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INTERNATIONAL RANGER FEDERATION

MESSAGE FROM THE IRF PRESIDENT

Will the world be able to internalise the learnings that the COVID pandemic has generated? Although we have by no means seen the back of COVID-19, the World is already putting in plans that could help us ward off future pandemics. These include the one health approach, the build back better concept (which acknowledges that a pre-pandemic business-as-usual model will create risks to both societal stability and environmental resilience) and the push to protect 30% of the terrestrial and marine environments by 2030. And 2021 marks the start of the United Nations decade on Ecosystems Restoration, where everyone is challenged *'to massively scale up restoration efforts that breathe new life into our degraded ecosystems and restores our planet's imperilled ecosystems which intrinsically connects us with a chance at a healthier future.'*^[1]

These are all concepts which I am sure we all support. However, as IRF, we are working with our key partners to ensure that rangers are fore fronted in all of these discussions, for it is rangers who are essential on-the-ground planetary health professionals and represent a critical sector that is undervalued, capacitated and supported. A lot of work needs to be done especially when we hear that from the study of Kroner et al^[2] (2021), that on balance of the global post-COVID stimulus packages and policies to date, they have actually undermined rather than provided environmental protection. For the world to stand a chance at achieving any ecological targets and for there to be any sustainable economic recovery, a competent and effective ranger force needs to be at its foundation.

[1] <https://www.iucn.org/theme/nature-based-solutions/initiatives/decade-ecosystem-restoration>

[2] https://parksjournal.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/Golden_Kroner_et_al10.2305-IUCN.CH_.2021.PARKS-27-SIRGK.en_.pdf

RANGER ASSOCIATIONS GLOBAL STUDY

Global Wildlife Conservation

Established during the 9th World Ranger Congress, the Chitwan Declaration (2019) created a vision for the continued improvement of the ranger profession. Ranger associations play a crucial role for turning this vision into a reality. For this reason, the International Ranger Federation, in collaboration with the University of Central Florida and Global Wildlife Conservation, is conducting an important study to examine how ranger associations can be strengthened in their mission to support the ranger profession and what role the IRF can play to enable this? In the coming months, ranger associations and their members may be asked to participate in online surveys or virtual interviews as part of this research. Participants will be asked to share their perceptions of and experiences with ranger associations. Your responses and knowledge are valuable and will play a vital role in shaping the future role of ranger associations. Thank you, and we look forward to hearing from you.



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THE NEW INTERNATIONAL RANGER AWARDS



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The IUCN and the World Commission on Protected Areas are proud to announce the winners of the new International Ranger Awards at an online event on Wednesday, April 7, 2021 11:00 - 12:30 GMT.

The event will announce the first ten winners of the new IUCN and WCPA International Ranger Awards, recognising outstanding individual rangers and ranger teams from across the world. Developed with the collaboration of the International Ranger Federation, Global Wildlife Conservation, and Conservation Allies, these new awards aim to highlight and felicitate the extraordinary work that rangers do in protected and conserved areas worldwide. Winners of the International Ranger Award will receive a unique uniform patch and plaque along with US\$10,000 for their associated organisation to support their work. This can include purchasing essential supplies or equipment, providing training, providing insurance, supporting the family of a deceased ranger, or other ranger welfare activities. The event will include addresses by Dr Bruno Oberle, Director General of IUCN and Dr Kathy MacKinnon, Chair of the World Commission on Protected Areas, followed by announcement of the ten winners and details of their achievements.

PLEASE RESERVE YOUR (FREE) TICKET FOR THE EVENT HERE.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/iucn-and-wcpa-international-ranger-awards-online-award-ceremony-tickets-145428030153>

RANGER LINE OF DUTY DEATHS



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THE PERIOD FOR RECORDING THE RANGER LINE OF DUTY DEATHS (RLoDD's) HAS CHANGED:

To date, the months for recording the Ranger Line of Duty Deaths for the Roll of Honour (RoH) prior to World Ranger Day (WRD), has been between 1st July to 30th June each year. This only leaves July to check and verify information received, prepare the Roll of Honour two weeks prior to WRD and publish it for use by ranger Associations. A considerable number of notifications also tend to arrive late, making this task even harder. Consequently, the Roll of Honour has often only been made available on World Ranger Day, which reduces use its possible use and impact.

