



Be Remembered for Leaving a Legacy

Over the last decade, **bequests**—a provision in one's last will and testament where a gift of property is transferred from an estate to a nonprofit—have become increasingly popular. The Society for Conservation Biology (SCB) welcomes bequests to advance the science and practice of conserving our Earth's biological diversity. A bequest allows you to leave a legacy and continue to perpetuate your life interests and influence into the future. A bequest of any size can make a huge difference.

A bequest is easy to arrange, and it is important to clearly state your wishes so your gift will be delivered as you intended. A bequest can also be made by simply adding a codicil to an existing will. If you choose to make a bequest to SCB, please provide your attorney with our legal name and address:

“I hereby give, devise, and bequeath to the Society for Conservation Biology, 1017 O Street NW, Washington, DC 20001...”

You may make a **specific request**:

“the sum of \$_____.” or “the property described as _____.”

You may make a **residual request** of assets remaining after all other specific bequests have been satisfied:

“the rest, remainder, and residue of my estate” or “_____ % (or fractional interest) of the rest, remainder, and residue of my estate.”

You may make a **contingent bequest** to take effect only if those named as primary beneficiaries predecease you:

“If any or all of the above named beneficiaries do not survive me, then I hereby give the share that otherwise would be (his/hers/theirs) to the Society for Conservation Biology, 1017 O Street NW, Washington, DC 20001.”

You may make a **general bequest** from your estate:

“the sum of \$_____, or _____ %, or _____ fractional interest of my estate.”

Please contact Heather DeCaluwe 202-234-4133x103 if you have named, or plan to name, SCB in your will. We can help ensure that proper wording is incorporated, and we would like to discuss your intentions for the use of the bequest. Whatever form you choose for your gift, it will be greatly appreciated and will make a real difference for all life on Earth.