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# WHAT IS NATURE CANADA?

NATURE CANADA EXISTS TO PROTECT NATURE, ITS DIVERSITY AND THE PROCESSES THAT SUSTAIN IT. OUR STRATEGIES ARE BASED ON SOUND SCIENCE, A PASSION FOR NATURE, AND A BELIEF THAT EVERY CANADIAN SHOULD FEEL CONNECTED TO THE VAST NATURAL WORLD THAT SURROUNDS US.

We are a member-supported not-for-profit organization whose network includes 40,000 supporters and more than 350 naturalist organizations across Canada. Our family of nature lovers – birders, gardeners, hikers, activists, parents, grandparents, volunteers and community groups – are at the core of what we do.

## WHAT DO WE DO?

- We support on-the-ground, community-based efforts to protect animals, plants and habitat for future generations
- We help connect thousands of children to nature every year
- We push for effective laws and supporting policies that protect endangered species today
- We encourage the development of an effective network of parks and protected areas from coast to coast to coast
- We conserve bird habitat and promote biodiversity in Canada and the Americas
- We build strong partnerships with like-minded organizations, and work together to protect wildlife and their habitat
- We educate people about the benefits of nature to humankind
- We recruit more nature enthusiasts to the cause of protecting nature and the processes that sustain it



## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

We live in important times for this planet's health, and there is a renewed sense of energy and urgency in the work that we do.

More than at any time in decades, the environment, particularly our changing climate, has become a top-of-mind issue for Canadians. Around dinner tables and water coolers across the country, people are engaged, asking questions, demanding answers and looking for action – from our government, our industry leaders and from conservation groups like Nature Canada.

This past year, Nature Canada has worked hard to realize important conservation successes. We have also strived to connect more Canadians to nature, to instill in each of us a respect for nature and a willingness to act in its defense.

Our Parks and People program continues to be one of our most successful initiatives. By the early 2008, nearly 44,000 children will have had meaningful outdoor experiences in this nation's local, provincial and national parks. We supported 31 different projects this past year alone and we have been preparing for a significant expansion of this program in 2008.

We continue to work hand-in-hand with local naturalists to restore habitat, monitor wildlife and secure wetlands at Important Bird Areas in nearly every province and territory. Last year we supported 14 community-based conservation projects across Canada through our Communities in Action program.

Nature Canada worked successfully to push concerns about endangered species to the forefront of the national agenda. Through an effective mix of policy recommendations, public advocacy and, as a last resort, legal action, Nature Canada was able to achieve tangible results in protecting endangered species, notably the Piping Plover.

Our consistent, strong opposition to oil and natural gas development inside the Kendall Island Bird Sanctuary and the Suffield National Wildlife Area has

rallied thousands of concerned Canadians to the cause. In the case of Suffield, our efforts helped force a full public review of development schemes inside the wildlife area, and we are gearing up to participate fully in the upcoming assessment process.

Beyond our borders, we completed a three-year project with partners Amigos de Sian Ka'an in Mexico and Panama Audubon Society to protect key Important Bird Areas for migratory birds arriving from Canada. And we continue to be active members of BirdLife International, a global alliance of conservation groups like ours in more than 100 countries protecting important sites for birds.

We also continue to act on the belief that there is strength in numbers. We remain the secretariat for the Green Budget Coalition, providing sustainable budget recommendations each year to our federal government. We joined forces with the members of the Climate Action Network to demand a climate plan that re-commits us to our Kyoto Protocol obligations. And we joined the Boreal Forest Conservation Framework to raise awareness about our Boreal Forest and the importance of preserving it.

To every volunteer, supporter, director and staff person who made this year a success for conservation, thank you! Your support remains the basis of our Nature Nation, a place where threatened species and ecosystems are protected, common species are conserved, wildlife habitat is maintained and nature is celebrated every day.

Please enjoy this annual report as you learn more about our activities over the last year, and I invite you to join us in our efforts this year as we build the Nature Nation.



Julie Gelfand, President

## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

The past year has been an exciting time for Nature Canada and for the provincial and community organizations that make up the Canadian Nature Network. The task that started in 2002 by Canadians has now reached another level of success.

