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An Overview of the INTERNATIONAL LAND CONSERVATION NETWORK (ILCN)

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Introduction to the International Land Conservation Network (ILCN)

The Lincoln Institute of Land Policy **seeks to improve quality of life through the effective use, taxation, and stewardship of land**. A nonprofit private operating foundation which celebrated its 75th anniversary in 2021, we are engaged in geographies around the globe, from the Americas to Europe, Africa, Asia, and Australia.

The International Land Conservation Network (ILCN) is a program of the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy. **As a highly effective, trusted, and connected global network, we leverage expertise to successfully advance private and civic land conservation throughout the world.** Our mission is to connect organizations and people around the world that are accelerating voluntary private and civic sector action that protects and stewards land and water resources. We believe that building capacity and empowering voluntary private and civic land conservation will strengthen the global land conservation movement and lead to more durable and effective resource protection.



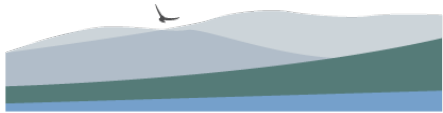


The ILCN has a Diverse, Talented and Widely Distributed Core Team

- The staff is based in Cambridge, Massachusetts, USA
- Regional Representatives are based on six continents, from Boston to Brussels to Beijing, Nairobi, Sydney, and Santiago
- The Steering Committee includes a dozen close advisors from key partner organizations around the globe (e.g., the Land Trust Alliance in the US, the European Land Conservation Network in the EU, the Australian Land Conservation Alliance, and the emerging African Protected Areas group (see <https://landconservationnetwork.org/who-we-are>)



Pre-conference workshop participants at the 2018 ILCN Global Congress in metropolitan Santiago, Chile



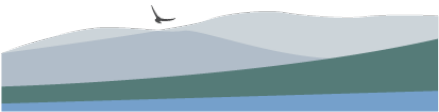
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What We Do

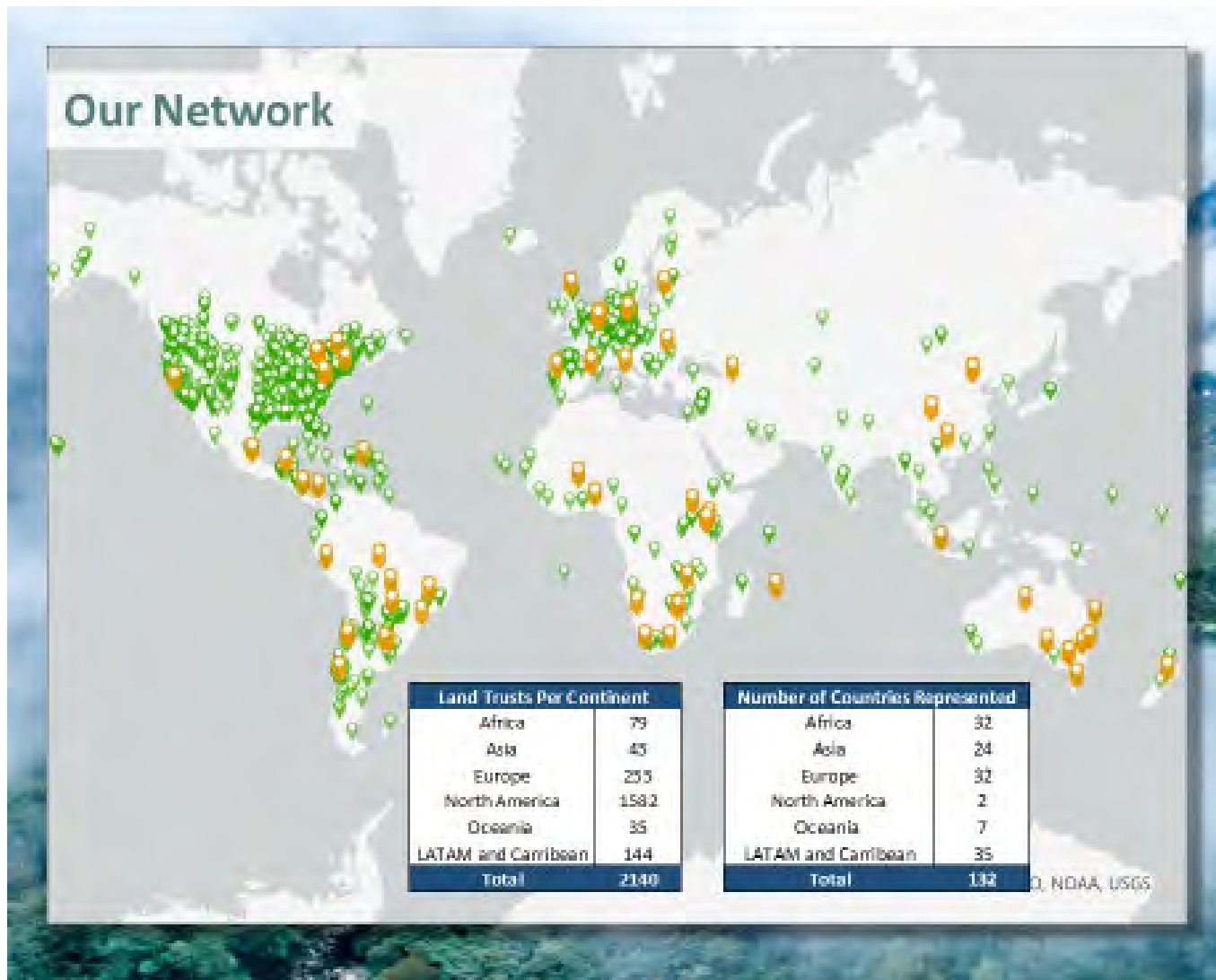
- **Network:** Convene and connect our community of practice, both virtually and in person, on six continents and more than 90 countries
- **Research:** Create and publish case studies and national profiles; highlight innovative policies, practices and tools
- **Demonstrate:** Work with peer-learning partners to design and implement successful land protection and stewardship initiatives
- **Raise awareness** of critical issues, including equity and inclusion, and highlight the role of private and civic land conservation in safeguarding natural resources

