

WWF-CANADA ANNUAL REPORT

We are all wildlife





ow do we help nature, wildlife and people thrive together in an enduring way? That's the challenge the staff and board of WWF-Canada are tackling as we implement our bold five-year plan.

The answer? Identify current, emerging and looming threats in Canada, and drive the relevant professional, political and community forces to implement evidence-based solutions — then expand them.

Our work benefits the amazing living things in Canada, including polar bears, salmon, caribou, whales, cod, tiny freshwater species, and the people who depend on them.

It enhances iconic places across the country, including Arctic areas where wildlife and people converge; the Bay of Fundy, with the highest tides in the world; the least-touched wilds of the West Coast; the Grand Banks off Newfoundland; and the lakes, rivers and tributaries that are the lifeblood of the country.

Thank you for your support. Your commitment will help us build on our successes this past year and achieve even greater conservation impact. Because we are all wildlife.

WWF-Canada works toward:

- All freshwater ecosystems and the wildlife that depend on them in good condition.
- Healthy marine ecosystems on all three coasts.
- A vibrant and ecologically sound future for the Arctic.
- Resilient communities across the country that enhance nature.

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David Miller, President and CEO, WWF-Canada

Your support adds up

105,375 sq. km

Arctic area, twice the size of Nova Scotia, set for protection after WWF-Canada sued Shell Canada and the company gave up exploration permits near Lancaster Sound.



75

Percentage of Canada's watersheds WWF-Canada has assessed to date for health and threats.



\$1.2 million

Amount raised by almost 7,000 people at WWF-Canada's 2016 CN Tower Climb for Nature. 448,297 Number of Canadians who took action for nature across 70 projects.



175,932 kg

Amount of waste removed from shorelines by 59,136 volunteers.



Our donors and supporters

WWF-Canada's work is made possible through the generous contributions of individual donors, corporate partners, foundations and organizations. We are deeply grateful for your trust, commitment and recognize your role in our achievements this past year. Thank you for your gift to nature and for believing in our mission to build a future in which people and nature thrive.

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Our conservation achievements

Thank you for helping drive conservation success across the country.



Troubling trends revealed in national watershed assessments

While Canada is a nation of thousands of rivers and lakes, we know very little about the health

of our waters and the threats they face. Without knowledge, protecting this important natural resource is proving to be impossible.

In 2013, WWF-Canada developed a framework to assess 25 major watersheds. With 75 per cent of watersheds assessed as of 2016, a troubling national trend is emerging: We do not have enough information to make sound decisions to protect our water.

That is why we are making this comprehensive analysis accessible and available to everyone — watershed advocates, scientists, governments and everyday citizens. But we're not counting on the data to speak for itself. We are feeding it into a national collaboration of water-stewardship groups who are advocating for better water policies and healthy waters for all.

The assessments relied on support from HSBC-Canada; Canada Steamship Lines; Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation; Walter and Duncan Gordon Foundation; John and Pat McCutcheon Charitable Foundation; Norman and Margaret Jewison Charitable Foundation; Geoffrey H. Wood Foundation; Takla Foundation; and AGF Management Ltd. Through their funding, WWF-Canada will be able to complete the full assessment in 2017.



Vancouver office

Canadians help tiger populations grow for first time in history

In 2010, the global wild tiger population hit an all-time low. The population had plummeted by 97 per cent, from 100,000 wild tigers 100 years ago to only 3,200 in 2010. Alarmed by the drastic decline, WWF and the governments in the 13 countries with tiger populations committed to a goal – known as Tx2 – to double the wild tiger population by 2022.

WWF-Canada is working in Nepal toward this goal. In April 2016, it was announced that for the first time in a century, the global wild tiger population has increased. The worldwide wild tiger population has reached almost 3,900. In Nepal, the population has risen from 121 to 198 wild tigers – an increase of more than 60 per cent.

Thanks to the **3,515 supporters who donated** to the tiger campaign this past spring, and to **Patricia and Alan Koval**, dedicated conservation supporters who generously matched the first \$75,000 raised, we can continue working toward the Tx2 goal.

Inuvik office



More than 400,000 people deepen connection to nature

If current trends continue, only onethird of the world's species populations on Earth in 1970 will remain by 2020. That's two-thirds of life on this planet, gone in 50 years. To ensure nature thrives, Canadians need a deeper understanding of how our actions affect the wildlife and wild places we value, and make caring for nature a part of our daily lives.

