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DSC Officially Partners with Conservation Force

After 28 years of collaboration on worldwide conservation initiatives, DSC and Conservation Force (CF) have officially joined forces to form one of the most impactful conservation partnerships in the world.



CF is a 501(c)(3) foundation devoted to sportsmen and women being a force for conservation as the name functionally implies. Conservation is essential to hunting or there would be little to hunt and fish. The purpose of CF is to expand and secure conservation of wildlife, wild places, and our outdoor way of life.

DSC's mission is to ensure the conservation of wildlife through public engagement, education and advocacy for well-regulated hunting and sustainable use. A member of International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), DSC is a mission-focused conservation organization, funded by hunters from around the world.

Since the Covid Pandemic, DSC has been Conservation Force's single greatest supporter. This has included hundreds of thousands of dollars in direct funding and co-funding of joint projects. Under this new agreement, the joint project capacity of both organizations will be greater. This partnership sets a promising stage for future collaboration and demonstrates a willingness to devote increasing resources to growing conservation needs. The joint conservation leadership should eclipse that of the past and be a conservation pace setter.

The close, productive collaboration and coordination between the two organizations is not new but the agreement formalizes and builds on mutual successes of the past. It follows on the heels of the successful elephant workshops, CITES CoP 19, and the jointly funded regional (11 country) hippo workshop and implementing drone surveys. The past collaborations have been more than a benefit to the community, they have been necessary and essential. One cannot imagine the status of the hunting world without the success of the elephant lawsuit or the vulnerability of hippo hunting but for the equally funded regional hippo planning workshop and hippo conservation leadership.

"DSC is widely recognized as an exemplary organization that *gives back* and is forward looking," said John Jackson III. "The formal agreement with DSC is a monumental achievement with benefits for all."

DSC is excited to expand its international conservation reach by formally partnering with Conservation Force.

"DSC has been, and continues to be, a leader in worldwide, hunter-funded wildlife conservation," said Ray Mulholland, DSC President. "By formalizing our partnership with Conservation Force, it positions both organizations to greatly increase their conservation reach and influence around the globe. This partnership is a huge win for DSC and Conservation Force, but the real winner will be wildlife across the globe that benefit from sound, science-based, hunter-led conservation efforts."

DSC looks forward to celebrating this partnership with Conservation Force at the 2025 DSC Convention & Sporting Expo, to be held Jan. 9-12 in Atlanta, GA, at the Georgia World Congress Center.

For more information, go to Biggame.org or Conservationforce.org.