Flats in Zambia to cut invasive shrubs, one of the few opportunities for income in this cash-strapped economy—while restoring hundreds of acres of degraded wetland.

### Here At Home

Our captive crane population remained safe and healthy thanks to a dedicated team of essential caretakers, veterinary staff, and interns on our campus. We adapted our field teams to COVID-19 restrictions, and we continued important monitoring and outreach of reintroduced Whooping Cranes, including the banding of four wild-hatched chicks we monitored on migration. We completed our site renovations and stunning new exhibits in our visitor experience, poised for a new season in 2021.

The crane’s ancient call is one of resiliency and survival, and it guided us during this unprecedented challenge. We will carry many of the lessons of the past year with us long into the future as we grow and expand our programs and impact. Thank you so much for your continued support and partnership through the pandemic, as we seek a healthier planet for cranes, ourselves, and all life on earth.

### With gratitude,

Richard Beilfuss  
President & CEO

Eleanor Hoagland  
Chairman of the  
Board of Directors



South African grassland habitat  
Cover photo of Blue Cranes by Ciming Mei



# Impact by the Numbers!

By working strategically with partners around the world, we are increasing our impact for cranes and their landscapes in the places where our efforts are needed most. On the following pages are **impact highlights** from April 2020 to March 2021.

Our work is **focused** on **7** key strategies

RESOLVING  
THREATS TO  
CRANES

ENSURING  
HEALTHY  
LANDSCAPES

BRINGING  
PEOPLE  
TOGETHER

IMPROVING  
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EMPOWERING  
FUTURE LEADERS

ACTION BASED  
ON SCIENCE

RESTORING  
CRANES TO  
THE WILD



Photo by Ted Thousand





## RESOLVING THREATS TO CRANES



Removed **1,203** abandoned crab traps from **4** Texas coastal bay systems assuring food sources are available for Whooping Cranes and other wildlife. **148** participants freed **567** live crabs at this **5<sup>th</sup>** annual event.

Provided mitigation guidelines for **3** power lines where cranes and other birds are at risk of collision based on **600** miles of walking surveys in Blue Crane areas of South Africa.



