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**FOUNDATION**

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ANNUAL REPORT  
**2025**

2025  
Year of the *Homecoming*



A landmark year for global conservation marked by a historic mountain bongo repatriation to Kenya, extraordinary philanthropic growth, and more than three decades of mission carried forward with unwavering commitment.

35

TOTAL BONGO  
REPATRIATED TO KENYA

17

REPATRIATED  
FEBRUARY 2025

7,146

NAUTICAL MILES FLOWN

2027

NEXT PLANNED  
REPATRIATION

HISTORIC MILESTONE -FEBRUARY 23, 2025

## 17 Mountain Bongos *Come Home to Kenya*

On February 23, 2025, seventeen mountain bongos were safely repatriated from Palm Beach County, Florida, to a new sanctuary at Marania on the northeastern slope of Mt. Kenya, the culmination of decades of captive breeding, international partnership, and unwavering conservation commitment. The 12 females and 5 males traveled aboard a Mountain-Bongo-branded DHL Boeing 767, accompanied by three RSCF animal-care experts and a wildlife veterinarian.

Upon arrival, Kenya Wildlife Service transported the animals 250 kilometers by road to a 20-acre sanctuary managed by the Meru Bongo and Rhino Conservation Trust (MBRCT) – Kenya's first-ever conservation-related public-private-community partnership. The repatriation brings RSCF's cumulative total to 35 mountain bongos returned to Kenya, building on the 2004 inaugural transport of 18 animals. The repatriation was extensively covered by BBC, Mongabay, DHL Media Relations, and international press.

*“There is simply no higher calling for humanity than to protect what remains of nature. The mountain bongo's story of decline and recovery has been entirely on our watch, and the species' future lies with all of us. The bongo's resilience is a story of hope for wildlife and people alike.”*

— Dr. Paul R. Reillo, President & Founder, RSCF · March 26, 2025 Press Release



2025 WILDLIFE BREEDING, RESEARCH & FIELD PROGRAMS

<p><b>AFRICA - KENYA</b></p> <p><b>Mountain Bongo Recovery</b></p> <p>RSCF achieved its most significant milestone in 2025 with the repatriation of 17 bongos to the Marania sanctuary. RSCF also continued coordinating Florida-based bongo management at the Micanopy Zoological Preserve and expanding the Florida ranching program for future repatriations.</p>	<p><b>SOUTH AMERICA - BRAZIL</b></p> <p><b>Red-Browed Amazon Parrot</b></p> <p>RSCF holds the only North American breeding group of this critically endangered parrot. Nine offspring were added in 2025, with 12–14 pairs now capable of natural incubation. RSCF continued coordination with Brazilian authorities toward future repatriation of captive-bred birds to Alagoas.</p>	<p><b>EASTERN CARIBBEAN</b></p> <p><b>Dominica/St. Vincent</b></p> <p>In 2025, RSCF concluded a sub-award agreement between the SVG Forestry Department and UNDP (Ridge-to-Reef), procuring aviary renovations and field equipment. RSCF and partners continued advocacy for reestablishment of Dominica's Wildlife Conservation Partnership.</p>
<p><b>FLORIDA CONSERVATORY</b></p> <p><b>Marmoset and Lion Tamarins</b></p> <p>RSCF's closed-colony of pygmy marmosets remains the largest in North America with sustained breeding and husbandry expansion.</p> <p>RSCF continues its decades long support of lion tamarin conservation as part of the North American AZA SSP program.</p>	<p><b>AFRICA - TANZANIA</b></p> <p><b>Elephant Landscape Connectivity</b></p> <p>Dr. Anna Estes, RSCF Research Associate, continued long-term monitoring of elephant demography across the Greater Serengeti Ecosystem, including genetic connectivity, human-elephant conflict, and vegetation change across northern Tanzania.</p>	<p><b>INTERNATIONAL CONSULTATION</b></p> <p><b>Parrot Pathogen Diagnostics UGA/FIU/TCI</b></p> <p>Upon request from Brazilian wildlife authorities, RSCF participated in 2025 in international consultation to address circovirus in Spix's macaws. RSCF/TCI at FIU also continued graduate-level conservation training under a 2014 collaboration agreement.</p>



FORM 990 - TAX YEAR 2025

# Financial *Performance*

RSCF's 2025 fiscal year reflects transformational growth — total revenue surpassed \$2.3 million, driven by exceptional philanthropic investment in the Mountain Bongo repatriation and broader conservation mission.

TOTAL REVENUE - LINE 12

**\$2,318,667**

FY 2025 - Prior Year: \$622,283



↑ 272% year-over-year growth

- Investment Income - \$155,138
- Contributions & Grants - \$2,163,529

TOTAL EXPENSES - LINE 18

**\$877,508**

FY 2025 - Prior Year: \$774,076

↑ 13.4% - primarily program driven growth



NET SURPLUS - LINE 19

**\$1,441,159**

Revenue less expenses

PROGRAM EXPENSE RATIO

**96.6%**

\$847,510 of \$877,508 to programs  
\$0 fundraising expenses

TOTAL ASSETS (EOY)

**\$5,050,987**

Up from \$3,710,145  
+36.1% year-over-year

NET ASSETS (EOY)

**\$5,049,386**

All unrestricted  
Total liabilities: \$1,619

## Selected Other Expense Detail · Schedule O, Part IX Line 24e

INTL PROGRAM SUPPORT

**\$150,000**

Other Conservation Program support

INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

**\$120,418**

Field programs · Sub-Saharan Africa

EQUIPMENT

**\$29,024**

Program services

FIELD & TRAVEL

**\$11,546**

Program services

SCHEDULE B - 2025 MAJOR CONTRIBUTORS

## Our 2025 *Conservation Partners*

Total contributions and grants of \$2,163,529 received in 2025 – the largest single-year fundraising total in RSCF's history – reflect extraordinary philanthropic commitment to wildlife conservation.

