

Project Leaders

Conservation Ink is a U.S. and Mongolian non-profit organization engaged in publishing that supports conservation and environmental education. Conservation Ink has operated in Mongolia since 2002, with support from USAID, Wildlife Conservation Society, National Geographic Society, The Asia Foundation, The Canada Fund, and others.

Denver Zoo has conducted wildlife research in Mongolia for over ten years. Its Conservation Biology department, headed by Dr. Rich Reading, has been instrumental in protecting many of Mongolia's threatened species, including the establishment of Ikh Nart Nature Reserve in central Mongolia.

People Centered Conservation is a Mongolian non-profit organization addressing community conservation issues throughout the country. Working primarily with the New Zealand Nature Institute, PCC assists herder groups in community-based conservation of local environment and wildlife resources.



Nomadic Nature Trunks

Serving schools and communities across Mongolia



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A Mobile Conservation Education Program

Activity-based instruction
in natural science and the environment
packed for traveling in individual trunks.

Trunk Overview

Mongolia has long been a land of abundant wildlife and wild places, but today both are in jeopardy. Conservation education and collaboration at the school and community level are critical components in the protection of the nation's natural heritage. Nomadic Nature Trunks provide critically needed natural science and conservation education to communities in and around protected areas throughout Mongolia. This traveling classroom in a box is designed to provide a creative learning environment encouraging total community engagement. Each trunk includes activities and materials such as puppets, posters, maps, animal tracks, books, and games focused on region-specific biodiversity and conservation concerns. The traveling trunk program has been well-received in rural Mongolia due to:

- ⊗ A nomadic tradition of traveling information.
- ⊗ The physical distance between communities.
- ⊗ A deep cultural respect for nature, leading to a high level of receptivity for conservation education.
- ⊗ Limited resources of rural schools despite a strong national commitment to education.
- ⊗ Importance of the link between herders' knowledge of conservation and the ecologic health of their homeland.



Our mission:

“To cultivate the next generation of conservation-minded Mongolians.”

Goals and Outcomes

- ⊗ Create a nationally-supported curriculum addressing conservation issues and biodiversity on a regional basis within Mongolia.
- ⊗ Incorporate trunk program methodology and content into the Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) system being established by Mongolia's Ministry of Education.
- ⊗ Supply communities and schools with much needed educational resources and new teaching methodologies.
- ⊗ Foster greater environmental awareness, respect, and responsibility through total community engagement.
- ⊗ Realize a decrease in illegal activities that negatively impact wildlife and their habitats.

Program Expansion and Support

The Nomadic Nature Trunk Program began in Mongolia's three eastern-most provinces, has expanded to Ikh Nart Nature Reserve, and will continue to grow, becoming a national curriculum throughout Mongolia. Join our conservation movement in Mongolia!

Funding is needed for:

- ⊗ Sustainability – to transport, maintain, and replace materials for existing trunks.
- ⊗ Expansion – to develop and implement the program in other eco-regions.

Find out more about how you can help create sustainable conservation education programming for Mongolia's rural, buffer-zone communities, where resources are extremely limited, at www.denverzoo.org/conservation/sponsor-a-trunk.asp

