



Nature
United 

OUR IMPACT 2025

Our Principles

Our vision is for a sustainable Canada where nature is the foundation of human well-being, prosperity and opportunity for future generations.

Resilient Lands and Waters

From forest to sea, we work at an unprecedented scale, irrespective of borders. Our projects are designed to endure for the future of people and nature.

Indigenous-Led Conservation

We put Indigenous rights at the heart of conservation, creating new pathways for reconciliation and investing in Indigenous leadership and priorities.

Climate Change

We advance Natural Climate Solutions in Canada — science-based approaches to protecting, managing and restoring nature to mitigate climate change.

Policy and Practice

We bring together communities, industries and governments to set a new course that supports nature, bolsters economies and respects culture and values.

Global Impact

We bring global innovation and investment to Canada and amplify Canadian leadership to tackle world challenges.

On the cover: Nature United is working with farmers to explore sustainable agricultural practices that are good for the land, their livelihoods and the climate. © iStock/Zoran Zeremski

On this page: Indigenous Guardians conduct fish monitoring in the Puntledge River, B.C. © Josh Neufeld



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[What is Indigenous-led Conservation?](#)

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More than 19 million hectares of forest across Canada could be restored. Learn more on page 7.



Nearly half of Canada's 2030 climate mitigation potential comes from agricultural land. Learn more on page 11.



More than 400 educators and on-the-land coordinators are part of a growing network supporting Indigenous youth. Learn more on page 15.

From our Director

As I reflect on this past year, one truth stands out: The story we tell about nature is changing – and so is the future we’re building together.

For decades, the dominant narrative claimed that conserving nature and economic growth were opposing forces. That prosperity demanded trade-offs. But that story is unraveling. Today, we know that nature is not a liability; it’s a cornerstone of our future – the foundation of healthy communities, resilient economies and sustainable growth.

This new story is taking root across Canada. Amid the swaying grasses and steady hum of tractors in Saskatchewan, farmers are proving that regenerative agriculture isn’t just good for nature; it’s good for the economy. Through Canada’s first Model Farm Network (page 11), Nature United is working with farmers across more than 16,000 hectares to test and scale practices that restore soil health, reduce emissions and support livelihoods. Over the next five years, these farms will show how investing in nature can cut costs, increase yields and strengthen food systems – smart economics in action.

Launching the Model Farm Network is one chapter in a much bigger story. This year, we finalized a new Strategic Plan that calls for bold, collaborative action over the next five years – uniting governments, communities and businesses to deliver solutions no one can achieve alone. It also commits us to learning from our progress and evolving our strategies to drive the greatest impact.

Our new plan builds on our solid foundation of partnership and impact, from advancing sustainable forest management in British Columbia to supporting regional stewardship networks in Manitoba to bridging knowledge systems in the Northwest Territories. And this report offers a glimpse into the progress we’re making together, and the momentum we’re building for the future:

- **Science shaping policy.** Our analysis pinpoints where forest restoration delivers the greatest benefits for people and nature, and our new tool drew more than 300 visits and engagement from 10 institutions (page 7).
- **Nurturing youth leadership.** Through the new Youth On the Land Opportunities (YOLO) Community Network, we supported more than 400 practitioners and 20 programs nationwide, strengthening Indigenous-led stewardship and building pathways for youth into conservation roles (page 14).
- **Milestones in the Northwest Territories and Manitoba.** Two announcements this year signalled collaboration across governments to support Indigenous-led conservation and economic opportunities across millions of hectares (page 16).

As we look ahead, one thing is clear: The challenges are complex, but the solutions are within reach – if we act together. Every partnership, every hectare conserved, and every policy shaped is building towards a future for nature and people. Thank you for being part of this work.

HADLEY ARCHER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

In Boreal Manitoba – the heart of one of the largest intact forest ecosystems in the world – we are working in partnership to advance sustainable forest management. © Jeff Vernaus



Our Priority Regions



WHERE WE WORK We acknowledge that we work within Indigenous territories across the land currently known as Canada.

BRITISH COLUMBIA: Connected forest, freshwater, and marine ecosystems vital for climate resilience, biodiversity and communities, and for driving sustainable resource management.

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES: Northern landscapes where Boreal forest meets Arctic tundra, supporting biodiversity, fresh water and climate resilience through Indigenous stewardship and deep connection to place.

ASPEN PARKLAND: One of Canada’s most productive agricultural zones, with fertile soils, rich biodiversity and high potential for carbon storage, supporting rural livelihoods and sustainable land use.

