

The ICCA Consortium in 2017

Steps towards implementing our new strategy, defining our own policies, communicating more effectively and achieving solid ICCA advances in many countries

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The ICCA
Consortium

ICCA Consortium (www.iccaconsortium.org)

- rooted in the movements that promoted equity in conservation, and the international policy recognition of ICCAs...
- legally established in 2010 and registered as a global, member-based association under Swiss Law



- **Mission** – promote the *appropriate* recognition of ICCAs, and *appropriate* support to them
- **Members** – organizations & federations of indigenous peoples and local communities and NGOs directly supporting them (about 130 worldwide)
- **Honorary members** – committed and inspiring individuals with relevant capacities & concerns (about 300, in 75 countries)



Organs of the Association :

- General Assembly
- Steering Committee
- Auditor of accounts

- decision-making by **consensus** (voting only if consensus proves impossible)
- Vision, Statutes, Operational Guidelines, Strategy & yearly work reports online
- important efforts to make materials available in three languages
- main supporters: The Christensen Fund and UNDP GEF SGP + Swedbio





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...an **innovative work style** (which is evolving 😊...)

- **semi-volunteer personnel** – about 26 people based in 22 countries... no dedicated offices... work with Members
- coordinators and staff are **self-directed, outstanding individuals**, supported and coordinated rather than “instructed” ...
- **trust, flexibility and frugality** are the name of the game: plans offer orientation, monitoring is carried out, but changes are expected and people are trusted to act at best possible for the mission with the most efficient possible use of resources

work

at local level

at national level

at regional level

at international level



Work at local level

Aims: ICCA self-awareness and strength, increased capacity, security, resilience, self-determination, “emblematic ICCAs”...

supporting grassroots
processes of self-
strengthening of ICCAs

analysis of problems and
opportunities, conception and
implementation of initiatives to
strengthen and restore ICCAs
(GEF SGP funding and others),
support for community
communication (videos & photo-
stories, local radio, etc.)

self-monitoring of conservation & livelihoods results & governance vitality,
links with the UNEP WCMC Registry...



Work at national level

Aims: a “critical mass” for solidarity & effective advocacy in support of ICCAs; engaging civil society & ICCA leaders/ champions

- Promotion and support to national “**ICCA networks**” (working groups/ coalitions/ federations)
- Advocacy with technical agencies and policy makers for appropriate ICCA recognition and support
- Exchange visits and capacity building events
- Reports on “legal options” to recognize ICCAs
- National/regional governance evaluation processes (with IUCN)



Work at regional level

Aims: sharing inspiring experiences, providing mutual support, joint capacity building...

- Organization and facilitation of regional events and exchange visits...



Work at international level

Aim: enhanced international recognition of the ICCA contribution to conservation of nature and culture, mitigation of and adaptation to climate change, food sovereignty and security, collective rights and responsibilities and human wellbeing

Active presence at international policy negotiations & other regional and international **events**, partnerships and **exchanges** among IPs and LCs...

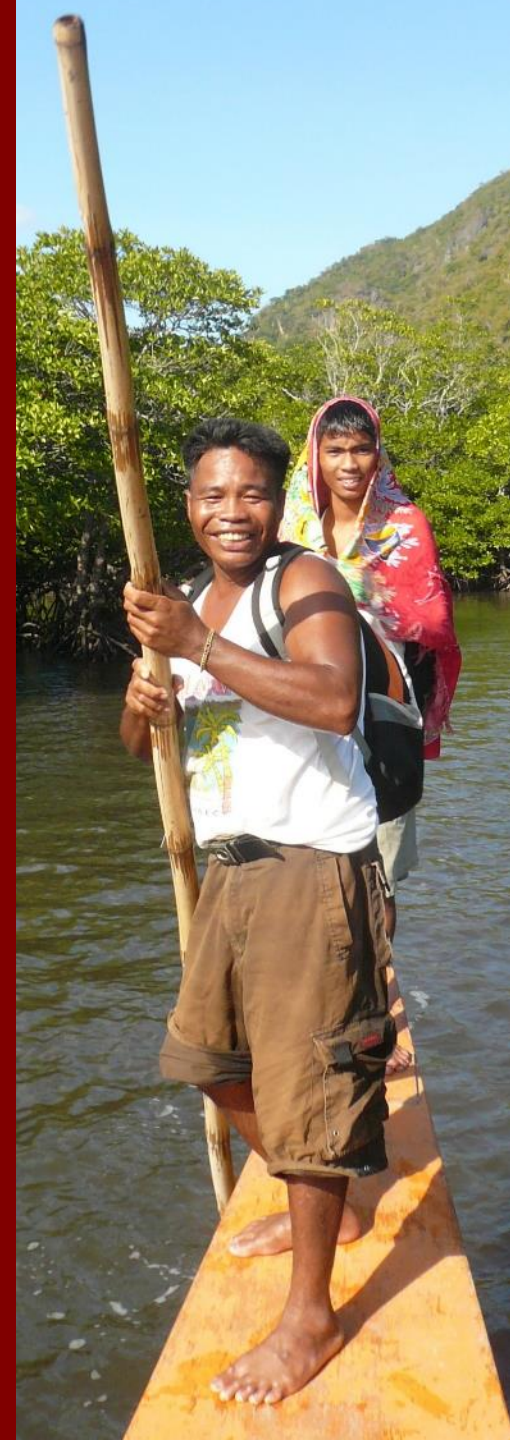
Developing **applied research** & **publications** with CBD, IUCN and other UN bodies (e.g., Policy Briefs)



