



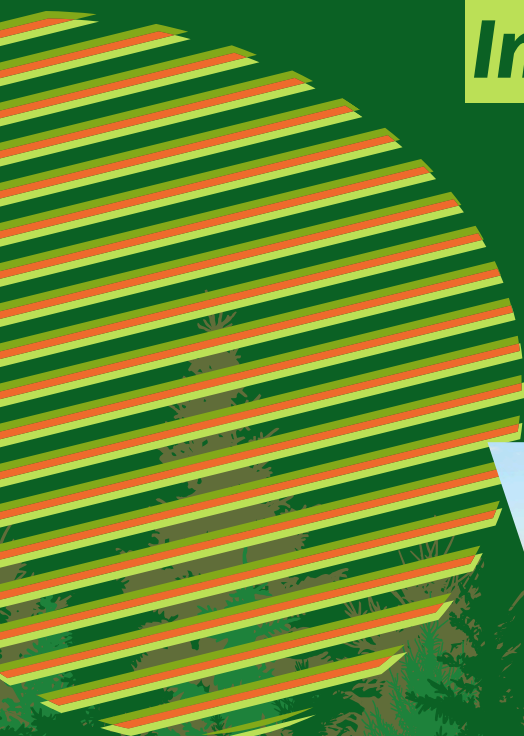
COALITION WILD 



2027

EXCELERATOR

Information Pack





Are you on a mission to start, implement, or scale your conservation project while positively contributing to the health of our planet and developing your leadership skills?

We believe in the ideas, energy, and potential of young conservationists, and we're here to support you at different stages of your journey. Whether you're just developing an idea, in the early stages of implementation, or have an established project that you're ready to scale, we want to work with you to strengthen your project and grow its impact.

The EXCEerator is a transformative six-month program empowering emerging environmental leaders with the tools, training, and confidence to lead real-world action for the planet.

Duration: 6 months (January - July 2027)

Distribution of sessions:

- 12 pre-recorded sessions, released bi-weekly on Fridays at 12:00 pm UTC.
- 13 live sessions, held every two weeks on Thursdays from 12:30 to 2:00 pm UTC (for the EXCEerator LIVE program **ONLY**).

Start date: Thursday, January 7, 2027

End date: Thursday, July 1, 2027

Language: The program will be delivered entirely in English.

Capacity:

- 30 places for the EXCEerator LIVE program.
- 50 places for the EXCEerator FLEX program.

Cost: *Free* for all selected participants, thanks to the generous support of our partners and donors.





The 2027 edition of the EXCEerator program

The tenth edition of the EXCEerator program will run for six months, from January to July 2027. Participation is 100% virtual and offered at no cost, thanks to the generous support of our partners and donors. Participants can choose between two learning pathways to complete the program based on their learning needs, expectations, and availability: the **EXCEerator LIVE program**, which includes biweekly (*once every two weeks*) live sessions, or the **EXCEerator FLEX program**, which is self-paced over the six months with no live sessions.

What can be expected from the program?

- The program will be **facilitated through the Thinkific learning platform**, which will remain accessible to all participants throughout its duration (**from January to August 2027**).
- Participants will gain access to **12 pre-recorded sessions** led by conservation experts, covering topics such as project development and management, fundraising and grant writing, effective communication, and more! Each session will be **45–60 minutes long**, broken into shorter segments to make the content easier to digest, with presentation slides available for download on our learning platform. Additional follow-up resources will also be provided to support your learning.
- Participate in **discussion forums** and **interact with fellow participants** by sharing key concepts learned in each session, asking questions, and showcasing the work you're doing in your own country and with your projects.
- Participants will have access to **downloadable templates, toolkits and resources** throughout the EXCEerator program. This includes a continually updated and curated list of resources that they can utilize to benefit themselves and their projects.
- Participants will have the opportunity to **receive an official Certificate of Completion**, showcasing their achievements throughout the six-month program.
- **Gain access to global opportunities for funding and networking**, and have their projects highlighted on WILD Foundation's social media channels, with potential partners and our WILD Voices blog.