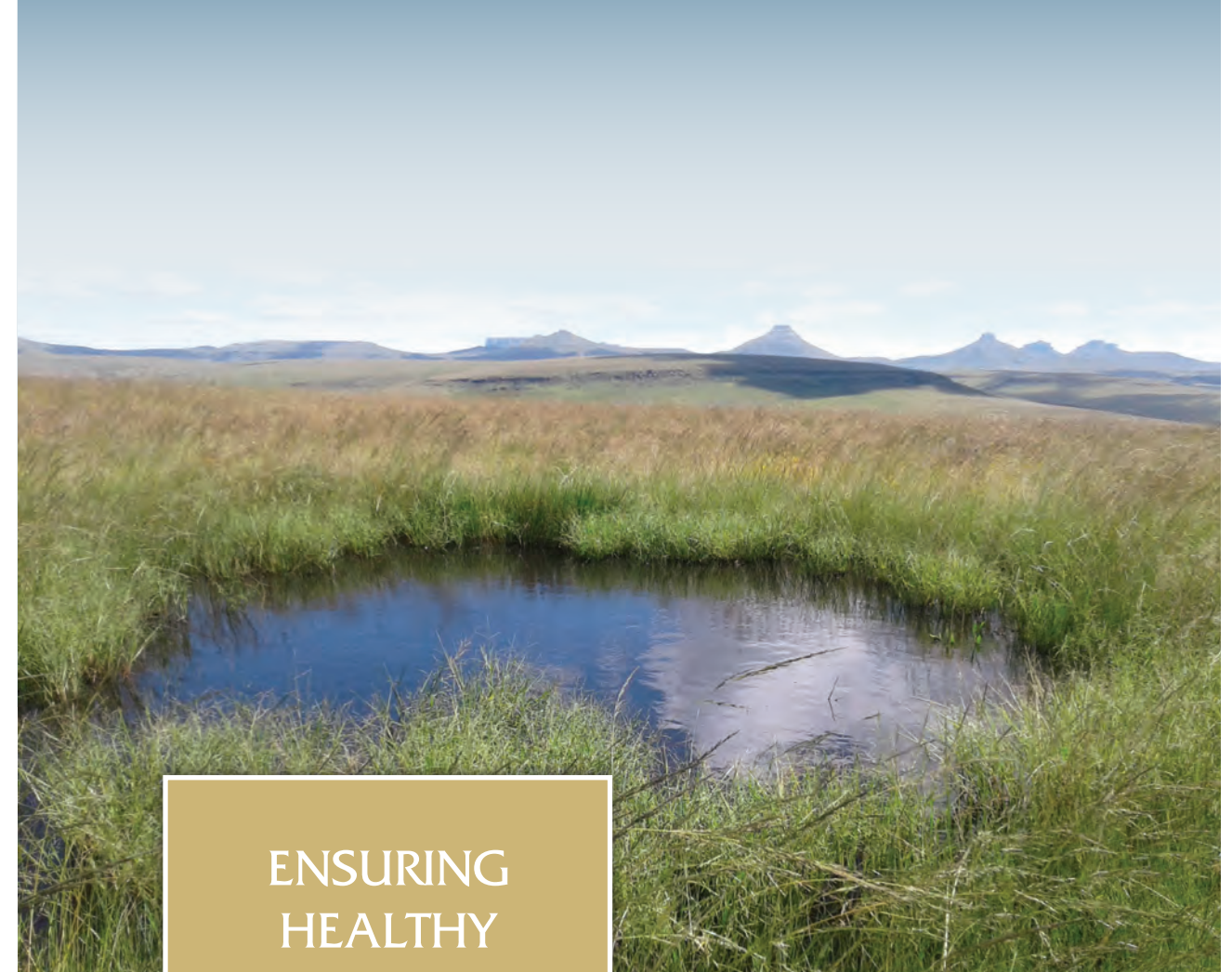
Recruited and trained **50** Crane Custodians in Uganda and **31** Crane Custodians in Kenya to secure wetlands on private lands.



Rehabilitated **3** Grey Crowned Cranes with lead poisoning in Drakensberg, South Africa, and collected lead samples in the local environment to understand the problem and implement solutions.

Engaged **14** new landowners in Biodiversity Stewardship agreements securing highveld grassland in South Africa, which forms habitat for all three South African crane species.

Secured **182,280** acres of pristine wetland and grassland that provides critical habitat for cranes in the Highland Region of South Africa with new Protected Environment legal status under South African law.



## ENSURING HEALTHY LANDSCAPES

Expanded the Aransas Whooping Crane program area sevenfold to **15,400** square miles along the Texas coast in order to identify future habitat requirements for **1,000** Whooping Cranes as they recover.

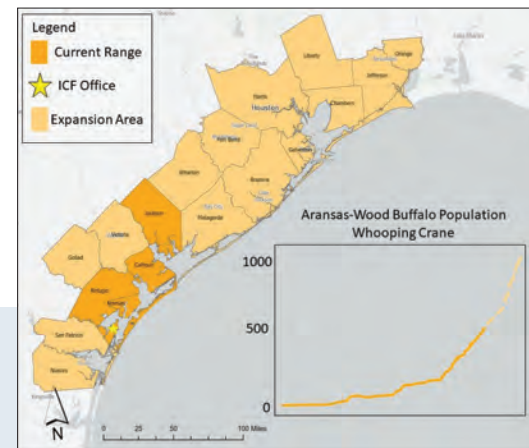
Launched our **1<sup>st</sup>** carbon trading pilot project in South Africa—enabling financial gain for landowners who are paid through the carbon-offset market to protect biodiversity and key landscapes for cranes for at least the next **7** years.

Engaged **14** private land managers who oversee **177** square miles of existing and future Whooping Crane habitat along the Texas coast with options for conservation and restoration that will benefit cranes and other wildlife.