This report

- What have we been doing in 2017?
- What have we accomplished?



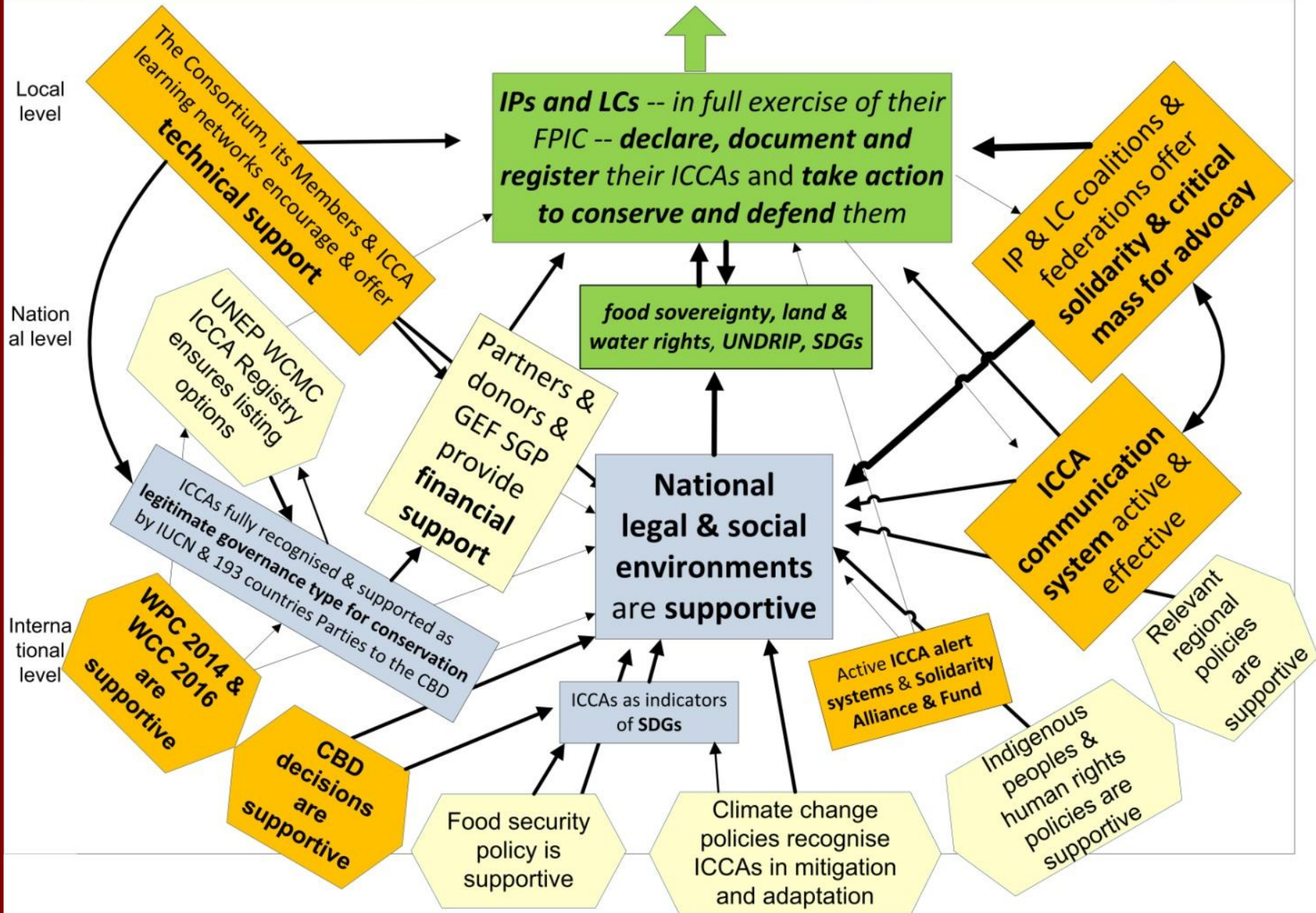


Need to consider:

