Today, too often, polarization and entrenched positions prevent solutions. Conflicts arise, important issues get stuck, and parties become entrenched. There’s a divide. That divide can be a frustrating and intimidating place. At RESOLVE, we look at that divide and see opportunity. We roll up our sleeves and dive in. It’s where we do our best work.

We work hard to close the gap between problems and solutions, for the good of people and the planet. Our teams meet the challenge head-on. We’ve got mediators who navigate and untangle disputes, program strategists and innovators who create and test ideas, and entrepreneurs who figure out how to fund and sustain solutions – all in pursuit of bridging that divide.

In the last year, we saw progress due to the strategic creativity and grit of our staff, partners, and networks. We advanced a vision for lead-free communities in the U.S. We pursued plastics reuse at the local, national, and international level. We also deployed conservation technology to address poaching. We partnered with USAID, in-region governments, and the private sector to support sustainable health facility electrification in rural Africa. And we grew a social enterprise that supplies critical minerals needed for the energy transition while restoring land at legacy mine sites.

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Conservation
Our Quick Response Fund for Nature launched a partnership with Rainforest Trust, where they committed to providing $1M annually towards rare species sites identified through our Global Safety Net. In its first year, the partnership approved funding for 12 projects in 9 countries, committing nearly $1.4 million to help protect 171,000 hectares of important habitat for endangered species. Through this effort, we are demonstrating how to leverage our science to support conservation action beyond what we are able to directly fund alone.
New Research on Large Mammal Assemblages

We published a scientific paper, “An ecoregion-based approach to restoring the world’s intact large mammal assemblages,” highlighting 30 priority ecoregions, selected by expert wildlife conservationists, where restoration efforts in the near future are highly feasible for the recovery of intact large mammal assemblages spanning across 61 countries. The research team included team members from RESOLVE, the UN Environment Programme – World Conservation Monitoring Centre, and a group of leading wildlife biologists from 10 countries. Financial support for the study was provided by One Earth.
Our team contributed to project work at TerrAdapt, a cloud-based mapping tool and new organization that is fiscally administered by RESOLVE. TerrAdapt is revolutionizing the ability of land managers to adaptively respond to how they manage for biodiversity protection, habitat restoration, and ecological resilience in the Cascadia region of Washington State and British Columbia. We are actively working with the team at TerrAdapt to explore how we can use the tool to support First Nations working to establish Indigenous Protected and Conserved areas.
Nightjar’s (formerly WildTech) TrailGuard AI camera-alert technology hit several breakthrough milestones in 2022. Our team successfully expanded deployments in several countries including India, Nepal, Zambia, and Ukraine. We also transmitted the first-ever real-time images of wild elephants, tigers, and rhinos, prevented several cases of human-wildlife conflicts, and assisted in prosecuting poaching gangs operating within protected areas. Our collaborations with engineering partners in Romania and India have resulted in major software and hardware upgrades to TrailGuard, which is scheduled to begin commercial production in 2023.
Missouri River Recovery Implementation Committee

Since 2009 we have facilitated the Missouri River Recovery Implementation Committee, a group of stakeholders, tribes, and federal and state agencies engaged in a collaborative process to address endangered species conservation efforts on the Missouri River. This includes an extensive adaptive management process where scientific work informs management actions that are also influenced by a wide range of other stakeholder interests (e.g., agriculture, navigation, water supply, hydropower, recreation, and environmental). In 2022, the Committee reached consensus on a set of recommendations regarding the location and development of habitat projects for pallid sturgeon that follow the best available science and minimize impact on nearby communities, businesses, and cultural resources. These projects are part of the adaptive management plan intended to support recovery of the pallid sturgeon.
Integrated Pest Management

RESOLVE facilitated regular discussions among a group of key stakeholders on the critical role integrated pest management (IPM) plays in sustainable farming systems. The group believes IPM can make a positive impact in support of climate-smart agriculture, resistance management, and precision farming – all of which contributes to a practice of regenerative agriculture that can create substantial benefits for farmers and the environment. RESOLVE is continuing to work with the stakeholders to create a broader, more coordinated approach to IPM that supports uptake and closer integration and dialogue around the key issues, research, technologies, and opportunities facing 21st Century agriculture.
Sustainable Resources
After an initial pilot phase from 2019-2021, RESOLVE scaled and launched the **Peace Diamonds Restoration Initiative** to rehabilitate land degraded by small-scale diamond mining in Sierra Leone. RESOLVE partners with the host government at the national and sub-national level, local traditional chiefs and district councils and other community members to transform former mining sites – now flooded pits and depleted soils – into arable land for farming and other sustainable uses. The Initiative centers community groups – many led by women – in decision-making about which sites to restore and how the land will be repurposed. Our field team also facilitates entrepreneurial workshops that offer skill-building and training to support engagement in social enterprise initiatives and post-restoration land stewardship.
Public-Private Alliance for Responsible Minerals Trade

