




**INTERNATIONAL
ELEPHANT
PROJECT**



**YOUR LEGACY.
THEIR FUTURE.**

Your lasting act of
Compassion can give
a lifetime of *Protection*
and *Freedom*.

A close-up photograph of an elephant's eye, showing the intricate, wrinkled texture of its dark grey skin. The eye itself is a deep, reddish-brown color with a prominent blue-grey iris. Fine, light-colored hairs are visible around the eye's opening. The lighting is soft, highlighting the texture of the skin and the depth of the eye.

**"WHEN I LOOK
INTO THE EYES
OF AN ANIMAL,
I DO NOT SEE
AN ANIMAL. I
SEE A LIVING
BEING. I SEE A
FRIEND. I FEEL
A SOUL."**

Anthony Douglas Williams



Thank you for considering the International Elephant Project in your Will!

Every elephant deserves to live with respect, freedom, and dignity. We've done so much already to protect elephants and their rainforest homes, thanks to the kindness of people like you. But there's still a lot we need to do to secure their survival.

A gift in your Will to the International Elephant Project will ensure we can continue our vital work to protect critical rainforest habitat and ensure a future where all elephants can live in safe and viable populations.

In this booklet, you'll see how your gift can make a big difference and details on how to include the International Elephant Project in your Will.

Your support means a lot to us, and we deeply appreciate your consideration. Together, we can give elephants a fighting chance of survival.

Yours for the elephants

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Leif". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Leif Cocks OAM
Founder

A FIGHT FOR SURVIVAL

All four species of Asian elephants are under threat with the Bornean, Indian, and Sri Lankan elephant listed as *Endangered* and the Sumatran elephant listed as *Critically Endangered*.

Ongoing habitat loss, rising incidences of human-wildlife conflict and poaching for the illegal wildlife trade is threatening the very survival of this enigmatic species.

Existing in isolated pockets of rainforest habitat, Asian elephants are at risk of inbreeding leading to eventual extinction. If we do not act now we could lose them in our lifetime.

The only meaningful goal in this fight for survival is a stable and sustainable population. This means protecting habitat and protecting species.







BE THEIR LIFELINE

At the International Elephant Project we raise funds to fulfill our vision - a world where Asian elephants will live in their natural habitat in secure and viable populations.

We do this by funding a wide range of critical projects that address the holistic problem facing Asian elephants - including fighting deforestation and habitat loss at the highest levels.

Only through collective action can we affect meaningful change. That is why your support is so critically important.

When you leave a gift to the International Elephant Project in your Will, you will give a lifetime of protection and freedom for elephants through:

-  the legal protection of forest
-  securing, restoring and patrolling habitat
-  rescuing, treating and releasing injured and sick elephants
-  educating and empowering indigenous communities

Find out more. Download our Strategic Plan at internationalelephantproject.org/strategicplan or scan the QR code.





**"LOVE AND COMPASSION
ARE NECESSITIES, NOT
LUXURIES. WITHOUT THEM
HUMANITY CANNOT SURVIVE."**

Dalai Lama



ENSHRINE YOUR LEGACY

Everyone should have a Will. It ensures that your wishes are carried out by providing for your family, your friends, your pets, and the causes you care about. Without a Will, laws will determine how your assets will be distributed which may not be as you intended.

Your Will also tells the people you leave behind what mattered to you most during your lifetime. Including a gift to those causes which resonate with you and your values will ensure your legacy will continue to live on.

Writing a Will involves making some very important decisions. We recommend discussing these decisions with your family, loved ones and an independent legal advisor.

YOUR LEGACY FOR ELEPHANTS

Conservation is a long-term and complex process. When you choose to leave a gift in your Will to the International Elephant Project you will help ensure that we can continue to deliver on our conservation programs beyond your lifetime.

Your gift will have a profound and immediate impact, helping to protect thousands of acres of rainforest habitat; support the rescue, treatment and release of injured and sick elephants; safeguard protected habitat areas; and empower local and indigenous communities to become forest guardians. Any gift you give, large or small, will make such a difference.

Most importantly, by including the International Elephant Project in your Will, you'll be imprinting your values in the world for all time. Your lasting act of *Compassion* will leave a legacy of *Protection* and *Freedom* for elephants for decades to come.





