



October 2024 Newsletter

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IRC at COP16 (Conference of Parties 16) in Cali, Columbia

This week is the 16th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (COP 16) from October 21 - November 1 in Cali, Colombia.

The conference is about the latest efforts of the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration, highlighting the collaborators and their biodiversity goals and ecosystem restoration initiatives. Under the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework.

Restoration Day was on October 30 with an exciting and diverse agenda. Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO), Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and Society of Ecological Restoration (SER) launched the Target 2 Resource Guide: Delivering Restoration Outcomes for Biodiversity and Human Well-being. This guide will help countries translate restoration commitments into large-scale, actionable programs. To complement these efforts, there is a Target 2 support package, which will help countries fully implement their commitments over the next six years. IRC's Executive Director, George Gann, was one of the speakers during this webcast and serves as the International Policy Lead for SER.

For a complete overview FAO's activities, please follow this link: <https://lnkd.in/ehBeYDCJ>, where you can find detailed information about all the events along with links to webcasts and relevant details on COP16's thematic days.

Download the guide [here](#).



IRC Celebrates 40 Years of Conservation!



RSVP TODAY!

YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR 40th YEAR CELEBRATION

Celebrate four decades of IRC's efforts on behalf of biodiversity and prevention of local extinctions, with the vision to unite people and nature to restore our world.

Please join us at Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden to meet staff for a review of the past and where we're going, enjoy refreshments, conversation, and some fun activities. Entrance to FTBG and the event are free. We urge you to support IRC by offering a donation.

Please RSVP by Wednesday, November 6!

Please find more details about the event and RSVP at bit.ly/IRC40YEARS.

Recent Do Good Delray Fundraising Event



A Heartfelt Thank You!

We are thrilled to extend our deepest gratitude to everyone who made our recent fundraising

event a resounding success! On Thursday, October 3rd, IRC, in partnership with [Central Park Taekwondo - Delray Beach](#) and hosted by the [Delray Beach Chamber of Commerce](#) as part of the Do Good Delray fundraising events, presented "Restoring the Link Between People and Nature". It was a fantastic night in which we enjoyed great food, a thrilling taekwondo demonstration, a fun game of trivia, and even our youngest guests enjoyed the night with some face painting and crafts.

We are immensely grateful to everyone who helped raised funds for our programs, including [The Pine Rockland Initiative](#) and [Restoring the Gold Coast](#). Your support, whether through purchasing tickets, making monetary donations, or participating in our silent auction and raffle, truly made a difference.

A special thanks to our sponsors-our event would not have been possible without your generous support! We are grateful to:

- [Central Park Taekwondo](#)
- [Delray Beach Historical Society & Heritage Gardens](#)
- [Raymond Jungles](#)
- [Telford Cooling](#)
- My Accounting Crew
- [Neglected Plants](#)
- [Atala Chapter of the North American Butterfly Association](#)
- John Campanola
- [ModSnap Design](#)
- Robert Heinzman
- James Pingenot
- Jan Kinder
- Steve Green
- Maria Rowley
- Skyler Vedad
- Fernanda Wolfson

A heartfelt thank you is also in order for those who contributed items for our silent auction, raffle items, and trivia prizes:

- [Delray Dermatology & Cosmetic Center](#)
- [Delray Beach Historical Society & Heritage Gardens](#)
- [Invasive Species Brewing](#)
- Elizabeth Sanjuan
- Heirloom Photography
- First Community Mortgage Services
- Miami Marlins
- Maria Dutra
- Kelley Ryan
- Samantha Rosenbaum
- Gann Family
- Norman Love Confections

Your generosity and commitment to our mission have been invaluable. Your support helped us not only raise funds but engaged our community.



From Left: Alexandre Gascon, Joel Otero, Liz Dutra, Jonathan Moreno, Katherine Hardial, Melinda Ogden, George Gann, Michelle Smith, & Melany Flint.

Upcoming Events



Give Miami Day!

We're excited to share that our nonprofit organization is participating once again in Give Miami Day hosted by The Miami Foundation! This annual event on November 21st (with early giving November 17-20), offers a fantastic opportunity to support local nonprofits and make a meaningful impact in our community.

What is Give Miami Day?

Give Miami Day is a 24-hour online giving event that encourages residents to contribute to

their favorite local causes. The Miami Foundation will partially match donations, with additional bonuses often available. This means your contributions can make an even greater impact! Your donations help us continue our vital work in conservation, education, and community engagement.

How You Can Help:

- **Mark Your Calendar:** Set a reminder for November 21st (or for Early Giving on November 17-20) to participate.
- **Spread the Word:** Share our mission with friends and family to encourage them to get involved.
- **Donate:** Every contribution, no matter the size, helps us protect and restore biodiversity and prevent local extinctions of our precious flora and fauna.

Save the link in your calendar or click it on November 21st to donate!

