





It won't be easy...

Since its founding in 1996, the Amazon Conservation Team has been redefining conservation. We stay small and work smart. Today, our efficient and effective models of partnership and capacity building are emulated worldwide.

but together, we will succeed

In 2011, more than ever before, we built sustainable partnerships to protect more indigenous lands and rights, promote more traditional culture, and ensure human rights for more people in the Amazon.

because we must.

The urgency of rainforest conservation has never been greater and building strategic partnerships has never been more important. In 2011, we partnered with a growing network of experts and specialists; indigenous, native and local leaders; and institutions, governments, and funders.

It's the path we've blazed for more than 15 years, and our work has just begun.

With significant help from ACT and our partners, many indigenous lands in the Amazon—mostly intact and among the most biodiverse in the world—are holding the line on wholesale destruction of the Amazon forests. Together, we are increasing the capacity of tribal groups to control their lands and lead their fight against encroaching deforestation. We provide training in sustainable management and vigilance, identify ecologically friendly income generators, and help our partners preserve invaluable knowledge traditions.

In sustained collaborative relationships with more than 30 Amazonian indigenous groups, we have mapped 70 million plus acres of rainforest and helped put those lands on the fast track to protection. Through the power of partnership, we have created two unique Amazonian protected areas, trained hundreds of park guards to protect the forests, and built traditional medicine clinics in remote villages. We also have implemented programs to improve the lives of indigenous women and children.

A recognized leader in creating coalitions of NGOs, public entities and indigenous peoples to design and implement effective land management solutions, ACT works with partners to ensure that sustainable solutions are applied broadly. Our innovative work in the design of methods that get lasting results on the ground has achieved global awareness. Together with our partners, we are investigating how these methods can be replicated on an international scale.

ACT has also helped shape policy regarding carbon emissions in South American rainforests. However, like land purchases and debt-for-nature swaps, carbon and other payment for ecosystem service projects are not magic bullets. Like so many parts of the conservation effort, they are essential tools in the conservation toolbox, all of which are crucial in the race to protect the world's last great rainforests. As a longtime standard-bearer for the principle of conservation empowerment in the Amazon, we are building the necessary partnerships—and protecting the Amazon—with every tool at our disposal and with the urgency it demands.



Sincerely,
Mark J. Plotkin, Ph.D., L.H.D.
President

Mark J Plotkin



**Together, we are
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In Amazonia, indigenous territories constitute an area of over 2 million square kilometers, or 26.6% of total lands.



ACT works in direct partnership with indigenous people to conserve biodiversity, improve human health, and strengthen traditional culture in South America. An NGO at the cutting edge of social entrepreneurship, we are recognized for our innovative work in protection and capacity building.



August, 2011





Assembling unique interdisciplinary teams of experts across disciplines, and leveraging our proven models of partnership and capacity building to create sustainable frameworks for rainforest conservation, ACT has achieved globally recognized success in innovative environmental protection in the critically important Amazon basin.



NORTHWEST AMAZON

- To facilitate the integration of numerous separate protected area initiatives in the Colombian Amazon, ACT hosted a 2011 forum entitled Best Practices and Lessons Learned in Capacity Building Programs for the Protection of the Andes-Amazonian Region with participation from the Colombian national parks service, several national and international NGOs, and seven indigenous organizations.

education to accredit the ACT-sponsored Yachaicuri Ethno-Education School—an unprecedented and monumental achievement that ensures ongoing state funding for Inga ethno-education.

- In collaboration with the Colombian national parks service and regional officials, in 2011, ACT reached out to several new communities—the Uitotos, Kichwas and Miraña— who

together manage millions of acres of Amazonian forest.

- In partnership with the national parks service, the interior ministry, and administrators of the two-million-acre Río Puré National Park, ACT began defining a policy for the protection of indigenous groups in voluntary isolation within the park. In December 2011, the government issued a legal decree to protect isolated indigenous peoples from unwanted contact, a direct result of ACT's collaborative work.