Since 2011, the **Public-Private Alliance for Responsible Minerals Trade** (PPA) is a unique and vital platform for bolstering responsible sourcing through collaboration among civil society, government, and industry actors. In 2022, the PPA made important strides in promoting financial inclusion for artisanal miners, identifying opportunities to enhance equity and benefits for artisanal workers and their communities, and amplifying tools and data to inform more impactful due diligence and related interventions within mining-affected communities.

Members reaffirmed their commitment to the partnership for another 5-year mandate, expanding beyond its historic scope of tin, tantalum, tungsten, and gold in the Great Lakes Region of Africa to now include additional minerals like cobalt, nickel, and lithium, as well as geographies of importance in the clean energy transition.
Our **OrigemA** project in the Democratic Republic of Congo works to realize a digitally enabled responsible diamond supply chain. This work encompasses a range of interventions with artisanal and small-scale diamond mining cooperatives, regional and national government actors, communities, and private sector actors. We provide capacity-building on responsible mining practices as well as the installation of solar microgrids and specialized equipment to enable required internet access for participating miners and their communities. The project also contains a gender equity and inclusion component through dedicated agricultural training on small hectares of land, starting with women who are members of three artisanal diamond mining cooperatives.
Regeneration, a B-Corp launched by RESOLVE, targets waste at legacy mine sites as a source for remining critical minerals that will help accelerate the energy transition and support national climate goals while also pursuing restoration opportunities. Regeneration celebrated many milestones in its first year of operations – establishing a leadership team, identifying a pipeline of candidate sites, and approving over $1 million in funding for site-based work (ranging from drilling and sampling waste to designing initial plans for restoration efforts), building an active policy team, and partnering with leading jewelers to introduce responsible produced minerals into their supply chains.
Healthy Communities
In partnership with the AAAS Center for Scientific Evidence in Public Issues (EPI Center), we are working to protect communities from exposure to Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) – so-called “forever chemicals.” In 2022 we helped over 650 public officials at the federal, state, and local levels across the country understand the current scientific evidence as they evaluate the risks. Through a series of webinars, roundtables, and dialogues we delivered the latest in scientific research, including how the chemicals move through the environment, health impacts, technologies to remove PFAS from contaminated media, and risk communications strategies to improve public safety.
PR3 has officially launched a consensus-based standards setting process to help align and scale reuse systems around the world. In 2022, RESOLVE became accredited as a standards-developing organization by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI). We are now moving PR3's seven reusable packaging systems standards through the official ANSI process with a consensus body that includes over 60 representatives from business, environmental justice groups, consumer advocates, labor groups, cities, and national governments around the globe. Even as they are being refined, companies and communities around the world are adopting PR3 standards in emerging reuse systems, including in Seattle and Galveston in the U.S., Toronto and Vancouver in Canada, and Jakarta in Indonesia.
Health Facility Electrification

In 2021, RESOLVE launched HealthGrid Sierra Leone, a project to provide self-sustaining renewable power, internet connectivity, and water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) systems to off-grid health centers in Sierra Leone. By the end of 2022, HealthGrid had installed solar power systems at 15 health facilities, internet connections at 11 facilities, and WASH systems at four facilities. Additional installations are underway in 2023. RESOLVE continues to work on developing a sustainability model for operations and maintenance of the installed equipment. Drawing on HealthGrid Sierra Leone, RESOLVE helped catalyze a broader effort – the Health Electrification and Telecommunications Alliance (HETA), which launched in 2022 and seeks to bring reliable electrification and digital connectivity to 10,000 health facilities in sub-Saharan Africa. HETA is a U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) global development alliance. USAID has committed at least $49M to HETA and is working to leverage more than $200 million of additional private and public sector resources.
RESOLVE partnered with the American Heart Association (AHA) to convene workshops with healthcare providers, food assistance organizations, and community-based organizations in 5 American communities to identify opportunities for local stakeholders to work together to support nutrition security in these communities. Nutrition security, as defined by AHA, is “an individual or household condition of having equitable and stable availability, access, affordability, and utilization of foods and beverages that promote wellbeing and treat disease.” These workshops provided a space for community leaders to share lessons learned, identify and build on successful nutrition security initiatives, and create a localized framework for action to promote and support health and wellbeing in communities where people are at the greatest risk of nutrition insecurity.
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