Created a comprehensive geodatabase to map and prioritize suitable private lands along the Texas coast that can be protected and restored, identifying **530,000** acres of land currently under protection, **97,000** of which are considered suitable for Whooping Cranes.



Conserved **6,735** hectares of the Rugezi Marsh in Rwanda by engaging **4** communities and **200** households in long-term Conservation Agreements to assure better land-use practices in the wetland.

Improved soil management in **2** vital crane areas of the Drakensberg region of South Africa through permaculture workshops that teach communities how to care for the soil in crane sensitive areas that face water scarcity.



Planted approximately **18,000,000** prairie seeds collected at our headquarters surrounding the new *Cranes of the World* exhibits.

Employed **18** community scouts receiving monthly wages and logistical support to enhance crane and wildlife protection in the Kafue Flats of Zambia.

Planted **60,000** tree seedlings to restore the buffer zone of a wetland critical to cranes and other wildlife in Kenya.

Implemented habitat management measures for **1,700** acres at Changhu Chi in Poyang Lake, which provides suitable habitat for cranes.

Reduced soil erosion and provided livestock fodder in communities near crane habitat by planting **21** hectares of hillslope with Napier Grass in Rwanda and **3** acres in southwestern Uganda.



Restored **5,696** acres of critical crane and lechwe habitat through removal of invasive *Mimosa pigra* using physical, chemical, and biological methods in Kafue Flats, Zambia.

Established Wuxing Lotus Farm Protected Area to conserve nearly **50** acres of habitat for Siberian Cranes as an alternate natural food source near Poyang Lake.



Signed a cooperative agreement with the Jiangxi Wildlife Conservation Bureau to jointly protect **165** acres of rice paddy as a refuge for cranes in Kangshan Township, Yugan County, Jiangxi Province, China.

Restored **17,280** acres of wetland at Xianghai NNR in the proposed demonstration site of the crane core zone. Approximately **2,113,376** gallons of water from Chaersen Reservoir were supplied to Xianghai wetland in April and May 2020.



Protected **3,684** square miles of habitat for Siberian Cranes in northeast China, where there are **7** national nature reserves, **8** provincial nature reserves, and **1** national wetland park established for Siberian Cranes and their habitats.

Achieved upgrading the Kytalyk breeding area for Siberian Cranes in Russia from provincial protection to National Park designation, protecting over **70%** of the world's breeding Siberian Cranes.

Implemented Best Management Practices with local managers to improve Siberian Crane habitat management at **4** staging-stopover sites in northeast China and **2** sub lakes at Poyang Lake.

Studied crane and waterbird poisoning by agricultural pesticides at **3** protected areas in the Mekong River Delta in collaboration with the University of Science at Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam.



## BRINGING PEOPLE TOGETHER



Conducted virtual educational programs teaching students about the plight of Whooping Cranes in the Eastern Migratory Population in **27** educational institutions reaching over **1,100** students.

Partnered with Sansom Mlup Prey, a local NGO in Cambodia, to help **40** farmers in Kulen Promtep Wildlife Sanctuary adopt organic rice farming and assist them in joining a wildlife-friendly rice production program.

Convened **10** stakeholders in agriculture and climate change to discuss and promote Climate-Smart Agriculture in key wetland catchments in Kenya.

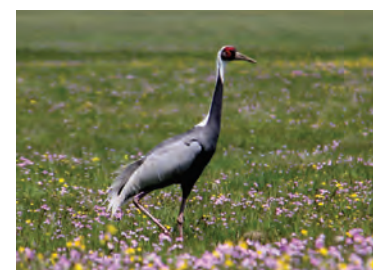


Coordinated a peer learning exchange in Rwanda that brought together **100** community members to discuss sustainable Napier Grass cultivation to feed livestock near wetlands and wildlife habitat.