BOREAL MANITOBA: The heart of the world’s largest forest system, with carbon-rich forests and peatlands that support biodiversity, fresh water and Indigenous communities through sustainable land and wildlife management.

Scaling with Science

“Science shouldn’t just explain problems — it should help us make better decisions. Our research shows how planting trees in the right places for the right reasons can conserve nature while balancing climate, biodiversity and community values.”

RONNIE DREVER
SENIOR CONSERVATION SCIENTIST

Turning Research into Roots



When Dr. Ronnie Drever stepped off the stage at the Forests Canada Conference, a restoration analyst approached him and said, “We’ve already planted 15 million trees in the areas your team identified.” It was a quiet but powerful moment for our Senior Conservation Scientist – proof that the research Nature United helped lead was in the hands of practitioners shaping Canada’s landscape.

This journey began with the Natural Climate Solutions for Canada study, which revealed a surprising insight: while trees take a long time to grow – limiting their short-term climate benefits – they are the single most impactful nature-based climate solution over the long term. While tree planting has been a critical tool for conservation, we noticed that there wasn’t much information about the best places to plant trees in Canada. Recognizing a gap in strategic guidance, we stepped in.

Nature United convened scientists, policymakers and restoration experts to ask a critical question: Where should trees be planted to deliver the greatest climate, biodiversity and community benefits?

The result was a groundbreaking analysis published this year in *One Earth* journal. Our research shows how planting trees in the right places for the right reasons on historically forested lands can ensure the full range of long-term benefits for communities and ecosystems. The research was leveraged into an interactive online tool that helps decision-makers identify the best places to plant trees based on project goals – such as fast-growing sites in Ontario that support at-risk species and offer lower climate mitigation costs.

This research is powerful because it reflects both how we work and what we stand for. From the start, we co-created it with those who would use the science – federal agencies such as Natural Resources Canada and Environment and Climate Change Canada, and forest restoration experts from Forests Canada. That collaboration ensured the findings were rooted in real-world needs and immediately actionable. And because we partnered with decision-makers throughout, we were able to deliver the science directly into their hands – helping turn knowledge into action.

Over the past year, Nature United has not only advanced forest restoration science but also helped shape national policy and investment for Natural Climate Solutions. By combining rigorous analysis with deep collaboration, we are ensuring Canada’s tree planting efforts are strategic, inclusive and impactful – for today and for generations to come.

Above: Ronnie Drever, Senior Conservation Scientist, Nature United

By the Numbers



19.1

million hectares, an area twice the size of Lake Superior, is potentially available for restoration of forest cover across Canada



300+

visits to our [interactive map](#) for finding the best places to restore forests



10

academic institutions and government agencies collaborated on our national reforestation science

Why Nature is Canada's Smartest Investment

More than 80% of Canadians agree: protecting nature must be a shared mission between governments and businesses. Canadians see a clear opportunity for Natural Climate Solutions – actions such as protecting forests and better managing agricultural lands – that deliver environmental, ecological and economic benefits.

In fall 2024, Nature United and Smart Prosperity Institute partnered to produce a study that connected the dots between nature, climate action and economic opportunity. The findings offered practical guidance to help governments, businesses and land managers unlock both financial

and environmental benefits through Natural Climate Solutions.

For example, in Southern Ontario, restoring forest cover by planting trees can generate \$6.50 in GDP per tree, through direct labour, industry stimulation (such as tax revenue from tree-related services) and ecosystem services (such as cleaner air and water). And the cost? Just \$3.30 per tree. It is a high-impact investment that can be multiplied across landscapes.

But scaling these solutions requires more than data – it demands collaboration. The study outlines an eight-step approach to building strong business

cases and identifies three geographic hotspots ready for investment. We are bringing leaders together across sectors and communities to unlock these opportunities. Business models and policy solutions have the opportunity to reflect the true value of nature. This rewards foresters, farmers and Indigenous communities who steward our lands and waters – to build a resilient Canadian economy for tomorrow and for generations to come.



[Learn more about how Nature United is unlocking the economic power of nature](#)

*Nature United's team members ?ikaatius (Tyson Atleo) (left) and Les Fuller (middle) engaging with community partners in northern Saskatchewan.
© Marc Griebel/Nature United*



SCALING WITH SCIENCE

Native to the grasslands of Saskatchewan and Alberta, pronghorns are one of North America's last wide-ranging prairie mammals. Built for speed, not agility, they crawl under fences rather than jump. This makes connected landscapes essential for pronghorn survival. But habitat fragmentation threatens their migration. **Through collaborative research, our scientists are identifying priority areas for grassland conservation and connectivity.**

Connection to the Land: Donor Q&A

What advice would you give to someone who wants to learn about or support the environment?