EXCEerator Alumni Testimonials

*“The most valuable aspect of the program was the **practical guidance on implementing and improving our project**. The combination of expert mentorship, hands-on tasks, and feedback helped me refine my ideas, strengthen our project plan, and apply what I learned directly to our ongoing conservation project. It also **gave me more confidence in moving our project forward** and creating a greater impact.”*

Honeylyn D. Gahol, 2025 EXCEerator participant from the Phillippines

*“The **knowledge gained was extensive** ranging from the Conservation Standards, to **building my own brand** and pitching. Overall I have applied some of these [learnings] during my current applications for grants and, yes, I won a grant to push one of my projects in amphibian conservation from the Amphibian Survival Alliance!”*

Abraham Mugoya Wayirawo, 2025 EXCEerator participant from Uganda

*“The program gave me a valuable opportunity to step back from daily implementation and **examine my conservation project more strategically**. I appreciated the practical learning, thoughtful facilitation, and the opportunity to learn from participants working in different contexts. It helped me **communicate my project more clearly**, strengthen the project plan, and identify areas that need further development.”*

Dipu Varghese, 2026 EXCEerator participant from India



*“Completing the EXCEerator program really **opened my eyes to how to turn my ideas into real, impactful projects.** It taught me how to plan step-by-step, work with people in my community, and manage funds better. I also learned how important storytelling is to get others excited about the cause. Most importantly, **the program boosted my confidence** and helped me see that with the right tools and mindset, I can make a difference. It was a valuable experience that changed how I approach my work and leadership.”*

Bimochan Pathak, 2025 EXCEerator participant from Nepal

*“The program was a real opportunity to learn more about project management. It helped me better understand how to structure and implement a project from the ground up. I **gained practical tools and frameworks that I can apply in real-life situations**, especially when working on my project for instance budgeting, communication and branding. It also shifted my perspective on how to approach challenges and design solutions with clarity and purpose. **Overall, it strengthened both my confidence and my capacity to lead impactful projects.**”*

Nomena Andriantiana, 2025 EXCEerator participant from Madagascar

In last year's edition of the program, we had projects ranging from ecological research and citizen science for **dugong conservation** in the Philippines, to **converting biodegradable waste** into compost and community awareness in Kenya, to **creating forest resilience** through wildlife-focused and bio-acoustic monitoring in India, and to **restoring degraded land** through native species planting in Peru. Whatever your idea, if it addresses a clear environmental problem with a community-centered solution, the EXCEerator is here for you.

Pathway 2: The EXCEerator FLEX program

- **Six-month self-paced program** to develop and implement your project idea.
- **Biweekly pre-recorded sessions** led by conservation experts.
- Engage in active **discussion forums** on our learning platform to ask questions, collaborate, and network with peers.
- No live sessions required: solidify your learning through short **multiple-choice quizzes** and **feedback surveys** at the end of each program phase.
- Ideal for young conservation leaders who **have a project idea and want to acquire the skills** needed to implement or scale their conservation efforts..

What did our previous EXCEerator FLEX cohort get up to?



Sarah Mshanga

Sarah is a 2025 EXCEerator alumni working in wildlife conservation in Tanzania. Her project focuses on reducing human-elephant conflict around Maswa Game Reserve in the Simiyu region. Through her project, Sarah seeks to protect both community livelihoods and elephant populations by promoting conservation-centered solutions. She is working with local communities to raise awareness, strengthen food security, and explore alternative livelihoods, while also supporting community-led mitigation and monitoring efforts that reduce conflict and foster long-term coexistence.

Talking about her experience, Sarah said:

*"This program has truly been a **transformative experience** for me. It has **equipped me with practical skills and knowledge** in areas such as project planning, stakeholder engagement, project management, monitoring project progress, fundraising, planning and budgeting, grant writing, public speaking, storytelling, and even brand strategy..."*

What has stood out most for me is how **the program has shifted the way I think about project management**. I now feel more confident and prepared to take initiative, work with different groups, and communicate ideas clearly and effectively. I've also appreciated how thoughtfully the content has been delivered—it has felt relevant, practical, and empowering...

Beyond just the skills, **the program has given me a strong sense of clarity and direction**, and I feel more connected to a global network of like-minded changemakers. It's an experience I'll carry forward, both personally and professionally."

Success Uwhuseba Ogheneruona

Success is a 2025 EXCEerator alumni from Nigeria immersed in aquatic restoration, with a particular focus on youth and coastal communities. His project seeks to combat water deoxygenation, ocean pollution, and biodiversity loss in riverine and coastal communities leading to the South Atlantic Ocean. By engaging youth and empowering local populations, the initiative promotes sustainable practices, community-led conservation, and pollution reduction along waterways. Through environmental education, capacity-building workshops, and collaborative cleanup efforts, success's initiative aims to help restore aquatic ecosystems, improve livelihoods, and create a healthier environment for future generations.



