



## Introduction

### Vision

Every country has the human and institutional capacity to effectively preserve and manage a system of national parks and protected areas that reflect its natural and cultural heritage.

### Mission

Global Parks, is a 501(c) 3 nonprofit organization mobilizing a cadre of veteran, volunteer conservation professionals to transfer knowledge, experience, and proven methodologies that create and strengthen protected areas and national park systems world-wide.

### Impact

**National parks and protected areas have been established in almost every country to preserve the few relatively undisturbed places left on earth.** Ideally, they are special and unique places where ecosystems and biodiversity are fully protected and restored; where a nation's cultural heritage is preserved; climate change can be measured; places for education, learning and inspiration; and places that make invaluable contributions to local and regional economies through sustainable tourism. Too often, however, these ideals are not realized. Institutional and human capacity to effectively manage these special places, especially in developing park systems and countries, is insufficient.

Global Parks exists to mobilize retired experts from the U.S. National Park Service and kindred organizations to fill this void with long-term and in-depth commitments. Volunteers with unmatched levels of experience and knowledge are ideally suited to provide comprehensive training, develop plans, identify best practices and techniques, and mentor leadership and field level personnel in developing systems of parks and protected areas.

Global Parks' initiatives highlight U.S. efficacy and influence in international conservation while galvanizing expert-volunteers and partnerships in support of thinly stretched personnel. Global Parks reaches beyond efforts to date that have attempted to ameliorate the recognized deficit and discrepancy in effective conservation, at a fraction of the cost.

**Global Parks initiatives not only serve conservation purposes, but also contribute to U.S. policy development, priorities, stability, security and the well being of society and the planet.** It has been said that "The National Park idea was the best idea the U.S. ever had." Global Parks has the necessary capability to expertly deliver and support national and international conservation interests with a professional, efficient and measurable results oriented approach.