NORTHEAST AMAZON

- ACT brings together indigenous park guards and representatives of the interior ministry to coordinate indigenous training courses monitored by the national government. ACT-published park guard training manuals written in Dutch and two indigenous languages will serve as essential references for graduates of the program.
- In partnership with the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN), ACT is building production facilities for a sustainable income project for indigenous rainforest people focused on immunity-boosting tea production, and is providing training in plant propagation and cultivation, packaging, food safety, marketing, business planning, bookkeeping, and project administration.
- As the Suriname government's technical consultant for the demarcation of lands, ACT guided a 2011 international stakeholder conference on land rights and demarcation. Participants included indigenous and native community leaders and government experts. As a follow-up, ACT was the only NGO invited to join a government team preparing to mediate land rights and expand environmental protection southern Suriname.





BRAZIL

- In the southern Amazon, ACT helped Surui environmental agents plan and implement vigilance expeditions to detect and respond to threats in and around their lands. Carried out in collaboration with the national indigenous affairs agency, the expeditions covered the entire 612,000-acre reserve.
- Invited and appointed by the state of Pará and with the support of the national indigenous affairs agency, ACT and its partners, the NGO Kanindé and the Wai-Wai people, carried out ethno-environmental surveying for areas encompassing over 12 million acres of indigenous lands, a process previously implemented by the partners in eight indigenous territories. The project has collected essential information regarding natural resources, resource use, the sustainability of indigenous communities, and social and traditional features of the reserve as the basis for land management planning.
- With communities of the Tumucumaque Indigenous Reserve of the northern Amazonian state of Amapá,

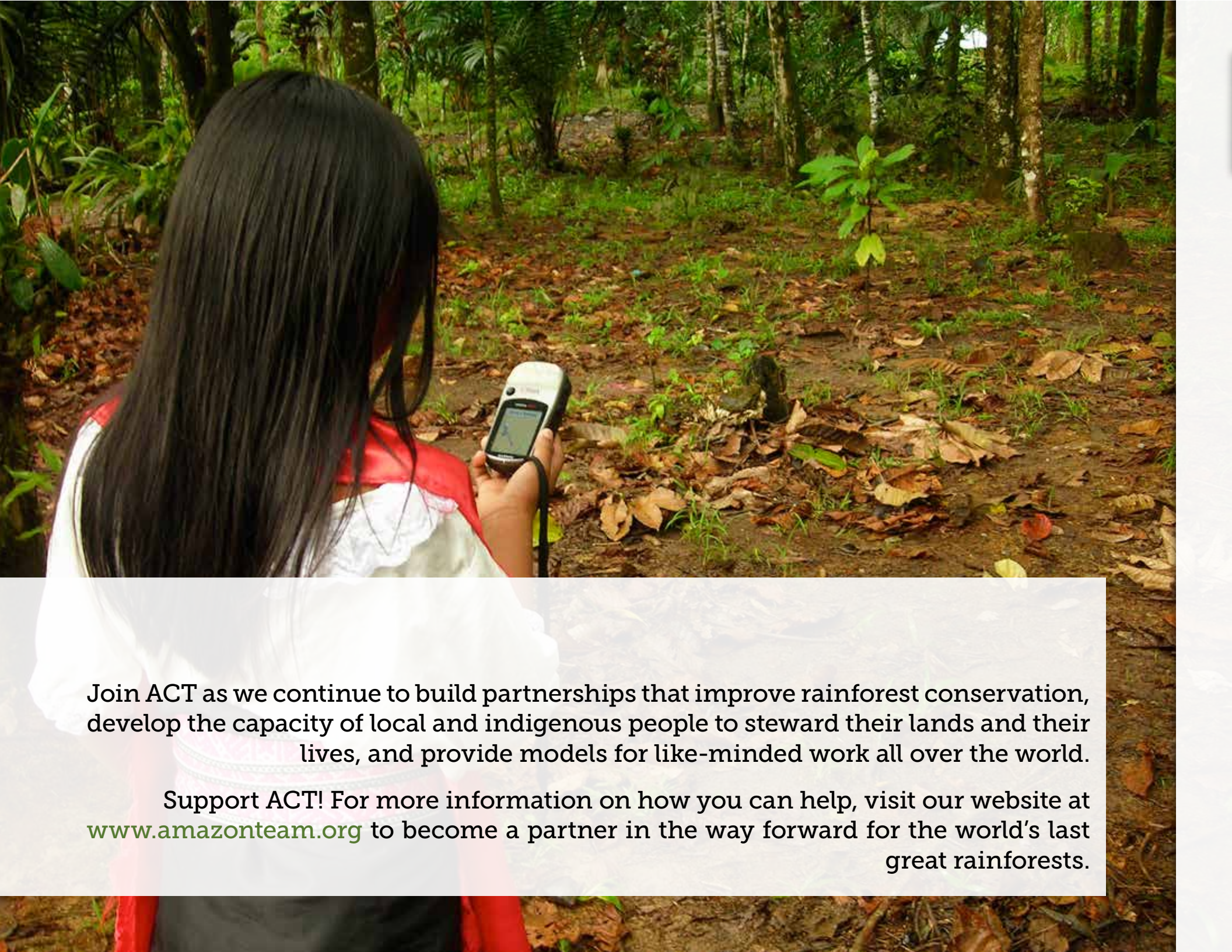
In 2012, following over a decade of institutional strengthening and the forging of enduring relationships with more than 20 indigenous groups, ACT's longtime Brazil program was formally made independent. With this firm foundation established, the Equipe de Conservação da Amazônia (ECAM) will continue to advance biocultural initiatives in multiple locations in the Brazilian Amazon. Meanwhile, ACT will continue to engage strongly in the northeast Amazon while redoubling our investment in the northwest, widening our reach to vast new territories and border regions, as always upon the direct request of local indigenous groups.

