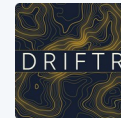




Investment-Grade Field Verification for Conservation Capital

The Problem



Billions flow into conservation every year. Few outcomes are independently verified, and progress is usually reported by the organisations receiving the funds.

94%

of credits from the rainforest projects analysed should not have been approved, a 2023 investigation of the world's largest certifier found. Verra disputes the findings.

1 in 3

community conservation groups in parts of southern and eastern Africa had stopped management work after initial engagement, experts estimate

2.2M km²

of protected areas downgraded, downsized or degazetted in 73 countries, 1892 to 2018. 78% of these events date from 2000 onwards.



THE CASE FOR INDEPENDENT VERIFICATION

“[P]rogress must be tracked independently and honestly. Without a clear and credible way to see what countries and other actors are actually doing, what is working, and where things are stuck, commitments drift, momentum fades, and the chance to learn and adjust is lost.”

WWF, Living Planet Report 2026, p. 14

Who Bears the Exposure



The exposure reaches beyond the donor, to the trustee who approved the grant and the adviser who recommended it.

1 Family Offices

Conservation philanthropy runs largely on self-reported data. Without independent evidence, continued capital releases have no defensible basis.

2 Trustees

Fiduciary duties fall on trustees personally. Document review cannot reveal a project that stopped functioning after the last grant ended.

3 Philanthropy Advisers

A recommended grant that fails silently damages professional standing. The recommendation is only as strong as the evidence behind it.

The Structural Gap



A funded party cannot credibly certify its own results. Across much of the sector, that is still the standard.

What donors currently receive

Self-reported progress reports written by the funded party

Outputs counted as outcomes (hectares claimed, not verified)

Policy credit-claiming without attribution evidence

No durability assessment after the grant cycle ends

What donors actually need

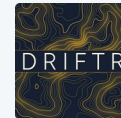
Independent field verification by a neutral third party

Evidence tied to specific milestones and tranche conditions

Ground-truth of actual protection or delivery status on site

Clear tranche recommendation with fully documented basis

What DRIFTR Does



The standard of independent verification a serious investor applies to financial capital, applied to charitable capital. The test is whether conditions on the ground match the claims in the report.

01

Review

Check legal basis, maps, budgets, governance and past reports to set the questions the site visit must answer.

02

Deploy

Travel to the project site and check project photographs and data against what is actually there.

03

Verify

Document what is actually on the ground against the claims made in the reporting.

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Evidence

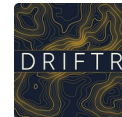
Compile independent, timestamped field evidence: video, photography, GPS-verified site records.

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Recommend

Deliver a clear tranche decision: fund, hold, or redirect, with a fully documented evidential basis.

Services



Every engagement starts with a desk review and ends with hard field evidence and a clear recommendation, scaled to the depth of verification required.

TIER 1

Continuous Field Stewardship

Planned site missions, hard evidence, and decisive tranche calls across multi-year conservation commitments.

TIER 2

Project Verification On-Call

Rapid field checks at key milestones, with proof packs and clearly defined release conditions.

TIER 3

Pre-Commitment Recce & Risk

Desk review, operational risk assessment and a go/no-go call, with a staged funding plan before capital is committed.

PLUS

Field Immersion Expeditions

Decision-quality site visits for donors, trustees, and advisers to experience the project first-hand.

Who Commissions DRIFTR



Family Offices

With conservation or environmental philanthropy programmes requiring independent accountability separate from the organisations they fund.

Foundations & Trusts

Deploying multi-year commitments to remote conservation initiatives where self-reporting is often the only accountability mechanism.

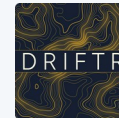
Philanthropy Advisers

Who need an independent evidence base to protect the recommendations they make and the professional standing those recommendations carry.

Trustees

Seeking independent verification to discharge fiduciary obligations and document a defensible basis for approving significant grants.

Who Conducts the Verification



Stefano Tricanico

Founder, DRIFTR • Independent Conservation Due Diligence Specialist

Over 25 years of operations in the world's most remote and high-consequence environments, including the Arctic, Antarctic, and frontier regions where access, safety, and logistics determine whether a project succeeds.

Background spans expedition leadership, maritime operations, and field safety systems, alongside front-line international work addressing illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing and the associated trafficking pressures that follow weak enforcement.

All engagements are conducted directly by, or under the direct supervision of, Stefano Tricanico. No subcontracting, and no conflict of interest with the organisations assessed.

- 25+ years remote operations
- Arctic & Antarctic deployments
- 30+ countries operational
- PTGA Senior Polar Guide
- Maritime & offshore specialist
- IUU fisheries enforcement work
- STEP Journal contributor

The Opportunity



The family offices and advisers you work with deploy capital across investment and philanthropic portfolios. On the investment side, they apply rigorous due diligence. On the conservation side, they usually rely on self-reported outcomes from the organisations they fund. DRIFTR closes that gap.

Referral

For any introduction in your network that leads to a mandate, we acknowledge the relationship appropriately.

White-Label

Independent verification delivered under a client's own governance framework, for family offices requiring discretion.

Due Diligence Add-On

Field verification as a natural extension of the due diligence standards your clients already apply to financial capital.



Discreet, independent field verification for serious conservation capital.

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