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I believe that the Conservancy offers the ideal platform for developing innovative conservation strategies and testing them. I doubt any other institution could provide on-ground access to drying rainforests (Bolivia), to sinking seashores (North Carolina), to thawing arctic wetlands (Alaska), to rising alpine treelines (China) and to isolated tropical montane refugia in New Guinea (Indonesia and Papua New Guinea). The Conservancy has talented staff in the field. We also have the resources to design strategies, implement them, evaluate their effectiveness, and apply newfound wisdom.

Our confidence in this approach is beginning to bear fruit. To support ecoregion planning, we have produced maps of projected environmental change for the continental United States. [\[1\]](#).

We are working with the Alaska chapter to test the use of these maps when designing the Alaska-Yukon Arctic Coast Ecoregion portfolio. To support multi-site conservation strategies, we work with the China program to identify climate impacts on alpine areas. To support conservation action, we collaborate with the Conservancy of North Carolina to restore coastal freshwater wetlands. To support monitoring, we collaborate with the Bolivia, Indonesia and New Guinea programs to detect early evidence of climate impacts on tropical forest margins. You can read more about these projects throughout this issue of [@tnc](#).