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EXPERIENCE

WILD HERITAGE, *Founder, Executive Director* (2018 – Present).

- Founder, Executive Director, [Wild Heritage](#), a project of Earth Island Institute. Wild Heritage promotes “primary” or “old growth” forest protection and ecological restoration and works with NGO and government partners to identify new areas for protection and nomination as World Heritage sites around the world.
- Co-founder and coordinator, [Primary Forest Alliance](#) (2022) a civil society coalition with 125+ members promoting primary forest conservation in the United States and globally.
- Trustee, [Wild Europe](#) (2022).
- Member, GEF Technical Advisory Group on Forests for 7th (2017) and 8th (2021) Replenishments of the GEF Trust Fund.
- Founding Member, [Climate Forests Coalition](#) (2021). Working towards creating a federal forest carbon reserve in the United States.
- [National Geographic Explorer](#) (2018 – 2019).
- Member, [IUCN Primary Forest Task Team](#), developing IUCN policy on primary forests.
- [Lui-Walton Innovators Fellowship](#), Conservation International (2016-2018), for research on primary forests.
- Adviser, Project Drawdown (www.drawdown.org) (2016 – 2018).

INTERNATIONAL UNION FOR CONSERVATION OF NATURE - WORLD COMMISSION ON PROTECTED AREAS (WCPA): *Vice-Chair, World Heritage* (2012 – Present).

- Serve on the [IUCN-WCPA Steering Committee as Vice-Chair for World Heritage](#); Chair IUCN-WCPA World Heritage Network.
- Serve on the IUCN World Heritage Panel, which reviews nominations for inscription on the UNESCO World Heritage List and advises UNESCO and State Parties on nominations.
- Attend U.N. World Heritage Committee Meetings as a member of IUCN’s delegation, draft and present IUCN decisions on nominations to the World Heritage Committee.
- Editorial Board member, IUCN-WCPA Parks Magazine (2013 – 2022).
- Advised the National Park Service in its revision of the U.S. Tentative List of World Heritage sites.

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE

WILD FOUNDATION: *Vice President for Policy* (2002 – 2017).

- Led WILD's policy research and advocacy work related to wilderness conservation, protected areas, conservation finance and biodiversity offsets.
- Executive Committee member for WILD's World Wilderness Congresses; lead drafter for the WILD9 and WILD10 policy statements.
- Associate Editor, International Journal of Wilderness.
- Advised organizations on biodiversity offset policies, including the Arcus Foundation, World Bank, IUCN, U.S. Dept. of State, and Environment Ministry, Republic of Guinea.
- Visiting Scholar, University of California, Berkeley, Department of Environmental Sciences, Policy and Management (2015 – 2016).

CONSERVATION INTERNATIONAL Washington, D.C. (1996 – 2002).

***Senior Director, Program Management, President's Office* (2000 – 2002); *Director, Policy Program* (1998 – 2000); *Staff Attorney, Policy Program* (1996 – 1998).**

- Worked with CI's President to review strategic plans and budgets for CI's field programs and chaired the Program Strategy and Management Team in the President's absence. Acted as the President's delegate on policy issues (especially forestry, climate change and multilateral development bank policies).
- Played a central role in designing and fundraising for a \$15m conservation trust fund for the Central Suriname Nature Reserve, a 1.6 million hectare national park, and contributed to a successful nomination to UNESCO for World Heritage listing.
- Testified before the congressional Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans in support of the Great Ape Conservation Act (enacted November 2000).
- Advised the Government of Madagascar on national parks legislation based on field-based evaluations of park management needs.
- Member of an independent evaluation team for an Environmental Impact Assessment and conservation plan for an ilmenite mine in Madagascar.
- Participated in a successful advocacy campaign to re-position cattle fences in Botswana's Okavango Delta to facilitate wildlife movements.
- Advised the United Nations Foundation on their biodiversity strategy.

BOARDS / STEERING COMMITTEES

IUCN-WORLD COMMISSION ON PROTECTED AREAS, *Member, Steering Committee* (2008 – present).

EARTH INSIGHT, *Member, Advisory Committee* (2023)

WILD EUROPE, *Trustee* (2022 – present).

