



SAHARA CONSERVATION FUND AT A GLANCE



Dedicated to conserving the wildlife of the Sahara and the Sahel

SPEAKING OUT FOR THE SAHARA AND THE SAHEL

The Sahara Conservation Fund (SCF) was established in 2004 to address the silent extinction crisis facing the wildlife of the Sahara and the Sahel, an area covering over a fifth of the surface of Africa.

The Sahara has long been home to wildlife and to peoples whose livelihoods and survival are intimately linked to the sustainable use of natural resources – pasture, woodland and water. **Over-hunting, over-grazing, drought and an absence of resources**

for conservation have led to the loss or degradation of many habitats and the decline or extinction of once familiar species.

Working with partners worldwide, SCF develops long-term conservation solutions that integrate wildlife, habitat and human beings. SCF addresses the conservation needs of some of the hottest, the wildest and the most overlooked biodiversity hotspots on earth, the Sahara and the Sahel.



Put the Sahel and the Sahara on the conservation map



Work in 7 African countries



Since creation, 15+ large-scale projects undertaken



Valuable scientific contributions, with thousands of geo-referenced records

SAVING SAHELO-SAHARAN SPECIES

SCF works with governments, academics and other conservation organizations on a wide array of species conservation activities, ranging from wildlife surveys and training,

to protected areas management and reintroduction of extinct or critically endangered animals.



Unique facts and information on desert wildlife



A network of 50+ international experts

Our Priorities

- Secure the survival of key large bird and mammal species
- Reintroduce or restore lost or endangered species
- Implement large-scale, landscape-level conservation initiatives
- Be a major voice for the Sahara and its precious biodiversity

BRINGING THEM BACK FROM EXTINCTION

SCF has paved the way for the reintroduction of the "extinct in the wild" scimitar-horned oryx to central Chad and is now working with the government and the Environment Agency - Abu Dhabi, to build up a viable, free-ranging and self-sustaining population of at least 500 animals.



PREVENTING THEM FROM GOING EXTINCT

For more than a decade, SCF has been helping Saharan nations prevent the extinction of species, like the critically endangered addax antelope and dama gazelle, and monitoring efforts to ensure better protection, and management of their desert habitats.

KNOWING THEM MORE TO PROTECT THEM BETTER

Some of the Sahelo-Saharan birds are among the most endangered but least studied globally. To reverse the silent extinction of previously common bustards and vultures, SCF is working to improve the knowledge about the species and their ecology.



RESTORING ANIMAL POPULATIONS

The North African ostrich has almost completely disappeared from its previously vast Sahelo-Saharan range. SCF created a breeding center as the foundation for reintroducing this critically endangered bird in Niger. It is also working to restore the addax antelope to Chad.

MAKING THE CHANGE FOR WILDLIFE & HUMANS ALIKE



97,000 km²

Termit & Tin Toumma National Nature Reserve in Niger was established in 2012 thanks to the relentless efforts of SCF.



77,360 km²

Ouadi Rimé-Ouadi Achim Game Reserve in Chad was the last stronghold of scimitar-horned oryx before they disappeared in the 1980's. It now hosts the highly successful Oryx Reintroduction Project, with SCF orchestrating the efforts of key partners, experts, local authorities and communities

**Our
Added
Value**

*Unique knowledge on desert ecology, key spaces & landscapes
Building of local relationships, partnerships for conservation, and political backing
Proven, high-level expertise on protected areas management in the Sahara and Sahel*

SCF's approach is to engage in long-term projects, with governments and peoples of some of the most fragile nations in the world.