With much appreciated contributions from Environment Canada and the Parks Canada Agency, and the tireless efforts of many volunteers and staff, we conducted the most comprehensive consultation ever undertaken with the societies, groups, clubs and individuals that make up the Canadian Nature Network.

Through a cross-country, participatory process involving nature clubs from almost every province and territory, we began to form a clear understanding of the Network's strengths and goals. The result is a clearer focus on our expectations and what we can

achieve as a Network. And this process has brought us one step closer to ensuring the collective voice of Canada's naturalist community will be heard.

Canada's naturalist community – passionate, informed, motivated nature lovers – has long recognized the value of cooperation in addressing and solving today's complex conservation issues. I invite you to read about the progress we are making in harnessing the collective strength of the Canadian Nature Network in this annual report.

The Board of Directors of Nature Canada is committed to an open, engaged and accountable process of sustaining our interest in Canadian nature.



Mark Dorfman, Chair



EACH YEAR, NATURE CANADA CELEBRATES THE HARD WORK OF DEDICATED NATURE LOVERS WHO LEAD BY EXAMPLE AND INSPIRE US ALL. WE DO THIS BY CHOOSING EXTRAORDINARY INDIVIDUALS OR GROUPS WHO REPRESENT ALL WHO WORK TO PROTECT AND CONSERVE NATURE FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS. CONGRATULATIONS TO THIS YEAR'S AWARD WINNERS.

## 2006 DOUGLAS PIMLOTT AWARD WINNER



George Archibald is the co-founder of The International Crane Foundation (ICF), an organization that works worldwide to conserve cranes, and the wetland and grassland ecosystems on which they depend.

Archibald was born and raised in Nova Scotia, where he bred waterfowl, pheasants and

chickens at home. One of his earliest memories is of crawling after a female duck and her brood. Later, during his undergraduate years at Dalhousie University in Halifax, he spent two summers working as a bird caretaker at the Alberta Game Farm, where he was introduced to cranes and became captivated by their beauty.

Realizing that cranes were under intense pressure from the world's rapidly expanding population, he and fellow Cornell University graduate student Ron Suey co-founded ICF in 1973 on a horse farm in Wisconsin. The Foundation continues to achieve tremendous conservation success for cranes in at least a dozen countries today.

Archibald has led captive breeding, migration assistance and habitat restoration programs around the world, including Russia, China, Japan, Thailand and Canada. He is perhaps best known for successfully breeding, through the use of artificial insemination, a human-imprinted Whooping Crane named Tex by imitating the courtship dancing and behavior of a male crane.



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## 2006 VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD



**Pierre Gratton** is the vice president of sustainable development and public affairs with the Mining Association of Canada (MAC). He played a key role in the development and

implementation of the *Towards Sustainable Mining (TSM)* initiative, which won MAC the Globe Foundation Award for Environmental Performance.

For many years, Gratton has been a strong promoter of Nature Canada and its cause within his industry, building consensus and fostering understanding among seemingly disparate groups. He has also volunteered his time to help Nature Canada achieve its conservation mission.

As a member of a volunteer working group, Gratton partnered with Nature Canada in a 10-year campaign to have federal species at risk legislation enacted, thereby helping to bring about important protections for endangered wildlife in this country.

He acted as a broker between non-government organizations and industry leaders to help successfully negotiate boundaries for a proposed national park on Northern Bathurst Island, essential wilderness for the endangered Peary Caribou.

Most recently, Gratton has joined Nature Canada's Leadership Committee, acting as a

goodwill ambassador among his peers on behalf of Nature Canada, and helping to build a Nature Nation where more Canadians appreciate nature and act to conserve it.



# YOUR SUPPORT MAKES EVERYTHING POSSIBLE

REGINALD WHITTEMORE FOUNDED NATURE CANADA IN 1939 TO HONOR HIS WIFE, MABEL FRANCES, AN EDUCATOR AND NATURE LOVER WHOSE MAIN GOAL IN LIFE WAS TO SHARE HER PASSION FOR NATURE WITH OTHERS. YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT KEEPS THIS LEGACY STRONG. THANK YOU!