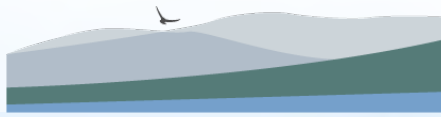


From the Ground Up
How Land Trusts and Conservancies
Are Providing Solutions to Climate Change



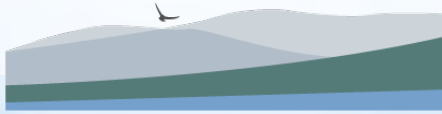
Where we are: today, there are land conservation NGOs in more than 130 countries





North America





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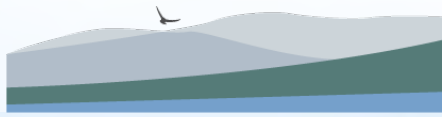
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Oceania

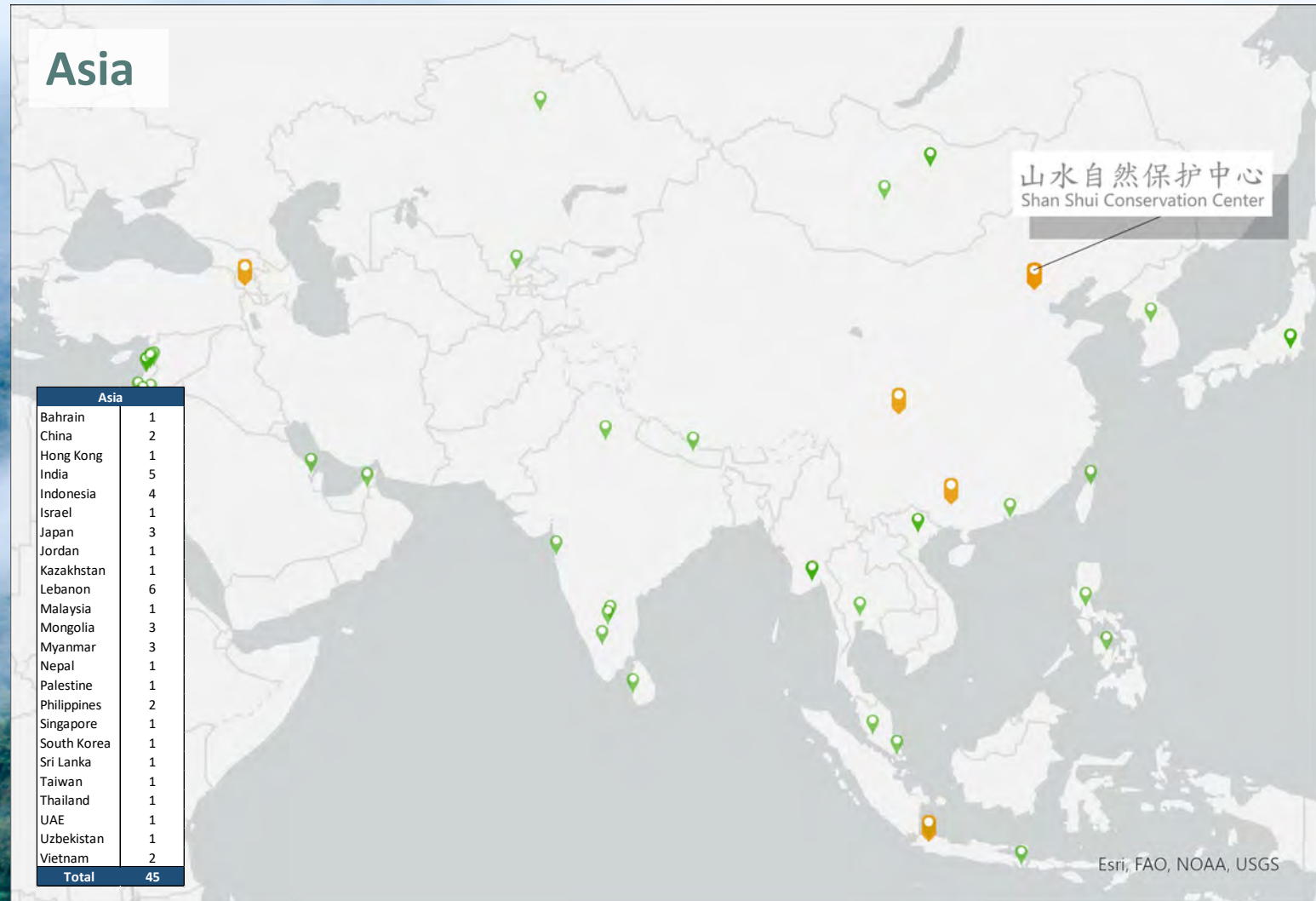
Oceania	
Australia	21
Fiji	2
Micronesia	1
New Zealand	4
Palau	1
Papua New Guinea	1
Kiribati	1
US Territories	4
Total	35

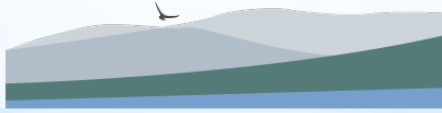


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Asia



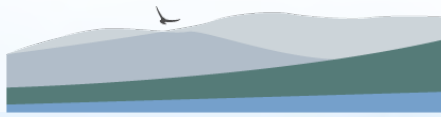


Africa

Africa	
Angola	1
Botswana	2
Burkina Faso	1
Burundi	1
Cameroon	1
Cape Verde	2
Cote d'Ivoire	1
DR. Congo	2
Djibouti	1