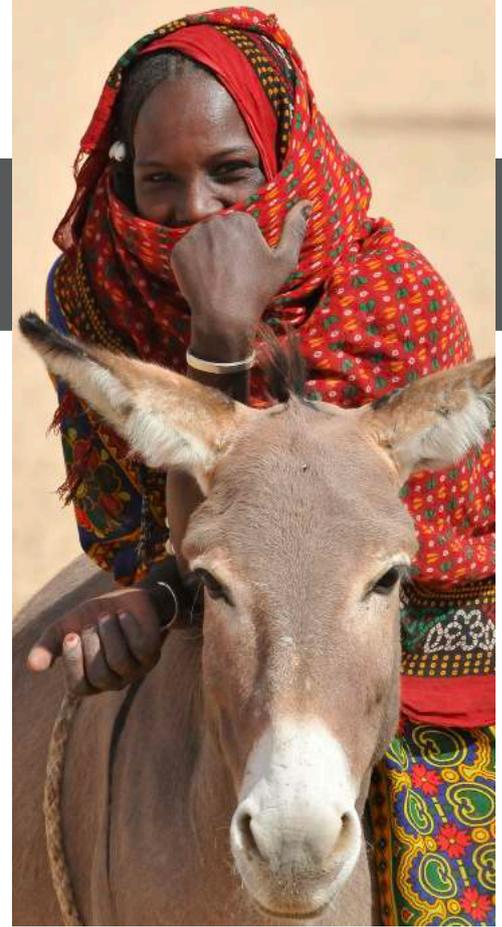
ASSISTANCE. Isolated populations living in remote places receive less support. SCF provides humanitarian aid during droughts, health, education, and infrastructures improvement services.

EMPLOYEMENT Locals are recruited within the protected areas through community game guard programs.

CAPACITY BUILDING. SCF shares its expertise and trains agents of the wildlife authorities in the countries where it works.

AWARENESS. Sensitization campaigns are regularly carried out on the ground, improving citizens understanding of their unique natural heritage.

INFLUENCE. SCF lobbies governments and organizations to curb the practice of unsustainable hunting and inappropriate development, advising them on the establishment and management of protected areas.



Today, habitat protection and landscape conservation, with mutual support of the local communities, makes the change for wildlife and humans alike.

FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

Scimitar-horned oryx, dama gazelle and addax remain the key mammal species SCF will work to protect through **enhanced cooperation with range states**, like Chad, Niger, Tunisia and Morocco. **New breeding facilities** in Kellé, Niger, will allow **progressive reintroduction of the North African Ostrich to the wild**. Knowledge on the **conservation status of threatened bustards and vultures** will be improved.

SCF will work to improve the **management of several conservation landscapes** in the Sahara and Sahel. With major support from the **European Union**, SCF is working to enhance the management and **governance of the Ouadi Rimé-Ouadi Achim Wildlife Reserve in Chad**. The Gadabedji Wildlife Reserve in Niger, will also be focal to our activities.

SCF's position as the premier source of information and **vocation as a "voice for the Sahara"** will be reinforced, with the ambition to be the main **knowledge source on Sahelo-Saharan conservation**. The SCF-established and run **Annual Meeting for Sahel & Sahara Conservation**, will be the key global forum for information-sharing, networking, and collaboration on Sahelo-Saharan conservation.

KEY PARTNERSHIPS*

- The Governments of Chad and Niger
- Wildlife authorities of Senegal, Morocco, Tunisia, Algeria
- The Environment Agency - Abu Dhabi
- The European Union
- Other International Institutions: CMS, IUCN, FFEM, AFD, UNESCO, UNEP
- Over sixty American and European Zoos like the Saint-Louis Zoo, the Smithsonian's National Zoo, San Diego Global, Hannover Zoo, Marwell Wildlife, the Fossil Rim Wildlife Center
- Acacia Foundation, the Smithsonian Institution, the Zoological Society of London, the Royal Zoological Society of Scotland, African Parks Network

*A detailed list of our partners is available on SCF's website, in the «partners» section.

MEDIA COVERAGE

SCF's work was featured by several media outlets.

Mainstream publications:
The National Geographic, BBC, Deutsche Welle, Seeker

Specialized publications: Nature World News, Scientific American, Mongabay, Mother Nature Network, Science Daily, The National, Live Science

HIGH-IMPACT EVENTS

SCF has facilitated the *Annual Sahelo-Saharan Interest Group Meeting* - now renamed *Forum for Sahel and Sahara Conservation* - for more than a decade. This event gathers together a wide variety of partners, scientists, and experts from about twenty different countries, providing a great opportunity to network, share information and learn from each other's experience.



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