

Original Amendment

U.S. House of Representatives
Committee on Ethics

EMPLOYEE POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

This form is for disclosing the receipt of travel expenses from private sources for travel taken in connection with official duties. This form does not eliminate the need to report privately-funded travel on the annual Financial Disclosure Statements of those employees required to file them. In accordance with House Rule 25, clause 5, you **must complete this form and file it with the Clerk of the House, 135 Cannon House Office Building, within 15 days after travel is completed.** Please do not file this form with the Committee on Ethics.

NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001.

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1. Name of Traveler: Cesar Gonzalez
2. a. Name of accompanying relative: _____ *or* None
 b. Relationship to Traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates of departure and return: Departure: 8/4/18 Return: 8/12/18
 b. Dates at personal expense (if any): _____ *or* None
4. Departure city: DC Destination: Maputo, Mozambique Return city: DC
5. Sponsor(s) (who paid for the trip): International Conservation Caucus Foundation & Band Foundation
6. Describe meetings and events attended: see attached list
7. Attached to this form are EACH of the following (*signify that each item is attached by checking the corresponding box*):
 - a. a completed Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form;
 - b. the Primary Trip Sponsor Form completed by the trip sponsor prior to the trip, including all attachments and Grantmaking or Non-Grantmaking Sponsor Forms;
 - c. page 2 of the completed Traveler Form submitted by the employee; *and*
 - d. the letter from the Committee on Ethics approving my participation on this trip.
8. a. I represent that I participated in each of the activities reflected in the attached sponsor's agenda. (*Signify that statement is true by checking box*):
 b. If not, explain: _____

I certify that the information contained on this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

SIGNATURE OF TRAVELER: _____ DATE: 8/27/18

I authorized this travel in advance. I have determined that all of the expenses listed on the attached Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure form were necessary and that the travel was in connection with the employee's official duties and would not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

NAME OF SUPERVISING MEMBER: Monica Diaz DATE: 8/27/18

SIGNATURE OF SUPERVISING MEMBER: _____

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**U.S. House of Representatives
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SPONSOR POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

This form must be completed by an officer of any organization that served as the primary trip sponsor in providing travel expenses or reimbursement for travel expenses to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. *A completed copy of the form must be provided to each House Member, officer, or employee who participated on the trip within 10 days of their return.* You must answer all questions, and check all boxes, on this form for your submission to comply with House rules and the Committee's travel regulations. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the denial of future requests to sponsor trips and or subject the current traveler to disciplinary action or a requirement to repay the trip expenses.

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1. Sponsor(s) (who paid for the trip): International Conservation Caucus Foundation (ICCF), Band Foundation
2. Travel Destination(s): Maputo and Gorongosa National Park, Mozambique
3. Date of Departure: August 4, 2018 Date of Return: August 12, 2018
4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Garrett Durst, Cesar Gonzalez, Devin Wiser, Reyn Archer, Christopher Crawford
(NOTE: You may list more than one traveler on a form only if all information is identical for each person listed.)
5. Actual amount of expenses paid on behalf of, or reimbursed to, each individual named in response to Question 4:

	Total Transportation Expenses	Total Lodging Expenses	Total Meal Expenses	Other Expenses (dollar amount per item and description)
Traveler	\$3038.67	\$1203.00	\$321.76	See Addendum
Accompanying Relative				

6. All expenses connected to the trip were for actual costs incurred and not a *per diem* or lump sum payment. (Signify statement is true by checking box):

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: _____

Name: John Gantt

Title: ICCF President

Organization: ICCF

I am an officer of the above-named organization (signify statement is true by checking box):

Address: 1200 Potomac St NW

Washington, D.C. 20007

Telephone number: 202-471-4222

Email Address: johngantt@iccfoundation.us

Committee staff may contact the above-named individual if additional information is required

If you have questions regarding your completion of this form, please contact the Committee on Ethics at (202) 225-7103.

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TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Cesar Gonzalez
2. Sponsor(s) (who will be paying for the trip): International Conservation Caucus Foundation
Band Foundation
3. Travel destination(s): Maputo Mozambique and Gorongosa National Park Mozambique
4. a. Date of departure 8/4/18 Date of return: 8/12/18
b. Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense? Yes No
If yes, dates at personal expense: _____
5. a. Will you be accompanied by a relative at the sponsor's expense? Yes No
b. If yes:
(1) Name of accompanying relative: _____
(2) Relationship to traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
(3) Accompanying relative is at least 18 years of age: Yes No
6. a. Did the trip sponsor answer "yes" to Question 9(d) on the Primary Trip Sponsor Form (i.e., travel is sponsored by an entity that employs a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent and you are requesting lodging for two nights)? Yes No
b. If yes, explain why the second night of lodging is warranted:

7. Primary Trip Sponsor Form is attached, including agenda, invitee list, and any other attachments and contributing sponsor forms: Yes No
NOTE: The agenda should show the traveler's individual schedule, including departure and arrival times and identify the specific events in which the traveler will be participating.
8. Explain why participation in the trip is connected to the traveler's individual official or representational duties. Staff should include their job title and how the activities on the itinerary relate to their duties.
As COS I oversee the legislative portfolio for the office including the
work on the State Foreign Operations Approps Subcomm. This trip will
give me first hand knowledge of some of the programs funded by the
com
9. Is the traveler aware of any registered federal lobbyists or foreign agents involved in planning, organizing, requesting, and/or arranging the trip? Yes No

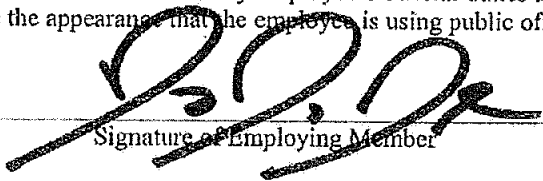
10. FOR STAFF TRAVELERS:

TO BE COMPLETED BY YOUR EMPLOYING MEMBER:

ADVANCED AUTHORIZATION OF EMPLOYEE TRAVEL

I hereby authorize the individual named above, an employee of the U.S. House of Representatives who works under my direct supervision, to accept expenses for the trip described in this request. I have determined that the above-described travel is in connection with my employee's official duties and that acceptance of these expenses will not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

Date: 7/2/2018


Signature of Employing Member

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PRIMARY TRIP SPONSOR FORM

This form should be completed by private entities offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. A completed copy of the form (and any attachments) should be provided to each invited House Member, officer, or employee, who will then forward it to the Committee together with a Traveler Form at least 30 days before the start date of the trip. The trip sponsor should NOT submit the form directly to the Committee. The Committee Web site (ethics.house.gov) provides detailed instructions for filling out the form.

NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001. Failure to comply with the Committee's Travel Regulations may also lead to the denial of permission to sponsor future trips.

1. Sponsor (who will be paying for the trip):
International Conservation Caucus Foundation, Band Foundation
2. I represent that the trip will not be financed (in whole or in part) by a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent (signify that the statement is true by checking box):
3. Check only one: I represent that:
 - a. the primary trip sponsor has not accepted from any other source funds intended directly or indirectly to finance any aspect of the trip or
 - b. the trip is arranged without regard to congressional participation and the primary trip sponsor has accepted funds only from entities that will receive a tangible benefit in exchange for those funds or
 - c. the primary trip sponsor has accepted funds from other source(s) intended directly or indirectly to finance all or part of this trip and has enclosed disclosure forms from each of those entities.
If "c" is checked, list the names of the additional sponsors:
Band Foundation
4. Provide names and titles of ALL House Members and employees you are inviting. For each House invitee, provide an explanation of why the individual was invited (include additional pages if necessary):
Please see addendum
5. Is travel being offered to an accompanying relative of the House invitee(s)? Yes No
6. Date of departure: August 4th, 2018 Date of return: August 12th, 2018
7. a. City of departure: Washington, D.C.
b. Destination(s): Maputo, Mozambique and Gorongosa National Park, Mozambique
c. City of return: Washington, D.C.
8. I represent that (check one of the following):
 - a. The sponsor of the trip is an institution of higher education within the meaning of section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965: or
 - b. The sponsor of the trip does not retain or employ a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent: or
 - c. The sponsor employs or retains a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but the trip is for attendance at a one-day event and lobbyist/foreign agent involvement in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the Committee's travel regulations.
9. Check one of the following:
 - a. I checked 8(a) or (b) above:
 - b. I checked 8(c) above but am not offering any lodging:
 - c. I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for one night: or
 - d. I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for two nights:
If "d" is checked, explain why the second night of lodging is warranted:

10. Attached is a detailed agenda of the activities the House invitees will be participating in during the travel (i.e., an hourly description of planned activities for trip invitees) (indicate agenda is attached by checking box):
11. Check one:
 a. I represent that a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent will not accompany House Members or employees on any segment of the trip (signify that the statement is true by checking box): at
 b. N/A - trip sponsor is a U.S. institution of higher education.
12. For each sponsor required to submit a sponsor form, describe the sponsor's interest in the subject matter of the trip and its role in organizing and/or conducting the trip:
 Please see addendum.

13. Answer parts a and b. Answer part c if necessary.
 a. Mode of travel: Air Rail Bus Car Other (Specify: _____)
 b. Class of travel: Coach Business First Charter Other (Specify: _____)
 c. If travel will be first class or by chartered or private aircraft, explain why such travel is warranted:
Charter flight required into Gorongosa National Park for safety/logistical reasons.