Conducted **4** awareness campaigns about the wise use of wetlands targeting **120** local council leaders in southwestern and southcentral Uganda

Participated in **3** radio and TV talk shows, raising awareness about our work with crane conservation that reached **4.3** million people in western Kenya.

Facilitated gathering of **31** experts from **19** organizations across **9** countries for an ICF-facilitated multi-sectoral collaborative Population, Health, and Environment learning initiative.



Raised awareness about cranes in Mongolia by teaching **8** curriculums on cranes, wetlands, and local Mongolian culture to over **100** students with the collaboration of **10** local teachers and **2** staff members from the Keerqin National Nature Reserve in Mongolia.

Created awareness of crane conservation through posters, public education activities, and social media that reached **5,000** members of the public in China. Reached **4,500** local residents, students, and teachers with crane calendars, posters, and class schedules in staging and stopover communities.

Built a social media presence for our crane programs in China to nearly **140,000** followers and published **760** messages teaching about cranes, habitat conservation, and programs. The 2021 New Year campaign blog was viewed over **470,000** times, and our TikTok account is reaching **500** followers.



Initiated a new Middle East Crane Study Group that brought together **100** researchers representing previously unrepresented countries, including Bulgaria and Iran.

Brought government agencies and farmers together to protect **146** square miles of crane habitat in agricultural areas, including lotus ponds and rice fields in the wintering area at Poyang Lake, China.

Planned in collaboration with partner organizations the *2020 China Crane and Crane Habitat Conservation Workshop* bringing together **500** participants from **89** organizations who carried out a synchronized survey covering **129** crane wintering areas in **22** provinces.

Organized a scientific conference, *The Impacts of Climate Change on Mongolian Ecosystems and Biodiversity, and Their Current Status*, with **160** registered participants representing **60** organizations.

Established a Sarus Crane Conservation Group of **120** active researchers, educators, conservationists, and government officials from all countries of the species range to share research and conservation strategies.



IMPROVING  
LOCAL  
LIVELIHOODS



Supplied **524** households in Rwanda with Napier Grass seedlings to grow fodder for livestock and boost milk production and reduce wetland disturbance.



Provided instruction to **66** people from **3** community groups on modern beekeeping and supplied **30** beehives and **3** sets of honey harvesting equipment—earning income from the sale of **85** kilograms of honey as a livelihood alternative that protects wetlands and benefits the community members.

Supported **30** community members in Kenya trained in tea and tree nursery management and supplied with **60,000** seedlings as stock as a sustainable livelihood—earning income from the sale of **80,000** seedlings.



Supported **34** Crane Custodians in Uganda, **238** households in Kenya, **284** households in Rwanda, and **382** families in South Africa by providing vital food relief items during COVID-19 lockdown to the communities who partner with us to secure cranes and wetlands.

Improved rural employment, household income, and conservation impact around the Kafue Flats in Zambia by hiring **150** seasonal conservation staff to control invasive species and other wetland management needs.

Installed **9** miles of electric fencing in Bhutan to prevent wild deer and boars from damaging rice in fields where Black-necked Cranes forage on waste grains in the winter.



Engaged **12** herders and farmers in the benefits of birding tourism as sustainable income through the Mongolian Birding Trails Project.





## EMPOWERING FUTURE LEADERS

Trained **160** wetland managers and educators in **5** Mekong countries (Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Thailand, Vietnam) under the Mekong WET training program.

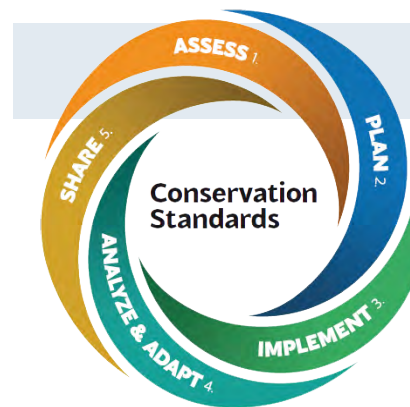


Conducted educational programs with **400** school children teaching about wetlands and crane conservation messages at Lochinvar National Park, Zambia.