To allow more time for accurate verification of details, the months for recording The Ranger Line of Duty Deaths for the years ahead, will now be from 1st June to 31st May each year.

The month of June will be used to check details for finalisation onto Roll of Honour. This will allow the RoH to be sent out to IRF member associations earlier in July.

Therefore, for this year only (2020-21), the Ranger Line of Duty Deaths are being recorded between 1st July 2020 to 31st May 2021, i.e. an 11 month period. Going forward, this will revert back to a 12 month

period (between 1st June to 31st May)

Recording a Ranger Line of Duty Death (RLoDD):

In the unfortunate event of a Ranger Line of Duty Death, please complete the form which can be obtained either from the IRF website or from your IRF Regional Representative and return it to vicepresident@internationalrangers.org as soon as possible. Find access from the IRF website by clicking on the following link: Guidelines for Recording RLoDD's:

<https://www.internationalrangers.org/meet-our-rangers>. By completing and returning the forms promptly, the World Ranger Day Roll of Honour team can keep accurate and timely records of lost colleagues.

INTERNATIONAL RANGER FEDERATION: A LEGAL COMPANY

Since the 2019 World Ranger Congress the IRF has been progressing the move towards the IRF becoming a legal company in Australia (and internationally). A lot of time has been spent refining the Constitution voted on in Nepal and ensuring that the IRF has the administration systems and processes in place to support it becoming a legal and recognised company. It is important that the IRF is now a registered company, as there are a lot of organisations and associations that wish to engage with the IRF and being a company now makes that a lot easier. Andy Davies, is now a Director and Company Secretary for the International Ranger Federation.

THE THIN GREEN LINE FOUNDATION



The Thin Green Line Foundation is a charitable organisation working in partnership with the International Ranger Federation. Their purpose is to protect nature's protectors – the men and women working on the front line of conservation across the world.

Thin Green Line Ranger Support Grants:

Thank you to all the organisations who submitted project funding requests to The Thin Green Line Foundation last month. Applications are now closed. TGLF has been overwhelmed with the response and the applications are being reviewed. Priorities have been assigned to those organisations severely

impacted by issues associated with the pandemic. All applicants will be notified of outcomes as soon as possible.

INTERNATIONAL WOMANS DAY 2021



Image credit: Chris Galliers

The International Ranger Federation acknowledges and salutes all female rangers across the world. Your knowledge, skills, dedication and commitment to the protection and conservation of our Protected and Conserved Areas, natural resources, communities and wildlife is firmly recognised and highly valued. As part of the Universal Ranger Support Alliance, the IRF is working for gender equality in the ranger workforce.

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UPDATE FROM THE REGIONS

ASIA

Tale of Indian rangers and their struggle of surviving against the odds.

Dr. Tarun Kumar Misra, Department of Forest, Government of West Bengal, India

A Ph.D. in soil sciences, Tarun Misra has been working with the Department of Forest, Government of

West Bengal, India since 2010. He has been posted to various locations within West Bengal including Buxa Tiger Reserve during his tenure in the department so far. He has experienced several aspects of the life of a ranger in different capacities. He is also a representative of Forest Ranger Forum, West Bengal, a forum dedicated to raising the voices of rangers of the region.

What are the challenges for rangers in India?

Tarun believes that India hosts some of the world's rarest and most iconic biodiversity, which also faces persistent threats of poaching, illegal trade, and habitat degradation. The dedicated efforts of rangers have been the most important contributor in the protection of wildlife and their habitats in India. These unsung heroes often pay with their lives on the line of duties also.

Being a ranger is not an easy job in India or elsewhere in the world, one must prepare to work for prolonged hours in challenging field conditions without meeting family for weeks and often months. It is difficult to maintain a work-life balance for a ranger due to the nature of the job like any other law-enforcement agency working as the first line of defense.

