

Your Guide to Gift Planning

**Island
Conservation**
Nature. Oceans. People.

Thank you for considering Island Conservation in your long-term gift planning.

Your support guarantees the durability of our mission to restore islands for nature and people worldwide. Every legacy gift is more than a donation — It's a promise for a future filled with vibrant biodiversity, resilient oceans, and thriving island communities.

By including Island Conservation in your estate or trust, you invest in groundbreaking restoration projects, innovative conservation methods, and community-led initiatives that deliver multiple benefits to islands, nature, and local people.



*Brown Noddy and Chick
San Ambrosio, Desventuradas, Chile*



*Local Farmer with Banana Crop
Kayangel Atoll, Palau*

The Impact of Your Gift

Imagine a world where native ecosystems flourish and island communities grow more resilient every day. Thanks to your enduring generosity, we:

Revitalize Ecosystems

In places like Palmyra Atoll, native trees rebounded 5000 percent after invasive rat removals.

Restore Biodiversity

On Pinzón Island in the Galápagos, once-extinct-in-the-wild Giant Tortoises are reproducing and thriving for the first time in a century!

Accelerate Recovery

Your gift fuels innovative methods and swift interventions that not only protect island species but also bolster climate resilience and food security.

Your generosity is creating an undeniable and enduring cascading effect, ensuring that island communities—both human and wildlife—thrive.

A letter from the CEO, Penny Becker, PhD

Islands are nature's irreplaceable treasure chests. For over 30 years, Island Conservation has led the way in restoring island ecosystems—and now, as we launch our bold 2024–2028 Strategic Vision, we stand at the threshold of a new era of accelerated recovery and innovation. Together, we are set to:

Amplify The Multiple Benefits of Island Restoration

From protecting endangered species to fortifying healthy oceans, island restoration creates a cascade of positive outcomes.

Reintroduce Native Species

Our renewed focus on rewilding endemic animals and birds and replanting native species is critical for climate resilience and accelerated recovery

Foster Innovation

By embracing new technologies and forward-thinking methods, we will transform island conservation worldwide.

Engage Community Partners

We remain committed to building respectful, transparent partnerships with island communities—ensuring that local voices guide every step of our journey.

Your legacy gift—made through your will or trust—provides the stability and confidence needed to push boundaries, scale up our impact, and secure a future where nature and people flourish together.

Speaking to our champions and supporters is always the highlight of my work. Please feel free to call me directly to see how easy and straightforward it can be to make a lasting, transformative impact that will echo through generations.

In gratitude,

Penny Becker, PhD,
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Dr. Penny Becker

Join the Islands Forever Society

To sustain Island Conservation's work restoring islands around the world, bequests and other types of estate gifts are transformative. These gifts allow Island Conservation to flourish and grow as a proven, effective and nimble leader in the conservation field.

The Islands Forever Society is a group of people who want to continue this tradition by including Island Conservation in their will, living trust, or other estate plans. Islands Forever Society members are recognized (if they wish) on the Island Conservation website and in our annual Impact Report. And Islands Forever Society members are invited to exclusive events and donor trips to meet peers and gain an insider's look from our scientists in the field.

Are you interested in becoming a member of the Islands Forever Society? Or would you like information about including Island Conservation in your Estate Plans? Or would you like to notify Island Conservation of your intentions to give a legacy gift?

Contact Senior Development Officer Jennifer Sachs at +1 415-350-9716 or giving@islandconservation.org.



*Sea of penguins on South Georgia Island,
British Overseas Territories*



*Critically Endangered Juan Fernández Firecrown
Robinson Crusoe Island, Chile*



Tonumeia Island, Tonga



Benefits and Comparisons of Different Types of Gift Planning

Legacy gifts offer an opportunity to support Island Conservation's mission while reducing tax burdens and providing income for life. You can take care of yourself and support tangible, positive impacts for biodiversity, marine life, and communities worldwide.