ACT partnered with the Conservation Strategy Fund to lay the groundwork for the reserve to receive financing for carbon credits and payments for ecological services.

- Together with Google Earth, ACT and the Surui launched "Surui Digital Forest in 3D" software to bring the forest, its biodiversity, and its cultures to a worldwide audience.
- In the northern Amazon, ACT partnered with numerous prominent state institutions to conduct the eighth state park guard training course, building the capacity of a variety of agencies and organizations to monitor Amazonian protected areas.



Over 70 million acres of Amazon rainforest have been mapped, as a basis for protection, by ACT and indigenous partners.



Join ACT as we continue to build partnerships that improve rainforest conservation, develop the capacity of local and indigenous people to steward their lands and their lives, and provide models for like-minded work all over the world.

Support ACT! For more information on how you can help, visit our website at www.amazonteam.org to become a partner in the way forward for the world's last great rainforests.

PATHS THAT PROTECT

Conservation corridors are habitats, typically longer than wide, that connect protected regions of greater expanse. They vary greatly in size, shape, and composition. Corridors encourage migration and natural dispersion among native species, thus stimulating gene flow and diversity. Linking populations throughout the landscape, corridors reduce extinction risk and invigorate species diversity. They play a key role in rainforest conservation.

Until recently, indigenous people have been the essential missing element in the conservation equation. When they are included, the

so-called biocultural corridors that result substantially increase the amount of available protected land.

ACT has proven experience providing social and technical training that successfully prepares indigenous people to manage and protect these biocultural corridors, their biodiversity, and their traditional ways of life. These corridors—the path forward in large-scale Amazon rainforest conservation—are best protected by the indigenous people who have called the rainforest home since time out of mind.





Even as ACT has been actively building partnerships that will sustain our efforts well into the future, our achievements during the year 2011 reflect the hard work and urgency of our mission to date. Only through a commitment to capacity building, indigenous rights, and sustainable conservation could such a small organization achieve so much.

INNOVATION INCLUSION+

- In Suriname's rainforest interior, ACT provides training and assistance to indigenous park guards who have graduated from the ACT-designed national indigenous park guard training course and are now active in four remote interior rainforest villages. In 2011, ACT organized the third annual indigenous park guard-training course for Suriname with participants from three new indigenous communities.
- In the southern Amazon, in partnership with the cultural assistance NGO Kanindé, ACT helped the Diahui indigenous people draft a management plan for their lands based on detailed ethno-environmental surveys.



INCREASING SUSTAINABILITY

- In 2011, ACT provided 90 theoretical and practical training workshops on sustainable production systems, biodiversity restoration and protection systems, and innovative business schemes that use biodiversity in a sustainable manner for over 1,500

indigenous community members and local farm promoters of the Caquetá department in the Colombian Amazon. One hundred and eighty local leaders participated in the ACT training workshop Agroforestry Systems and Ecological Certification focused on agro-ecological techniques and fair trade.

