2025 PACIFIC AMERICAS FLYWAY YOUTH FORUM

DONOR AND ORGANIZER REPORT

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CONTEXT

In 2020 the first Flyway Youth Forum was created for the East Asian Australasian Flyway. The objective was to connect youth through virtual workshops, exchanges, and networking. This type of forum has been replicated multiple times in the East Atlantic Flyway.

The Pacific Americas Flyway Youth Forum (PAFYF) is born to help youth lower three barriers to engagement: lack of visibility of youth efforts, lack of accessible capacity strengthening opportunities, and lack of funding.

Youth Engaged in Wetlands and the World Wetland Network contacted 18 organization partners to develop the programme and event.

THE EVENT

During three days (7-9 November, 2025) we offered an inclusive virtual space for youth across the flyway (and beyond) to connect.

Youth engagement barriers and how we are addressing them

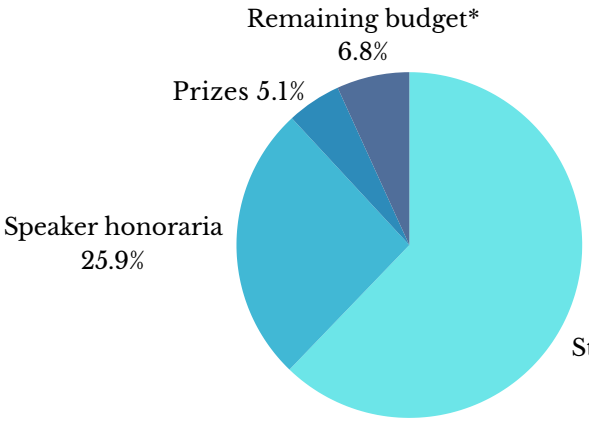
- Lack of visibility of youth efforts: opportunity for youth to share their work in a poster session exposing their work and the option of winning a monetary prize.
- Lack of accessible capacity strengthening opportunities: we offered 16 hours of bilingual live content with experts in conservation, science, funding and other topics for free.
- Lack of funding: with the remaining budget we are aiming to fund 1 or 2 small youth-led projects providing mentorship.

BUDGET AND REACH

Total raised: 14,418 CAD

Restricted for youth grant: 3,000 CAD

Total spendable budget: 11,418 CAD

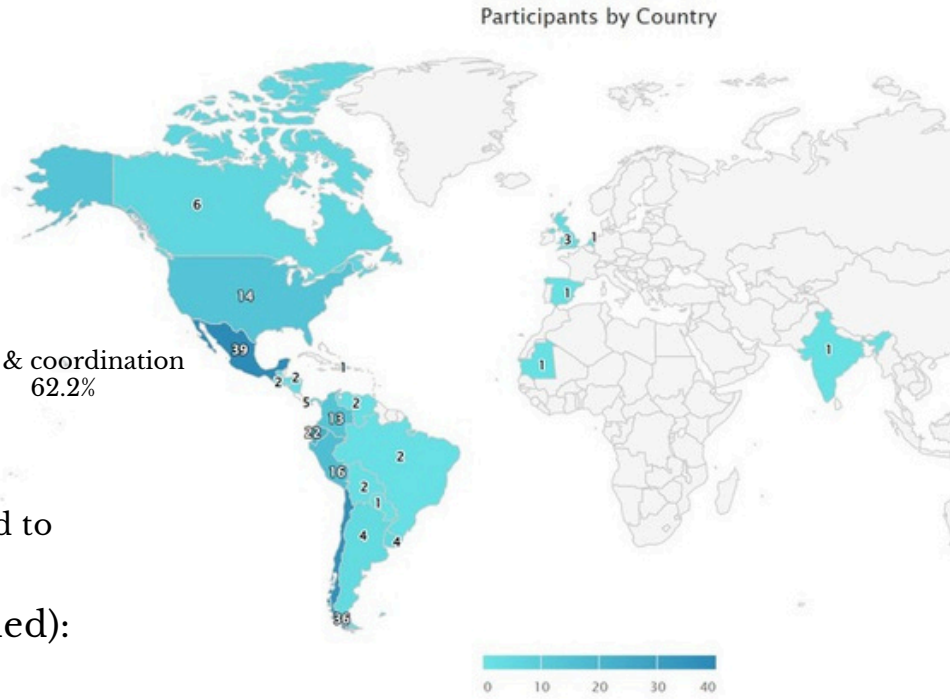


*Remaining budget to be reallocated to youth grants.