Talking about his experience, Success said:

"This program has **improved my perspective and understanding about conservation**. Not just the [Conservation] Standards but also the requisites in managing a conservation project; from community interactions to project allocation, budgeting and branding (something I was really poor at). **This will really shape my applications for other grants and the implementation of the funds.**"

Pathway 1: The EXCEerator LIVE program

- **Six-month cohort-based program** centered around virtual live sessions, facilitated by the CoalitionWILD team with participation from young conservation leaders.
- Access **pre-recorded sessions** led by conservation experts, published fortnightly on our learning platform.
- **Commit to attending 13 live sessions**, held fortnightly on **Thursdays from 12:30 to 2:00 pm UTC**. These sessions provide a collaborative space to apply what you learn from the pre-recorded sessions to your own project. **Attendance of 80% of live sessions is required for graduation, as it supports the successful implementation of your project.**
- The live sessions also offer opportunities to **connect with peers, share progress, ask questions, and gain different perspectives.**

What did our former EXCEerator LIVE cohort get up to?



Aayush Dhungana

Aayush is a 2025 EXCEerator alumni who works in community-based turtle conservation in Nepal. His project focuses on protecting threatened turtles in the Ghodaghodi Lake Complex through education, awareness, and capacity-building initiatives. By engaging the local Tharu community and law enforcement agencies, the project addresses key threats such as illegal hunting, trade, and road mortality resulting from turtle-vehicle collisions.

Regarding his experience as a LIVE participant, Aayush wrote:

*“The EXCEerator LIVE program offered valuable insights into leadership, communication, and project planning. It **helped me shift from task-based thinking to strategic goal-setting**, and I now approach conservation work with a clearer, **impact-driven mindset.**”*

Nishan Limbu

Nishan is a 2025 EXCEerator alumni from Nepal concerned with the Conservation of Freshwater Turtles in Eastern Nepal's Wetlands. He understands the crucial role wetlands play in turtle conservation and recognizes the threats posed by habitat encroachment, poaching, and lack of awareness, which are rapidly endangering turtle populations and the delicate balance of wetland ecosystems. To address these challenges, Nishan's project seeks to empower local communities by combining scientific research with the traditional knowledge of indigenous peoples to promote conservation of these endangered species and their habitats.

Reflecting on his experience as a LIVE participant, Nishan notes:

*"I learned far more than I ever imagined possible. **The program systematically walked me through every dimension critical to a successful conservation project,** from establishing clear standards and priorities around management and administration to improving communication and securing funding.*

*Although these topics can seem daunting in isolation, **EXCEerator LIVE broke them down into approachable, actionable modules,** as well as having excellent and really thoughtful facilitators for each topic. In particular, gaining a solid grounding in the core Conservation Standards gave me a framework for all subsequent lessons: rather than feeling overwhelmed by project planning, I now see it as my greatest ally in achieving our conservation goals."*



What will I get out of the EXCEerator program (both pathways)?

Participating in the EXCEerator program is an opportunity to gain knowledge and skills in all aspects behind planning and implementing a successful conservation project, with a youth focus. Based on the internationally recognised Open Standards for the Practice of Conservation, the program will start by giving you a framework with which to approach a conservation problem and address the solution, using a theory of change to make a **Project plan**. The Conservations Standards are a widely adopted set of adaptive tools and guidance to help plan and run effective conservation projects. We firmly believe incorporating them into your work will empower you to take your conservation idea to the next level.

As you complete the program, you will develop your skill set and add budgeting and stakeholder engagement to your project plan. We'll then dive into storytelling and communicating your project to various audiences (e.g. funders, building a community, or communities you're working with) and you'll leave the EXCEerator armed with a cohesive project plan that will give you a robust step-by-step strategy to turn your idea into action to make a real difference for our planet!

Program Map

START HERE:

Kick-off session

To kick off the EXCEerator LIVE program journey, selected participants are invited to join our welcome session — a unique opportunity for them to meet the CoalitionWILD team and connect with the peers they'll be collaborating with over the next six months. During this session, the participants will dive deeper into the phases of the EXCEerator program, introduce their project ideas to their cohort, and get answers to any questions they may have. It's the perfect way to start the journey, build connections, and set their projects up for success!