14. I represent that the expenditures related to local area travel during the trip will be unrelated to personal or recreational activities of the invitee(s). (signify that the statement is true by checking box):
15. I represent that either (check one of the following):
 a. The trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation and that meals provided to congressional participants are similar to those provided to or purchased by other event attendees: or
 b. The trip involves events that are arranged specifically *with regard* to congressional participation:
 If "b" is checked:
 1) Detail the cost per day of meals (approximate cost may be provided): _____
Maputo Approx. cost/day \$75 (breakfast \$15, lunch \$25, dinner \$35); Gorongosa \$50/day
 2) Provide reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: _____
Please see addendum.

16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:
 Hotel name: Montebelo Indy Maputo Congress Hotel City: Maputo Cost per night: \$95.00
 Reason(s) for selecting: safety/logistical, proximity to activities
 Hotel name: Montebelo-Gorongosa Lodge City: Gorongosa NP Cost per night: \$88.00
 Reason(s) for selecting: safety/logistical, proximity to activities
 Hotel name: _____ City: _____ Cost per night: _____
 Reason(s) for selecting: _____

17. I represent that all expenses connected to the trip will be for actual costs incurred and not a per diem or lump sum payment. (signify that the statement is true by checking box):

18. TOTAL EXPENSES FOR EACH PARTICIPANT:

<input type="checkbox"/> actual amounts <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good faith estimates	Total Transportation Expenses per Participant	Total Lodging Expenses per Participant	Total Meal Expenses per Participant
For each Member, Officer, or employee	\$2620.88	\$550.00	\$435.00
For each accompanying relative			

	Other Expenses (dollar amount per item)	Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For each Member, Officer, or employee	\$550.00	field visits, park fees, tips
For each accompanying relative		

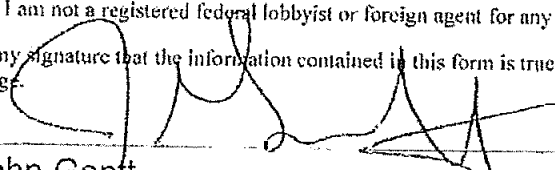
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19. Check one:

- a. I certify that I am an officer of the organization listed below. *or*
 b. N/A – sponsor is an individual or a U.S. institution of higher education.

20. I certify that I am not a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent for any sponsor of this trip.

21. I certify by my signature that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: 

Name: John Gantt

Title: President, ICCF

Organization: International Conservation Caucus Foundation

Address: 25786 Georgetown Station, Washington, D.C.

Telephone number: 202-471-4222

Email address: johngantt@iccfoundation.us

If there are any questions regarding this form please contact the Committee at the following address:

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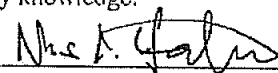
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GRANTMAKING TRIP SPONSOR FORM

This form should be completed by a public charity or private foundation (both as defined under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code) that provides a grant of funds to another entity to underwrite, in whole or in part, a trip or an event, meal, or activity that will occur during a trip, or a necessary expense that will be incurred during a trip, with express or implicit knowledge or understanding that one or more House Members or employees may participate in or attend that trip or event, or otherwise may be beneficiaries of the gift or donation. Provide a copy of your completed form to the primary sponsor of the trip.

NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001. Failure to comply with the Committee's Travel Regulations may also lead to the denial of permission to sponsor future trips.

1. I certify that (name of your organization): BAND Foundation
has been designated a § 501(c)(3) nonprofit charitable organization by the Internal Revenue Service.
 Yes No
2. Name of Primary Trip Sponsor: International Conservation Caucus Foundation
3. I certify that my organization (complete a or b):
a. Has provided a grant, gift, or donation to the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor and conducts an audit or review of its grant, gift, or donation to ensure that the funds are spent in accordance with the terms of its grant, gift, or donation. or
b. Has had a direct role in the organizing, planning, or conducting of a trip to
(destination) _____ on (date) _____ that is
being organized or arranged by the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor.
4. Check one:
a. My organization does not employ or retain a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent or
b. My organization employs a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but their involvement in planning, organizing, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the travel regulations.
5. I certify that I am not a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent for any sponsor of this trip.
6. I certify by my signature that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: 
Name: Nicholas Lapham Title: President
Organization: BAND Foundation
Address: 1723 Hoban Rd NW Washington DC. 20007
Telephone number: 2023445705 Email: Nick@bandfdn.org

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July 27, 2018

Mr. Cesar Gonzalez
Office of the Honorable Mario Diaz-Balart
440 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Gonzalez:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Mozambique,¹ scheduled for August 4 to 12, 2018, sponsored by International Conservation Caucus Foundation, with financial support from Band Foundation.