- No “core funding”... but we function, and we save as much as we can for lean times (that always come) ...
- Support from three main projects “designed” to fit our mission & work :
- **GSI** → national strategic work in 26 countries + int. work on governance & ICCAs (capacities, ICCA Registry, etc.)
- **TCF** → global coordination + communications + Alerts/ SAFE + international policy advocacy, publications... & strategic review
- **Swedbio** → this GA + development of NO GO policy + videos for communications (2018)

ICCAs are thriving

& contribute to self determination, conservation of bio-cultural diversity & wellness of all living beings



a new strategy for the ICCA Consortium

remarkable document, well worth pondering,

Supporting local, national and transnational action

Influencing global policy, law and discourse

Building communication bridges and support materials

Thriving,
secure, and
durable
ICCA's

Supporting the growth of the organization

- Governance
- Regionalization
- Human resources
- Communications
- Fundraising

2017: taken some key steps to implement the strategy



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Asia – Nepal	ICCA Network Nepal	Association (informal)
Asia – Iran	UNINOMAD and UNICAMEL	Federations
Europe – Spain	Iniciativa Comunales	Formal association
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Other events/ initiatives in 2017

- **CBD written submissions** eg Glossary of key terms and concepts for Article 8(j) (more to go)
- meetings with **Prof. John Knox -- UN Rapporteur on Environment and Human Rights** (Feb, Oct, Nov 2017)
- Participation in EMRIP, **OCEAN Conference, IMPAC 4**
- First participation in Treaty Alliance events at Geneva (UN Treaty on Business & Human Rights)
- **ICCAs in Africa** at IUCN Hq.
- **ICCAs in Switzerland** – public event at the Museum of Natural History in Geneva
- This Xith **General Assembly** (from fundraising to organising...)
- **Roundtable among Partners and Friends of the ICCA Consortium** (4 days from now)



Friends of the Earth
International



1. “financialisation” of nature (webinars in English and Spanish)
2. governance for conservation of nature and ICCAs (webinars in English and Spanish, to come)
3. SAFE – rather stalled –

Alerts in 2017



- **Nigeria**/ Ikuri forest (sharing info)
- **Finland**/ Moratorium on external rules on fisheries
- **Ecuador**/ Cordillera del Condor (fundraising)
- New letter for **Tanzania**/ Uvinje
- Sharing info for **Tanzania**/ Loliondo

Applied research & publications

Guidance for a comprehensive process of ICCA self-strengthening

produced and diffused in three languages, currently under field use/ testing

Draft for use by GSI partners

Self-Strengthening ICCAs – Guidance on a process and resources for custodian indigenous peoples and local communities



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Les APAC se renforcent – démarche possible et références disponibles pour les communautés locales et les peuples autochtones gardiens d'APAC



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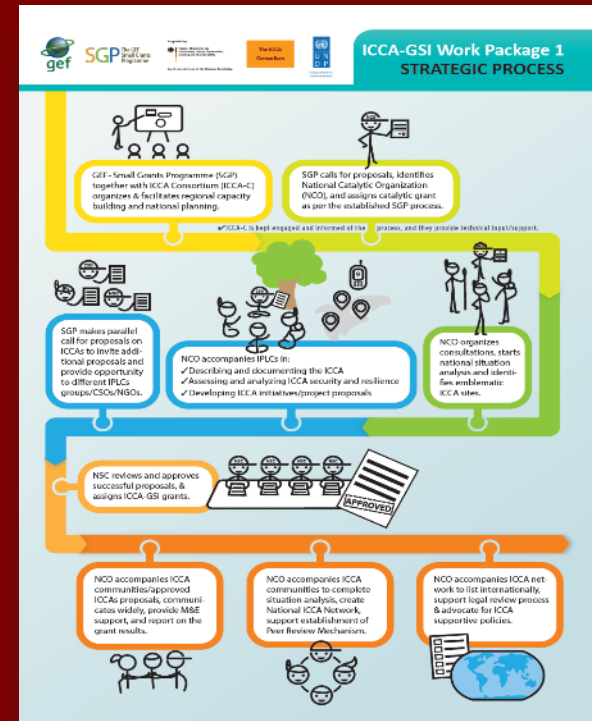
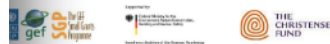
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Autofortalecer los TICCA – Orientaciones y recursos para procesos por pueblos indígenas y comunidades locales custodios de los TICCA