### Fidelity Charitable Fund

**\$1,500,000**

*Donor-advised fund providing transformational philanthropic support for RSCF's Mountain Bongo repatriation and broader conservation programs.*

### FIU Foundation

**\$450,000**

*Florida International University's philanthropic foundation, supporting RSCF's ongoing collaboration with the Tropical Conservation Institute (TCI) at FIU.*

### Fox & Monica Benton Foundation

**\$100,000**

*Private foundation with a sustained commitment to RSCF's mountain bongo program, wildlife conservation programs and endangered species recovery efforts.*

### Kim Ellen Hermanowski

**\$50,000**

*Individual donor providing major philanthropic support to RSCF's mountain bongo program.*

### Greater Kansas City Community Foundation

**\$25,000**

*Community foundation channeling regional philanthropic resources into RSCF's international wildlife conservation mission.*

### Jacksonville Zoological Society

**\$10,000**

*Institutional partner supporting RSCF's network of conservation programs through the zoological community.*

SCHEDULE A - FIVE-YEAR PUBLIC SUPPORT HISTORY (2021-2025)

## Building on *Decades of Trust*

Five-year public support total: \$4,647,517 · Five-year total support: \$5,001,694 · Noncash contributions included: \$9,995

2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
\$535K	\$1.0M	\$514K	\$605K	\$2.16M

**92.92%**

### Public Support Percentage - 2025

RSCF qualifies as a publicly supported organization under IRS Section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi). The 2025 public support percentage of 92.92% – well above the required 33⅓% threshold – confirms broad donor confidence. Prior year: 92.63%.

SPECIES PORTFOLIO - 2025

# Species *Under Our Care*

All species currently held at RSCF's 30-acre Loxahatchee Conservatory.

<i>Boocercus euryceros isaaci</i> <b>MOUNTAIN BONGO ANTELOPE</b>	<i>Amazona rhodocorytha</i> <b>RED-BROWED AMAZON PARROT</b>	<i>Leontopithecus chrysomelas</i> <b>GOLDEN-HEADED LION TAMARIN</b>
<i>Cebuella pygmaea</i> <b>PYGMY MARMOSET</b>	<i>Amazona vinacea</i> <b>VINACEOUS AMAZON PARROT</b>	<i>Amazona brasiliensis</i> <b>RED-TAILED AMAZON PARROT</b>
<i>Amazona farinosa</i> <b>MEALY AMAZON PARROT</b>	<i>Pionites leucogaster</i> <b>WHITE-BELLIED CAIQUE PARROT</b>	<i>Guaruba guarouba</i> <b>GOLDEN CONURE</b>
<i>Cyclura nubila caymanensis</i> <b>CAYMAN BRAC IGUANA</b>	<i>Deropterus accipitrinus accipitrinus</i> <b>GUYANA HAWK HEADED PARROT</b>	<i>Pionites melanocephala</i> <b>BLACK-HEADED CAIQUE</b>
<i>Dromaius novaehollandiae</i> <b>EMU</b>	<i>Amazona dufresniana</i> <b>BLUE CHEEK AMAZON</b>	<i>Callithrix pencillata</i> <b>BLACK TUFTED MARMOSET</b>



All species maintained under USDA, USFWS & Florida FWC licenses  
**15 SPECIES TOTAL - 2025**

GOVERNANCE - PART VII

# Board of *Directors*

RSCF is governed by four independent voting members. The board contemporaneously documents all meetings and maintains written conflict of interest, whistleblower, and document retention policies. No officer or director received compensation except as noted below.

## Paul R. Reillo, Ph.D.

**PRESIDENT & TREASURER - FOUNDER 60 HRS/WK**

Field-oriented population biologist, ecological geneticist, and environmental engineer. University of Maryland (Zoology). Architect of RSCF's 30-year conservation mission, bongo recovery program, and international field partnerships.

Uncompensated

## George Amato, Ph.D.

**SECRETARY - BOARD MEMBER - 10 HRS/WK**

Director, Sackler Institute of Comparative Genomics, American Museum of Natural History. Yale University (Biology). Conservation geneticist specializing in non-invasive sampling and DNA-based forensic science for endangered species.

Uncompensated

## Christopher Langen, Esq.

**DIRECTOR - 10 HRS/WK**

Attorney, parrot enthusiast, and conservation devotee. Fluent in four languages; has traveled to 26 countries to study parrots. Provides legal counsel and international program perspective to RSCF's global conservation portfolio.

Uncompensated

## Karen A. McGovern

**DIRECTOR - KEY EMPLOYEE - 40+ HRS/WK**

Zoological practitioner, wildlife husbandry specialist, and zoological records registrar. Over 35 years of continuous animal-care and management experience with endangered, tropical wildlife. Associate Director overseeing communications, operations, and fundraising.

\$47,000 reported compensation



# Rare Species Conservatory Foundation

CONSERVATION WITHOUT COMPROMISE

RSCF is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to preserving biodiversity through hands-on conservation programs rooted in sound science. We employ the "flagship species" concept to identify and conserve high-profile, priority species in order to leverage protection for the ecosystems they represent. Our interdisciplinary programs integrate captive breeding, field research, habitat protection, capacity building, and in-country partnerships – always directed toward long-term, regional-scale biodiversity preservation.

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### TRANSPARENCY

- EIN 65-0560456
- 501 (c)(3) Public Charity
- FL Registration: CH5595
- Form 990 available upon request
- Filed 5/14/2026

### KEY FIGURES

- Revenue: \$2,318,667
- Expenses: \$877,508
- Program ratio: 96.6%
- Total assets: \$5,050,987
- Public support: 92.92%