Rangers in most parts of India work with limited resources and equipment without proper safety measures. There are often very limited patrolling vehicles available for rangers and they rely mostly on foot patrol in forests which increases their vulnerability to wildlife attacks and encounters with armed poachers. They also experience issues like limited habitable field accommodation, equipped with very basic amenities like clean water, toilets, and proper food. Every year more rangers in India die due to ailments contracted during the job than any other reason. Despite all, field rangers and their sacrifices mostly stay unnoticed and often go unrecognized.

How are you planning to address those challenges?

Forest Departments across all states of India are amongst the oldest entities and their rules mostly follow the policies developed during the British era including pay scales. The laws and policies need considerable revisiting with enhanced welfare coverage for rangers, modernization of departmental structures, and working mechanisms. There is also a strong need for sensitization of policy makers and parliamentarians to better understand the importance of rangers and issues they face for informed policy making. The term ranger needs to be *marketed* better as the lifeline to support the ecosystem services from biodiversity as without the survival of humans would be impossible.

Is there a need of the national association in India?

Tarun is serving as the Secretary General of the All India Range Forest Officers Federation of India, a national body brought together all range officer federations from 27 states under one umbrella. A National Federation of this kind is important to develop and implement a common vision to work together to reduce

inequalities for rangers. The national federation and its role also help in lobbying for harmonies grade structures and improved pay scales for rangers across the country. The current pay scale of ranger for example is far less than the salaries of many other jobs which the federation can be instrumental in highlighting and addressing at relevant platforms. Rangers are qualified professionals and inducted into the forest department after a competitive training and examination process and deserve better career growth opportunities.

What IRF can do to help to improve ranger's condition?

The role of the International Ranger Federation (IRF) is critical in addressing key challenges that rangers face on global platforms like UN, UNESCO, and to organizations like The International Labour Organisation (ILO) to seek support and secure global will for working towards the cause of rangers and their welfare. IRF and similar forums can also be instrumental in highlighting the role of the ranger's workforce beyond the scope of a law-enforcement agency and promote them as the only available means that supports the protection of forests essential to fight the battle against climate change.

The IRF should market rangers as the lifeline to support and protect essential ecosystem services of biodiversity as, without them, the survival of humanity would be impossible. Rangers wear many hats and perform several duties from a law-enforcer and an education officer to a community mobiliser and forums like IRF can offer the right platform to rangers to raise their voices.

GEORGIA



Keeping nature safe in Georgia's protected areas:

UNDP supplies technology to help rangers fight poaching and illegal logging.

TBILISI. 11 March 2021 – The national parks and other protected areas that cover more than 11 percent of Georgia's territory are tasked with safeguarding the country's unique natural treasures. This includes protecting endangered species like the bezoar goat from illegal hunting and Georgia's vast and diverse woodlands from illegal logging. Georgia's park rangers face the daunting and sometimes dangerous task of patrolling this vast terrain, but their work is now being made easier thanks to state-of-the-art biodiversity monitoring technology provided by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

First to be equipped was the sprawling Borjomi-Kharagauli National Park, which covers more than

100,000 hectares of mountainous terrain, and like Georgia's other 92 protected areas is managed by the Agency for Protected Areas (APA) under the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture.

UNDP Head **Louisa Vinton** and APA Chairperson **Valerian Mchedlidze**, on 11 March, delivered equipment to the park that will enable its corps of 77 seasoned rangers to use smartphones and tablets to collect real-time information on poaching incidents, wildlife sightings and even signs of infestation by the bark beetle, a pest that plagues coniferous trees. Data collected during patrols will be processed in a unified database, with a software programme then shaping the choice and frequency of ranger patrol routes. The Spatial Monitoring and Reporting Tool (SMART) system, in high demand globally, is brand-new to Georgia. The new technology provided by UNDP comes as part of a broader USD 1.8 million programme aimed at improving the management of 12 major protected areas in Georgia. The programme is funded by the Global Environmental Facility (GEF) and implemented in partnership with the APA and the Caucasus Nature Fund (CNF). - **Copyright Mr. Vladimir Valishvili** -



EUROPEAN RANGER FEDERATION

New team at the helm and a brighter future ahead!