Egypt	1
Ethiopia	2
Ghana	2
Kenya	18
Liberia	1
Madagascar	2
Malawi	2
Mauritania	1
Mauritius	1
Morocco	1
Namibia	2
Nigeria	2
Rwanda	2
Senegal	1
Seychelles	2
Sierra Leone	1
South Africa	15
South Sudan	1
St. Helena	1
Tunisia	1
Uganda	3
Zambia	3
Zimbabwe	2
Total	79



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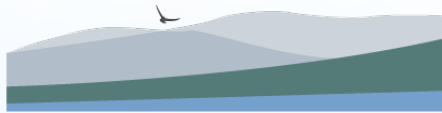


Latin America and Caribbean

Latin America and Caribbean	
Antigua and Barbuda	1
Argentina	73
Aruba	1
Bahamas	2
Barbados	1
Belize	6
Bermuda	1
Bolivia	3
Brazil	6
Cayman Islands	1
Chile	36
Colombia	5
Costa Rica	7
Cuba	2
Dominican Republic	4
Ecuador	5
El Salvador	1
Falkland Islands	1
Guatemala	5
Guyana	1
Haiti	1
Honduras	2
Jamaica	1
Mexico	7
Netherlands	1
Nicaragua	3
Panama	5
Paraguay	1
Peru	5
Puerto Rico	4
Saint Lucia	1
Trinidad and Tobago	1
United States	2
Uruguay	1
Venezuela	3
Virgin Islands	2
Total	202