"OUR INVOLVEMENT WITH WILDLIFE CONSERVATION INTERNATIONAL GIVES US THE CONFIDENCE TO KNOW THAT OUR BEQUEST TO THEM WILL FUND WORTHWHILE PROJECTS AND HELP PROTECT THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS TO ENJOY."

Howard Duncan & Danya Driessen





**"PROTECTING
ANIMALS IS
TEACHING
HUMANITY."**

Albert Schweitzer

CREATING YOUR WILL: WHERE TO START

- 1 Consider your beneficiaries**, be that family, friends and charities that you would like to remember in your Will, and what assets make up your estate.
- 2 Determine the type of gift you wish to leave** to the International Elephant Project, after taking into account your loved ones.
 - **Whole or part of your estate:** your entire, or a predetermined percentage of your estate.
 - **A residuary gift:** the remainder (or a proportion of the remainder) of your estate.
 - **A pecuniary gift:** a specific cash amount.
 - **An in specie gift:** an item of value such as property, shares, jewellery or art that may be sold to realise their monetary value, or the proceeds of a life insurance policy or superannuation fund.

The best gift is a residual gift as it will retain its value over time. Specific cash gifts and physical assets may decrease over time due to inflation.



AUSTRALIAN AND US SUPPORTERS, WRITE YOUR WILL FOR FREE!

The International Elephant Project has partnered with GatheredHere in Australia and FreeWill in the United States to offer our supporters the opportunity to write your Will for FREE, with free and unlimited updates for life!

Whether creating a Will for the first time, or updating an existing Will, in as little as 10 minutes, you can create a reputable Will and have peace of mind knowing that your assets will be distributed as you wish.

Visit the website or scan the QR Code

Australian Supporters:
elephant.org.au/gatheredhere



US Supporters:
internationalelephantproject.org/freewill



- 3 Choose an executor to administer your Will. This can be a relative, a friend, or a legal professional. People usually appoint two executors.
- 4 Speak with your solicitor to have your Will written. Suggested clauses for leaving a gift to the International Elephant Project are contained on pages 13-15 of this booklet.
- 5 Discuss your Will with your family and loved ones to make sure they understand your intentions.
- 6 Secure your Will in a safe place. You can keep it at home or your solicitor can hold it for you. Make sure a family member knows where it is being kept.
- 7 Let us know if you have included the International Elephant Project in your Will so we can thank you and welcome you into our WCI Legacy Circle (see page 22). You can contact us confidentially at bequests@internationalelephantproject.org.



SUGGESTED WORDING

As Wills are legal documents, we recommend that you seek independent legal advice with the wording of your Will. The following are suggested clauses to discuss with your estate planner.

1 Determine whether you wish to leave your gift to the *International Elephant Project*, or to our parent organisation *Wildlife Conservation International* (which will also support our other conservation projects – The Orangutan Project, International Tiger Project and Forests for People).

2 Choose the type of gift you wish to leave, and begin your clause with the following:

Whole of Estate: "I give the whole of my estate..."

Residual Gift: "I give the rest and residue of my estate..."

Percentage Gift: "I give [insert percentage] % share of my estate..."

Pecuniary Gift: "I give the sum of \$X..."

Specific Gift: "I give [insert description of specific gift]..."

- 3** Continue the clause in step 2 with the country specific legal clause as listed below.

Australia

...free from all debts (secured and unsecured) and all duties and taxes (whether federal or state) payable in respect of my estate to the [*International Elephant Project ("IEP") OR Wildlife Conservation International ("WCI")*, ABN 92 607 879 345] for its general purposes, and I declare that the receipt of an authorised officer of the said [*IEP/WCI*] shall be a full and sufficient discharge of this bequest."

Canada

...free of Government duties payable in respect of my estate to the *WCI Canada Foundation ("WCI-CA")*, Canadian Charitable Registration: 79963 5537 RR0001] for its general purposes, and I declare that the receipt of the authorised officer for the time being WCI-CA shall be a full and sufficient discharge of this bequest.

