



ICCB 2025 Philosophy Statement

The International Congress for Conservation Biology (ICCB) 2025 is about bringing together conservation professionals from all over the world, including traditional knowledge holders, researchers, practitioners and students, to energise our shared discipline. Our philosophy is to provide a safe and inclusive space that is accessible for people of many cultures and backgrounds to share their insights, knowledge, and research with the shared aim of addressing conservation challenges and advancing conservation science and practice. The conference will be held in Australia in the city of Brisbane or Meanjin as named by Turrbal people, one of two traditional owner groups of the land – the other being the Jagera. It is one of the most biodiverse cities in the world! Our conference logo, designed by Quandamooka artist Amanda Diamond of Yura Bunji Art, reflects the ICCB 2025 philosophy by including representations of the people of the Brisbane River, the three islands of Moreton Bay, and some of the beautiful native species that can be found in the immediate vicinity of the conference venue.

In addition, our selection of the conference location has been guided by opportunity for inclusivity. A key priority is providing hospitality and a safe

environment for people from all nationalities, and for members of the LGBTQIA+ community. The city of Brisbane openly values diverse communities and endeavours to support people from a variety of cultural backgrounds. Brisbane is home to a multi-cultural population and has a reputation for being a safe and accommodating city. Importantly, Brisbane City Council has made a number of commitments to universal inclusion of all residents and visitors that are members of the LGBTQIA+ community.

English will no doubt be the common language at ICCB 2025. However, we are aware that conservation is practised and communicated in many languages other than English. That is why we want to encourage the participation of people of all linguistic backgrounds. Attending an international conference can be intimidating, especially for those whose first language is not English. At ICCB 2025, we are committed to lowering the language barriers for participants as much as possible. We are currently exploring options for supporting participants with diverse linguistic backgrounds, and look forward to sharing and showcasing our commitment to a diverse community.