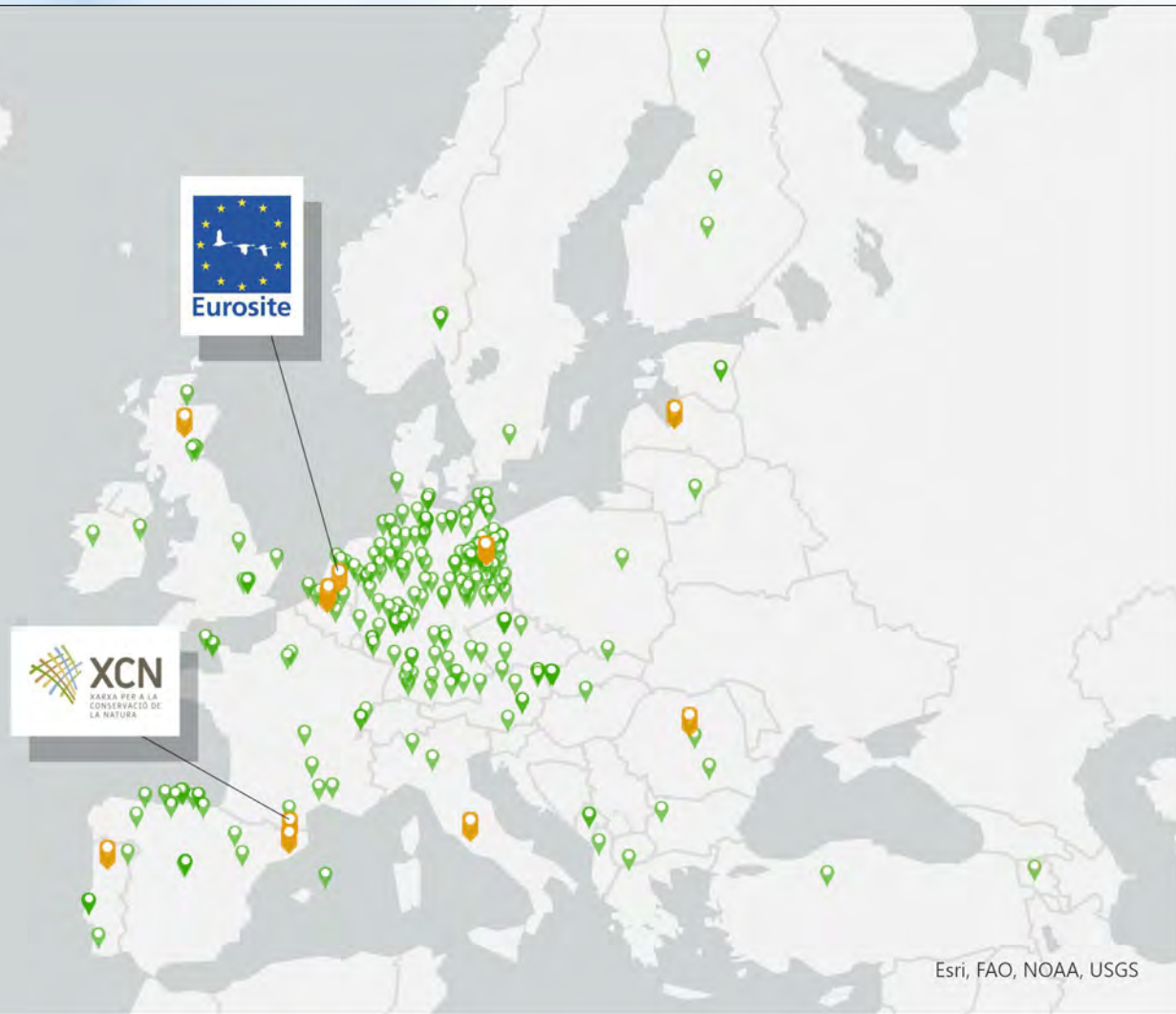
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Europe

Europe	
Albania	1
Armenia	1
Austria	9
Belgium	8
Bulgaria	1
Czechia	7
Estonia	2
Finland	3
France	7
Germany	138
Greece	1
Hungary	1
Iceland	1
Ireland	2
Italy	3
Jersey	2
Latvia	2
Lithuania	1
Montenegro	2
Netherlands	5
Norway	3
Poland	1
Portugal	7
Romania	3
Scotland	5
Slovakia	5
Slovenia	1
Spain	21
Sweden	1
Switzerland	3
Türkiye	1
United Kingdom	7
Total	255



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We research land conservation efforts that protect biodiversity, promote environmental quality, and help landowners use land sustainably.