Netherlands / European Union

...free of Government duties payable in respect of my estate to the [*International Elephant Project ("IEP") OR Stichting Wildlife Conservation International ("WCI")*], Chamber of Commerce number: 82940266], for its general purposes, and I declare that the receipt of the authorised officer for the time being [*IEP/WCI*] shall be a full and sufficient discharge of this bequest.

United Kingdom

...free of Government duties payable in respect of my estate to the Borneo Nature Foundation International (registered UK charity No. 1194359).

United States

...free of Government duties, to the [*International Elephant Project ("IEP") OR Wildlife Conservation International ("WCI-USA"), EIN: 84-1899559*], or any corporation to which WCI's registration is voluntarily transferred under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, for its general purposes, and I declare that the receipt of the authorised officer for the time being [*JEP/WCI*] shall be a full and sufficient discharge of this bequest.

Other

For all other countries not listed you can use the Australian wording. Please contact your legal advisor for further advice.

Finalise the clause with the following:

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If the gift cannot take effect completely or at all, to the extent that it cannot take effect, I give it to the charitable organisation or organisations which my executors consider most nearly fulfils or fulfils the objects I intend to benefit.

An elephant is the central focus of the image, standing in a lush, green forest. The elephant's head and trunk are visible, and it appears to be looking towards the camera. The background is filled with dense foliage and trees, creating a sense of a natural, wild environment. The lighting is soft, highlighting the texture of the elephant's skin and the vibrant green of the surrounding vegetation.

**"RESPECT AND
FREEDOM IS
WHAT EVERY
ANIMAL SHOULD
EXPECT FROM
HUMANITY."**

Anthony Douglas Williams

SAMPLE WORDING

Residual gift to the International Elephant Project (Australia)

I give the rest and residue of my estate free from all debts (secured and unsecured) and all duties and taxes (whether federal or state) payable in respect of my estate to the International Elephant Project ("IEP"), ABN 92 607 879 345 for its general purposes, and I declare that the receipt of an authorised officer of the said IEP shall be a full and sufficient discharge of this bequest. If the gift cannot take effect completely or at all, to the extent that it cannot take effect, I give it to the charitable organisation or organisations which my executors consider most nearly fulfils or fulfils the objects I intend to benefit.

Percentage gift to the International Elephant Project (USA)

"I give 5% share of my estate, free of Government duties, to the International Elephant Project, doing business as Wildlife Conservation International ("WCI") EIN: 84-1899559, or any corporation to which WCI's registration is voluntarily transferred under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, for its general purposes, and I declare that the receipt of the authorised officer for the time being WCI shall be a full and sufficient discharge of this bequest. If the gift cannot take effect completely or at all, to the extent that it cannot take effect, I give it to the charitable organisation or organisations which my executors consider most nearly fulfils or fulfils the objects I intend to benefit.

Percentage gift to Stichting Wildlife Conservation International (EU)

"I give 5% share of my estate, free of Government duties payable in respect of my estate to the International Elephant Project ("IEP"), a registered trading name of Stichting Wildlife Conservation International, Chamber of Commerce number: 82940266, for its general purposes, and I declare that the receipt of the authorised officer for the time being IEP shall be a full and sufficient discharge of this bequest.

Percentage gift to WCI Canada Foundation

"I give 5% share of my estate, free of Government duties payable in respect of my estate to WCI Canada Foundation ("WCI-CA"), Canadian Charitable Registration: 79963 5537 RR0001 for its general purposes, and I declare that the receipt of the authorised officer for the time being WCI-CA shall be a full and sufficient discharge of this bequest. If the gift cannot take effect completely or at all, to the extent that it cannot take effect, I give it to the charitable organisation or organisations which my executors consider most nearly fulfils or fulfils the objects I intend to benefit.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Why do I need a Will?

A Will is a legal document that states your wishes that are to be executed on your passing. Without a Will, laws will determine how your assets will be distributed which may not be as you intended. You should review your Will every few years to ensure it still reflects your wishes. This is particularly important in the event of marriage or divorce, buying a property, the birth of a child, retirement, or the death of a loved one.

What if I already have a Will?

You can amend your existing Will to include a gift to the International Elephant Project by preparing an additional page that has been signed and witnessed, known as a codicil. We recommend seeking legal advice to ensure it does not contradict anything already in your Will.

Do I need a lot of money to leave a gift in my Will?