Phase 2: Designing with People and Project Management

This phase will focus on the people and communities involved in, and affected by, your project. We'll begin by building an understanding of behavior-centered design, prioritizing the communities experience in your projects. Then we'll dive into what effective stakeholder engagement looks like, when it works, and common pitfalls in conservation projects. Participants will learn how to map their stakeholders and analyze the different relationships they have with each. A key component of this phase will also cover project management and progress monitoring, providing tools to stay on track throughout both the planning and implementation phases — during and beyond the EXCEerator program.

Phase 1: Understanding the Situation and Creating Your Project Plan

The first phase of the EXCEerator program is one of the most intensive and exciting stages, designed to equip participants with the principles and methods needed to bring their project ideas to life. Phase 1 centers on the internationally recognized [Open Standards for the Practice of Conservation](#) (Conservation Standards), guiding participants on how to apply these standards to theorize and plan their projects. The phase kicks off by defining the problem participants are addressing, before guiding them through a step-by-step approach to implementing their solution. Its goal is to help participants truly 'fall in love' with their problem while using sequential thinking to stay on track, ambitious yet strategic, in their implementation. Participants will also be introduced to Theory of Change and SMART goals, creating a solid foundation for the skills they will continue to develop throughout the EXCEerator program.



Phase 3: Fundraising and Project Sustainability

Often one of the most challenging areas for aspiring young conservationists, this phase of the EXCEerator program is designed to demystify fundraising, including grant writing, diverse fundraising models, grant writing and budgeting. Phase 3 equips participants with the confidence and skills to understand the basics of fundraising, diversify income sources, and recognize what funders look for in grant applications. Through real-world case studies, participants will explore budgeting in conservation projects, learn practical tips for grant writing, and see how to link these tools with the Conservation Standards covered in Phase 1. By the end of the phase, participants will understand how efficient financial planning can lead to their project's long-term sustainability.



Phase 4: Effective Communications and Impact Storytelling

The final phase of the EXCEerator program is perhaps the most fun, bringing together all the elements that make your project uniquely yours. The success of any conservation initiative ultimately depends on how its mission, values, and impact are communicated to its audience. This phase helps participants identify the unique qualities and character of their projects and learn how to convey them effectively. We'll explore storytelling techniques for social media and outreach campaigns, develop a winning communications plan, and learn how to reach target audiences. The program culminates in a simulated pitching event, where participants will distill everything they've learned over six months into a powerful five-minute pitch: showcasing their leadership and preparing them for real-world project presentations.

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Wrap-up and Celebration session

The **Wrap-up and Celebration session** is a special opportunity to celebrate participants' personal and professional growth over the six months of the program. Focusing on the leadership skills they've developed, this session provides time to reflect on progress made and to envision aspirations for the future beyond the program.

Program Calendar

-  **Live sessions:** Please note that all live sessions will be held fortnightly on Thursdays from 12:30 - 2:00 pm UTC (*exclusively for EXCEerator LIVE participants*).
-  **Pre-recorded sessions:** Pre-recorded sessions will be published every two weeks for both EXCEerator FLEX and LIVE program participants on Fridays on our online learning platform.

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January

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 **Thursday, July 1, 2027 - Wrap-up and Celebration Session (*exclusive to EXCEerator LIVE*)**



Who can apply to the program?

We are looking forward to reviewing your application if you are interested in being part of this journey with us. In order to be eligible for the program, you need to:

- **Be 35 years of age or younger** at the start of the program (January 7, 2027).
- Have a **project idea**, a **project in its early implementation stage**, or a **project with the potential to scale up** within the conservation field.
- Have the **energy and availability to dedicate time to developing your project idea**. EXCEerator FLEX participants should be prepared to commit a minimum of one hour per week, while EXCEerator LIVE participants should be prepared to commit a minimum of two hours per week to working on their project. The experience and outcomes you gain from the programme will depend, in part, on the time and energy you are able to invest. *Please consider your availability when applying.*
- **Have a computer and reliable internet connection** throughout the course of the program to access the program's learning platform and be able to watch the recorded sessions (as well as the live sessions, if you are applying for the EXCEerator LIVE program).
- **For the EXCEerator LIVE program pathway:** Availability to virtually participate in the bi-weekly live sessions throughout the six months of the program, happening on **Thursdays from 12.30 to 2.00 pm UTC**.



