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Conservation initiatives have garnered significant political support in the last quarter century, as is evident in the international consensus around instruments such as the 1992 Convention on Biological Diversity. Political and economic support alone, however, is not enough to preserve the Earth's dwindling biodiversity. The conservation community can only be effective if it is equipped with clear goals, objectives, and strategies grounded in reliable and verifiable scientific research. There is still much to learn about the Earth's natural diversity, its role in ecosystem function and related services, and the most effective ways to preserve it.

Scientists at CABS work to fill these knowledge gaps. Founded in 1999 with generous support from the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation, CABS brings together a staff of more than 70 research scientists who are highly respected in their fields and dedicated to saving our biodiversity.

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CI-PNG is a non-profit organization working to identify high priorities for conservation in Papua New Guinea. CI works in collaboration with land/marine owners and other key stakeholders including Provincial Governments, Local Level Governments, the Department of Environment and Conservation, the National Fisheries Authority, the private sector and other NGOs. CI-PNG focuses on biodiversity research and surveys, establishment of protected areas, environment and conservation education and awareness, community livelihood programs, and good governance and institutional strengthening programs with the aim of building community-based capacity for long term management of high-priority conservation sites.

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PAPUA NEW GUINEA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION (DEC)

The Department of Environment and Conservation has the statutory responsibility to survey, document and preserve Papua New Guinea's biological diversity. The central office is in the capital Port Moresby but the Department has representatives based at major resource projects throughout PNG and staff are involved in a variety of conservation initiatives around the country.

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