You must complete an Employee Post-Travel Disclosure Form (which your employing Member must also sign) and file it, together with a Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form completed by the trip sponsor, with the Clerk of the House within 15 days after your return from travel. As part of that filing, you are also required to attach a copy of this letter and both the Traveler and Primary Trip Sponsor Forms (including attachments) you previously submitted to the Committee in seeking pre-approval for this trip. If you are required to file an annual Financial Disclosure Statement, you must also report all travel expenses totaling more than \$390 from a single source on the "Travel" schedule of your annual Financial Disclosure Statement covering this calendar year. Finally, Travel Regulation § 404(d) also requires you to keep a copy of all request forms and supporting information provided to the Committee for three subsequent Congresses from the date of travel.

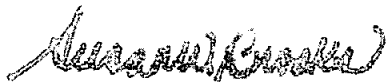
Because the trip may involve meetings with foreign government representatives, we note that House employees may accept, under the Foreign Gifts and Decorations Act (FGDA), gifts "of minimal value [currently \$390] tendered as a souvenir or mark of courtesy" by a foreign government. Any tangible gifts valued in excess of minimal value received from a foreign government must, within 60 days of acceptance, be disclosed on a Form for Disclosing Gifts from Foreign Governments filed with the Committee, and either turned over to the Clerk of the House, or, with the written approval of the Committee, retained for official use.

¹ We note that the U.S. Department of State (State Department) has issued a travel warning concerning travel to Maputo, Mozambique, available at <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories/mozambique-travel-advisory.html>. You may wish to contact the State Department regarding the safety of your proposed trip.

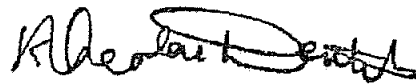
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If you have any further questions, please contact the Committee's Office of Advice and Education at extension 5-7103.

Sincerely,



Susan W. Brooks
Chairwoman



Theodore E. Deutch
Ranking Member

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4. Name and title of Congressional Invitees

Mr. Reyn Archer, Chief of Staff, Representative Jeff Fortenberry
Mr. Christopher Crawford, Chief of Staff, Representative Buddy Carter
Mr. Garrett Durst, Deputy Chief of Staff & Legislative Director, Representative John Garamendi
Mr. Cesar Gonzalez, Chief of Staff, Representative Mario Diaz Balart
Mr. Timothy Hysom, Chief of Staff, Representative Alan Lowenthal
Mr. Devin Wiser, Chief of Staff, Representative Rob Bishop

Each individual was invited so they could witness firsthand the vital role of terrestrial & marine conservation and good natural resource management in alleviating poverty, promoting sustainable economic development, and strengthening national security for Mozambique and other nations. This mission will also specifically demonstrate the challenges of combating the Wildlife Trafficking Crisis and methods for mitigation at the local, regional, national, and international level.

Participants are either 1) staffers of new members who we want to educate on issues in Mozambique and how our organization helps developing countries with conservation/development initiatives; or 2) staffers who support members of the International Conservation Caucus and have an interest in conservation through development.

12. For each sponsor required to submit a sponsor form, describe the sponsor's interest in the subject matter of the trip and its role in organizing and/or conducting the trip:

The International Conservation Caucus Foundation (ICCF) educates U.S. policymakers and other global political and business leaders on the vital links between good natural resource management, sustainable economic development, conflict avoidance, and regional security. ICCF organized the logistics of lodging and travel for the trip and identified topics and expert speakers.

The BAND Foundation is a private family foundation established in 1999 by Burks and Anthony Lapham and their children, Nicholas and David. It seeks to advance the family's charitable interests through strategic grant making, primarily in the areas of nature conservation, epilepsy research and climate change (the latter via an affiliated donor advised fund). The Foundation supports programs in the United States and abroad with a special emphasis on geographies with which the family has present or historic ties. BAND believes in a flexible, risk-tolerant approach to grant making, through which it seeks to provide timely support to critical issues, catalyze effective partnerships and unlock larger financial flows from public and private sources.

15.b.2. Provide reason for selecting the location of the event or trip:

Mozambique is a key conservation hot spot that is directly affected by the illegal wildlife trade as well as marine challenges such as illegal, unreported, and unregulated (IUU) fishing. Gorongosa National Park, in Mozambique, is perhaps Africa's greatest wildlife restoration story: a 20-year Public-Private Partnership between the Government of Mozambique and the Gorongosa Restoration Project, a U.S. non-profit organization.



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**Staff Delegation to
The Republic of Mozambique**

Day 1, Saturday, August 4th:

8:30 am Meet at Washington-Dulles Airport (IAD), Ethiopian Airlines Check-in Desk. ICCF staff will be there to meet the delegation and distribute briefing books.