- In the Brazilian Amazon, ACT provided training and funding to the Surui people to implement sustainable agriculture within their territory so they can earn the income they need to manage their lands, conserve their rainforest home, and preserve their culture.



TRADITIONAL MEDICINE

- In 2011, in the Colombian Amazon, ACT supported a first united gathering of two unions of healers representing five indigenous groups. Convening 74 elderly healers and their apprentices in men's and women's groups

from the five tribes, the healers discussed and planned ways to improve healthcare and strengthen their communities. ACT has supported such efforts for more than 15 years, recently enabling the men's union, UMIYAC, to become officially registered with the Colombian state.



- In the Colombian Amazon, at the ACT-supported Yachaicurí Ethno-Education School, students learn first-hand the sustainable farming techniques that allow them to grow their own food, contribute to food resources of surrounding communities, and provide an economic base for their institution.

INDIGENOUS EDUCATION

- With ACT's assistance, 17 children of the remote indigenous village of Apetina in Suriname's rainforest interior took part in the state's primary school final exam's for the first time in the community's history.

MAPPING EFFORTS EXPANDED

In 2011, several tribes living in Amazonas, an enormous area in eastern Colombia, asked ACT to help map and enhance protection of their vast rainforest homelands. The request sprang from a 2009 ACT-sponsored gathering of traditional authorities of the Colombian Amazon Plains region, including the Yukuna, Miraña, Muinane, Uitoto, Bora, Okaina, Andoque, and Nonuya people.

Most recently, the communities of the Nunuya de Villazul (3.2 million acres) and Paní (1.9 million acres) indigenous reserves have requested support to create human landscape maps of their medicinal plant gardens, hunting grounds, fishing sites, and sacred sites, as well as areas under threat of environmental degradation.

These are among the latest examples of mapping projects ACT has undertaken over the years. Working alongside tribal cartographers, ACT will map these uncharted and pristine forests, which are encroached upon by illegal miners. Integrating these new maps with existing regional cartography, we will together lay the groundwork for sustainable land and community management plans.







ACT's experience and successful partnerships with more than 30 indigenous groups has earned our core partners and us the trust of indigenous people across the Amazon Basin.

TOGETHER WE CHART THE PATH FORWARD

It takes all kinds of partnerships for ACT to continue to develop innovative solutions to the most pressing environmental and human rights issues in the Amazon. Please join with us as we build ground-up teams of conservation experts, indigenous leaders, government agencies, and like-minded environmental organizations.





NORTHEAST AMAZON



- ACT is helping the Trio people of the villages of Kwamalasamutu and Tepu to produce needed land cover maps to manage the highly biodiverse ecosystem where they live, prevent its degradation, and ensure its long-term health and vitality.
- ACT sponsors a pepper production and marketing project led by local indigenous women.
- ACT provides all necessary operational supplies for ACT-constructed traditional medicine clinics in four remote interior villages and for a hospital facility for longer stays and intergenerational teaching opportunities.
- In three remote villages, ACT provides traditional schooling led by tribal elders and shamans.



NORTHWEST AMAZON

- In and around the borderlands of the Alto Fragua Indi Wasi National Park, ACT provides ongoing technical assistance, onsite oversight, and training in sustainable agriculture for five indigenous tribes and multiple farming communities.
- Strengthening the health of at least 350 indigenous families, ACT facilitates an annual meeting of more than 60 women healers and their apprentices from four tribes to preserve medical and cultural knowledge, advance handicraft production and sustainable agricultural projects, and support members in need.
- ACT supports Kofan indigenous women healers as they document the use of hundreds of medicinal plants in the 25,000-acre Orito Ingi-Ande Medicinal Plant Sanctuary, a unique reserve

created through a joint effort of the government, local tribes, and ACT.

- ACT's Initiative on Isolated and Un-contacted Indigenous Groups, a partnership with the National Park Service and the leadership of regional indigenous reserves, offers an opportunity to safeguard vulnerable indigenous communities and simultaneously strengthen protection of nearly 19 million acres of contiguous forest in the Colombian eastern Amazon.
- ACT and the Kogi people are partnering to protect sacred sites through direct purchase and the development of an integrated land management plan that ensures the community's access to the sea.