AMAZONIA FOR LIFE, PROTECT 80X25, *Member, Steering Committee* (2021 – present).

BERKELEY PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION, *Member of the Board of Directors* (2013 – 2014).

INDIANAPOLIS PRIZE, *Member of the Nominating Committee for the 2014 Indianapolis Prize* awarded for extraordinary contributions to species conservation.

EDUCATION

THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL, Washington, D.C.
(admitted to the California Bar in 1996).

J.D. June 1996

Associate Articles Editor, *The Environmental Lawyer*
Member, Environmental Law Association

THE LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS, London, U.K.

M.Sc. Politics of the World Economy July 1993

Diploma in International Relations July 1992

Editorial Board, *Millennium Journal of International Studies*

THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT BERKELEY

B.A. English May 1991; Minor, French

Senior Class Council

Horace M. Albright Scholarship

California Alumni Association Emerging Leader Scholarship

AFFILIATIONS

Member, California Bar, admitted November 1996 (inactive)

Lui-Walton Innovators Fellow, Conservation International (2016 – 2017)

Term Member, Council on Foreign Relations (2002 – 2006)

Fellow, New York University Remarque Institute (2002)

Founding Member, International League of Conservation Writers

LANGUAGES

French (fluent), Spanish (conversational)

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Kormos, C.F. et al. (eds.) (2019). *Nature's Solutions to Climate Change*. Cemex, Inc., Monterrey, Mexico.

Kormos, C.F. et al. (eds.) (2016). *A Geography of Hope: Saving Primary Forests*. Cemex, Inc., Monterrey, Mexico.

Kormos, C.F. et al. (eds.) (2015). *Earth's Legacy: Natural World Heritage*. Cemex, Inc., Monterrey, Mexico.

Kormos, C.F. (ed.) (2008). *A Handbook on International Wilderness Law and Policy*. Fulcrum Publishing, Golden, Colorado.

Martin, V.G. & Kormos, C.F. (eds.) (2006). *Wilderness, Wildlands and People: A Partnership for the Planet, Proceedings of the 8th World Wilderness Congress*. Fulcrum Publishing, Golden, Colorado.

Sanderson, E.W. et al. (eds.) (2006). *The Human Footprint: Challenges for Wilderness and Biodiversity*, Cemex, Inc., Monterrey, Mexico.

Mittermeier, R.A. et al. (eds.) (2005). *Transboundary Conservation: A New Vision for Protected Areas*, Cemex, Inc., Monterrey, Mexico.

Book Chapters

Kormos, C.F. et al. (2017). *Primary Forests: Definition, Status and Future Prospects for Global Conservation*, Reference Module, Earth Systems and Environmental Sciences, Elsevier, Science Direct.

Kormos, C.F. et al. (2017). *Wilderness and Intact Ecosystems* in: *Encyclopedia of the Anthropocene*, Elsevier, Science Direct.

Kearny, E.E. et al. (2017). *Strategic Conversation: Engaging and Disengaging People in Parks* in: *Science, Conservation and National Parks*, Beisinger, S.R., Ackerly, D.D., Doremus, H. & Machlis, G.E. Eds., The University of Chicago Press.

Kormos, C.F. (2011). *The Wilderness Act*, in Bosselmann, K., Fogel, D. & Ruhl J.B. (eds.) in: *The Encyclopedia of Sustainability, Vol. 3: The Law and Politics of Sustainability*. Berkshire Publishing.

Mittermeier et al. (2002). *Wilderness: Earth's Last Wild Places*, co-author of introduction, and chapters on Amazonia and The Sudd. Cemex, Inc. Monterrey, Mexico.

Mittermeier, R.A. & Kormos, C.F. (2001). *Setting Priorities for Saving Life on Earth: Megadiversity Countries, Hotspots, and Wilderness Areas* in: *A Better Future for the Planet Earth Vol. 2*. The Asahi Glass Foundation, Tokyo.

Smith, D.N. & Kormos, C.F. (2001). *Environmental Provisions in Mineral Concession Contracts* in: Bowles and Prickett, *Footprints in the Jungle: Natural Resource Industries, Infrastructure and Biodiversity Conservation*. Oxford University Press.