That's why WWF-Canada is working to engage 3.5 million Canadians - one in 10 people in the country – in ways that deepen their connection to the natural world. Since 2015, nearly 450,000 people have joined Count For Nature, WWF-Canada's natureconnected movement, to take meaningful action for our environment with support from Loblaw **Companies Ltd., TELUS, RSA** Canada, HP Canada, OLG, Impact Hub Ottawa and Vancouver Aquarium. By exploring their wild side, Canadians are proving they Count for Nature.



Breakthrough for Arctic wildlife after more than 40 years

Since 1971, Shell Canada Ltd. held 30 oil and gas exploration permits near the Arctic's Lancaster Sound, threatening the home of almost one-fifth of Canada's beluga whales, three-quarters of the global narwhal population, millions of seabirds and one of the highest densities of polar bears in the country.

The permits also impeded more than four decades of work to designate Lancaster Sound a National Marine Conservation Area along boundaries supported by local organizations such as the **Qikiqtani Inuit Association**.

This past April, with help from the **Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation** and more than **5,000 individuals** who donated and backed the push to protect Lancaster Sound, WWF-Canada collaborated with the legal experts at **Ecojustice** in a lawsuit against Shell and the government of Canada to challenge the validity of those permits. Just two months later, Shell gave up those long-held permits, making the announcement at a WWF-Canada event. We now expect an imminent declaration to finally protect Lancaster Sound, an area about twice the size of Nova Scotia. This will more than double the ocean space protected in Canada.



Iqaluit office

Sustainability milestone for Newfoundland cod

The unsustainable harvesting of seafood is one of the biggest threats to healthy ocean ecosystems. In Canada, overexploitation climaxed in 1992 with the Newfoundland cod fishing moratorium that put an estimated 30,000 people out of work.

Almost 25 years later, independent assessments confirm that some Newfoundland cod stocks are rebounding. To ensure that the fishery is rebuilt sustainably, WWF-Canada, in partnership with **Icewater Seafoods Inc.**, started a project to improve one particular cod fishery so that it can enter the Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) sustainable fishing certification process. And in March of 2016, the fishery became the first Canadian Atlantic cod fishery to achieve MSC certification.

The effort received financial support from **many individuals** as well as the **Sustainable Fisheries Fund** of the **Resources Legacy Fund** and the **Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture in Newfoundland and Labrador**. Other groups supported the work, including **Ocean Choice** International, the Fish, Food and Allied Workers, the Marine Institute of Memorial University of Newfoundland, Fisheries and Oceans Canada, High Liner Foods Inc., WWF-UK and WWF-US.

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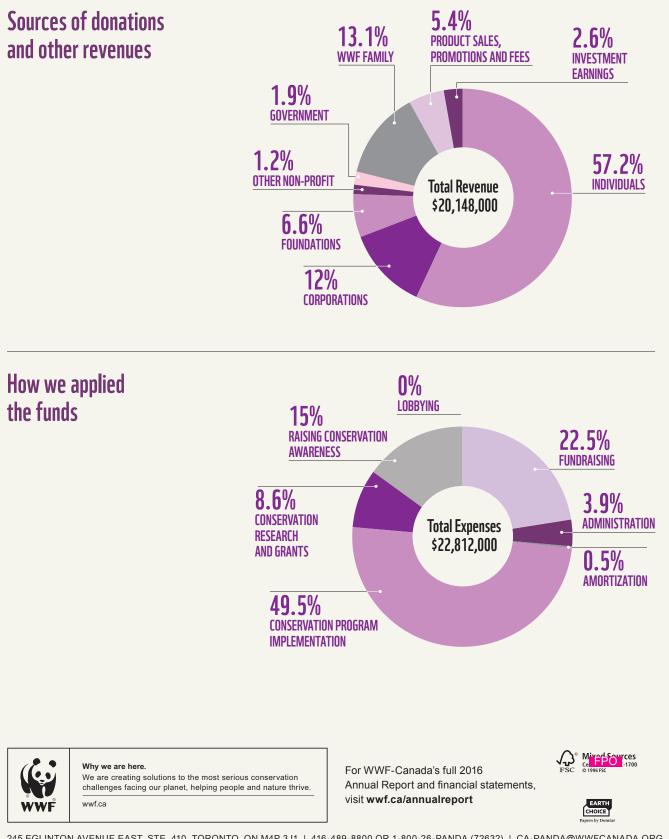


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