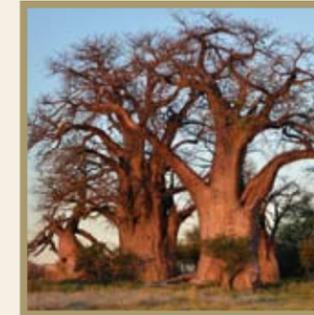
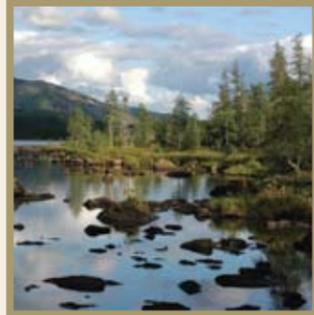


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“Half the world for humanity, half for the rest of life, to create a planet both self-sustaining and pleasant.”

– **Edward O. Wilson**
The Future of Life, 2002

“Nature Needs Half applies to the waters of the world as well as the land, from the tops of mountains to the greatest depths of the sea. More than half of the world is ocean, the blue heart of the planet.

You decide: How much of your heart do you need to stay alive?”

– **Sylvia Earle**

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“The (WILD) Foundation has an exceptional history working to perpetuate quality wilderness for present and future generations...”

This year, WILD was honored by the US Forest Service with the Bob Marshall Award for Group Champion of Wilderness Stewardship. One of the Forest Service’s highest honors, the Bob Marshall Award and is presented to organizations and individuals who show exemplary leadership and outstanding accomplishments in wilderness stewardship.

We also:

- Saw the fulfillment of an initiative we began in Mexico in 2008, to recognize a Natural Area of Bi-National Interest between the USA and Mexico, involving some 5 million acres (2 million hectares)
- Developed locally and introduced the first-ever elephant-based environmental education kit in West Africa, in the Gourma region of central Mali. This is just one part of our ongoing stakeholder engagement in the Mali Elephant Project and an important milestone in protecting these very unusual and threatened desert elephants and their 500km migration route;
- Launched the tri-lingual *natureneedshalf.org* website and worked with partnerships world-wide to make this vision a reality;
- Facilitated international working groups – each with practical results – on climate change, protected areas, and trans-boundary collaboration through the North American Wilderness Agreement signed at WILD9 (Mexico, 2009), our 9th World Wilderness Congress.

And much more....



In 2012 we aim to:

- **Protect the one of the longest elephant migrations on the planet.** Our work in Mali (West Africa) is having break-through results for both people and elephants. In 2012, we will continue our outreach programs with local schools and communities about living with elephants and the benefits the elephants bring to the community. We will also facilitate community decision making groups in their work to designate community conservation areas, which will ensure access to water for both people and elephants throughout the year.
- **Provide tools & resources for wilderness managers.** 2011 marks the seventeenth year of publication for the *International Journal of Wilderness* – the tool of choice for wilderness managers and advocates. In 2012, all seventeen years of the *Journal* will be available online as a free resource at ijw.org.
- **Work closely with native peoples to help protect and manage their wildlands.** WILD co-founded – in 2005 with the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes – the globally-focused Native Lands and Wilderness Council to strengthen native protection and management of wildlands on ancestral lands and seas. In 2012 we will convene the 3rd NLWC, focused on North America, with tribal representatives from throughout the continent...that is a stepping stone to the 4th NLWC at WILD10 (see below!!)
- **Move the international conservation agenda forward with big ideas like Nature Needs Half and gatherings like the World Wilderness Congress.** Our vision to protect and interconnect at least half of the planet, land and water, to support all life on earth will be the focal point of the next World Wilderness Congress (WWC). The WWC is the world’s longest running public conservation project and environmental forum.

The WILD Foundation protects wilderness and wildlife around the world.

Our vision – Nature Needs Half – is to protect and interconnect at least half of the planet, land and water, so that all life on earth can thrive. It’s good science, “right relationship,” and it’s possible!

Our approach is unique – focused on the human connection to wild-nature as well as the science, culture, management and policy needed to keep wild areas healthy and functioning. We believe that intact wilderness areas are an essential core element of healthy human societies.

Host Cities of the World Wilderness Congress



WILD10!

After a year of consultations with our partners and colleagues we are pleased to tell you that the WILD10 process has started in Europe and will aim towards the 10th World Wilderness Congress in Spain in late 2013.