Each member of the delegation will receive a briefing book that will cover general topics on Mozambique (historical summary, current economic & political conditions, current bilateral and multilateral programs and funding, and other aspects of U.S.-Mozambique relationship), as well as detailed information on conservation work and all site visits planned.

11:00 am Depart IAD for Maputo, Mozambique (MPM). Ethiopian Airlines Flight 501 to Addis Ababa (ADD).

Accommodation: Airplane

Day 2, Sunday, August 5th:

Topic: Overview of Delegation's Visit in Maputo and Gorongosa National Park

- 7:15 am Arrive in Addis Ababa (ADD).
- 8:55 am Depart ADD for Maputo (MPM), Ethiopian Airways 819.
- 1:55 pm Arrive in Maputo. Retrieve luggage and proceed to pick-up location to be taken to the hotel.
- 2:30 pm Transport from airport to hotel.
- 3:00 pm Arrive and check in to hotel.
- 5:00 pm Early dinner and briefing with John Gantt, ICCF President, to go over trip itinerary and introduce topics that will be discussed during the trip.

Accommodation: Montebelo Indy Maputo Congress Hotel

Day 3, Monday, August 6th:

Topic: The Current State of the Poaching Crisis and Conservation/Development Challenges and Opportunities in Mozambique

- 7:30am-8:30am Breakfast briefing to discuss illegal wildlife trafficking challenges in Mozambique and the broader region, as well as transboundary conservation issues.
- 8:45 am Depart hotel for U.S. Embassy meeting.
- 9:15 am – 10:00 am Meeting with U.S. Ambassador to Mozambique, His Excellency Dean Pittman, to discuss topics relating to conservation through development that include U.S. efforts to combat the poaching crisis in Africa and other conservation priorities.
- 10:15 am- 10:30 am Transport from the U.S. Embassy to Mozambique Parliament.
- 10:30 am-11:00 pm Meeting with the Speaker of Parliament, The Honorable Veronica Macamo.
- 11:00 pm-12:00 pm Meeting with Chair of the Mozambique Parliamentary Forum on Conservation, The Honorable Francisco Mucanheia.

- 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm Delegation will be joined by other Members of Parliament for a discussion over lunch about ICCF and how the ICCF and Parliament of Mozambique can work together on conservation development initiatives.
- 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm Meetings with the Minister of Environment and Minister of the Sea, Inland Waters and Fisheries to discuss issues under their areas of jurisdiction.
- 4:15 pm Return to hotel to freshen up for dinner meeting.
- 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm Dinner with Speakers, Members of Parliament, Ministries, private sector representatives, NGOs, and development stakeholders to discuss common agendas for the responsible development and conservation of the region.

Accommodations: Montebelo Indy Maputo Congress Hotel

Day 4, Tuesday, August 7th:

Topic: Marine Challenges and Opportunities in Mozambique

8:00 am Depart hotel for Clube Naval Dock.

8:30am Depart Clube Naval Dock for day trip to and around Inhaca Island.

A millennium ago, Inhaca was part of the mainland, but changes in currents and rising sea levels separated Inhaca from the rest of Mozambique, and now a 500 meter stretch of water flows between the two. Inhaca possesses a pleasing array of landscapes, high sand dunes along beaches and palm-lined paths on the island's interior, which also consists of cultivated fields and grassy plains to the north. Evergreen forests and dunes are found along the eastern and western shores, with extensive mudflats along the southern and western shores at low tide. The highest point of the island, Mount Inhaca, is 104 meters above sea level on the northeastern shore line. Two inland wetlands are found near the northern air strip and the village of Nhaquene in the south. The western side has 3 undamaged coral reefs which are marine reserves. The northern coast's and Saco Bay's mangrove forests are home to many species of water birds, which nest and breed there.

10:00 am – 11:45 am Boat trip via Hells Gate (between Santa Maria and Inhaca Island) to view and learn about the flora and fauna in the area.

A wide array of habitats exist on and surrounding Inhaca Island. On land, there are areas of cultivated fields and grassy plains, as well as dune forests, mudflats and mangrove forests. The forests and mangroves house an extensive number of tree species that serve as perfect habitats for both water and land bird species.

The Island's surrounding marine environment houses over 160 coral reef species that support an ecosystem of reef fish, sharks, sea turtles, sea birds and marine mammals. Inhaca Island's waters are visited by whale sharks and manta rays in the summer months.

11:45 am - 12:45 pm

Arrive at Inhaca Island. Visit the Marine Biology Museum on the island.

The Marine Biology Museum is a classic biological museum, displaying various specimens indigenous to the Island. This museum is also a functional research station complete with laboratories and accommodations for professors and students completing research projects.

1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

Lunch on Inhaca Island.

3:00 pm - 4:30 pm

Travel from Inhaca Island to Portuguese Island.

