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Environment Now and Leonardo DiCaprio Foundation Form Strategic Partnership

LOS ANGELES – February 21, 2018 – [Environment Now](#) announced today that it has shifted its programming and grant making activities under the management of the [Leonardo DiCaprio Foundation](#) (LDF) in an effort to collaborate and share resources as both organizations seek to address the most urgent environmental issues of our time.

“We are very excited to form this partnership with Environment Now given how both of our organizations have a history of hands-on, collaborative activism,” said Terry Tamminen, CEO of LDF. “Together, we will pursue innovative approaches to achieving our shared goals.”

LDF, founded by Academy Award®-winning actor and environmental activist Leonardo DiCaprio in 1998, has focused on preserving habitats and endangered species on land and in the oceans, supporting indigenous rights and activists, and climate change, around the world. Environment Now, founded by the family of Frank and Luanne Wells in 1989, has focused on forest and coastal preservation, air quality, and water sustainability, primarily in California.

“Environment Now has created a powerful activist philanthropy model over nearly three decades. We are very excited to partner with the like-minded team at LDF in pursuit of our common goals,” said Kevin Wells, board chair of Environment Now. “Not only does LDF share our passion and drive to create meaningful change in the environment, but they also bring the opportunity and capability to integrate our programs with efforts around larger scale issues facing humanity, such as climate change, habitat loss, and global water issues.”

Environment Now will join LDF at a new action hub in Culver City, California, where activists can be mentored, new organizations nurtured, and the environmental community can collaborate to address the growing list of challenges to our sustainable future.

“The leadership, experience, and accomplishments of Environment Now are a model for effective environmental philanthropy,” concluded LDF Chairman Leonardo DiCaprio. “We look forward to working together to create an even more powerful force for change locally and globally”



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About Environment Now

Environment Now is a private foundation created in 1989 by Frank and Luanne Wells. The foundation's mission is to be an active leader in creating measurably effective environmental programs to protect and restore California's environment. Environment Now pursues its mission through active programs to protect forests, coastal zones, and fresh water ecosystems. It brings an entrepreneurial approach to building innovative programs, and seeks to create leverage through means such as incubating grassroots partner organizations, setting legal precedents, and demonstrating the viability of sustainable alternatives. Environment Now's signature accomplishments include establishing a "picket-line" of water keepers in Southern California, and, more recently, in Baja California; supporting innovative litigation to improve water quality, protect habitat, and fight bad forest science; and developing a network of activists to watchdog all of the national forests in California. For more information, visit www.environmentnow.org

About Leonardo DiCaprio Foundation

Since 1998, Leonardo DiCaprio Foundation (LDF) has been on a mission to protect the Earth's last wild places, implementing solutions that restore balance to threatened ecosystems, and ensure the long-term health and wellbeing of all its inhabitants.

Through grant making, public campaigns and media initiatives, LDF brings attention and needed funding to three areas: protecting biodiversity, ocean & forest conservation, and climate change. The Foundation works in close collaboration with a broad network of environmental leaders and experts, effective organizations, and committed philanthropists to identify and support innovative, results-driven projects in the world's most wild and threatened ecosystems. LDF has supported over 200 high-impact projects in more than 46 countries around the world. The foundation recently announced a \$20 million grant package across six portfolio areas, bringing the total giving up to \$80.1 million. For more information visit www.ldcfoundation.org.