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## MABEL FRANCES WHITTEMORE LEGACY CIRCLE

Members who have chosen to make a thoughtful gift in their will or other type of future gift enter into our Mabel Frances Whittemore Legacy Circle. This year, we welcome two benefactors who wish to remain anonymous into our Legacy Circle. They join their fellow 48 fellow members:

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## LEGACY DONORS

We are saddened by the passing of the following members whose passion and commitment to nature protection will be greatly missed. With their kind legacy gifts, they hoped to ensure that future generations will enjoy nature as they did. They put their trust once again in Nature Canada to protect the animals and places they cared so much about.

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Estate of Alice Harper		

**The Board and staff are grateful for their thoughtful legacy gifts in support of our conservation and education efforts.**

## GUARDIANS OF NATURE

Thousands of individual Canadians support Nature Canada's conservation programs with monthly donations. These donations allow us to respond quickly to the most pressing threats to Canada's nature the moment they arise. We salute every one of them.

## SUPPORTERS

Nature Canada has more than 40,000 individual supporters. Our family of naturalists – birders, gardeners, activists, parents, grandparents, volunteers, and community groups – are at the core of our activities and the foundation of who we are.

# CORPORATE, FOUNDATION AND GOVERNMENT SUPPORTERS

WE ARE GRATEFUL TO THE FOLLOWING FOR THEIR SUPPORT.

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# HARNESSING OUR COLLECTIVE STRENGTH



Nature Canada believes that strength comes in numbers, and conservation success comes from collective efforts.

That's why we are proud to be the national voice of the countrywide association of like-minded organizations that together comprise the Canadian Nature Network.

Members of the Network operate at the national, provincial and local levels to effect positive change related to nature conservation, habitat restoration, species at risk, conservation monitoring, environmental education, invasive species and ecological integrity. It is a powerful collection of groups that involves over 100,000 nature lovers from coast to coast to coast.

In 2006, Nature Canada began the most comprehensive consultation ever undertaken with the societies, groups, clubs and individuals that make up the Canadian Nature Network. The consultations were made possible by a grant from Environment Canada and the Parks Canada Agency.

Through a series of participatory workshops, a picture began to form of the Network's goals and strengths. As a result, Nature Canada and the provincial and territorial affiliates within the Network have prepared a

Strategic Plan that will marshal our collective efforts on behalf of nature conservation.

Where nature can benefit from our combined strengths or unified voice, we have pledged to work together. Where groups can learn from each other as they each pursue their own local or regional mandates, we will share knowledge and offer support. The opportunities to engage Canadians in protecting nature and achieving conservation success are far-reaching.

Passionate, informed, nature lovers have long recognized that nature groups can achieve their common vision more effectively as members of a fully engaged network. This year has seen important steps taken toward that end.

**MEMBERS  
OF THE  
NETWORK  
SHARE A  
COMMON  
BOND IN THEIR  
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PROTECTING IT.**



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# CLIMATE CHANGE

THE EARTH IS EXPERIENCING HUMAN-INDUCED CLIMATE CHANGE. IN THE LAST 200 YEARS, HUMAN ACTIVITY HAS RELEASED MORE CARBON DIOXIDE, METHANE AND NITROUS OXIDE THAN OUR PLANET CAN HANDLE. THESE GASES ARE REMAINING TRAPPED INSIDE OUR ATMOSPHERE, MORE THAN AT ANY TIME IN THE LAST 800,000 YEARS. THEY ARE CAUSING OUR PLANET TO WARM UP - AND THE RESULTS OF THIS GLOBAL WARMING ARE BECOMING MORE DRAMATIC EVERY DAY. POPULATION DISTRIBUTION PATTERNS ARE SHIFTING. ECOLOGICAL COMMUNITIES ARE BEING DISRUPTED. EXTINCTION RISKS ARE ON THE RISE.

Nature Canada recognizes that climate change is the most profound environmental challenge of our time. With your support, our current programs make a difference in the fight against global warming in many ways.

**PROTECTED AREAS.** In private one-on-one meetings with elected officials, at public fora, and through editorials to newspapers we have publicly advocated the creation of a connected system of natural spaces, “no-development zones” that will mitigate the immediate effects of climate change on endangered animals and plants, and provide them time to adapt.



