

From Proof of Concept to Shared Legacy



Landscape of Ulgi in western Mongolia ©Adobe

Letter from the Chair of the Enduring Earth Board, 2024-2025

Five years ago, we signed the agreement that created the Enduring Earth partnership. As I look back on how far we have come, I am struck first by the leadership of local partners, Indigenous Peoples, communities, and governments who have guided us every step of the way. This impact report is, above all, a record of what they have achieved and of what happens when those closest to lands and waters lead, and global partners use financial mechanisms, tools, and collaboration to match their vision.

We came together around the belief that by working together, we could go further and faster than any of us could alone in answering the global call of the 2030 biodiversity, climate, and sustainable development goals. Early PFPs launched before Enduring Earth conserved 87 million hectares; in just five years as a partnership, our collective work has helped secure durable conservation across 210 million hectares - an area larger than Mexico - backed by U.S.\$1.7 billion in long-term finance and with the potential to avoid 88 billion metric tons of carbon through nature-based solutions. These numbers matter, but they tell only part of the story. What gives them meaning is how we work, with local leaders co-designing each initiative and sharing decision-making so conservation advances priorities for livelihoods, culture, and climate resilience.

This year's impact report highlights how that approach has deepened and spread. We have engaged more than 150 local partners across PFPs in Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Mongolia, and beyond, working alongside First Nations, Indigenous governments, Inuit leadership, Mongolian herder communities, community organizations, rangers, regional and provincial governments, and ministries of environment, finance, and climate. Together, we have shown that technical rigor, transparent dialogue, and patient, trust-based collaboration can turn consensus into durable protection on the ground, from the Amazon to the Great Bear Sea.

We closed 2025 with another important milestone: at the UN climate conference in Belém, the Government of Gabon and The Nature Conservancy signed a Letter of Intent for the Gabon Infini PFP, which, with Enduring Earth's support, is designed to fund conservation of some of the country's most critical carbon and nature ecosystems while strengthening a nature-based economy and unlocking up to US\$200 million in conservation and community development investments over the coming decade.

As of the end of December 2025, I have passed the role of CEO board chair of Enduring Earth to Sue Urahn, president and chief executive officer at The Pew Charitable Trusts. It has been an extraordinary privilege to help steward this partnership through its founding years, and I could not be more confident in the leadership that will carry it forward.

Enduring Earth is now focused on scaling proven PFP models, expanding geographic reach, and deepening community-led conservation, with six focal regions where coordinated action with local stewards can generate lasting conservation outcomes and meaningful sustainable development gains. This vision will continue to take shape through PFPs in regions of exceptional ecological and cultural significance - from the forests of the Andes, Amazon, Boreal, and Selva Maya to the Kavango-Zambezi landscape; the marine corridors of the Mesoamerican Reef and Eastern Tropical Pacific; and the island nations of Micronesia with in-development PFPs in places such as Belize, Bolivia, the Eastern Tropical Pacific, Guatemala, Panama, and several African countries expected to reach key milestones in the year ahead.

As I hand over the chair role, I do so with deep gratitude for the trust that has built this collaboration and for the leadership of all our partners, community stewards, government counterparts, funders, and members of the team, and with great anticipation for what this community will accomplish next as Enduring Earth moves from proof of concept to global scale.

The progress and lessons captured in this report belong to many. Together, we are closing the gap between promise and permanence so that nature and people can thrive, now and for generations to come.

Jennifer Morris, Chief Executive Officer of The Nature Conservancy