



Overview

OBJECTIVE

Mobilize the wave of retiring U.S. Government conservation experts as professional volunteers advancing solutions addressing critical international environmental challenges.

ABOUT GLOBAL PARKS

- **Global Parks is a 501 (c)(3) NGO founded and supported by retired senior managers from the U.S. National Park Service and former employees of Conservation International.**
- **Global Parks exists to develop and support a large Volunteer Cadre of senior conservation professionals retiring from U.S. institutions that helps developing countries reach the capacity to preserve and manage their natural and cultural resources.**

THE NEED

- **Effectively managed Parks and Protected Areas contribute to national policy development priorities, stability, security and the well being of every society and the planet.**
- **Parks and Protected Areas are a cornerstone for strategies to preserve biodiversity, clean water, food security, sustainable economic opportunities, and to monitor and adapt to climate change.**
- **To realize these benefits, parks and protected areas must be effectively managed but most countries have not yet attained the needed level of management capacity.**

THE OPPORTUNIITY

- **The opportunity exists to harness the large wave of senior managers and experts retiring from federal and state conservation agencies, in coordination with the agencies they retire from.**
- **An organized cadre of retired professionals is uniquely capable of effectively transferring experience and best practices to assist developing countries.**
- **Retired professionals have: 1. 30+ years of Skills and Knowledge, 2. Long experience, 3. Professional networks, 4. Free and flexible time, and 5. Ability to volunteer.**

WHAT WE ARE DOING

- **We have conducted successful projects in China, Thailand, and Mongolia. Partners in many other countries are requesting our assistance.**
- **We have signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the U.S. National Park Service, and are coordinating with retired managers from Canada and the U.S. Forest Service and other agencies.**
- **We coordinate with the U.S. National Park Service to provide countries with the most flexible and effective access to U.S. expertise and best practices.**
- **We are helping form the International Conservation Corps which, an extensive network of like-minded US Government conservation agencies and related retiree groups.**