WHY THE AMAZON MATTERS

Every small victory for standing Amazon rainforests is a victory in the struggle to contain global climate change, and no one knows this better than the people who have lived in these sacred and healing forests for thousands of years. From this highly pragmatic perspective, the crucial importance of the rainforest to the modern world can be summed up in a single word: carbon. When a tree is burned, a key component of global warming, carbon, is released. "Carbon sequestering"—that is, not killing trees—holds in carbon and holds back global warming.



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“The way forward lies in dynamic and effective partnerships between committed, innovative, and nimble organizations coming together with indigenous people to protect their land, their rights, and our planet.”

Liliana Madrigal
ACT cofounder and Senior Director of
Program Operations

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FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

Despite the sluggish economy, ACT completed the fiscal-year 2011 in good health while mindful of the global financial challenges ahead.

ACT's total annual revenue rose from \$3.9 million in 2010 to \$5.1 million in 2011, a 30% increase. A large portion of our revenue growth came in the form of foundation contributions and grants: these provided \$1.6 million, representing 33% of total revenue. Meanwhile, an above-average level of grant support received directly by our country program offices ("in-country grants") accounted for \$1.9 million, or 38% of total revenue. Individual contributions and grants provided \$1.4 million in 2011, a 29% decline compared to 2010.

In 2011, expenses totaled \$5.0 million compared to \$5.4 million in 2010. ACT's programmatic efficiency remained solid at 83%, indicative of continued prudent management of expenses in the general, administrative and fundraising categories ("overhead"); these expenses decreased by 4% compared to fiscal year 2010 while representing only 17% of total expenses. Finally, ACT's total net assets at the end of

2011 improved slightly from \$2.6 million in 2010 to \$2.7 million.

The financial results depicted in this report are derived from ACT's audited combined financial statements as of December 31, 2011. The statements were examined by the independent certified accounting firm RAFFA and contain an unqualified audit opinion. They were prepared in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP), which call for nonprofits to record revenue based on the year that funds are raised (accrual method of accounting) rather than on the year that contributions are designated for expenditure. In addition, for 2011, each of ACT's country program offices published audited financial statements according to their national accounting policies, legislation and auditing rules. A copy of ACT's full 2011 financial report may be obtained at www.amazonteam.org or by calling (703) 522-4684.

As ACT moves forward to 2012 and beyond, the global economic outlook remains unpredictable, reflected in universal belt-tightening among nonprofits. In the face of these challenges, we will continue to emphasize spending discipline and pursue maximum efficiency.

We are deeply grateful for the support of so many generous individual and institutional donors who believe in our team and the effectiveness of our work.

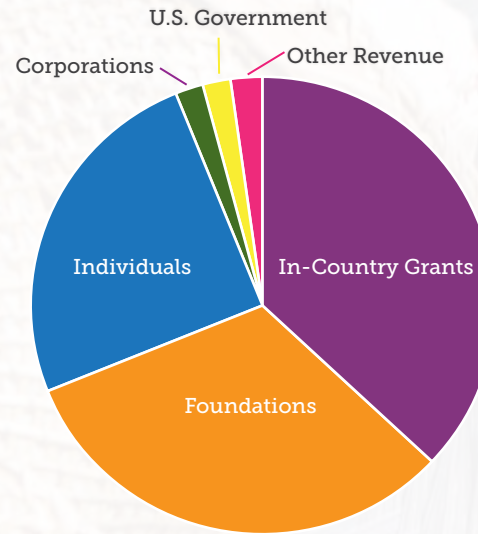
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Revenue Sources

FY 2011 FY 2010

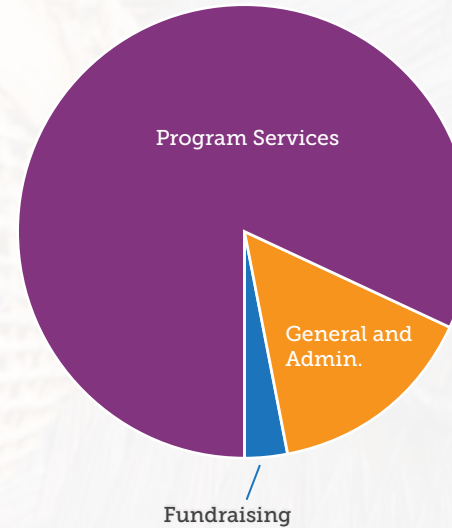
	In US\$	Percent	In US\$	Percent
In-Country Grants	1,923,983	37.54%	1,391,044	35.40%
Foundations	1,673,314	32.65%	470,070	11.96%
Individuals	1,421,304	27.73%	1,990,474	50.64%
Corporations	56,850	1.11%	57,389	1.46%
U.S. Government	21,150	0.41%	3,850	0.10%
Other Revenue	28,605	0.56%	17,479	0.44%
Total Revenue	5,125,206	100.00%	3,930,306	100.00%