Mentored **5** Wisconsin zoological medicine residents and internship trainees totaling **536** hours of teaching and guidance through our Conservation Medicine program.

Led **3** online crane health rotations at our headquarters for Wisconsin veterinary students totaling **120** hours of mentorship.

Taught health management for Whooping Crane Recovery to **60** Wisconsin college students for the **20<sup>th</sup>** straight year.



Trained **23** program staff in the Conservation Standards and Miradi adaptive management software.

Launched an environmental education curriculum and winter camps in China to shape future leaders that included **200** students, **5** teachers, and **30** college student volunteers at Poyang Lake National Nature Reserve and Nanji Wetland National Nature Reserve.

Offered hands-on training through crane, wetlands, insect, and plant research and monitoring activities in Mongolia to **12** undergraduate and graduate students through **4** universities.

Facilitated **18** students to train in crane and waterbird research techniques and volunteer at the Khurkh Bird Ringing Station in Mongolia.



Organized an art contest for students with over **300** entries and a total of **9,400** public votes to encourage people to learn about cranes and wetland conservation in China.

Trained and employed a cohort of **18** interns through our headquarters, giving them hands-on education in the aviculture, education, and field research programs.





## ACTION BASED ON SCIENCE

Reviewed **13,396** camera images of the Whooping Cranes' use of restored freshwater wetlands in Texas to develop a guidance document identifying management activities that benefit Whooping Cranes.



Analyzed **249** videos totaling **79** hours of footage of Whooping Cranes on their wintering grounds in Texas to compare their wintering behavior with that of the Eastern Migratory Population of Whooping Cranes wintering in the southeastern U.S.



Deployed **5** GPS transmitters and collected **24,821** data points on breeding adult Whooping Cranes to understand movements and habitat use in the Eastern Migratory Population.

Banded **18** Grey Crowned Crane chicks in Kenya to monitor their movements and threats across the landscape.

Fitted **7** satellite trackers to Blue Cranes in the Western Cape of South Africa to acquire data that will be used to develop a power line collision risk model.

Monitored **50** Blue Crane nest sites in the Western Cape and **36** Wattled Crane nests in the Midlands to better assess nesting success and threats in South Africa.



Analyzed Blue Crane counts from over **9,000** road surveys to look at population trends in the Western Cape and Karoo regions of South Africa since 1993.



Conducted **6** synchronized counts for migratory cranes and waterbirds in China, covering **24** wetlands from Hulunbuir to the middle and lower reaches of the Yangtze River with **110** reserve staff and volunteers participating.

Conducted Poyang Lake basin-wide waterbird survey with local partners, recording **4,221** Siberian Cranes, **675** White-naped Cranes, **257** Hooded Cranes, and **20,282** Eurasian Cranes in rice and lotus fields.



Assessed the impact of catastrophic 2020 flooding on the crane's food, alternative agricultural habitat utilization, and White-naped Crane wintering ecology in cooperation with **3** researchers from **2** universities in the Poyang Lake region of China.

Organized a scientific conference, *The Impacts of Climate Change on Mongolian Ecosystems and Biodiversity and Their Current Status*, with **160** registrants representing **60** organizations—drawing attention to the critical threat of climate change on cranes and other wildlife in Mongolia and the need for management interventions.

Coordinated **110** researchers from **4** countries through the Mekong University Network to conduct **2** regional research projects in the Mekong River basin, studying the role of natural wetlands in water security for local communities and the impact of invasive alien species on protected wetlands.





## RESTORING CRANES TO THE WILD



Located **26** Whooping Crane nests, deployed **14** nest cameras, and tracked **18** wild-hatched chicks as part of our Whooping Crane monitoring program for the reintroduced Eastern Migratory Population.

Worked with **5** interns, **22** volunteers, and **7** partners to monitor **84** Whooping Cranes with **6,458** observation records for the reintroduced Eastern Migratory Population.