The European members of the IRF are united in the European Ranger Federation (ERF). Urs Wegmann took over the function as ERF President in early 2020 and the rest of the steering team were elected in May. Meet the team/EEC on our website: www.europeanrangers.org/about-erf/executive-committee/

The new team began its work under difficult conditions with face to face meetings not being possible and with some of the team being unknown to the other members. Monthly Google Meets since, however, have worked well in dealing with a long list of administrative issues and good progress is being made by a well-motivated and enthusiastic group, despite set-backs due to individual illness and loss of job threats.

2021 has started well with the announcement that the European Ranger Congress (ERC) will be held in Albania in May/June 2022. Although the details can't be given until after the country's election in April this year, full support has been announced by the various Albanian Authorities and planning and preparation will forge ahead once the elections are over. Returning to face to face meeting of Rangers will be welcomed by everyone and although the scale of the event will be understandably small, it will go a long way to making up for the disappointment of cancelling the ERC that was due to be held in Bavaria in May 2020.

On another positive note, several Working Groups which include Training; Fundraising/Image; Volunteers; Junior/Youth Rangers and New Ranger Associations have been established and will involve other

Rangers that have a particular interest or skill in the subject areas. Already the Training group has started to discuss and organise future training events with some originating as 'spin offs' from the work completed during the build up to the cancelled ERC. These will include Interpretation in Denmark; Seal Rescue Techniques in Ireland (hopefully online); Management of Large Carnivores in the Czech Republic and working with Junior Rangers and Youth in Germany. It is unlikely that anything will be forthcoming until the autumn due to the ongoing COVID restrictions, but the aim is to have things organised well in advance so that they can be set in motion very quickly once the opportunity arises. Funding grants and sponsorship bids have been prepared and submitted for approval. The Volunteers group has set up and distributed a short questionnaire to encourage interested members to respond and to then join an online forum where issues can be discussed in more detail.

NORTH AMERICA

North American Ranger Forum Launched

On January 6, 2021, the first North American Ranger Forum (NARF) was held via zoom. The forum is envisioned as a place where the various IRF member organizations can gather to network and exchange information related to issues facing rangers or associational development. IRF President Chris Galliers joined us for a brief welcome and update on the Federation. Each group representative gave a brief introduction, and then we discussed a few hot topics. After a quality discussion, a decision was made to organize these meetings on a quarterly basis. We are looking forward to the next NARF on April 1. In its early phases, these are open primarily to board members or representatives of the member associations, but with time, we hope to make them more accessible to members if there is interest.

Tennessee Park Rangers Association Names Ranger of the Year

JR Tinch, Assistant Chief Ranger and current TPRA Chairman announced the winner of the 2020 Ranger of the Year (ROY). The ROY is chosen by vote from a field of nominees, each nominated by their peers. This year's field included nine incredible rangers from across the state, including:

- Howard Deverell - Hiwassee Ocoee
- Jason Reynolds - South Cumberland
- Matthew Vawter - Harrison Bay
- Michael Champagne - Chickasaw
- Neal Weatherly - Cummins Falls
- Dr. Jerry Wooten - Bicentennial Capitol Mall
- Mark Greenwood - South Cumberland
- Lee Chadwell - Edgar Evins
- Hannah Morgan - Burgess Falls

The winner, in a close race, of the 2020 Ranger of the Year is Neal Weatherly of Cummins Falls State Park! Neal embodies everything we do in Tennessee State Parks. He has been active in recent callouts to assist with major security details, he is always willing to speak with a visitor and answer their questions, he provides quality programming opportunities to enhance each visitor's experience and is always

prepared to help anyone with anything. On June 11, 2020, Ranger Weatherly pulled a man from the plunge pool below Cummins Falls, saving his life! This is only one example of Neal's efforts on the job to protect the park from the people and the people from the park. The video of the award announcement is available at: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/129wU6sxvNPRsLao8xtEvCRJUMXxmQA6h/view?usp=sharing>

Congratulations Neal!

