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When our team talks about our work in Canada, we often use the word 'scale.' What do we mean by that? There's the scale of the geogra-phies, the scale of our invest-ment and the scale of our partnerships. But perhaps most significant is how we scale what we learn working with partners and communities to develop integrated solutions for people and ecosystems.

From supporting Indigenous-led conservation with partners on the ground, to advancing national and provincial policies for sustainable farming practices, to our journey in advancing right relations with Indigenous Peoples, we work at different scales across Canada to ensure that ecosystems, communities and economies thrive.

Our vision for the future—and how we get there—matters at every scale. I hope you'll enjoy this look at our work and join me in our mission to address the planet's greatest challenges.

Hadley Archer, Executive Director







Our team at the COP 15 United Nations Biodiversity Conference in Montreal in December 2022 © Nature United

Spotlighting Strategic Partnerships

Collaborative Pathways, Established Relationships

Because successful solutions for climate change and biodiversity loss require robust collaboration, our Strategic Partnerships Team focuses on bringing together communities, industries and governments in a way that supports nature, bolsters economies and respects culture and values. In practice, this can look like advocating for Indigenous-led conservation and Natural Climate Solutions in global climate and biodiversity policy frameworks that set the course for action at home; advocating for funding and incentives to accelerate implementation; leading collaborative research initiatives to provide decision-makers with knowledge; and working with companies to transform their business practices.

Over the last year, we have continued to deepen partnerships in this space and we are excited to see how initiatives that incentivize net-zero and nature-positive practices can drive proof-of-concept, scalable solutions that balance productivity and profitability with climate, ecosystem and food system resilience.

Learn more

Rooted in Knowledge

On Canada's prairies, there is a bond between Indigenous Peoples and the land, water, and sky. It's where Indigenous knowledge and community interests intersect with modern agriculture. Here, you'll find the Bridge to Land Water and Sky. We support this important initiative, focusing on helping First Nations overcome hurdles in the agriculture sector while integrating community values and Traditional Knowledge.





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Canada Needs Agricultural Solutions to Climate Change

Governments can help nature-positive economy take off

With agricultural lands representing 48 percent of the emission reductions made possible by Natural Climate Solutions in Canada by 2030, advancing the uptake of innovative and sustainable farming practices is a key priority for tackling climate change and biodiversity loss. Sustainable practices such as nutrient management, diversified crop rotations and keeping grasslands intact can be deployed over millions of acres while generating positive return on investment for farmers and improving soil health and productivity, farm resiliency, air and water quality and increasing biodiversity.

This year, we worked with the Government of Canada to accelerate agricultural Natural Climate Solutions through our role on the Sustainable Agriculture Strategy Advisory Committee. This initiative supports the government in developing a 25-year road map for increasing nature-and climate-smart agriculture across Canada. The goal of this work is to encourage the uptake of new regenerative agriculture practices by farmers, support peerto-peer learning, improve data collection and data sharing, and fund new market-based initiatives at scale.

"There's still a false narrative out there that we must choose between economic prosperity, emissions reduction and conservation. The opposite is true," said Amanda Reed, Director of Strategic Partnerships.

Learn more



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Your Legacy Has Power

Including the Canada Program in your will or estate plan can benefit you and your loved ones while making a difference for nature. No matter the size of your estate, you can be part of a powerful movement for change. And it's easier than you think. Your commitment will support a resilient Canada where people and nature thrive.

"For me, a legacy gift was a natural extension of my commitment to the Canada Program's approach, which I believe is profoundly important."

Legacy Club member since 2016

Learn More About Joining the Legacy Club

Our History in Canada

Over the past 40 years, the Canada Program has helped set the stage for remarkable conservation gains across Canada—including the landmark Great Bear Rainforest agreement which protected and sustainably managed 19 million acres and the establishment of the 6.5-million-acre Thaidene Nëné Indigenous Protected Area. Along with Nature United, our Canadian affiliate, we work in partnership with Indigenous and local communities, governments and businesses to create change. We are part of an ambitious global effort to change the trajectory of our future by 2030.

Learn More About Our Work