Periodicals

Rogers, B.M. et al. (2022) Using ecosystem integrity to maximize climate mitigation and minimize risk in international forest policy. *Front. For. Glob. Change* 5:929281. doi: 10.3389/ffgc.2022.929281.

DellaSala, D.A. et al. (2022). Mature and old-growth forests contribute to large-scale conservation targets in the conterminous United States. *Front. For. Glob. Change* 5:979528. doi: 10.3389/ffgc.2022.979528.

DellaSala, D. et al. (2020). Primary Forests Are Undervalued in the Climate Emergency. *BioScience* doi:10.1093/biosci/biaa030.

Kun, Z. et al. (2020). Recognizing the importance of unmanaged forests to mitigate climate change. *GCB-Bioenergy* doi: 10.1111/gcbb.12714

Mackey, B. et al. (2020). Understanding the importance of primary tropical forest protection as a mitigation strategy. *Mitig. Adapt. Strateg. Glob. Change* <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11027-019-09891-4>.

Kormos, C. (2020). Why we urgently need to protect our remaining primary forests. Commonwealth Forestry Alliance Newsletter No.85 June 2019 ISSN 1750-6417.

Dinerstein, E. et al. (2017). An Ecoregion-based Approach to Protecting Half the Terrestrial Realm. *BioScience* 67:6, 534–545 <https://doi.org/10.1093/biosci/bix014>

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Lefèvre, J.M. et al. (2014). World Heritage and our protected planet. *World Heritage Review* N. 73. 6-17, UNESCO, Paris.

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Zimmerman, B. & Kormos, C.F. (2012). Prospects for Sustainable Logging in Tropical Forests, *BioScience* 62:5, 479-487.

Dudley, N. et al. (2012). Defining Wilderness in IUCN. *International Journal of Wilderness*, 18:1, 9-14.

- Kormos, C.F. (2011). We Need to Scale Up Marine Wilderness Protection. *International Journal of Wilderness*, 17:3, 12-16.
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- Mittermeier, R.A. et al. (2003). Wilderness and biodiversity conservation. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, 100:18, 10309-10313.
- Kormos, C.F. & Martin, V.G. (2003). Support is Building for Global Wilderness Conservation, *International Journal of Wilderness*, 9:2, 4-8.
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- Bowles, I.A. & Kormos, C.F. (2003). United States Participation in International Environmental Law and Policy, *Georgetown International Environmental Law Review*, 13:3, 661-693.
- Bowles, I.A. & Kormos, C.F. (1999). The International Reach of an Activist Congress: Legislative Pressure Yields Environmental Reforms at the World Bank, *Fletcher Forum of World Affairs*, 23:1, 211-226.
- Bowles, I.A. et al. (1999). The Environmental Impacts of International Finance Corporation Lending and Proposals for Reform: Case Study of Conservation and Oil Development in the Guatemalan Petén, *Environmental Law*, 29:1, 103-132.
- Rosenfeld, A.B. et al. (1999). Conservación y Desarrollo Petrolero en Petén, Guatemala: El Impacto Ambiental de Los Préstamos de la International Finance Corporation y Propuestas de Reforma, *Mesoamérica*, 20:37, 73-110.
- Bowles, I.A. & Kormos, C.F. (1995). Environmental Reform at the World Bank: The Role of the United States Congress. *University of Virginia Journal of International Law*, 35:4, 777-839.
- Kormos, C.F. (1995). The Wetlands Reserve Program. *The Environmental Lawyer*, 2:1, 173-185.
- Book reviews, *Millennium Journal of International Studies*, London School of Economics:
- 1992 Robert Paehlke and Douglas Torgerson (eds.), *Managing Leviathan*, 21:1, 128-129.
 - 1993 W.M. Adams, *Green Development*, 22:1, 101-102.
 - 1993 Graham Bennett, *Dilemmas: Coping with Environmental Problems*, 22:2, 341-342.

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- Young, V. et al. (2023). *Critical Reforms for Effective and Timely Action to Prevent Irreparable Harm to Earth's Climate and Biodiversity: A call for a Joint CBD & UNFCCC SBSTA Work Plan on Climate and Biodiversity Action*. Policy Discussion Paper 3/23, Griffith University, Australia, <https://doi.org/10.25904/1912/4822>.

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