What is the application process?

The call for participants in the program will open **on October 1, 2026** and close **on October 29, 2026**.

The application form is available and ready to complete:

HERE

For creating a successful application, we recommend copying the application questions into a separate document, answering them carefully, and pasting them back into the application form once you're satisfied. **Only applications in English will be considered.**

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

EXCEerator program applicants: Recording yourself!

To be considered for the EXCEerator program, you will need to prepare and share a **90-second self-recorded** video answering the following questions:

- ***If your project is in the ideation phase: What inspired you to develop this idea, and why is now the right time to pursue it?***
- ***If your project is already established or in the early implementation phase: What inspired you to start your project?***

To help you prepare your video, please follow these guidelines:

Recording options:

- Have someone record you, or use the selfie mode on your phone.
- On a computer: use Microsoft Stream (Windows) or QuickTime Player (Mac).
- Zoom is also an option: start a meeting with only yourself, record your 90-second video, then stop recording. Zoom will automatically save the file to your computer.

Environment: Choose a quiet location with minimal background noise and interruptions.

Sharing: Upload your video to Google Drive, OneDrive, or any other cloud storage platform, and share the link.

Content guidance: Use this opportunity to share your story, motivation, and personality in your own words. There's no need for a perfectly rehearsed or polished presentation: *we want to hear you*. Speak naturally, be authentic, and focus on what genuinely motivates you and your project. Most importantly, *just be yourself!*



In the application form, you will be able to choose the **version of the EXCEerator you would like to be part of.**

The application timeline will be as follows:

- **Application period:** Open **from October 1 to October 29, 2026**. All applicants will receive confirmation **by October 30** that we have received their application.
- **Application review:** CoalitionWILD's team will review applications **from November 2 to November 20, 2026**.
- **Interviews (EXCEerator LIVE program only):** Shortlisted EXCEerator LIVE applicants will be invited to a 20-minute personal interview **between November 23 and December 11, 2026**. The interview will provide an opportunity to learn more about applicants' experience, motivation, and goals for participating in the EXCEerator LIVE program. EXCEerator FLEX applicants will not be interviewed.
- **Application review continues (EXCEerator FLEX program only):** The review of EXCEerator FLEX applications will continue from November 23 to December 11, 2026.
- **Final selection:** Applicants will be notified of the outcome **by December 14, 2026**. Selected participants will need to confirm their participation **by Friday, December 18, 2026**.
- **Program start:** Both programs officially begin in January 2027. EXCEerator LIVE participants will be invited to join the live kick-off session on **Thursday, January 7, 2027, at 12:30 pm UTC**. EXCEerator FLEX participants will receive information about the programme launch and next steps in advance.

Do you have any questions about the program?

If you have any questions about the application process, the structure of the program, or any other doubts about the EXCEerator program, please don't hesitate to reach out to us at info@coalitionwild.org. We will be more than happy to answer all your questions!

"CoalitionWILD identifies and supports young leaders on the brink of making a real impact for nature, empowering them to reach their full potential as changemakers - today and for the future of our planet."

OUR STORY

CoalitionWILD was born in 2013 at the 10th World Wilderness Congress, emerging from the recognition that youth leadership in conservation is an untapped source of positive change. The initiative was originally launched as a volunteer movement to connect rising leaders passionate about the planet. However, it quickly became clear that to drive meaningful impact, young people needed not just connections, but also the skills, knowledge, and opportunities to take action where it is needed most: starting at home.

Since 2015, CoalitionWILD has taken an action-focused approach to youth development. CoalitionWILD **connects and equips the world's young change-makers to tackle the planet's greatest conservation challenges through mentorship, capacity-building opportunities, and upskilling programs, while amplifying the voices of youth through network connections and storytelling.**

CoalitionWILD's evolution is guided by listening to the needs of the youth it works with and shaped by the personal experiences of its youth team, youth board, and youth organizational partners. The vision is **a world where younger generations are respected, valued, included, and supported to be active leaders and agents of change, creating a better future for the planet.**

CoalitionWILD is proud to be an official program of the WILD Foundation (WILD), a 501(c)3 organization that has worked internationally to connect and protect people, wildlife, and wild places for over 50 years. WILD's mission is to protect and restore at least half of Earth's wild nature to help create the best world possible. It does that by following an approach to conservation that counters the root causes harming nature, which include a lack of respect for Earth's wildlife and wilderness, and lack of coordination for their protection.