Total youth grant (to be awarded): 3,722 CAD

Demographics

- **185** participants
- **25** countries represented



ENGAGEMENT METRICS

Total programming delivered

- **16 hours** of live content over 3 days
- **4 hours** daily programming
- **2 languages** with simultaneous interpretation

Programming offered

- **31** expert presenters
- **9** presentations (30 min each)
- **7** hands-on workshops (60 min each)
- **23** youth-led poster presentations
- **1** intergenerational dialogue
- **1** policy roundtable discussion

Active participation

- **1178** total connection hours across all participants
- **170** average minutes per participant
- **53** participants attended at least 6 hours earning a certificate
- Active chat and live questions

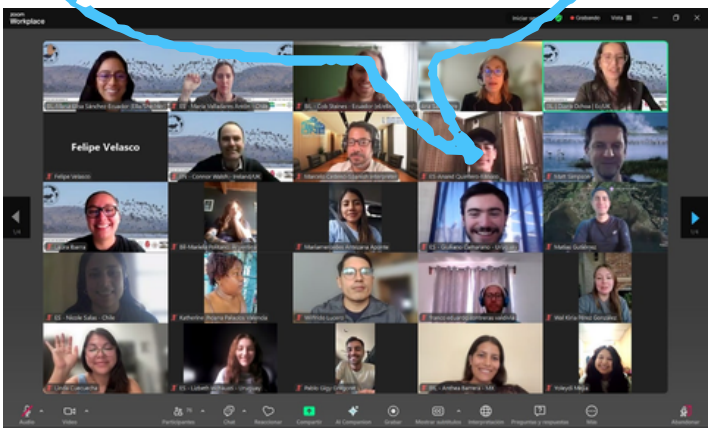
Equity and inclusion

- **57%** women and non-binary participants
- **Free** registration
- **Bilingual** format (English/Spanish) removed language barriers

PARTICIPANT FEEDBACK

- **79%** made new professional connections
- **53%** are very likely to implement learnings in their work

Definitivamente excedió mis expectativas (...) Generaron un impacto en los participantes que se reflejará en en cuidado de la naturaleza!

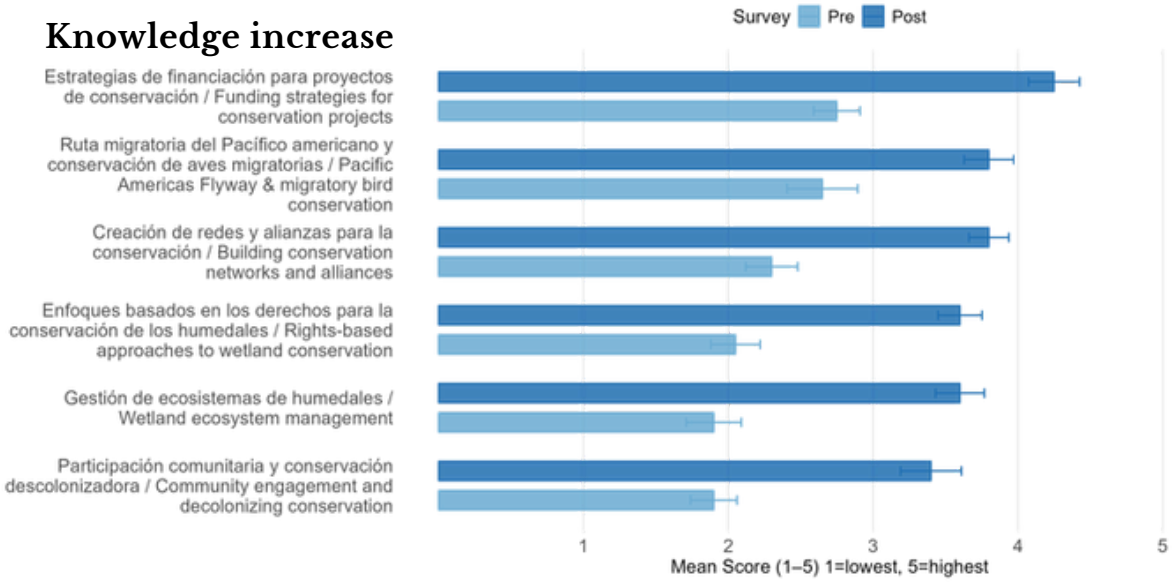


SENSE OF BELONGING

79%

Said PAFYF increased "significantly" or "extremely" their sense of belonging to the Pacific Americas flyway conservation community

Knowledge increase



- There was an **increase in overall knowledge** following the forum, with mean scores rising from **2.26 to 3.74** out of 5.
- The **largest change** on knowledge was on the **wetland management topic**

FUTURE PLANS

63%

Are planning to initiate or join a new conservation project or initiative as a result of PAFYF

IMPACT

Impact and legacy

- Community of practice established with **114 active members** and **6 thematic subgroups**
- Resources and presentations shared through WWN's Youtube channel and YEW's website
- Recognition of **3** outstanding **youth posters** and a **logo** creation winner
- Youth project grant funding is being pursued

True value delivered

- By leveraging volunteer expertise and partner contributions we delivered a 36,718 CAD forum for 14,418 CAD.
- The value invested **per participant** was **~198 CAD**.

MULTIPLIER EFFECT

2.5:1

Through the generous in-kind contributions of our partners and a community of experts, every dollar was stretched ~2.5 times over.

Contribution	**Value CAD**
Donor funding received	14,418
Live interpretation services (donated by Audubon)	8,220
31 expert presenters	~8000
Partner coordination time (9 meetings)	~6000
Cornell Lab (Coastal Solutions Fellows) Zoom access	~80
Total value delivered	**~36,718**
Multiplier effect	**~2.5:1**

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