Park Law Enforcement Association and Park Rangers Association of California each Host Online Annual Meetings:

In early March, the Park Law Enforcement Association (PLEA) held their annual meeting virtually. What is normally a multi-day, in-person training was condensed to one day, but it was packed with quality information. Sessions included topics such as Emotional Intelligence for Natural Resource Officers, Archaeological Crimes, Post-COVID Patrol Strategies, and Dynamic Leadership. All sessions were free to attend. These sessions were recorded and are available to PLEA members on their website.

The Park Rangers Association of California (PRAC) also hosted a free workshop/annual meeting this year, but scheduled shorter sessions over the course of a week. Their meeting consisted of session topics including: Decision Making in Parks, The Civilian Conservation Corps and its Lasting Impacts on Parks, New Conservation: Challenging Orthodoxy; Best Practices for Incorporating Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion; a Fire Response Case Study; Autism Safety for First Responders; and Future Park Rangers. This last session was led by Jody Maberry, the host of the Park Leaders Podcast. A general meeting was held to close out the event. All of the content from these meetings should be available on the PRAC youtube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCWIUJNSE2lkHy5saLcScDQ>.

Former North American Representative Interviewed for his Efforts to Preserve National Park Service History

Jeff Ohlfs, retired Chief Ranger with the National Park Service (US) and former IRF North American Representative, was recently interviewed by the National Parks Conservation Association for his efforts to preserve and memorialize National Park Service employee deaths. Over the course of his career, and the years since retirement, Ohlfs has gathered information on at least 264 employees from across the spectrum of job titles. This effort to honor fallen rangers carries over to Ohlfs involvement in the publishing of the Honour Roll each year on World Ranger Day honoring rangers killed in action around the globe. The article, titled "Lest We Forget" is available at <https://www.npca.org/articles/2843-lest-we-forget>. The NPS Employee Memorial Page can be accessed at <http://npshistory.com/employee-memorial/>.

OCEANIA



Lately, Oceania rangers have been working within reactive, ever-changing and sometimes volatile environments, where factors out of their control have wreaked havoc on productivity, work programs and sometimes caused emotional and psychological distress. And would you believe it is mainly because of Mother Nature herself?

Around a dozen tropical cyclones have impacted on the Oceania region since January this year, with Fiji, Samoa, New Caledonia, Vanuatu and Far North Queensland coping the full force of these systems. Sadly, it was Western and South Australia's turn this year to be impacted by devastating bushfires during Summer. While to the very south, the land of the long white cloud— New Zealand—has well and truly been shaken with much tectonic plate activity resulting in earthquakes and tsunami threats.

Given much of a ranger's job revolves around what is happening in the environment, you can imagine how reactive and adaptive an Oceania ranger needs to be in these situations. Reprioritising your work activities is obviously the key, along with developing new ways to go about things so you can continue to get the job done protecting our natural values and special places.

Similar to the rest of the world, COVID-19 has impacted on protected area management in Oceania. While Australia, New Zealand and some of the other smaller Pacific Islands are certainly not experiencing the devastating effects of the virus as is happening in other countries, it is still prevalent how cases could escalate overnight and threaten those areas not prepared for large outbreaks. Unfortunately, we are seeing this occur in Papua New Guinea now, where they don't have the vaccines and suitable health care facilities needed to respond to this emerging crisis.

Other Oceania countries have been impacted by the overseas travel bans from March 2020. Some have been affected by the reduction in much-needed revenue from countries who rely entirely on tourism, whereas some are dealing with the *inundation* of visitors seeking a holiday destination closer to home. The increase in the amount of visitors visiting national parks in Australia and New Zealand has been astronomical, with two or sometimes three times more visitors impacting on these natural areas.

With this threat of visitation comes a new wave of visitor impacts that need to be considered. Such as first-time visitors not respecting the rules and regulations when in a national park, through to those not respecting the hazardous nature of these wild places. The whole 'selfie movement' is a concern in itself, with people wanting to capture that 'thrilling' (but dangerous) photo dangling off a lookout, cliff or tree!

Meanwhile the Council of Oceania Ranger Associations (CORA) meet regularly to bring representatives from Oceania ranger associations together to engage on common interests and opportunities, supporting one another, build cross-border friendships and share experiences.

