

2ND NEWSLETTER



A call for informants - Do you have any contacts at conservation NGOs or foundations?

We are currently researching for a series of publications about conservation finance, tracking the flow of finances from international foundations, governments and corporations to big and small NGOs.

Transparent information is difficult to obtain as NGOs' publicly available forms have very little information. We are looking for people with investigative experience or anyone who may have access to inside financial reports that include full list of financing sources (preferably for the year 2016), including the amount of each and/or a list of grantees that received financing from that organization the same year.

You can write to us at reclaimconservation@gmail.com, confidentiality is guaranteed!

We are looking for translators.

We would like Reclaim Conservation to be as accessible as possible for people all over the world, so we would like to translate our one-page introductory document into many different languages.

We are especially looking for languages which are common or native to high biodiversity areas in Africa, Asia, and South America. We have already received text translations for six languages (thank you so much translators!), but with more than 7000 living languages in the world, let's see how many more we can get!

[Here are the links to translations we have online.](#)

If you or someone you know would be willing to help with a translation, please get in touch.

Flor: The Widow of a Murdered Peruvian Environmental Defender Needs Your Help!

Last month we mentioned our plan to recruit financial help for the families and group members of local environmental defenders who have been murdered for their activities. This is our first campaign, which demonstrates the grave need for help of families in such situations.

José Napoleón Tarillo (known as Napo) was an environmentalist villager who was brutally murdered on the last day of 2017 for defending the Private Conservation Area, Chaparrí - one of the icons of communal conservation in Peru.

Napo and his wife were kidnapped, tied up and tortured for several hours, before Napo was horrifically killed in front of his distraught wife, who could not do anything to defend him. This communal group defending Chaparrí have been reporting and warning for years about the invasion of the Private Conservation Area by a group of land traffickers that have ties to the government and extraction companies who are trying to take over the area. These traffickers are responsible for the massive destruction of reserve forests, as well as the physical aggressions and death threats against their defenders. Their reports did not receive any answer from authorities and the situation has persisted, leading to this tragic end.

Napo's family is humble, and his wife Flor has lost all her economical resources as well as her land and home. She is in dire need of financial assistance, so she can pay the high lawyer fees in order to claim justice for the murder of her husband. Her safety is now also threatened as she was the only witness to the dreadful event, and she is hiding in a faraway part of the country where she is unable to find work. Donations will help to fund her protection.

We have promised to collect a total sum of \$4000 (USD) which will go directly to the association of Chaparrí defenders and to her. For this we have created a [PayPal account](#), and a [YouCaring page](#). We are also working on a series of videos featuring Flor and the local conservationists which we are hoping will help with the fundraising as well as increasing public awareness about the grave danger in which they live. [Here is the first video of Flor telling about the murder of Napo.](#)

Please help us make this campaign as rapid as successful as possible by sharing, suggesting ideas, or donating.

Featured project.

The EAGLE Network is one of the most sincere and efficient conservation organizations we know. They fight wildlife crime in 11 African countries and have managed to incarcerate more than 2,000 wildlife traffickers to date, ensuring justice is done and wildlife is protected. They are one of the strongest anti-corruption voices in conservation. Their strong ethics are reflected in their operations, and their reporting is an example of true transparency, unseen in most NGOs. They have strong requirements that their donors must comply with, to avoid greenwashing and other problematic relations common between donors and grantees.

The EAGLE Network and activists are a great source of inspiration for us at Reclaim Conservation and we are hoping to always work alongside them to change conservation realities. [Check out their work here.](#)

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Interviews with inspirational conservationists

We have now opened a YouTube channel which will feature videos describing the work of local conservationists and activists from all over the world. Please stay tune to find our new videos. If you are interested in helping us produce more videos and podcasts, please get in touch.

[Click to visit our YouTube Channel.](#)

Our finance for the month- exercising transparency

We are great promoters of transparency in conservation financing and therefore will be exposing our finances each month. Currently Reclaim Conservation does not have any money or assets and all activists are on a 100% voluntarily basis, donating their own time and resources to the success of our activities. All donations to the “Flor: The Widow of a Murdered Peruvian Environmental Defender Needs Your Help!” are channelled directly to the local group of conservationists. We have already raised \$1023 USD for this cause.

Our next Zoom meeting

Reclaim Conservation’s monthly Zoom meetings are a space where we can all meet, socialize, learn more about each other’s work and most important decide on ways to cooperate and support one another’s work. Our next meeting will be on the **1st of March 2018, 7pm UK time**. This month’s meeting will be focused on the question of how to recognize good conservation projects and in what ways we can help them.

To join the meeting you need to:

1. Open a free account and download zoom at: <https://zoom.us/>
2. Go to this link at the time of the meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/4862086984>

Everyone is invited!

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