DONATE ON NOVEMBER 21st!

Upcoming Event at Hattie Bauer Hammock

Join IRC's Pine Rockland Initiative outreach team for a fun Environmental Education Forum Event. This family fun event is great for all ages to learn about the South Florida's unique environment. Participants will visit a wide variety of educational booths that will have a fun 10-minute activity to learn from. The event is from 9am to 12pm. See you there!

For questions or to RSVP email eel@miamidade.gov



Recent Events



This past week IRC participated in the Pine Rockland Working Group Conference. This is a three day conference with virtual and in-person components. The team attended the in-person day of the workshop at Fairchild Tropical Botanical Garden. The conference was very well attended and included many stakeholders from private pine rockland owners, to preserve managers, NGOs, professors, students and concerned citizens all supporting protection for the critically imperiled pine

rockland ecosystem.



IRC's Conservation Program Manager, Liz Dutra gave a presentation about how IRC utilizes Society for Ecological Restoration's Standards based restoration to improve outcomes for pine rockland ecosystems throughout Miami-Dade County and Monroe County. The future is hopeful for the pine rocklands but more support is needed. Consider donating to us on Give Miami Day (11-21-2024, link below) as your donations will directly support our efforts in pine rockland restoration.

Pine Rockland Initiative Outreach At Navy Wells Pineland-BioBlitz Volunteer Day

On October 24th two of our field technicians Joel Otero and Alex Gascon, participated in Miami- Dade County's Environmentally Endangered Lands's BioBlitz at Navy Wells Pineland Preserve. This event took place on International Day of Climate Action. IRC hosted a booth and provided education about the importance of the pine rockland ecosystem. They also supported the Bioblitz by offering their superb plant identification skills.



Thank you once again to everyone who sponsored and donated to our Do Good Delray event "Restoring the Link Between People and Nature"!

Thank you to our **Monthly Sustainers** who donate \$25 or more each month: Barbara McAdam, Maria

If you're interested in being a sponsor of Natives For Your Neighborhood, please reach out to **Katherine Hardial**.

The Dade Chapter Florida Native Plant Society is a new NFYN sponsor and has a new online plant store.

Rowley, Lindsay Boehner and Valerie Seasholtz.

While we get funding for some great projects, those funds rarely cover all of our costs, so we really do need your support to continue our important work.

Consider supporting our efforts which allow us to provide important conservation services such as improving our free online resources, increasing protection of rare plants and animals, restoring native ecosystems, and advocating for better public policy. Click the button below.

IRC has an E-Trade account. Please contact us about giving gifts of stock.



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(*Commelina erecta*)

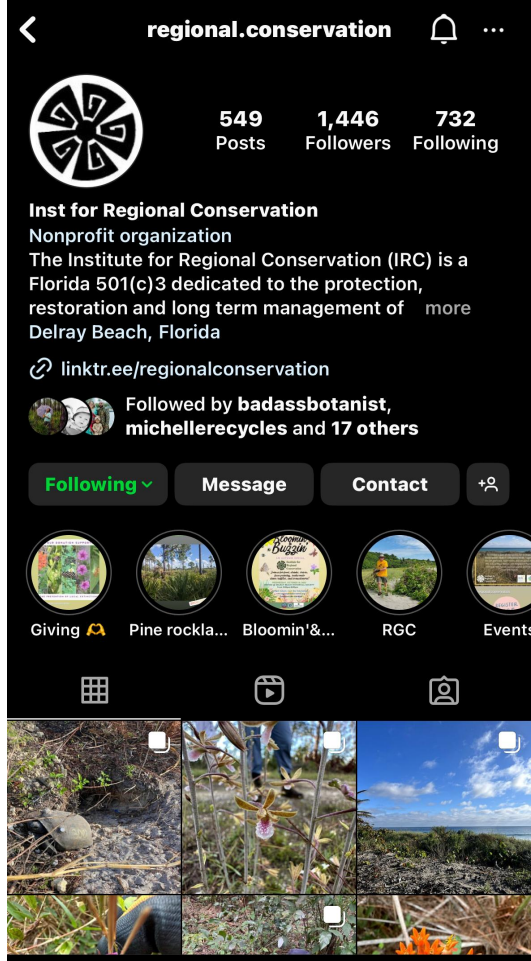
PLEASE DONATE

Your donations empower us to enhance our free online resources, safeguard rare plants and animals, restore native ecosystems, and champion more effective public policies for conservation.

Follow us on Social Media

The best way to stay up to date on all things IRC is to follow us on social media! Every week we spotlight native plants for "Wildflower Wednesday" and give a glimpse into one of our many unique projects from our "From the Field Friday" posts. You can also follow our socials where we share our event photos and lots of relevant information about the environment and beyond.

So, if you haven't already, follow us on [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#) and [LinkedIn](#)!



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