"I believe everyone should start with an emotional connection to the Earth. Ask yourself: What moves you? What does your heart tell you about a place or an issue? That personal connection is the foundation for meaningful environmental action.

Once you know what inspires you, research organizations working in that area. Talk to people, learn about the past and present of that place and find out who is making a positive impact.

Good environmentalism goes hand in hand with connection. You can't care for the Earth in isolation; we need relationships, community and an understanding of how our actions fit into the bigger picture. Find what moves you and support organizations that align with your values."

CATHY RUSTERMIER, LONGTIME DONOR AND BOARD MEMBER



[Read the full interview](#)

Unlocking Natural Climate Solutions



“We know that farmers are best positioned to assess which sustainable agricultural practices work on their own farm. The Model Farm Network is being established as a means to support farmers to lead this change in how land is farmed.”

LES FULLER
AGRICULTURE STRATEGY DIRECTOR



Seeding Change for Nature and People

When Les Fuller, Agriculture Strategy Director, met with a Saskatchewan farmer, he heard a striking metaphor: “Farming today is like running on a treadmill. And the treadmill is going faster and faster. The belt is wearing thin.” The farmer paused. “We’re heading for trouble. We need a way off.”

That moment captured the urgency – and the opportunity. While sustainable practices have been discussed for decades, adoption remains limited. Following our [Natural Climate Solutions for Canada study](#), Nature United began exploring how to support farmers in adopting practices that are good for their land, their livelihoods and the climate. Our focus was on identifying real-world barriers and building partnerships to help overcome them.

Three years later, that work is taking root across the Aspen Parkland – a 17.3-million-hectare stretch of fertile farmland in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta. This highly productive agricultural region, home to crops such as canola, wheat, oats, barley and pulses, holds immense economic opportunity for rural and Indigenous communities, alongside potential for carbon storage, water protection and biodiversity recovery. Today, we are working alongside farmers to identify practical off-ramps from the treadmill of conventional agriculture.

This year, we made meaningful progress. Nature United published a landmark report capturing farmers’ perspectives on the barriers to adopting regenerative practices – insights that are now guiding our strategy. We launched four applied research projects across the region to test sustainable approaches in real-world conditions. Recognizing the need for financial incentives, we designed a transitional payment system that assists farmers in implementing sustainable practices on their farms, which resulted in the launch of our first Model Farm Network in Saskatchewan.

We also expanded technical training through the Trusted Advisor Partnership, equipping agronomists with the latest knowledge in managing soil health so they can better advise their clients.

To build momentum at a regional level, we convened a series of meetings to establish the Aspen Parkland Agriculture Initiative Collaborative, a diverse group including agricultural value chain partners, Indigenous representatives, local farmers and NGO partners, to align efforts across the supply chain.

Together, we are creating the conditions for sustainable practices to flourish – driving climate mitigation, strengthening food systems and boosting resilience and profitability for the people who grow our food.



READ:
[Perspectives on Sustainable Farming from the Canadian Prairies](#)



EXPLORE:
[New Research on Barriers to Adopting Sustainable Practices](#)



EXPLORE:
[Moving Toward Sustainable Agriculture](#)

*Above: Les Fuller, Agriculture Strategy Director, Nature United
At left: On this Saskatchewan farm, Nature United and Collective Impact are working directly with producers to co-develop and test sustainable practices that work locally. © Nature United*



From upfront costs to uncertainty, changing farming practices can be tough. Model farms offer hands-on support to help producers test new practices with confidence. © Marc Griebel/Nature United

Model Farm Network: Farmers Leading the Way

In the 2025 growing season, Nature United launched the first of many Model Farm Networks in the Prairies – a cornerstone of our Agriculture Program, which is rooted in farmer leadership.

We are supporting farmers in implementing innovative practices that boost yields, reduce costs and protect nature. More than 16,000 hectares have been recruited in the first network in Saskatchewan, and a second Model Farm Network will launch in Southwest Manitoba next season.

In partnership with Collective Impact, which brings extensive experience and local expertise, we provide access to technical expertise, peer networks, long-term data collection and resources – including per-acre incentive payments – to reduce risk and encourage adoption. Over the next five years, these sites will demonstrate how sustainable practices like crop diversification and improved soil health can deliver real agronomic, economic and ecological benefits.