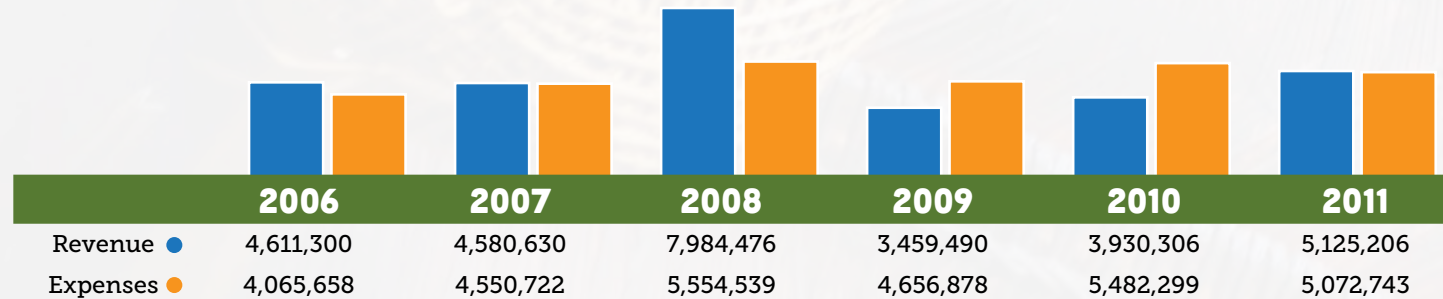
Operating Expenses

FY 2011 FY 2010

	In US\$	Percent	In US\$	Percent
Program Services	4,178,005	82.36%	4,549,007	82.98%
General and Admin.	776,415	15.31%	797,557	14.55%
Fundraising	118,323	2.33%	135,735	2.47%
Total Expenses	5,072,743	100.00%	5,482,299	100.00%



Revenue and Expense Trends



Combined Statement of Financial Position

Information reflects combined financial statements for the years ended December 31, 2011 and December 31, 2010.

	2011	2010
	In US\$	In US\$
Cash and equivalents	2,316,084	2,367,547
Grants and pledges receivable	531,038	395,780
Other assets	282,617	253,627
Total Assets	3,129,739	3,016,954
Liabilities	475,973	387,279
Total Liabilities	475,973	387,279
Unrestricted	952,717	1,361,470
Temporarily restricted	1,701,049	1,268,205
Total Net Assets	2,653,766	2,629,675
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	3,129,739	3,016,954

- Funds are presented according to the accrual method of accounting.
- ACT's audited financial statements, which reflect an unqualified opinion, can be obtained online at www.amazonteam.org or by calling (703) 522-4684.



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Combined Statement of Activities and Changes in Net Assets

	2011	2010
	In US\$	In US\$
Contributions	1,070,630	1,565,682
Grants	4,025,971	2,313,316
Investment income	7,808	10,485
Other	20,797	40,823
Total Revenue and Support	5,125,206	3,930,306
Program services:		
Biodiversity	3,127,387	3,231,820
Culture	594,414	786,533
Health	456,204	530,654
Program Services	4,178,005	4,549,007
Supporting services:		
General and administration	776,415	797,557
Fundraising	118,323	135,735
Supporting Services	894,738	933,292
Total Expenses	5,072,743	5,482,299
Change in Net Assets	52,463	(1,551,993)
Net assets, beginning of year	2,629,675	4,181,668
Foreign exchange translation loss	(28,372)	-
Net Assets, End of Year	2,710,510	2,629,675



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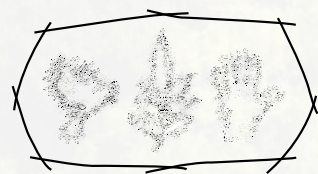
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