



## Organizational Profiles

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### A ROCHA INTERNATIONAL

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A Rocha is an international Christian conservation organisation, which engages in scientific research, environmental education and community-based conservation projects, for the conservation and ecological restoration of biodiversity and for human wellbeing. Through its residential field study centres, site-based projects and wider advocacy, A Rocha: (i) works in partnership with a wide range of organisations and individuals, undertaking conservation that benefits people and wildlife, and (ii) provides a forum for understanding the relevance of the Christian faith to environmental issues. Its 19 national organizations are held together around five core commitments which characterise them as Christian in motivation; focused on conservation; community-based; intentionally cross-cultural and cooperative in approach. A Rocha also works with its partners to implement global programmes in areas with high values of biological diversity.

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### CONSERVATION INTERNATIONAL

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Building upon a strong foundation of science, partnership and field demonstration, CI empowers societies to responsibly and sustainably care for nature, our global biodiversity, for the well-being of humanity.

Our scientists, field staff and policy experts are measuring the contribution of healthy ecosystems to human well-being; assessing the implications of development decisions; putting cutting-edge, rigorously tested information in the hands of decision-makers and the public; and demonstrating through field models how economic opportunity and the stewardship of natural resources can leverage change at an international scale. In order to have the most impact as quickly and effectively as possible, CI focuses both marine and land-based efforts on:

- working to secure a stable global climate
- understanding and protecting the sources and flows of fresh water
- ensuring nature's ability to provide food for human needs
- minimizing environmental pressures on human health
- valuing the role of nature in human cultures
- safeguarding the unknown and as-yet-undiscovered option values that nature provides.

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#### **CONSERVATION INTERNATIONAL – PAPUA NEW GUINEA**

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CI-PNG is a non-profit organization working to identify conservation priorities and actions in Papua New Guinea. CI works in collaboration with community land/marine resource owners, government and extension agencies including Provincial and Local-level Governments, the Department of Environment and Conservation, National Fisheries Authority, the private sector and other NGOs. CI-PNG focuses on biodiversity research and surveys, natural resource management and conservation, establishment of protected areas, environment and conservation education and awareness, community livelihood programs, good governance and institutional strengthening. It builds upon PNG ways and enhances existing aspects of environmental custodianship and management by listening to community concerns and by building their capacity for long term management of high-priority conservation areas and the greater ecosystem upon which they depend.

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#### **PAPUA NEW GUINEA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION (DEC)**

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The Department of Environment and Conservation has the statutory responsibility to survey, document and preserve Papua New Guinea's biological diversity. With its central offices in the capital Port Moresby, the Department has representatives based at major resource projects throughout PNG and staff are involved in a variety of conservation initiatives around the country.

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#### **PAPUA NEW GUINEA INSTITUTE OF BIOLOGICAL RESEARCH (PNGIBR)**

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The Papua New Guinea Institute of Biological Research (PNGIBR) is a Papua New Guinea (PNG)-based not for profit association, founded in 2008 to ensure a biologically sustainable future for PNG. The organization's national staff biologists are trained both in PNG and abroad, and have decades of experience working with traditional landowners in PNG on research and conservation projects. IBR is in a position to integrate Melanesian traditional knowledge and customs with modern concepts to achieve conservation and sustainable use of natural resources and wildlife. PNGIBR biologists conduct research on critically endangered animals such as the long-beaked echidna, the Bulmer's fruit bat, and the ground cuscus among other species. They also conduct hunting studies and cultural artefact surveys in PNG to assess the off-take of wildlife for food and cultural purposes. The organization trains younger PNG biologists and conservationists in scientific research skills, and ensures information is shared with policy makers, landowners and PNG citizens. PNGIBR's vision is to be a leading institution made up of scientific colleagues dedicated to conserving Papua New Guinea's flora, fauna and ecosystems to ensure a biologically sustainable future.

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