This initiative is part of our Aspen Parkland Agricultural Initiative, which brings together farmers, agribusinesses, Indigenous Nations and various experts to accelerate change across Canada’s agricultural landscapes.

Momentum is building, and it’s rooted in the leadership of farmers themselves.



[Read about our launch of the Model Farm Network.](#)

By the Numbers

 **16,000+**
hectares

in the Model Farm Network
in Saskatchewan

 **70+**

stakeholders engaged
through on-farm events

 **48%**

of the climate mitigation
potential identified in
Canada for 2030 comes
from agricultural lands

UNLOCKING NATURAL CLIMATE SOLUTIONS

Healthy soil is teeming with microorganisms like earthworms, fungi and bacteria. Sustainable farming practices – like increasing the use of perennial forages such as alfalfa and perennial grasses in the annual crop cycle – help restore soil health. These practices also improve water infiltration and slow surface runoff, which helps the crop access more water, reduces the risk of drought stress and prevents flooding in lower areas. **We are working with farmers in Saskatchewan to test how sustainable farming practices affect their land over five years.**

What Makes Agriculture Sustainable?

Sustainable agriculture balances environmental, economic and social factors to achieve long-term health and resilience of the agricultural sector, which includes:

- **Climate-smart agriculture:** practices that reduce greenhouse gas emissions
- **Regenerative agriculture:** practices that improve soil health
- **Biodiversity conservation:** practices that enhance wildlife habitat aboveground and soil organism habitat below ground

We all have a role in changing how food is grown and harvested, for the benefit of nature and people.



[Learn more about
Sustainable Agriculture](#)



Centring Indigenous Leadership

“I strongly believe our youth can learn so much from the land. Our Elders have always taught the importance of guiding youth on the land. Being on the land teaches respect, self-reflection and connection. When we take care of Mother Earth, she takes care of us.”

ELDER WILBERT MENACHO
YOLO ADVISORY GROUP

The Pulse of the Land: Connecting Youth, Culture and Leadership



At the First Nations Education Steering Committee Conference in Vancouver, Zahra Remtulla, Indigenous Youth On the Land Support Lead, handed out a simple postcard with a powerful message: Join the YOLO Community. It wasn't just an invitation – it was a reflection of something bigger. Across Canada, Indigenous-led land-based youth programs are growing, and the people running them are looking for connection, tools and support.

That's where YOLO comes in.

YOLO is a national network catalyzed by Nature United to support those leading on-the-land programs for youth. What began as a monthly email has grown into a thriving community of over 400 practitioners – educators, land-based coordinators and Indigenous leaders – exchanging knowledge, co-developing culturally grounded curricula and strengthening youth pathways into stewardship roles.

This year, YOLO launched a new online hub offering interactive maps, virtual learning circles, training resources and funding tools. Guided by Indigenous leadership and shaped by lived experience, the network remains rooted in community values and responsive to local needs.

This spirit of shared learning and connection to the land reflects what is already happening on the ground. For example, in places such as Kitsoo/Xai'xais First Nation in the Great Bear Rainforest, on British Columbia's central coast, youth are deeply engaged in activities on the land, such as harvesting seaweed and digging for clams. These experiences are part of Supporting Emerging Aboriginal Stewards (SEAS), a program launched in 2012 with support from Nature United, which connects youth with their environment through internships, hands-on learning and mentorship. These experiences are deeply rooted in identity and responsibility, preparing youth to take on stewardship roles that will shape the future of their communities. Today, many of the leaders in the Kitsoo/Xai'xais stewardship office are former SEAS students – proof that early investment in on-the-land programs leads to lasting impact.

Building on years of collaboration with local programs, Nature United is proud to support institutions and networks that advance Indigenous-led conservation across regions. Through initiatives like YOLO, we are helping build the infrastructure that supports Indigenous leadership and stewardship across Manitoba, the Northwest Territories, British Columbia and beyond.

