

SIVA SUNDARESAN

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Seasoned conservation leader; engages diverse stakeholders and builds coalitions to achieve impact; collaborative problem-solver, strategic, systems thinker with strong communication skills; >20 years' experience in conservation and natural resource policy and management in India, Kenya and US.

SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE

STAKEHOLDER RELATIONSHIPS AND ENGAGEMENT

Excel at building relationships with people of diverse backgrounds, engaging, and bringing people together to develop consensus solutions around challenging natural resource governance and policy issues.

- Mentor staff and coordinate organizational participation in diverse collaboratives with farmers, ranchers, recreationists, indigenous communities, and agencies across significant cultural and political divides
- Delivered significant policy wins through building consensus recommendations, used by state and federal agencies, on land and wildlife management in Idaho, Montana and Wyoming
- Established pilot habitat leasing "elk occupancy" agreements with ranchers in Paradise Valley, MT
- Conceived, developed, and built Greater Yellowstone Coalition's conservation program in partnership with indigenous communities on the Wind River Reservation, including hiring new staff and developing a conservation leadership program with two full-time staff.
- Partnered with local pastoralist communities in Kenya on collaborative wildlife monitoring to prioritize the creation of community-led wildlife conservancies, covering several thousand acres of key habitat

CONSERVATION SCIENCE AND PLANNING

Broad knowledge of conservation science in diverse ecosystems, proficiency in quantitative and qualitative research and monitoring methods, using science to guide conservation strategy and impact reporting, skilled at translating science to inform policy.

- Over 20 peer-reviewed publications in top-tier ecological and conservation journals, and over 350 citations of these publications.
- Well-versed in conservation planning and prioritization frameworks including advanced training in the Open Standards for Conservation Performance
- Affiliate Professor, Colorado State University (2010-2014)

CONSERVATION POLICY AND OUTCOMES

Skilled policy expert wildlife conservation, endangered species and public and private lands issues.

- Currently lead and oversee all Greater Yellowstone Coalition's policy campaigns on Yellowstone grizzly bears, wolves, wolverines, big-game migrations, public land legislation and administrations
- Policy advisor to Kenya Wildlife Service's endangered Grevy's zebra conservation program (2010-2014)
- Oversaw a coalition campaign to pass a \$10M sales tax ballot measure, with 79% of vote, to provide dedicated funding for wildlife crossings in Teton County, WY
- Coordinating coalition campaign with multiple conservation, landowner and sporting groups to garner new funding appropriations (\$75M) for wildlife through the state legislature in Wyoming

LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT

Excel at systems thinking, guiding vision and strategy, business planning, and impact assessment. Focus on achieving measurable impact. Effective leader who manages high-functioning coalitions and teams.

- Led and facilitated strategic plans for several organizations including program evaluation and metrics
- As a volunteer board member for National Wildlife Federation, chaired multiple board and staff committees including the planning and execution of the annual governance and membership meeting of