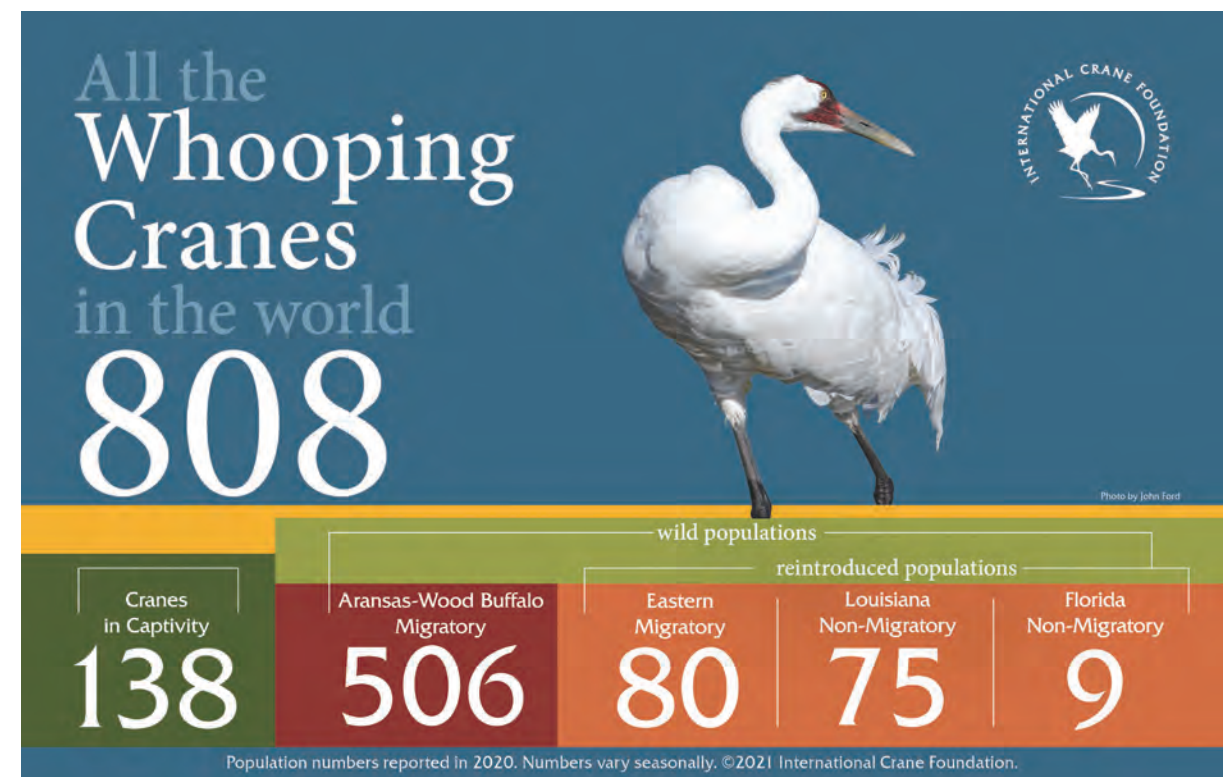
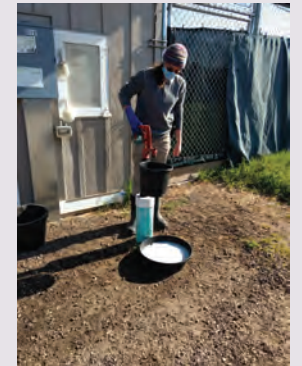
Released **1** Red-crowned Crane chick into the wild at Muraviovka Park, Russia, where it returned in the spring and found a wild companion.

Provided technical assistance to the Sarus Crane Reintroduction Program which released **14** Sarus Cranes to the wild, bringing the reintroduced population to **120** individuals towards a self-sustaining population in Thailand.