**LAND USE.** We have called on governments to take seriously the impact that land-use changes have on our warming climate, and advocated the practice of avoided deforestation, particularly in the developing world. Our forests can be an ally in the fight against global warming!

**STOP GLOBAL WARMING CAMPAIGN.** Nature advocates worldwide have joined our call for the Prime Minister of Canada to do more to address the dramatic changes underway in Canada’s north due to climate change. Thousands of people have signed our petitions and made their voices heard.

**REAL SOLUTIONS.** We have called on the government to implement a climate plan that effectively reduces all major Canadian sources of greenhouse gases, unequivocally re-commits Canada to meeting its obligations under the Kyoto Protocol and puts in place regulations that set absolute emission targets for the biggest industrial polluters. And we are at the forefront of developing a global response to our changing climate as a member of BirdLife International’s Global Task Force on Climate Change.



**NATUREWATCH PROGRAMS.** Thousands of citizen scientists in every province and territory are helping scientists better understand climate change by making simple observations about the world around them. These programs entered their seventh year in 2006.

**PROTECTION AND STUDY OF BIRDS.**

Birds provide the best indication of how global warming is changing ecosystems around the world, and they can help us forecast what's to come. We champion birds and the environment to decision-makers.



FOR THE POLAR BEAR, AN IRREPLACEABLE SYMBOL OF THE ARCTIC, CLIMATE CHANGE COULD LEAD TO THEIR EXTINCTION. EVERYONE, GOVERNMENTS, NATURE GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS HAVE A ROLE TO PLAY IN ENSURING THAT DOES NOT HAPPEN.



## PEOPLE CONNECTING WITH NATURE

THIS YEAR OUR PLANET PASSED A DUBIOUS MILESTONE: HALF OF THE WORLD'S 6.5 BILLION INHABITANTS LIVE IN URBAN CENTRES. THE NEED TO CONNECT PEOPLE WITH THE NATURAL WORLD IS GREATER THAN EVER. CREATING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PEOPLE TO DISCOVER, APPRECIATE AND LEARN FROM NATURE IS VITALLY IMPORTANT SO THAT FUTURE GENERATIONS CAN MAKE WISE DECISIONS ABOUT THE ENVIRONMENT.



### YOUR SUPPORT HAS HELPED CONNECT PEOPLE TO NATURE IN MANY WAYS.

More than 13,000 children have had a positive experience in nature through our Parks and People program this year. Operated in partnership with the Parks Canada Agency and volunteer naturalists across the country, this program will have introduced the wonders of nature to almost 44,000 children by early 2008 and helped foster the next generation of environmental stewards.

Our NatureWatch series of citizen science programs recruits Canadians from every province and territory to observe the natural world around them and help scientists better understand the effects of global warming. By getting involved, participants connect with nature and protect it at the same time.

Nature Canada actively engaged its supporters this year, enlisting the help of concerned nature lovers to defend endangered species and their habitat. Through petition-signing and letter-writing campaigns, we triggered a public review of proposed drilling operations in Suffield



National Wildlife Area. We brought attention to the tiny cryptanthe in Alberta, and the need for stronger federal and provincial protection of this endangered plant. And we voiced our opposition to mega-development along the pristine Mackenzie River.

Our ongoing Stop Global Warming Campaign has garnered support from people around the world who agree that our government must slow the dramatic effects of global warming on our North and save the majestic polar bear from extinction.



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OUR PARKS AND PEOPLE PROGRAM: THIS YEAR SAW 38 OUTDOOR PROGRAMS INVOLVING NEARLY 16,000 CHILDREN, THE NEXT GENERATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDS.

# EDUCATION & OUTREACH

# RECOVERY OVER EXTINCTION

MORE THAN 520 PLANT AND ANIMAL SPECIES ARE AT RISK OF EXTINCTION IN CANADA. HUNDREDS MORE ARE UNDER EXTREME PRESSURE FROM HABITAT LOSS, POLLUTION, POACHING, AND THE GROWING EFFECTS OF OUR WARMING CLIMATE. NATURE CANADA IS WORKING TO REVERSE THIS TREND BY PUSHING FOR EFFECTIVE LAWS AND ADVANCING CONCERNS ABOUT ENDANGERED SPECIES TO THE FOREFRONT OF THE NATIONAL AGENDA.