Portuguese Island is a small barrier island next to Inhaca that has pristine marine environments, mainly because it is undeveloped. Our short stop at Portuguese Island will show the delegation a pristine coastal environment that lacks any commercial coastal development.

5:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Depart Portuguese Island to return to Clube Naval Dock.

7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Dinner briefing at hotel with local marine conservation organizations such as Mozambique's Marine Megafauna Foundation (MMF).

The MMF is primarily a research organization, but it is also involved in local and regional conservation initiatives in Mozambique, including the development of appropriate legislation to protect threatened marine species and the creation of marine protected areas designed to safeguard their remaining populations. MMF is currently engaging with local fisher communities along the coast and has launched a regional program called 'Sustainable Seas' to help develop LMMAs in the Inhambane Province and tackle issues surrounding unsustainable fishing practices, which threaten marine wildlife and jeopardize food security.

Accommodations: Montebelo Indy Maputo Congress Hotel

Day 5, Wednesday, August 8th:

Topic: Overview of Gorongosa National Park and the Poaching Crisis in Mozambique

- 9:30 am Depart hotel for airport to travel to Gorongosa National Park (Chitenga airstrip).
- Noon Depart Maputo for Beira airport.
- 1:35 pm Arrive in Beira and board flight to Gorongosa (Chitenga airstrip).
- 2:30 pm Arrive at Gorongosa (Chitenga airstrip). Check in at Montebelo Gorongosa Lodge. Opportunity to unpack and freshen up.
- 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm Briefing on history of Gorongosa National Park and opportunity to discuss and ask any questions about topics in the briefing book. An overview of conservation and development challenges in Mozambique will be provided, and the relevance to the development of Mozambique will be discussed.
- 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm Delegation will get an overview of Gorongosa National Park given by Greg Carr and GNP park management.

"Gorongosa, I will say it now, is ecologically the most diverse park in the world" - E.O. Wilson

Gorongosa National Park, in Mozambique, is perhaps Africa's greatest wildlife restoration story: a 20-year Public-Private Partnership between the Government of Mozambique and the Gorongosa Restoration Project, a U.S. non-profit organization.

Approach

By adopting a 21st Century conservation model of balancing the needs of wildlife and people, GNP is protecting and saving this beautiful wilderness, returning it to its rightful place as one of Africa's greatest parks. They are achieving this mission by working in these four core areas:

Tourism: *By developing tourism, GNP creates employment for local people and generates sustainable revenue for the Park. Every guest that visits Gorongosa plays a vital role in this amazing conservation effort.*

Conservation: *By protecting Gorongosa's beautiful animals and landscapes, GNP makes sure future generations have a chance to experience this special place.*

Science: *By studying how all the parts of Gorongosa's complex web of life fit together, GNP can facilitate informed conservation and management decisions.*

Community: *By providing assistance to farmers, educational programs, and health care, GNP improves the well-being of local communities, thereby gaining their support.*

Greg Carr co-founded Boston Technology, an international telecommunications firm, and served as its chair until 1998. From 1996-1998 he was chair of Prodigy, a global Internet service provider. He also co-founded Africa Online in 1996 and served as its chair until 1998. In 1998 Carr resigned from his for-profit boards and dedicated himself to humanitarian activities. In 1999 he founded the Carr Center for Human Rights Policy at Harvard University. Through research and teaching, the Carr Center seeks to make human rights principles central to the formulation of good public policy in the United States and throughout the world. In 2007, Carr signed a 20-year agreement with the Government of Mozambique to restore and co-manage the country's flagship national park, Gorongosa. The Gorongosa team has reintroduced species to the ecosystem, planted more than one million trees in the Mt. Gorongosa rainforest, created an international Restoration Ecology science research center, established eco-tourism in the Park, and provides health and education programs to the local communities living near the Park's borders. National Geographic Television chronicled the Park's restoration in their film "Africa's Lost Eden". National Geographic referred to the Gorongosa project as the largest conservation effort on the continent of Africa. PBS is now making a six-part series about Carr's work restoring Gorongosa National Park.

7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Dinner briefing: Topic TBD

Accommodation: Montebelo Gorongosa Lodge

Day 6, Thursday, August 9th:

Topic: The Importance of Biodiversity to Development, Threats to Biodiversity, and Challenges and Opportunities for Mozambique

- 7:30 am - 8:30 am Breakfast briefing by Gorongosa Park Rangers on the ecological value of biodiversity and its importance for the livelihoods of local communities as it provides ecosystem services and bases for tourism and income generation. Park Rangers will also discuss the challenges and successes of GNP.
- 8:45 am - 12:00 pm Field briefing with Gorongosa Park Rangers to observe challenges to biodiversity protection and observe the physical manifestations of the detriments of biodiversity loss and the benefits of biodiversity strength.
- 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm Lunch briefing with the manager of Gorongosa's E.O. Wilson Laboratory for Biodiversity.