Above: Zahra Remtulla, Indigenous Youth On the Land Support Lead, Nature United

At left: On-the-land programs are creating spaces for youth to connect with the lands and water, learn from Elders and grow into leadership roles across Canada. © Robert Rideout



Indigenous Guardians from the Kómoks First Nation fix a wire used for salmon monitoring in the Puntledge River, B.C. © Josh Neufeld

By the Numbers

 **400+**
practitioners
participating in the
YOLO Network

 **120+**
compiled resources, including
curriculum, program design
templates and available
funding sources

 **25+**
youth on-the-land programs
engaged across Canada



READ:
[Local Perspectives
on Building the
YOLO Network](#)



READ:
[Why On-the-Land Youth
Programming Matters
for Nature and People](#)



EXPLORE:
[YOLO Network Website](#)



A new Nature Agreement in the Northwest Territories will help conserve lands and waters while creating economic opportunities. © Pat Kane

Milestones in the Northwest Territories and Manitoba

Two announcements by the Government of Canada, provincial and territorial partners and Indigenous Nations signal a shift in how nature is protected – by supporting local leadership and ensuring communities benefit from the stewardship and sustainable management of their lands and waters. These agreements reflect a growing recognition that nature thrives when communities lead and all governments work together.

In the Northwest Territories, a new Nature Agreement will support the territorial government's nature protection goals, including the implementation of the Project Finance for Permanence (PFP) initiative, NWT: Our Land for the Future, announced in November 2024. The PFP combines federal and private funding to support locally defined nature protection priorities, while creating jobs and other economic opportunities across the territory.

In Manitoba, a Memorandum of Understanding sets the stage for a Nature Agreement in 2026. This early step brings together federal, provincial and Indigenous partners to identify shared priorities for protecting forests, rivers and wildlife, while supporting healthy communities and cultural values.

Nature United is proud to support these efforts by offering both experience and expertise in conservation financing, protected area planning and co-governance agreements – working with both Indigenous and crown governments as well as key stakeholders. These milestones show what is possible when governments and communities work together to protect nature in ways that benefit people, ensure clean air and water, thriving wildlife and a vibrant future for generations to come.

The Power of Conservation Finance

Philanthropic funding and public sector contributions are both essential pillars of conservation finance – but to truly meet the scale of today's environmental challenges, we need to go further.

That's why Nature United is driving new approaches in conservation finance, which combines traditional philanthropy with smart financial approaches to unlock bigger, longer-term investments in nature. These include tools like project finance structures (commonly used in infrastructure and energy) or market-based mechanisms that use pricing and trading systems (such as carbon credits or ecosystem services) to incentivize conservation. Effective conservation finance helps attract private investment and reduce financial uncertainty. By working with investors, businesses and other partners, we are creating funding models that amplify impact – making every donor dollar go further and last longer.

We are working directly with partners and governments to shape and expand conservation finance efforts in Canada – ensuring that new conservation projects, and the Indigenous Nations and communities leading them, are supported by sustainable, long-term funding.



[Read the full story](#)

CENTRING INDIGENOUS LEADERSHIP

When black bears thrive, forests do too. These intelligent omnivores regenerate ecosystems by dispersing seeds and aerating soil as they forage. Their presence signals a healthy, functioning forest. But bears need intact habitat: diverse canopy layers, connected corridors and protected rivers. **We are partnering with communities, governments and many others across Canada to scale local stewardship and sustainable forest management, so nature and people thrive.**

Investing in Nature: Donor Q&A

What advice would you give to others considering a deeper investment in nature?

“We suggest collaborating with credible, on-the-ground experts such as Nature United and prioritizing efforts that take an integrated approach to nature conservation, restoration or improved management. Efforts should look to deliver long-term outcomes with benefits for people, climate and biodiversity. It is also essential that stakeholders and rightsholders, including Indigenous Peoples and local communities, are engaged throughout the project life cycle and, ideally, are integral to the design and implementation of the work.”

P&G, COMMITTED SUPPORTER OF
OUR WORK IN BRITISH COLUMBIA



[Read the full interview](#)

Your Generosity



“We give because we believe in protecting the places that have both shaped and inspired us — in particular northwestern Canada and British Columbia — and in supporting Indigenous communities who have stewarded these lands for generations. For us, it is about honouring history and ensuring a future where nature and culture thrive together.”

CHRISTOPHER ROE AND KAREN BLOCH, COMMITTED SUPPORTERS OF OUR WORK ACROSS CANADA.

Your Generosity Means the World to Us

Thank you. Like a river gaining momentum, your continued support allows us to adapt, respond and stay aligned with what communities and ecosystems need most. That momentum helps us navigate natural shifts, narrow windows of opportunity and a changing world. Thank you for being part of our community, for your generous gifts, for your time and for your partnership. We are deeply grateful for all that you do.

Our special thanks go to the supporters listed below who made outright gifts or pledges to support our work in fiscal year 2025 (July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025).