Our Crane Conservation Department fed **18,250** pounds of crane chow to our captive flock of **109** cranes. We conducted **103** animal welfare assessments for the captive flock to ensure the health of the birds and their important role in maintaining genetic diversity and potential future releases. We offered over **672** enrichment activities to our flock to keep them engaged. We

transferred **6** cranes within partner AZA-accredited institutions to support the Species Survival Plan recommendations for ensuring genetically healthy captive populations. We cross-trained staff in husbandry for over **80** hours to provide a more comprehensive backup care system for our captive flock and produced **113** eggs from captive cranes through a combination of pair-bonding and artificial insemination actions. We entered **745** medical notes into the Zoological Information Management System database on **110** cranes maintained at our headquarters.





ACCOLADES, MILESTONES,  
AND NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS

Officially registered the International Crane Foundation in Uganda and opened a regional hub office.



International Crane Foundation *Cranes of the World* renovation named **Best Outdoor Landscaping Project** by *In Business* Greater Madison Commercial Design Awards 2021.



Received 1st place award for the 2020 Conservation Measures Partnership case study competition showcasing how we partner with the Endangered Wildlife Trust and apply the Conservation Standards to improve the effectiveness of our 14 joint projects across 7 countries in Africa.



Our colleague in Kenya, Maurice Wanjala, won the **Disney Conservation Hero Award**, recognizing local citizens for their commitment to save wildlife, protect habitats, and inspire their communities to participate in conservation efforts.

Maurice and the Kipsaina Crane and Wetland Conservation Group has established village birding clubs, trained community

members to safeguard breeding cranes, expanded awareness campaigns to 32 schools, and initiated the planting of 1.2 million tree saplings to protect wetland areas from erosion.

Maurice has dedicated his life to working with communities to protect and restore wetland habitats in western Kenya, home to threatened species like the Endangered Grey Crowned Crane.



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## INTERNATIONAL CRANE FOUNDATION STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

Years ended March 31, 2021 and 2020

| ASSETS   | 2021                | 2020                |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|
| <b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>                                    |                     |                     |
| Cash and cash equivalents                                | \$5,583,119         | \$4,564,814         |
| Accounts receivable                                      | \$36,373            | \$36,370            |
| Unconditional promises to give, current portion          | \$519,000           | \$9,392,407         |
| Inventories  | \$85,555            | \$58,488            |
| Prepaid expenses   | \$139,170           | \$96,448            |
| <b>Total Current Assets</b>                              | <b>\$6,363,217</b>  | <b>\$14,148,527</b> |
| <b>PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT, NET</b>                       | <b>\$14,011,439</b> | <b>\$13,742,275</b> |
| <b>OTHER ASSETS</b>                                      |                     |                     |
| Unconditional promises to give, long-term portion        | \$436,597           | \$813,804           |
| Beneficial interest in charitable remainder trusts       | \$1,033,849         | \$780,797           |
| Investments, restricted                                  |                     |                     |
| to endowments  | \$3,929,386         | \$3,928,386         |
| Investments, other                                       | \$34,489,556        | \$18,228,588        |
| Cash and Investments restricted for capital improvements | \$315,723           | \$1,368,036         |
| Construction in Progress                                 | \$0                 | \$0                 |
| Other receivables  | \$0                 | \$3,447             |
| <b>Total Other Assets</b>                                | <b>\$40,205,111</b> | <b>\$25,123,058</b> |
| <b>Total Assets</b>                                      | <b>\$60,579,767</b> | <b>\$53,013,860</b> |

