



Go Conscious Earth

EMPOWERING PEOPLE TO PRESERVE THEIR CONGO BASIN RAINFOREST
POUR QUE LE PEUPLE PUISSE PROTÉGER SES FORÊTS DU CONGO

Why is GCE Supporting Over 80 Cryptocurrencies?

Go Conscious Earth (GCE) has accepted cryptocurrency donations since 2019 and recognizes the important role that cryptocurrencies play in financial systems. They are a secure and transparent medium of exchange: transactions are public, irreversible, mostly unhacked, and are controlled directly by the people and users. We find that crypto donors are typically philanthropically-minded and tend to align strongly with our mission to empower forest-dependent communities to protect the Congo Basin Rainforest, improve their livelihoods, conserve endangered species, and thereby support global climate stability.

Why Donate Crypto Directly?

Donating cryptocurrency directly to a 501c3 nonprofit may be tax efficient and can save you money compared to a gift of cash.

There's a reason high net worth individuals often donate property instead of cash. The IRS classifies cryptocurrency as non-cash property for tax purposes and there are certain advantages when giving non-cash property that has appreciated in value and has been owned for more than one year. When donating crypto owned more than one year, you may receive a tax deduction for the fair market value of the crypto and avoid the capital gains tax that would have been incurred if you had sold the crypto and then made a cash donation. That means you may find that you are able to donate more to your favorite causes.

What About the Environmental Impact of Cryptocurrency?

Proof of work (PoW) cryptocurrencies get a bad rap for being energy intensive. Proof of Stake (PoS) blockchain technology has changed that. However, the crypto community is largely committed to protecting the environment and some currencies, like Cardano (PoS), are even going to great lengths to become carbon positive, partly by investing in organizations like Go Conscious Earth who is a big player in carbon sequestration. Plus,

these days, many of the PoS crypto mining operations are powered by renewable energy in remote locations where the energy generated might not be used for anything else. In addition, your donation is green when you give through our partner, [Giving Block](#) – they purchase 2x carbon offsets every time you donate crypto.

Which Cryptocurrencies Do We Accept?

We accept Cardano (ADA), Bitcoin (BTC), Litecoin (LTC), Ethereum (ETH), USD Coin (USD), Polkadot (DOT), Solana (SOL), Dogecoin (DOGE), Shiba Inu (SHIB), Polygon (MATIC), Dai (DAI), ChainLink (LINK), Uniswap (UNI), Decentraland (MANA), Filecoin (FIL), The Sandbox (SAND), ApeCoin (APE), Fantom (FTM), Axie Infinity Shards (AXS), Tezos (XTZ), Aave (AAVE), Zcash (ZEC), Maker (MKR), The Graph (GRT), Gala (GALA), Quant (QNT), Enjin Coin (ENJ), Loopring (LRC), Synthetix (SNX), Basic Attention Token (BAT), Curve Dao Token (CRV), Amp (AMP), Compound (COMP), Skale (SKL), PAX Gold (PAXG), yearn.finance (YFI), Audius (AUDIO), Ankr (ANKR), 1inch (1INCH), Bancor Network Token (BNT), 0x (ZRX), Liquity USD (LUSD), Livepeer (LPT), Render Token (RNDR), Dogelon Mars (ELON), Rally (RLY), UMA (UMA), SushiSwap (SUSHI), Storj (STORJ), Spell Token (SPELL), Ren (REN), Lido (LDO), Maple Finance (MPL), Ethereum Name Service (ENS), Raydium (RAY), Injective (INJ), Fetch.ai (FET), Merit Circle (MC), Civic (CVC), Liquity (LQTY), Orchid (OXT), Numeraire (NMR), Keep3r (KP3R), API3 (API3), Mirror Protocol (MIR), Wrapped Centrifuge (WCFG), Mask Network (MASK), Balancer (BAL), Alchemix (MIST), DeFi Pulse Index (DPI), Smooth Love Potion (SLP), BarnBridge (BOND), Saber (SBR), Moss Carbon Credit (MCO2), Kyber Network (KNC), Magic Internet Money (MIM), Somnium Space (CUBE), Radicle (RAD), Gemini Dollar (GUSD).

Who is GCE?

We are an amazing grass roots organization founded by Godi Godar, a Congolese man who was slated to become village chief. Beginning at age 6 he had a recurring dream that he would leave his homeland in order to protect nature in and around his home village and region. He founded GCE to empower and support local forest-dependent people who have always been and still are the true stewards of the forest.

Since its founding in 2012, GCE has helped conserve 1.2 million acres of forest in Équateur Province in the Democratic Republic of Congo and has installed 17 wells that serve 34,000 people. This work is incredibly important

not only to the people living there but to all of us globally, because we depend on the Congo Basin rainforest (the Earth's 2nd largest) in the face of climate change. This area is also home to the only surviving bonobos and other endangered species, including forest elephants.

GCE's small team does a great deal with very few resources and is trusted by the people they serve in the DRC. They work in concert with a new legal framework of community forest management set forth by the DRC government and have helped put 202,206 acres of sacred, ancestral land back into the hands of the forest-dwelling people, in perpetuity. GCE works at the nexus of sustainable conservation and community development with local people very much at the center of the work. Our donors are comprised of individuals in the US and abroad, as well as US-based and international NGOs and corporations. Some of our largest individual donors give via cryptocurrency.

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