Any gift you give, large or small, will make a lasting difference for elephants. For many of us, leaving a gift in our Will is an opportunity to contribute more significantly to causes that matter deeply to us that we may not have been able to during our lifetime.

What type of gift is best?

A residual gift is the best type of gift because it maintains the relative value of your gift and automatically adjusts to changes in the values of your estate. This is the legacy type we ask our supporters to consider because it should not decrease in value over time.

Can I specify where I want my gift used?

While we want to ensure your wishes are fulfilled, providing a general gift in your Will to the International Elephant Project provides us with the flexibility to use it where the need is the greatest at the time as well as contributing to long-term planning and development of our conservation programs.

Do I need to disclose that I've included a gift in my Will?

Although there is no obligation, by notifying us of your intentions, you provide us the opportunity to thank you for your generosity and to welcome you to our WCI Legacy Circle. Confidentiality of your advice will be respected at all times.

A SPECIAL COMMUNITY

When you notify us that you have included a gift in your Will to the International Elephant Project, you will join the Wildlife Conservation International (WCI) Legacy Circle, a growing community of like-minded individuals who have pledged the ultimate gift of *Compassion, Protection and Freedom* for *Critically Endangered* elephants.

Enjoy a closer relationship with the International Elephant Project with exclusive updates and briefings on our conservation programs.

You can also nominate to have your generosity forever enshrined on our WCI Legacy Circle Honour Roll to inspire others and forever remember your legacy.

To join the WCI Legacy Circle, return the enclosed intention form, or complete the form online at internationalelephantproject.org/yourlegacy or scan the QR code.







The International Elephant Project is a project of Wildlife Conservation International which is a registered charity in Australia, the European Union, and the United States.

Our registered legal entities and business addresses.

AUSTRALIA

Wildlife Conservation International
(ABN 92 607 879 345)
PO Box 1414 South Perth WA 6951

CANADA

WCI Canada Foundation
(Reg. Charity No. 79963 5537 RR0001)
17982 56th Avenue, Surrey BC V3S 1C7

EUROPE

Stichting Wildlife Conservation International
(RSIN: 862663313)
Box A2202, Strevelsweg 700 303,
Rotterdam 3083AS

UNITED KINGDOM

International Elephant Project
C/- Borneo Nature Trust
(Reg. Charity No. 1142870)
Tremough Innovation Centre, Penryn,
Cornwall, TR10 9TA

UNITED STATES

Wildlife Conservation International
(EIN: 84-1899559)
9901 Brodie Lane, Suite 160 PMB816,
Austin TX 78748



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LET US KNOW

Please use the form on the next page to inform us if you have included the International Elephant Project in your Will. By sharing your intentions, you allow us to express our gratitude for your gift and to plan more accurately for the future. Your information will be kept strictly confidential.





YES, I HAVE INCLUDED A GIFT TO THE INTERNATIONAL ELEPHANT PROJECT IN MY WILL

Dr/Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms First Name _____ Last Name _____

Address _____

_____ State/Province _____ P/code _____ Country _____

Email _____ Phone _____

- I have included a gift in my Will to International Elephant Project
- I plan to write or change my Will to include the International Elephant Project

MY GIFT:

- Will be _____% of the residue of my estate
- Will be a pecuniary gift (a fixed sum of \$_____)
- Will be a specific item of _____
- I do not wish to disclose my gift at this time

ACKNOWLEDGMENT:

- Yes, I would like to be recognised in the WCI Legacy Circle Honour Roll

MORE INFORMATION:

- I would like to be contacted to discuss my legacy gift to the International Elephant Project

POST TO:

International Elephant Project,
PO Box 1414, SOUTH PERTH WA 6951 AUSTRALIA

SCAN/EMAIL TO:

bequests@internationalelephantproject.org



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THANK YOU

Thank you for considering a gift in your Will to the International Elephant Project.

If you have any questions, or wish to confirm your intentions, please do get in touch.

T: +61 892 988 016 or
1300 733 273 (Australian callers)

E: bequests@internationalelephantproject.org

W. www.internationalelephantproject.org

Disclaimer: The contents of this brochure should not be constructed as legal advice and we recommend you contact a legal advisor for your estate planning needs.

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