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Jennifer Morris provides strategic leadership for Conservation International and, as President, is responsible for delivery of the organization’s programs.

With 20 years of experience in international conservation and economic development, Jennifer has created and implemented cutting-edge initiatives working with diverse partners — from indigenous communities to multinational corporations — to achieve CI’s mission of protecting nature for the well-being of humanity.

This includes oversight and direction for the Global Conservation Fund, which has helped protect more than 80 million hectares (197 million acres) around the world, invested US$ 66 million and generated more than US$ 1 million in wages for local economies, and CI’s Verde Ventures program, whose business partners today employ nearly 60,000 local people in 14 countries and protection and restoration of more than half a million hectares (1.2 million acres) of important lands.

Jennifer has lived and worked in Japan, Namibia and Bolivia. She serves on the boards of several organizations and is a frequent presenter on issues related to conservation finance, corporate engagement and social impact investing. Jennifer has a master’s degree in international affairs from Columbia University and a bachelor’s degree in political science from Emory University.