The Edward O. Wilson Laboratory is a research facility at Gorongosa National Park, an important new hub of scientific and educational activity in Mozambique. It has been created to explore, document, and protect biodiversity of Gorongosa National Park as well as to offer research and training opportunities in biodiversity-related fields for students and conservation leaders in Mozambique. The laboratory is named in honor of one of the world's greatest champions of biodiversity conservation, Dr. Edward O. Wilson, who for years has been the leading synergistic force that allowed many scientists and conservationists to come together and focus their energy on the restoration projects in Gorongosa. Gorongosa's biodiversity programs are partially funded by the Global Environment Facility.

- 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm Travel to and learn about the E.O. Wilson Biodiversity Laboratory and presentations about the scientific programs & research activities hosted by the facility and its value for the landscape health of GNP and science around the world.

Goals of the E.O. Wilson Laboratory:

1. Biological Exploration and Monitoring

The E.O. Wilson Laboratory conducts comprehensive surveys of biological diversity of the park in all its ecological zones, habitat types, and most important biological communities. These surveys focus on those groups of multicellular organisms that are of particular importance to the function of the greater Gorongosa ecosystem as well as those that carry the greatest promise of discovery of endemic and new to science species. The results of the surveys and exploratory long-term research projects will create a radical, detailed and dynamic picture of life in Gorongosa, and help guide the national park's restoration efforts.

2. The Synoptic Biodiversity Collection

The Laboratory is home to a permanent synoptic collection of Gorongosa's flora and fauna, the first facility of its kind in any protected area in Africa. The Laboratory will work closely with Mozambique's national institutions towards a comprehensive inventory of biological richness of the country. The Collection will soon include a molecular facility for DNA storage and extraction, intended primarily for processing of genetic material that is prone to rapid deterioration (e.g., scat and other forensic material). The main collection area is climate-controlled, and equipped with modern storage for botanical and zoological specimens; the collection has a comprehensive data management and specimen tracking system, including physical barcoding of specimens.

3. Education of Mozambican conservationists and experts

The Laboratory aims to offer a wide range of educational opportunities to Mozambican students and conservation leaders. These include workshops on biodiversity- and conservation-related topics, participation in day-to-day operations of the Lab and biological surveys organized by the Lab, and being part of a variety of long-term research projects in the Gorongosa National Park.

4. Media and Outreach

A part of the Laboratory will be dedicated to media production and distribution to serve our mission of sharing biodiversity knowledge with scientists, students, and the public. The Laboratory will establish links with institutions in the U.S. and elsewhere to allow us to engage students and the public in our research. Through media partnerships with museums and 3rd level institutions the Laboratory will soon bring research scientists and their work into the public eye through a progressive communication strategy.

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| 3:30 pm - 6:00 pm | Field activity with international and local scientific researchers at the laboratory to better understand the implications of the studies conducted at the laboratory and to put them in context. |
| 6:00 pm | Return to camp. Opportunity to change for dinner. |
| 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm | Dinner briefing by Gorongosa Park Warden Mateus Mutemba, who joined the Gorongosa Restoration Project in 2008 then became the Warden of Gorongosa National Park in 2011. Mutemba received the "Conservation Hero of the Year 2013 Award" at the 36th annual International Wildlife Film Festival in Montana, USA. Mutemba will discuss efforts towards achieving the two-fold mission of Gorongosa National Park, namely: biodiversity restoration and poverty reduction in the park's surroundings. |

Accommodation: Montebelo Gorongosa Lodge

Day 7, Friday, August 10th:

Topics: Community Engagement and Development through Conservation

8:00 am - 9:00 am

Breakfast briefing by managers of GNP's community outreach programs.

"To secure a great future for Gorongosa National Park, we must improve the lives of its people. Our goal is healthy families with improved food security, alternative, sustainable livelihoods and reduced population pressure around Gorongosa. To achieve this goal we work in three core areas:

Health Services - Disease prevention, including HIV/AIDS and malaria; providing reproductive health services, including family planning; improving child nutrition; family planning; and prevention of gender-based violence.

Conservation Education - Teaching the principles and values of environmental conservation and sustainable agriculture; building schools.

Economic Development - Providing employment in the Park; teaching alternative sources of income; empowering women and supporting the education of girls.

Healthy families mean a healthy ecosystem but it's a feedback loop that goes the other way too. Gorongosa provides clean air and water for hundreds of thousands of its people. And the success of the Park means more tourism, which means more jobs and more shared Park revenue for community programs. Our vision is that Gorongosa National Park will become the principal engine of sustainable development in this region."

