Policy plan 2022-2025

Our mission

Our mission is the conservation of natural and cultural heritage through scientific research with social involvement and sustainable productive projects that contribute to conservation, social development and self-sustainability of local communities in Colombia, the United States, and other countries.

Our vision

Our vision is to grow as a self-sustainable organization that develops projects and research in multiple areas of Colombia, the United States, and other countries, generating positive, growing and long-lasting social and environmental impacts.

General Purposes

BF has been founded as a non-profit, tax-exempt, professional membership association dedicated to advancing nature conservation, knowledge dissemination, and sustainable productive projects, within the meaning of Section 501(c)(5) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code and regulations, the Washington Nonprofit Corporation Law, and any applicable successor laws. Subject to the limitations set forth in the Articles of Incorporation and these Bylaws, the purpose of BF is to support community-based nature conservation and sustainable productive projects in Colombia, the US, and other countries

Specific Purposes

The purposes and objectives of the BF shall be:

- To develop basic and applied research projects to meet resource conservation needs and sustainable development objectives in Colombia, US and other countries.
- To generate sustainable development programs involving local communities in the creation of productive alternatives that respect the environment and improve their quality of life.

- To promote informal education programs and cultural activities that respond to the needs of local communities regarding the conservation and appropriation of biological and cultural diversity.
- To produce and/or integrate audiovisual, multimedia, editorial, and other tools in educational and cultural activities, the purpose of which is to promote the conservation of biological and cultural diversity.
- To disseminate the activities and programs of the Biodiversa Foundation and Fundacion Biodiversa Colombia, our sister organization in Colombia.
- To obtain and manage resources to strengthen the research, conservation, and project management processes of the Fundación Biodiversa Colombia.
- To acquire and sell assets and build infrastructure when required.
- To engage in other activities as permitted by law.

Objectives for 2022-2025

1. Applying to at least 3 regional Washington environmental grants for environmental community outreach.
2. Contributing to funding for purchases and small projects in El Silencio Natural Reserve, e.g. a high-tech drone
3. Realization of project: Connecting people through migratory birds

Projects

Connecting people through migratory birds

This project brings together various organizations at locations in the USA (mainly in western North Carolina: The city of Asheville and Lake Fontana) and Colombia (El Silencio, Tamesis) for the purpose of advancing education, research and outreach.

Research: Our research will focus on migratory bird breeding grounds in the USA and overwintering sites in Colombia (especially El Silencio Natural Reserve). Research will include GAP analysis, evaluation and monitoring of pollinator gardens, and ecoacoustics and phenology in breeding areas. In wintering areas, our research aims to identify the geographic and temporal patterns of individual species, with a special focus on identifying plant species that could be critical to habitat restoration for migrant birds.

Education: As part of our educational work, we will be developing curricula for elementary schools to create an interactive learning program about birds that migrate between the US and Colombia. We will also be promoting bird watching as a family activity. This supports our overall mission because bird watching cultivates a life-long interest in birds and trains citizens to contribute to bird research and conservation.

Outreach: We will commission murals to be painted in cities and towns to communicate and educate local communities about migratory birds, and biodiversity more generally. podcast on migratory birds is contemplated. Additionally, we are exploring using vertical and rooftop gardens in Asheville, North Carolina to aid biodiversitys. In addition to providing habitat, these rooftop gardens could be used to educate urban residents about migratory birds, and the importance of preserving biodiversity.