CoalitionWILD team

Meet the passionate team behind CoalitionWILD, who will be supporting you in bringing your projects to life!

Alyssa Kardos Loera

Peer Learning Lead, Cambodia and the United States

Alyssa Erin Kardos Loera is a sustainability and social impact leader who brings together environmental health and artistic expression to strengthen communities. She is the CEO and Co-Founder of ReMade in Cambodia, where she leads strategy, partnerships, and advocacy through upcycled fashion and creative community building. She also runs a kombucha venture that reuses recycled bottles, carrying her passion for circular design into everyday life. Originally from California, Alyssa is a Fulbright Scholar and advisor for the Iris Project. She earned her Bachelor's degree in Global Health with a minor in Theology from Georgetown University. She is passionate about using the arts to make environmental issues more accessible, amplify local voices, and reimagine waste as a resource. Outside of work, Alyssa loves running, kickboxing, and trekking - activities that fuel her creativity and keep her connected to the outdoors. She enjoys sharing her journey of building environmental startups and looks forward to connecting with changemakers worldwide who are working to bridge inequities and create a more just, sustainable future.



Zacharia Mutinda Muteti

Curriculum Lead, Kenya

Zak is a Kenyan Wildlife Ecologist and Ethnoecologist committed to advancing community-centred wildlife conservation that honours both cultural heritage and ecological integrity. He holds a BSc in Wildlife Management (University of Eldoret) and a MSc in Environmental Studies (Karatina University), where his recently published research examined the spatial and seasonal patterns of African savannah elephant habitat use in East Africa. Zak is the Curriculum Lead of CoalitionWILD's EXCEerator Program, mentoring the next generation of global conservation leaders. He is also the Founder and Program Lead of the Eco-Jipe Program, which safeguards the Lake Jipe ecosystem, a transboundary biodiversity hotspot home to the endangered Jipe Tilapia (*Oreochromis jipe*) and a dry season refuge for African savannah elephants. His experience spans human-elephant coexistence in Tsavo and the Maasai Mara, elephant communication in Laikipia, and predator-community dynamics in Central Kenya. An alumnus of CoalitionWILD's Excelerator and Excel_Intensive BeVisioneers Fellow and scholarship recipient, Keystone Species Alliance Fellow, and recipient of several small conservation grants, including the Rufford Foundation, Elephant Crisis Fund, Zak blends scientific research, indigenous knowledge, and grassroots action to ensure people and wildlife thrive together.



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Veronica Dandzo-Adzagudu

Intergenerational Learning Lead, Ghana

Veronica Dandzo-Adzagudu holds a master's degree in Environmental Management (Conservation) from the University of Stirling, UK and a bachelor's degree in Natural Resources Management from the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST), Ghana. With her budding passion in conservation, she volunteered at A Rocha Ghana during her 4-years undergraduate program in KNUST, and supported the implementation of several projects including the Climate Stewards Program and Collaborative Ecosystem Conservation of the Lake Bosomtwe Catchment. Veronica has been engaging in conservation research and working with conservation NGOs and local communities in implementing community-based natural resources management projects across Ghana. Naturally, she loves to inspire, encourage and mentor her peers and younger people by supporting them with resources for personal and career development. Veronica is an ardent believer that effective mentorship is needed to bridge the generational gap in all sectors as she recognizes that mentorship has had a significant positive impact on her career development. At CoalitionWILD, Veronica leads the Global Mentorship Program and is looking forward to an exciting journey of learning with the program's mentees and mentors.



Fátima D. Gigante

Program Director, Spain and Portugal

Fátima is passionate about participatory and community-based biodiversity conservation. She excels at connecting people and fostering meaningful relationships. At CoalitionWILD, she works behind the scenes on the EXCEerator and Global Mentorship programs, focusing on community engagement and capacity-building strategies in virtual spaces. With a background in biology and a Master's in Forest and Nature Conservation from Wageningen University, Fátima has worked with urban and rural communities on human-wildlife coexistence, community forestry, and environmental education. She aims to further develop her skills in facilitation, conflict management, mediation, and experiential learning to reconnect humans with the natural world.



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