Types of Planned Giving	Assets that can fund that Gift
Charitable Bequest	Cash, Securities and other appreciated gifts
Life Insurance	Life Insurance policy
IRA and Retirement Funds	Retirement Plans/Pensions
Financial Accounts	Bank Accounts, Certificates of Deposit, Cryptocurrency, or Brokerage Accounts
Real Estate	Real Property including homes, businesses and land

Kamaka Island, French Polynesia

Possible Tax Benefits*	Other Benefits
Estate Tax Reduction, Avoid Probate	Costs nothing to make
Estate Tax Reduction	Reduces Size of Estate
Estate Tax Reduction, Avoid Excess Taxes to Heirs	Easy to make
Estate Tax Reduction, Avoid Probate	Simple to set up
Estate Tax Reduction, Reduced Capital Gains	Can reduce taxes now

**Disclaimer: The planned giving ideas and information presented in this brochure are intended for informational purposes only and should not be construed as legal, tax, or accounting advice. Island Conservation, a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) charitable organization, recommends that you consult with your own legal, tax, or financial advisors before making any charitable planning decisions. Each individual's financial and tax situation is unique, and professional guidance is essential to ensure that your gift planning aligns with your personal objectives and complies with all applicable laws and regulations.*

Simple Bequest Through Your Will or Trust

A bequest allows you to leave a specific amount or asset to Island Conservation through your will or trust. This can include cash, securities, or property. Your estate can receive a charitable deduction, reducing estate taxes. A single sentence in your will is all it takes.

"I give to Island Conservation, a nonprofit corporation currently headquartered in Santa Cruz, CA, _____ [written amount or percentage of the estate or description of property] for its unrestricted charitable use and purpose. Tax ID # 91-1839907."



*Horned Puffin
Hawadax Island, Alaska*

*Anacapa Island, Channel Islands,
California, USA*



*Island Resident
Negerkeklau Island, Palau*



*Sea Lion Resting
Pajaros Uno Island, Chile*



Gift from Your Retirement Plan or IRA

By designating Island Conservation (with Tax ID # 91-1839907) as a beneficiary of your retirement plan (e.g., IRA, 401(k), without incurring unnecessary tax burdens.

This strategy preserves the full value of your retirement funds for conservation while reducing your estate's taxable value.

Beneficiary of Your Life Insurance Policy

Naming Island Conservation (with Tax ID # 91-1839907) as a primary or contingent beneficiary of your life insurance policy allows the policy's proceeds to be passed tax-free to the organization. Simply submit a "Change in Beneficiary Designation" form to your insurer.

Gifts from Bank Accounts, CDs, or Stocks

Similarly, you can designate Island Conservation (with Tax ID # 91-1839907) as a beneficiary of your bank accounts or investment assets. This avoids probate, a costly and time-consuming legal process. It's a simple, straightforward way to support Island Conservation.

*Thriving Coral Reef,
Palmyra Atoll, Line Islands*



*Red-footed Booby
Bikar Atoll, Marshall Islands*



*Green Sea Turtle,
Loosiep Island, Ulithi*

Support Island Conservation With a Gift of Real Estate

Your house, office space, investment property, or land can make a lasting impact for Island Conservation. By donating property to Island Conservation, you may be able to reduce your capital gains tax, receive an income tax deduction, and receive income for life—and you can continue to use or live on the property. Best of all, your gift will support vital global conservation impact.

Enduring Support – An Endowed Legacy Gift

You may choose to direct any of these types of gifts to our Board-Restricted Endowment Legacy Fund. These funds are held permanently, with only the annual investment income used to further our mission. This option creates a lasting legacy that continues to empower island restoration for generations. Island Conservation's [endowment policy is here](#), and you will note that estate gifts exceeding \$50,000 are split between the general fund and the Endowment Legacy Fund.