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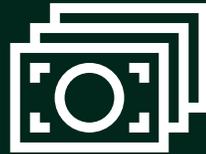
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Financial Impact

Conserving nature at scale starts with partnerships. Across Canada, we work with communities, governments and organizations to advance conservation from local projects to national initiatives. Over the past decade, we've learned that when Indigenous Nations lead, conservation is stronger, ecosystems thrive and communities benefit. That's why we prioritize Indigenous-led conservation and build long-term relationships in British Columbia, Manitoba and the Northwest Territories to co-create solutions for people and nature.

Every dollar invested helps maximize conservation impact, and this fiscal year 2025 snapshot illustrates some examples:

\$18.6 million



organizational expenses in fiscal year 2025 to advance conservation in Canada.



\$47.1 million

in additional funds invested in conservation financing solutions, such as conservation endowment funds and forest tenure purchases, to drive change for people and the planet.

52%



of grants/contracts to advance conservation were made to Indigenous Nations, Indigenous contractors and Indigenous-focused groups.



51

Indigenous Nations and Indigenous-led organizations supported across Canada to lead conservation efforts.



From our Chair

Standing on the shores of Haida Gwaii this year, I was reminded of what true stewardship looks like. Visiting ancestral villages and listening to Haida leaders speak about their journey – from decades of advocacy to governing their lands – was humbling. Their story is a powerful example of what long-term vision and persistence can achieve.

This year, Nature United took an important step toward its own long-term vision with the adoption of a new five-year Strategic Plan. This plan sets a clear direction for scaling our impact and driving systems change, moving beyond incremental progress toward solutions that match the urgency of the challenges we face. It reflects the maturity of our organization and our commitment to accountability, learning and results. For me, it represents a turning point – a shared vision that will inspire action for years to come.

This momentum was evident across our work. We launched new research showing the economic value of nature – a first step in positioning nature as a cornerstone of Canada’s resilience and prosperity. We also advanced conservation efforts that strengthen communities and protect ecosystems, which was made possible through partnership and the generosity of our donors. These achievements accelerate climate action, protect biodiversity and create sustainable economic opportunities.

Our progress reflects the Board’s leadership and commitment. Congratulations to Michael van Aanhout and Catherine MacQuarrie as they assume our Chair and Vice Chair roles, and welcome to Linda Coady, whose expertise in forestry and climate policy will strengthen our work. Serving as Chair has been an honour, and I look forward to continuing as a member of the Board.

As I step out of the Chair role, I do so with gratitude for what we have accomplished and confidence in what lies ahead. Together, we are proving that momentum, vision and partnership can change the future for nature and people.

CAROLINE CATHCART
BOARD CHAIR
RP INVESTMENT ADVISORS LP

Haida Gwaii © iStockphoto/dorinser



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Nature United is the Canadian affiliate of the world's largest conservation organization.

Building on three decades of conservation in Canada, Nature United is working towards a Canada where people and nature are united, and ecosystems, communities and economies are thriving.

Our organization builds partnerships with Indigenous and local communities, governments, industries and other groups to define new pathways towards a sustainable future; to advance reconciliation; and to conserve nature, the foundation of all life on Earth. And with the backing of one of the world's most effective and wide-reaching conservation organizations, we bring the best global science, innovation and resources to Canada.

By the Numbers

80+

countries and territories where we are impacting conservation

100+

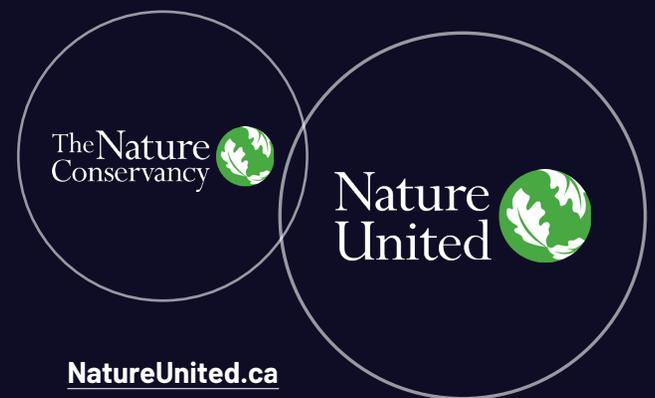
marine conservation projects led by our global affiliate around the world

1,000+

scientists working in our organization to drive conservation

125M+

hectares of land protected around the world



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Kelp forests, such as this one off the coast of Vancouver Island, are underwater nurseries and carbon sinks, providing habitat and food for countless marine species. © Josh Neufeld