## WITH YOUR SUPPORT, WE HAVE BEEN HARD AT WORK.

Three years after the federal *Species at Risk Act* (SARA) was enacted to address the mounting threats to Canada's endangered species, Nature Canada released an analysis of the government's implementation of the Act. In our report, *The Species at Risk Act: Three Years Later*, we



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recommended to government leaders concrete steps to improve enforcement of this important piece of legislation.

In a landmark test of the federal government's willingness to enforce the *Species at Risk Act*, we served legal notice to the Environment Minister for failing to step in and protect two small plants in Alberta at immediate risk of extinction: the tiny cryptanthe and small-flowered sand verbena. In response, Environment Canada has entered into direct negotiations with conservationists to resolve the issue.

Nature Canada sued the federal government over its failure to identify critical habitat in the recovery strategy for the Piping Plover, an endangered shore bird. In direct response to our action, the government announced it would produce a new recovery strategy that does include critical habitat and legislators will address a backlog in recovery planning for over 50 endangered species.

Nature Canada filed a formal complaint with the international Commission for Environmental Cooperation (CEC), alleging that Canada's failure to enforce its *Species at Risk Act* has led to





delays in listing critically endangered species. In its leadership role in the Green Budget Coalition, Nature Canada called on the federal government to commit significant funding

toward *Species at Risk Act* implementation, and it responded by pledging more than \$100 million over two years.

WHILE LEGAL ACTION RESULTED IN A VICTORY FOR THE PLOVER, IT MAY ULTIMATELY BENEFIT MANY MORE SPECIES. THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT HAS PROMISED TO ADDRESS A BACKLOG IN RECOVERY PLANNING FOR AT LEAST 50 ENDANGERED SPECIES. THIS IS GOOD NEWS: TO DATE THE MAJORITY OF RECOVERY PLANS STILL DO NOT IDENTIFY CRITICAL HABITAT, LEAVING ENDANGERED SPECIES WITHOUT THE LEGAL PROTECTION THEY NEED.

# ENDANGERED SPECIES

FOR MORE THAN A GENERATION, NATURE CANADA HAS CHAMPIONED THE COMPLETION OF OUR NATIONAL PARK SYSTEM AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF A CONNECTED NETWORK OF PROTECTED AREAS ON LAND AND AT SEA. WE HAVE ALSO BEEN VIGILANT IN SAFEGUARDING EXISTING PROTECTED AREAS FROM THREATS TO THEIR ECOLOGICAL INTEGRITY.

## THIS YEAR, YOUR SUPPORT HAS LED TO A NUMBER OF IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENTS.

Thanks to the letters you sent to Parliament Hill as part of our No Drilling in Suffield Campaign, Nature Canada has shone a light on proposed development inside the Suffield National Wildlife Area. The government has answered our call for a full public review of plans to add 1,275 shallow gas wells inside this protected area. Nature Canada plans to participate fully in this public assessment.

Nature Canada opposed a \$16 billion mega-project within the Mackenzie River Valley that risks destroying the only migratory bird sanctuary in the region, on Kendall Island. Canada's largest pipeline project ever would extract natural gas from our North to fuel oil sands expansion in Alberta. Nature Canada testified at public hearings on the environmental impact the project would have on Boreal bird populations, and we continue a public awareness campaign that so far has involved thousands of Canadians.

The federal government agreed to commit funds for the establishment of Canada's first marine wildlife area at Scott Islands Provincial Park. Nature Canada has been a steady advocate for preserving the Scott Islands, off the northwest



coast of Vancouver Island, British Columbia, which are home to more than two million breeding birds, including over half of the world's Cassin's Auklets.

Nature Canada has endorsed the work of a made-in-Canada effort to balance conservation and development in Canada's Boreal region by joining the Boreal Forest Conservation Framework. We have also joined forces with groups throughout North America to raise awareness about the value of the Boreal Forest by becoming part of the Boreal Songbird Network.

