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"Communication First, Conservation Second"

As the needs and requirements for usage of the Internet increase throughout organizations, and applications such as E-mail become a daily necessity for workers, providing a sound communication infrastructure for the conservation community becomes imperative. Conservation International has recently embarked on an effort to provide fast Internet access to all its field offices throughout the world, having recently completed its first two offices in Guyana. Providing these services in some of the most remote places of the planet provides a number of challenges, ranging from local permit approval to providing stable electricity. Through the use of technologies such as Internet via satellite and voice communications over Internet protocols, Conservation International is providing the same infrastructure used at its headquarters in Washington, DC to its field offices.

By enabling conservation field workers to more easily communicate within its own organization and partnership organizations, an end result in the increased number of protected areas becomes viable. While many organization's budgets must be carefully scrutinized, a large portion of any organization's budget is dedicated to communication costs. Through the deployment of this system, Conservation International is both reducing its operating cost and increasing its workers productivity, enabling it to provide increased funds in the field where it is the most required.