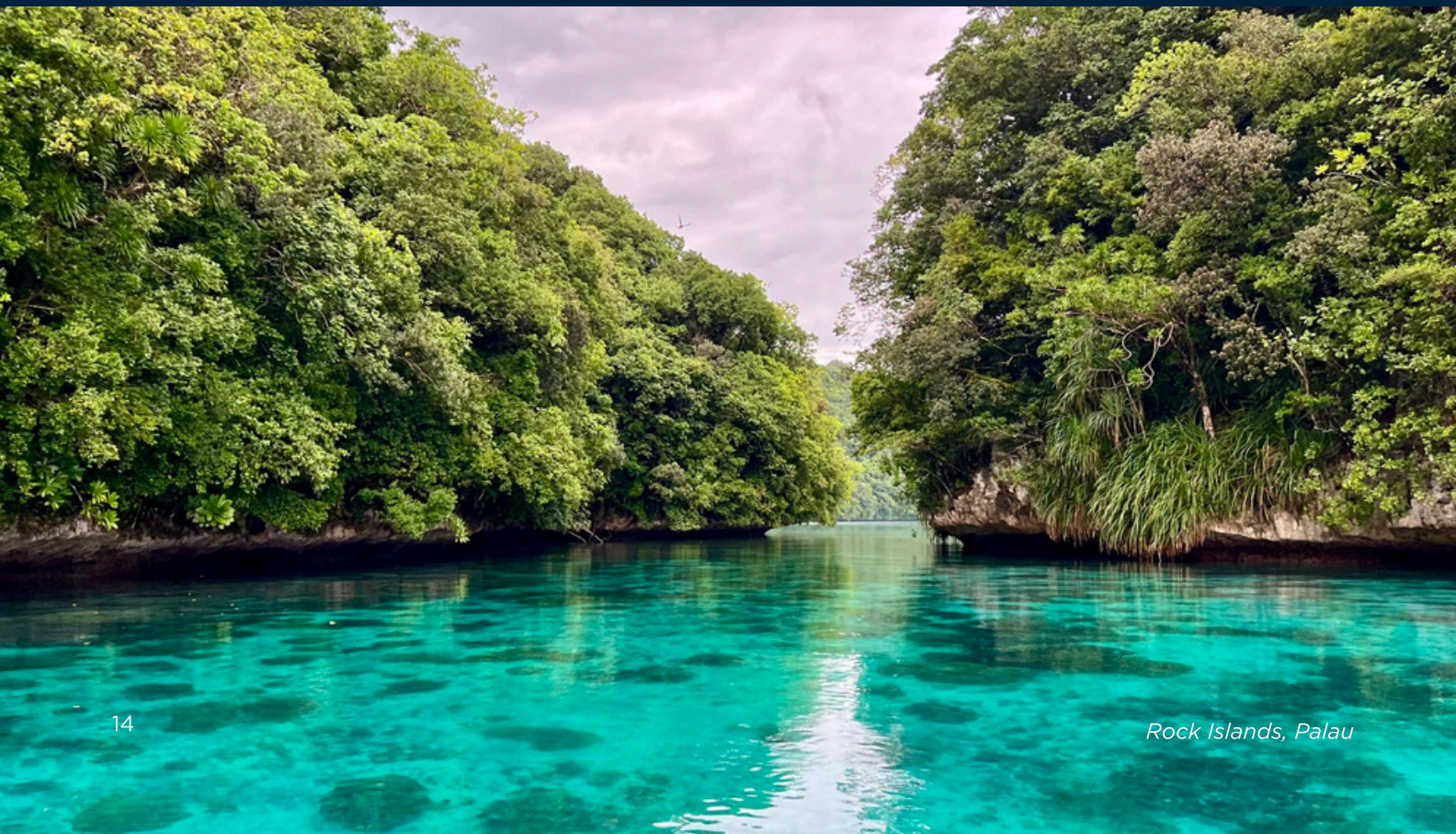
Creating your Legacy

By including Island Conservation in your estate plan, you create a lasting legacy that ensures your commitment to conservation. Your gift bypasses probate and reduces tax liabilities, making a tangible difference for future generations.

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Contact us today via call, text, or email Senior Development Officer, Jennifer Sachs at +1 415-350-9716 or giving@islandconservation.org.

Your enduring support enables us to build a future where restored islands and vibrant communities continue to thrive. Thank you for considering a legacy with Island Conservation.





*Laysan Albatross and Chick
Lehua Island, Hawai'i, USA*



*Humboldt Penguin
Pajaros Uno Island, Chile*



*Monarch Island Royal Peacock Orchid
Monarch Island, Puerto Rico*



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