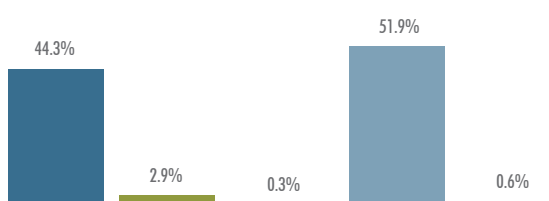
### LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

|   |                     |                     |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|
| <b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>                |                     |                     |
| Loan Payable to related party             | \$0                 | \$1,965,000         |
| Notes Payable                             | \$37,097            |                     |
| Accounts payable and accrued expenses     | \$44,719            | \$584,269           |
| Accrued payroll and related liabilities   | \$371,100           | \$320,367           |
| Deferred revenues and refundable advances | \$116,663           | \$60,227            |
| <b>Total Current Liabilities</b>          | <b>\$569,579</b>    | <b>\$2,929,863</b>  |
| <b>NONCURRENT LIABILITIES</b>             |                     |                     |
| Notes Payable, long term portion          | \$581,183           | \$0                 |
| <b>Total Liabilities</b>                  | <b>\$1,150,762</b>  | <b>\$2,929,863</b>  |
| <b>NET ASSETS</b>                         |                     |                     |
| Without Donor Restrictions                | \$45,451,591        | \$37,912,778        |
| With Donor Restrictions                   | \$13,977,414        | \$12,171,219        |
| <b>Total Net Assets</b>                   | <b>\$59,429,005</b> | <b>\$50,083,997</b> |
| <b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</b>   | <b>\$60,579,767</b> | <b>\$53,013,860</b> |



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|--|-------------|--------|
| ● Africa                                 | \$1,109,154 | 13.99% |
| ● East Asia                              | \$872,765   | 11.01% |
| ● South and Southeast Asia               | \$210,359   | 2.65%  |
| ● North America                          | \$1,242,945 | 15.68% |
| ● ICF Center for Conservation Leadership | \$2,474,959 | 31.22% |
| ● General & Administrative               | \$1,017,143 | 12.83% |
| ● Fundraising                            | \$999,952   | 12.61% |

|                             |                    |                |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| Total Program Services      | \$5,910,182        | 74.56%         |
| Total Supporting Activities | \$2,017,095        | 25.44%         |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>       | <b>\$7,927,277</b> | <b>100.00%</b> |



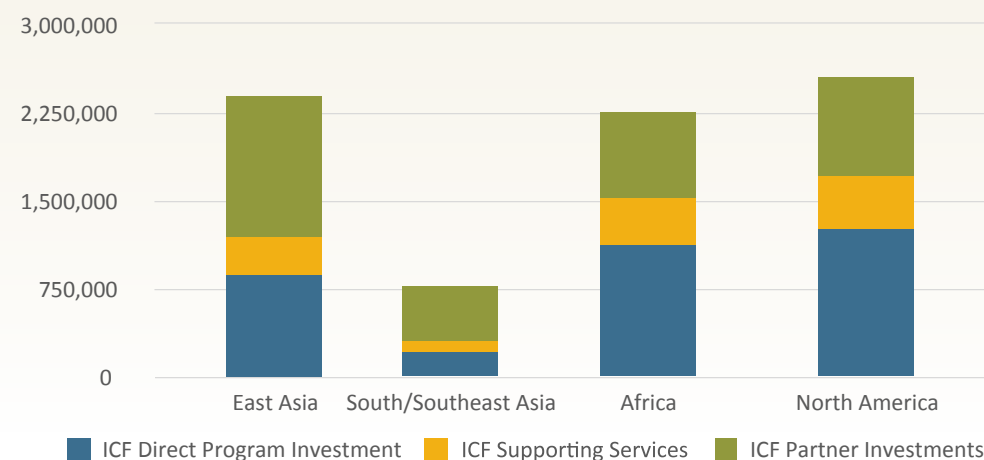
### FISCAL YEAR 2021 REVENUE

|                            |                     |               |
|----------------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| ● Contributions and Grants | \$7,654,438         | 44.3%         |
| ● Memberships              | \$500,123           | 2.9%          |
| ● Sales and Tour Income    | \$57,505            | 0.3%          |
| ● Investment Income (Loss) | \$8,959,589         | 51.9%         |
| ● Other                    | \$100,630           | 0.6%          |
| <b>Total Revenue</b>       | <b>\$17,272,285</b> | <b>100.0%</b> |

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#### How We Measure Our Partner Contributions

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