Consortio TICCA

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Applied research & publications



- On-going research on **governance vitality** (to be completed in 2018)
- Updated report on **ICCAs in Asia**
- First draft of national report on ICCAs in **Rumania**
- Extractive industries impact tools (finalised in Spanish)
- Special issues of Journal of the Commons (being planned)

Consortium Policy Briefs in preparation:

- Food sovereignty → planned
- Sustainable Development Goals → more work is needed
- Collective Rights and Responsibilities of Indigenous Peoples → more work is needed
- EU common agriculture policy → more work is needed

Taking steps to implement the new strategy in 2017



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Governance of the Consortium

- New **Steering Committee** – enlarged to 19 people
- **Membership committee** + new membership policy-- paying attention to composition, representation, and regional balance across the membership
- **Policy & Programme Committee** and new Consortium policies on NO GO (we will discuss tomorrow) and gender (still draft)
- Steering Committee meetings on Skype (one week!) & on-going e-discussions
- General Assembly in Geneva (November 2017)
- Exploring new partnerships with media organizations, defenders of HR advocates, donors...
- **Recruiting and serving Members (about 130 Members & 300 Honorary Members (approx. 20% growth per year))**



Regional decentralization

- Throughout the existence of the Consortium, the Regional Coordinators have always developed their own plans. With more formal appointments, there is a need for **more systematic planning and clearer responsibilities...**

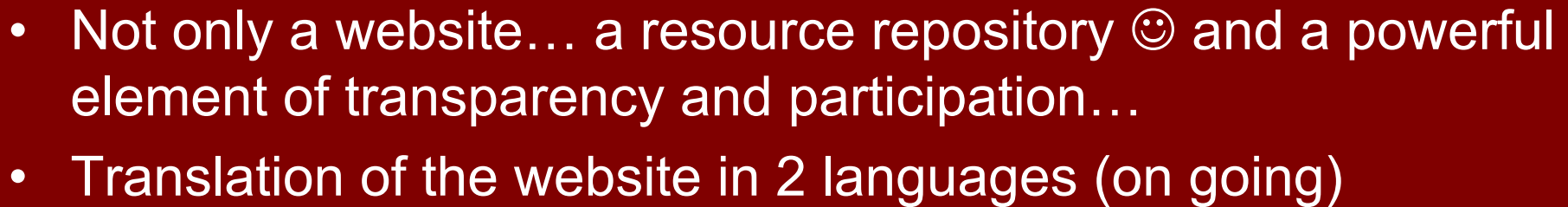
Who	Role
Global Secretariat	Lead on global policy engagement, communications and coordination , including synthesizing and distilling work across all regions and identifying opportunities for learning, exchange, strategic partnerships and advocacy ; oversee overall strategy and management of the Consortium, including fundraising and human resources .
Regional Coordinators	Lead on support and facilitation of national networks , including supporting national focal point organizations ; develop and manage implementation of regional strategies and work plans , based on national action plans developed with national focal points; assist regional Members with transnational advocacy efforts ; contribute to communications and identification of priorities for international advocacy and policy engagement. Fundraise for regional and transnational work.
National Focal Points (i.e., Member organizations at national level)	Lead facilitation of national networks ; assist national members with transnational advocacy efforts; contribute to communications and identification of priorities for international advocacy and policy engagement. Fundraise for national level work.
Members	Work with national Focal Point Organizations to develop strategies at national level. Participate actively in the work of national networks and regional and international activities. Contribute to communications and identification of priorities for advocacy and policy engagement . Assist National Focal Points in mobilizing resources .

Human resources

- Secretariat (about 26 peoples in 22 countries, 3 languages)
- New professional accountant – incredibly lucky that she is willing to be a semi-volunteer with us
- First audit passed in 2017
- Communication person – semi-volunteer collaborator for now several months
- Fundraising and reporting personnel still lacking/ taking a huge toll
- Regional coordinators -- procedural aspects of planning and reporting are slowly being more systematically enforced



New web site launched



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Donor relations and fundraising