As the secretariat for the Green Budget Coalition, Nature Canada called on the government to advance the Northwest Territories Protected Areas Strategy, and elected officials responded by committing \$25 million to establish protected areas, including Ramparts National Wildlife Area in the Mackenzie Valley.

An agreement was reached between the Lutsel K'e Dene First Nation and Parks Canada to move towards establishing Thaydene Nene National

Park. As a longstanding and steady voice for the completion of our national park system, Nature Canada considers this an important step toward strengthening Canada's network of protected areas.

We also continue our efforts to establish a national park in the Mealy Mountains of Newfoundland and Labrador, as stakeholder talks continue over the boundaries of this important protected area.



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# PROTECTED AREAS

# A BRIGHTER FUTURE FOR BIRDS AND HUMANS

NEXT TO HUMANS, BIRDS ARE THE MOST STUDIED GROUP OF LIVING THINGS IN THE WORLD, AND THERE IS MUCH WE CAN LEARN FROM THEM. AS A CANADIAN CO-PARTNER WITH BIRD STUDIES CANADA IN THE GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP KNOWN AS BIRDLIFE INTERNATIONAL, NATURE CANADA WORKS TO CONSERVE BIRDS AND THEIR HABITAT HERE IN CANADA AND THROUGHOUT THE AMERICAS.

## SUPPORT FROM YOU HAS IMPROVED THE PROSPECTS FOR BIRDS IN MANY WAYS.

As a result of a complaint Nature Canada submitted to the Commission for Environmental Cooperation, an international tribunal found no evidence that Canada is enforcing the Migratory Birds Convention Act by logging companies. This failure leads to the illegal destruction of more than 45,000 migratory bird nests annually



in Ontario's forests alone. The CEC's judgment is an important step toward addressing an ongoing threat to Canada's migratory birds.

Through our Communities in Action program, we have invested in more than 150 grassroots projects to protect important bird habitat in the last decade. Some of our projects this year included:

- Habitat restoration at Boundary Bay, British Columbia
- Sand dune restoration at Eastern Cape Sable Island, Nova Scotia
- Carolinian forest restoration in Norfolk County, Ontario
- Monitoring and safeguarding the nests of endangered Piping Plovers in New Brunswick
- Improving fencing to keep domestic animals out of critical habitat in Beaverhill Lake, Alberta
- Removing invasive species at Comox Valley and Squamish Estuary, British Columbia
- Securing wetlands and upland habitats at Whitewater Lake, Manitoba



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THESE ATLANTIC PUFFIN AND MANY OTHER SPECIES FOUND IN CANADA'S IMPORTANT BIRD AREAS ARE THE DIRECT BENEFICIARIES OF YOUR SUPPORT OF LOCAL ON-THE-GROUND CONSERVATION.

We completed a three-year project with Amigos de Sian Ka'an in Mexico and Panama Audubon Society to protect key Important Bird Areas for migratory birds arriving from Canada.

In Paraguay, we helped to establish several local projects to improve the lives of Paraguayans and the birds that depend on Paraguay's Atlantic Forest. With assistance from Nature Canada and its partners, communities created 14 commercial

vegetable gardens, planted fruit trees, and produced shade-grown organic yerba mate (tea). These activities reduce the pressure on forest resources associated with less sustainable practices, such as forest clear-cutting or chemical-assisted soybean production, thereby maintaining biodiversity and saving several endemic bird populations.

# BIRD CONSERVATION

## AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS

The accompanying summarized statement of financial position and summarized statement of operations and changes in net assets are derived from the complete financial statements of Nature Canada as at March 31, 2007 and for the year then ended on which we expressed an opinion without reservation in our report dated May 31, 2007. The fair summarization of the complete financial statements is the responsibility of the Organization's management. Our responsibility, in accordance with the applicable Assurance Guideline of the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants, is to report on the summarized financial statements.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements fairly summarize, in all material respects, the related complete financial statements in accordance with the criteria described in the Guideline referred to above.

