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# Conservation 101: Do you know the difference between conservation and preservation?



## Do you know the difference between *conservation* and *preservation*?

Many people think *conservation* and *preservation* are the same thing when it comes to managing natural resources, but there are important differences between them:

- *Conservation* means actively managing land for multiple, sustainable uses according to science.
- *Preservation* is a hands-off approach—letting nature take its course, with no human input.

Both have a place in management, but *conservation* more often leads to healthy lands and waters, and the renewable natural resources used to shelter and feed our families.

## Introduction to our new feature, Conservation 101

In May, a new item will debut in our monthly *Frontline Dispatches*: Conservation 101. There's an example above. The title is a nod to the traditional American university course numbering system,

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where a “one-oh-one” class is a student’s introduction to a subject.

- Many of our readers are scientists, researchers, educators or other conservation professionals. However, more and more are newcomers—city dwellers, students or people who are newly interested in understanding conservation.
- Conservation 101 is a factual nugget for newcomers to the movement. What will help them understand conservation policies and practices? What will help them act with conservation in mind?
- What aspects of conservation would you like to share with friends and family? What should they know about conservation? What would *you* like to know about conservation? We welcome suggestions from *Conservation Frontlines* readers for Conservation 101 topics.

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