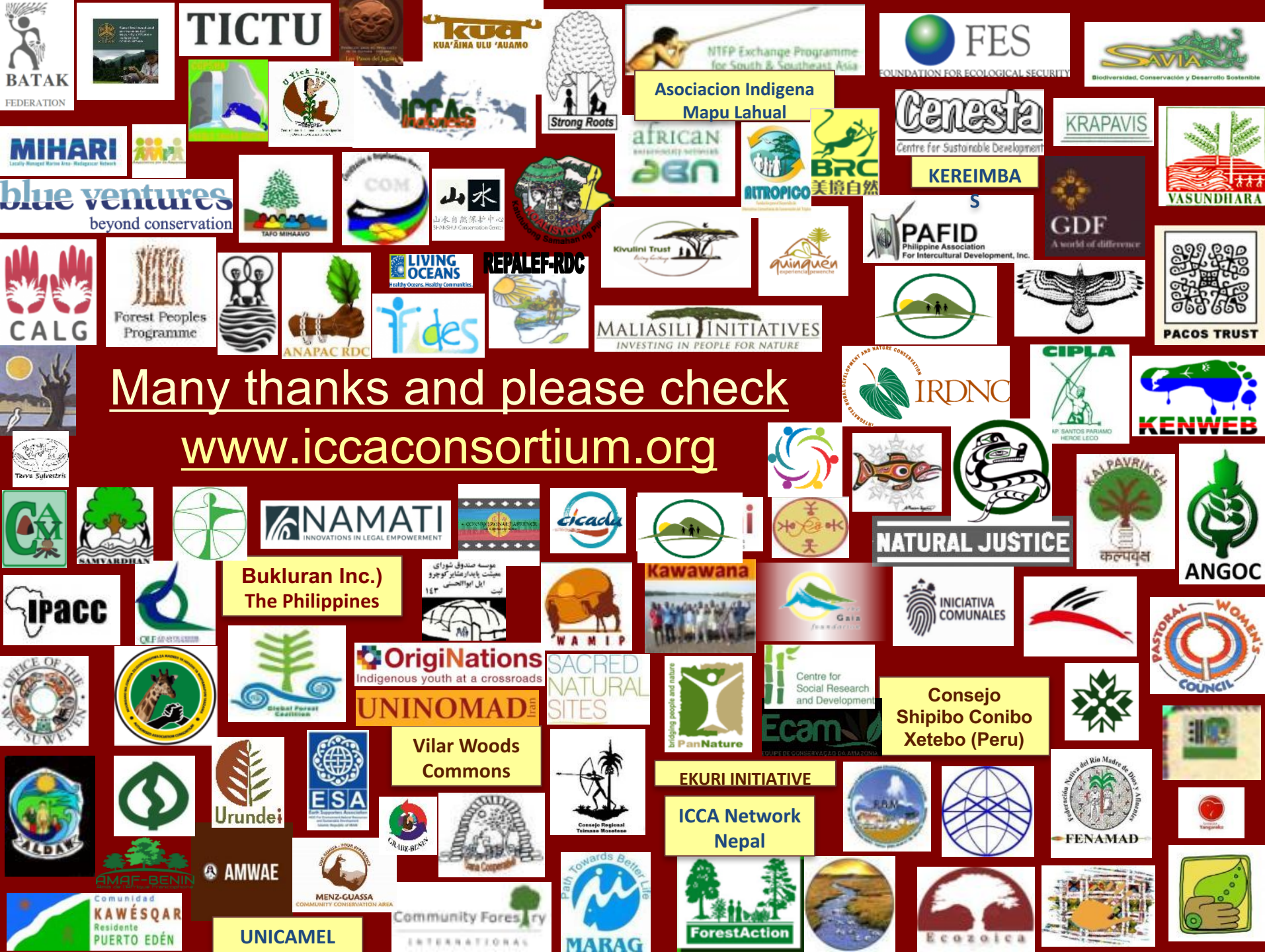
small grants for Africa
US\$ 5,000-10,000 on
community-centred
conservation, preferably
forest areas...

- 5 successful new grants for 2017-2018 (about US\$ 136,000) + travel support for people to attend events
- 4 main proposals still waiting for results
- On going reporting for our grants (quite a task!)
- Gearing up for more and more focused efforts in 2018 also on the basis of the plans of the Regional Coordinators

Summary milestones in 2017



- **New strategy** being implemented
- **Shaping our own policies** (e.g., NO GO for destructive developments in ICCAs)
- **New WEB SITE**
- **Solid ICCA advances** in organizing, policy & practice in Burkina Faso, Bolivia, Colombia, Guinea, Iran, Senegal, Indonesia, DRC, Malaysia, Taiwan, Guatemala, Madagascar, Chile... (and at regional level in Central Asia, Cono Sur & Europe)



Many thanks and please check
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