These summarized financial statements do not contain all the disclosures required by Canadian generally accepted accounting principles. Readers are cautioned that these statements may not be appropriate for their purposes. For more information on the entity's financial position, results of operations and cash flows, reference should be made to the related complete financial statements.

*KPMG LLP*

Chartered Accountants,  
Licensed Public Accountants

OTTAWA, CANADA  
MAY 31, 2007

## NATURE CANADA SUMMARIZED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION MARCH 31, 2007, WITH COMPARATIVE FIGURES FOR 2006

	2007	2006
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>Current assets:</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents \$	–	\$ 78,101
Short-term investments	38,727	37,997
Amounts receivable	695,542	119,865
Inventory	1,196	1,666
Prepaid expenses	30,185	19,927
	<b>765,650</b>	<b>257,556</b>
<b>Capital assets</b>	390,867	385,679
<b>Long-term investments</b>		
restricted	302,410	302,410
other	963,891	1,150,590
<b>Deferred revenue</b>		
life insurance	16,379	14,186
	<b>\$ 2,439,197</b>	<b>\$ 2,110,421</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>		
<b>Current liabilities:</b>		
Bank indebtedness \$	184,585	\$ –
Demand loan payable	50,000	–
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	373,891	190,300
Deferred revenue	323,878	269,736
	<b>932,354</b>	<b>460,036</b>
<b>Deferred revenue</b>		
life insurance	16,379	14,186
<b>Net assets (deficiency):</b>		
Invested in capital assets	390,867	385,679
Endowment	302,410	302,410
Internally restricted	853,397	977,255
Unrestricted net assets (deficiency)	(56,210)	(29,145)
	<b>1,490,464</b>	<b>1,636,199</b>
	<b>\$ 2,439,197</b>	<b>\$ 2,110,421</b>

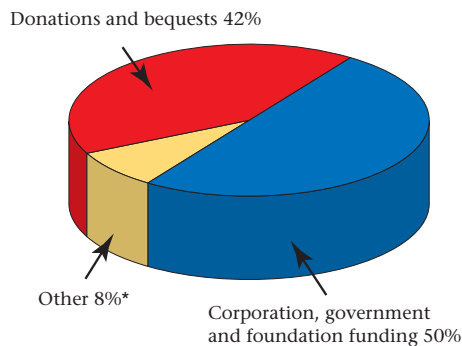
## NATURE CANADA

### SUMMARIZED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2007, WITH COMPARATIVE FIGURES FOR 2006

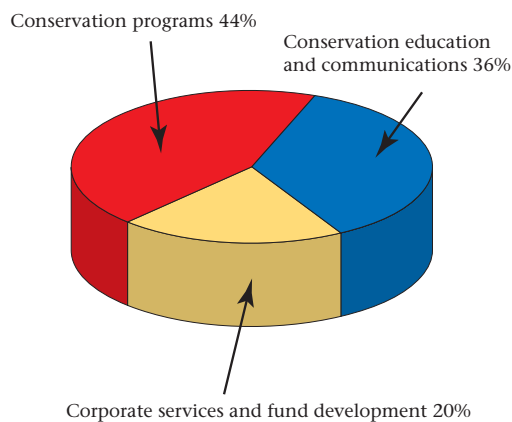
	2007	2006
<b>REVENUE:</b>		
Donations and bequests	\$ 1,445,241	\$ 1,441,548
Corporation, government and foundation funding	1,731,545	797,185
Advertising	2,380	22,780
Other	74,083	42,647
Interest and dividends	71,315	47,042
Gain on disposal of investments	133,526	60,604
	<b>3,458,090</b>	<b>2,411,806</b>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>		
Conservation programs	1,579,461	1,317,000
Conservation education and communications	1,300,886	454,795
Fund development	681,220	581,300
Corporate services	42,258	150,866
	<b>3,603,825</b>	<b>2,503,961</b>
Deficiency of revenue over expenses	(145,735)	(92,155)
Net assets, beginning of year	1,636,199	1,728,354
Net assets, end of year	\$ 1,490,464	\$ 1,636,199

## REVENUE



\* Other also includes: advertising, interest and dividends, and gain on disposal of investments

## EXPENSES



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