CORA consists of representatives from each Oceania Ranger association including Queensland, New South Wales, Tasmania, Victoria, South Australia, Northern Territory, New Zealand, Fiji, Samoa the Solomon Islands and most recently joining the IRF/CORA family is the Tenkile Conservation Alliance from Papua New Guinea, who are pleased to be part of the IRF family and looking forward to future collaborations.

The Tenkile Conservation Alliance (TCA) works directly with the local landowners from 42 villages situated at the southern foothills of the Torricelli Mountain Range Conservation Area. Every village has two Rangers who monitor and patrol the area.

TCA are in the process of building, learning and using various phone applications to help the Rangers monitor the biodiversity and manage any local breaches of the Conservation Area bi-laws that protect the land. At the moment the Torricelli Mountain range is only protected locally by the landowners and we eagerly await legal approval from the PNG Government this year.

The Lukim gather phone app is based on the Monitoring Evaluation Tracking Tool (METT) and has a report an issue function which feeds directly to the PNG Government Department Conservation Environment Protection Authority CEPA. TCA helped build this app in 2019 in collaboration with CEPA and the United Nations Development Program which was funded by the Global Environment Facility (GEF).

Neighbours to PNG, the Solomon Islands Rangers Association (SIRA) are also taking the opportunity build capacity in their own rangers, as well as the next generation. They are conducting some school awareness sessions about rangers and their work across Solomon Islands to schools in Honiara City. It's the first of its kind and they plan to do more of that in the coming months.

SIRA leaders/trainers are then also heading to Malaita this week to train Malaita Rangers, especially Ahetaha Water Conservation Association, East Are Are, Malaita Province. Topics will include field surveying, monitoring, data collection, ranger's roles in protected areas and parks, understanding community-based resource managements, GPS and mapping, environmental laws and Regulations in the Solomon Islands. The two weeks training will include theory and hands on sessions/activities.

CORA also hopes to encourage inspirational and innovative ways to build on ranger skills, wisdom and resilience needed to thrive in their chosen careers. Along with giving each other hand when in need. Currently a few fundraising events are in the pipeline with proceeds raised to go toward helping other Oceania rangers that may need assistance.

The Tasmania Ranger Association are organising a ranger relay, with participant's walking, running, riding and swimming from the top to the bottom of the island of Tasmania. New South Wales, Victorian and ACT rangers are planning a relay along the High Alpine country. Watch this space for more information on these exciting initiatives. - **Jolene Nelson** -



Lukim Gather App Training



Dangerous Selfie



SIRA President Albert with school students



Torricelli Mountains

Creating a new marine and coastal park - Yallock-Bulluk Marine and Coastal Park

Throughout my career I have been lucky enough to do some really amazing things, but creating a new park is something new. One of the exciting projects Parks Victoria (Australia) is developing in the South Gippsland District, south east of Melbourne, is the creation of a new park, the Yallock-Bulluk Marine and Coastal Park.

In 2018, as part of the Victoria's Great Outdoors Program the Victorian Government announced the creation of a new marine and coastal park on the Bass Coast between San Remo and Inverloch. The Park will combine a series of different parks and reserves currently managed by three Government agencies, Parks Victoria, Bass Coast Shire Council and the Department of Environment, Lands, Water and Planning.

In consultation with the traditional owners of the area, the Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation, the Bunurong have named the new park, the Yallock-Bulluk Marine and Coastal Park. Yallock is the Bunurong word for Creek or River and Bulluk means swamp. Yallock-Bulluk Country extends from Tooradin (the Great Swamp) to the Tarwin River.

We are in the process of developing an Access and Infrastructure Plan (AIP) for the park. The AIP is being developed through an extensive community consultation and engagement program. The initial phase of the plan's development will consider environmental, natural and cultural heritage values and coastal processes to indicate feasible options for the location of the walking and mixed use tracks and trails, access points, trail heads, car parks, signage and other infrastructure required to construct the new, iconic walking track.