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Mount Grace and UMass Extension host pasture management workshop series



Doe Valley Farm in Petersham is the setting for the April 9 workshop on pasture management. Contributed photo

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Our staff based in Cambridge, our Regional Representatives on six continents, our Steering Committee members and our colleagues in partner organizations travel to visit innovative land conservation NGOs around the globe.

We continue to learn of ground-breaking initiatives that are protecting land, providing ecosystem services and addressing urgent climate challenges.

The best of these are:

- Creative,
- Strategically significant
- Measurable,
- Transferable, and
- Enduring

We continue to seek opportunities to learn about emerging solutions, such as agrivoltaics being researched at the US National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL), Colorado State University (CSU) and Jack's Solar Garden (see, for example, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FGMNFPC-9fk>)

We look forward to the opportunity to work with you to help realize other equally significant initiatives.

Greening Australia is aiming to restore millions of hectares of Australian landscape by 2030



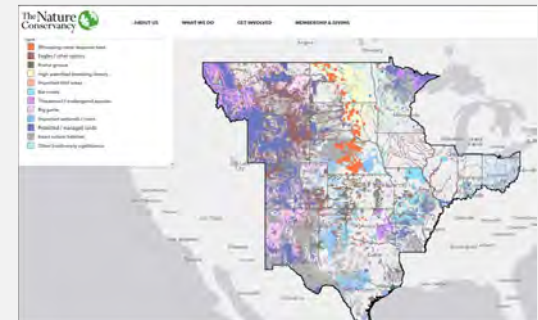
NABU has been leading the restoration of about 56 miles (90 km) of the River Havel in Germany



Chinese forests and habitat for endangered species are being protected by the innovative Ant Forest initiative, involving collaboration with NGOs such as the See Foundation



Site Wind Right helps direct renewable energy developers in the US to sites that have a low risk of conflict with biodiversity



Today's discussion focus stems from our engagement over the past several years with Canadian pioneers in collaborative conservation through the:

- **2019-2023 ILCN Peer Learning Exchange** involving John Lounds, Thom Unrau and Robin Lawston, here today
- **2023 Working Paper by Sarah Winterton** working with John Lounds and Bob McLean at the Centre for Land Conservation, based in Canada
- **A study tour over the past week, visiting:**
 - Scenic Hudson in Poughkeepsie, NY
 - The three RCP coalition along the NY/CT/MA/VT border, and
 - Mount Grace LCT and the North Quabbin Regional Landscape Partnership based in Athol, Massachusetts
- **Outcomes:**
 - these panelist here today, and
 - a recent grant in Canada to advance this work over the nexty several years.

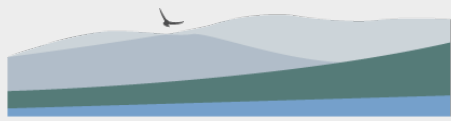
Building a Landscape Conservation Approach: The potential for Regional Conservation and Climate Partnerships in Canada

Working Paper WP23SW1

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We Share Our Insights at Global Congress Gatherings

2015

1st Global Congress in Berlin, Germany results in the creation of the European Land Conservation Network

2018

2nd Global Congress in Santiago, Chile attended by 200 participants from 21 countries

2021

3rd Global Congress online and in Barcelona, Spain attended by more than 400 participants from 47 countries and had 980 registrants from 89 countries

2024

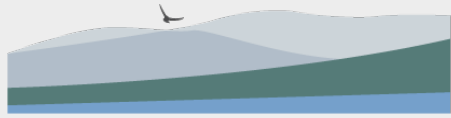
4th Global Congress, in partnership with the **NATURE CONSERVANCY OF CANADA** and the **CENTRE FOR LAND CONSERVATION**

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4th GLOBAL CONGRESS, OCTOBER 16-19, 2024

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