9:15 am - 12:00 pm

Field mission to a variety of community support systems such as: mobile medical clinics, training facilities for community health workers and traditional birth attendants, and the Community Education Center (partially funded by USAID).

"Our health programs are driven by a simple but very powerful idea: the health of Gorongosa National Park is directly linked to the health of the people living near the Park. And vice-versa. It's the idea behind ECOHEALTH, an initiative funded by the US government (USAID and PEPFAR), and our program logo says it all: This program is made possible by the generous support of the American people through the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) through cooperative agreement number 656-A-00-11-00075-00. The program is based on a "PHE model". Put simply, it means the security of the environment is directly linked to the population and health of its people."

12:15 pm - 1:15 pm

Lunch briefing by Wildlife Sanctuary Manager on the importance of nurturing wounded or orphaned wildlife and rebuilding populations. The wildlife in Mozambique was nearly completely wiped out by the civil war and hence genetic variation severely suffered, further threatening the reproductive strength and

sustainability of the wildlife populations. The sanctuary is essential to rebuild genetic variation and the resulting strength of populations.

1:30 pm - 3:30 pm

Field visit of the Wildlife Sanctuary to understand the demands and values of the sanctuary.

3:30 pm - 5:30 pm

Field visit of the Bué Maria, a rocky hill overlooking the Pungue River, in order to understand the different ecosystems of this larger mosaic landscape and how each ecosystem plays a crucial role to the whole area and the larger region.

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Dinner briefing by Global Environment Facility and USAID on their investment in GNP and the links between conservation and development. The Global Environment Facility is a leading funder of conservation projects around the world.

Accommodation: Montebelo Gorongosa Lodge

Day 8, Saturday, August 11th:

Begin Trip Home

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| 8:00 am - 9:30 am | Breakfast and trip wrap-up. Participants will discuss what they learned on the mission and have the opportunity to ask questions. |
| Morning TBD | Depart for Beira (BEW) by air from Chitenga and check in at Beira for international flight home. |
| 1:40 pm | Depart BEW for international flight home. Depart BEW for Johannesburg, South Africa (JNB). South African Airways Flight 8215. |
| 3:30 pm | Arrive at JNB. |
| 8:20 pm | Depart JNB for Doha - Hamad (DOH). Qatar Airways Flight 1368. |

Day 9, Sunday, August 12th:

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| 6:10 am | Arrive in Doha-Hamad (DOH). |
| 8:25 am | Depart Doha-Hamad (DOH) for Washington, DC Dulles (IAD). Qatar Airways #707 |
| 3:35 pm | Arrive at IAD. |



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June 27, 2018

Mr. Cesar Gonzalez
Chief of Staff
Representative Mario Diaz Balart
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC

Dear Mr. Gonzalez:

We are pleased to invite you, as Chief of Staff for Rep. Diaz Balart, to join a U.S. Congressional Staff Delegation to visit the Republic of Mozambique from August 4th to August 12th, 2018, inclusive of travel days.

The purpose of this mission is to familiarize and educate the delegation about the critical role that conservation and sound natural resource management play in poverty alleviation, sustainable economic development, and regional security for Mozambique and other developing countries of the world. The mission will focus on both terrestrial and marine conservation and the role of U.S. investment in the region.

We have extended an invitation to the following Congressional Staff to join the delegation:

Mr. Reyn Archer, Chief of Staff, Representative Jeff Fortenberry
Mr. Chris Crawford, Chief of Staff, Representative Buddy Carter
Mr. Devin Wiser, Chief of Staff, Congressman Rob Bishop
Mr. Timothy Hysom, Chief of Staff, Representative Alan Lowenthal
Mr. Garrett Durst, Deputy Chief of Staff & Legislative Director, Representative John Garamendi

While in Mozambique, the delegation will meet with government officials and leading local and U.S.-based conservation organizations.

Through this mission you will gain a firsthand look at innovative ways that U.S. investment in the region is providing invaluable support to the region's biodiversity conservation and management efforts while strengthening the ability of local people and organizations to manage and conserve species, habitats, and ecological processes, both marine and terrestrial.

The delegation will also learn about important issues relating to Mozambique and southern Africa, including collaboration with nongovernmental organizations, research centers,



communities, and other stakeholders, to facilitate the protection of these land- and seascapes. No portion of the course or trip is financed by a lobbyist or a registered foreign agent.

Thank you for taking the time to learn more about this remarkable part of the world and the efforts that are underway to ensure its conservation for the benefit of local communities and the world at large for this and future generations.

Attached you will find general background information about the International Conservation Caucus Foundation and a brief working itinerary.

We look forward to having you join us.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Weis
Program Director

Addendum:

5. Other Expenses

Field Activities \$405, Tips \$145, Park Fee \$62, Visas \$160