Additional parcels of land may be considered for inclusion in the park over time, and some funding has been allocated for acquisition and/ or leasing of private land to further benefit the new park and walking trail.

The park and trail will connect five (5) coastal communities, providing opportunities for walking trails and shared use tracks that will enable visitors to experience the 40+km park and trail in sections or as a continuous walking trail. The park abuts the existing Bunurong Marine National Park, which will further protect and hence the coastal area of the Bass Coast.

The new park will enable us to improve the regulatory environment across all the newly combined park sections under the National Park's Act (Victoria), this will ensure we can appropriately manage activities in park consistently and appropriately.

One of the interesting elements of the progress to date is working collaboratively with a range of partners and stakeholders all with various areas of interest and expertise, for example this stretch of coast is rich in dinosaur history with numerous fossil sites. So we are linking the cultural and environmental values with dinosaurs, and making sure we provide messaging and experiences around all the values of the area.

- Andy Davies -

protecting the wildlife and wild places of Africa. To find out more about the *Ranger Legacy Project* go to <https://www.gameranger.org/what-we-do/ranger-legacy.html>



Images Credit: Peter Chadwick and the Game Rangers' Association of Africa.

SOUTH AMERICA

A very generous donation of support of 14 pairs of military boots were made in February 2021 from Park Rangers of Portugal and other regions of Europe to the Association of Park Rangers in Peru. Special gratitude was expressed to Francisco José Semedo Correia (President of the Park Rangers Association Portugal), Linda Nunn (Vice President of the International Federation), Ana Sánchez (Portugal) and Víctor Manuel Goncaives Casalinho (Park Ranger of Portugal), who made this donation happen. The park rangers of 4 protected natural areas in South America (Los Manglares de Tumbes National Sanctuary, Cerros de Amotape National Park, Tumbes National Reserve and El Angolo Hunting Reserve) received boots to ensure that they could continue with their work, go out on patrol and carry out control and surveillance activities and other activities of the function.

Poaching threat: The volunteer park rangers of Ayacucho in Peru are faced with high threat of poaching of vicuñas in the Lucanas. Every year the illegal hunters decimate large numbers of these vicuñas, due to the fine fiber that these wild camelids possess, which is in highly sought after. These animals live in high density peasant communities of the Province of Parinacochas, and these communities are renowned for their illegal hunting. It is therefore the responsibility of community guards, self-defense committees, vicuñas control and surveillance monitors and community members in general to carry out joint protection actions to try and stop the illegal hunters, who conduct their illegal hunting activities in extreme misty conditions not to be detected. The additional quarantine measures instated by the Peruvian Government due to COVID 19 also adds pressure as this leaves the vicuña management areas of the Andean communities with little surveillance. The large scale of the puna, prevents the communal guards from patrolling and controlling activities in the entire area. The illegal hunters are also equipped with long-range weapons that endanger the lives of the communal guards. Sadly in December 2020, the urban ranger Sillerico Cruz, lost his life to poachers.



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RANGER ROUNDTABLE INDUSTRY WEBINAR #1

Introducing the Ranger Code of Conduct



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RANGER ROUNDTABLE INDUSTRY WEBINAR #1

Introducing the Ranger Code of Conduct

The Ranger profession needs strong principles to guide behaviour and build our reputation as trusted and respected protectors of nature, and of communities that live alongside nature. The intention is for the Code of Conduct to be adopted and implemented by Ranger groups and institutions, with the documents adapted as needed to local context.

So, it is our pleasure to invite you to attend an online 90-minute webinar during which we'll be introducing the Code of Conduct. Through a panel of Ranger industry leaders, you'll have the opportunity to discover:

1. Why was the code developed?
2. What was the process?
3. What is the Code of Conduct?
4. Who is it for and how can it be used? i.e. by individuals, organisations, industry bodies and partners
5. Going forward, how will it be reviewed and evolve?

PLEASE NOTE: Live translations will be available in Spanish and a recording of the event will be made available afterwards.

Warm regards,

Chris Galliers

International Ranger Federation

In partnership with fellow Ranger Roundtable advisors:

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Universal Ranger Support Alliance

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