



The Cultural Conservancy

[The Cultural Conservancy](#) (TCC) is a Native-led, Indigenous Rights and land-based 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization based in San Francisco with additional sites in Oakland, Novato, and Sebastopol, California, all located within the occupied territories of the Ohlone peoples and the Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria (the Coastal Miwok and Southern Pomo peoples).



Since TCC's founding in 1985, we have been dedicated to our mission of protecting and revitalizing Indigenous cultures through the direct application of traditional knowledge and practices on ancestral lands. Over the past 35 years, TCC has worked with California Indian communities and Nations, Native Americans, Hawaiians and other Pacific Islanders, and Indigenous Peoples around the US, Canada, and South America on a wide variety of community-based projects; from sacred site protection to the revitalization of endangered languages, art and song traditions, and the revitalization of traditional Native foodways including planting, harvesting, distributing, cooking and eating culturally significant foods. At the root of our work are our guiding principles, which acknowledge the sacred relationship of Indigenous Peoples to their land and waters, and the importance of that relationship to physical, mental and spiritual health.

In April 2019, TCC became the legal stewards of a 7.6 acre farm on the ancestral lands of the Coast Miwok and Southern Pomo Peoples. This soon to be Indigenous Biocultural Heritage Oasis will focus on the conservation and regeneration of Indigenous agriculture, Native Sciences, and healthy lifeways. The land will provide a native place of refuge and learning for community engagement, connection to the land, growing Indigenous foods, and nourishing intercultural relations. In addition to being farmers and stewards, The Cultural Conservancy fulfills our mission through additional programming including: [Native Foodways](#), [Native Media](#), [Mino-Niibi Fund](#), [Te Ha Alliance for Indigenous Solidarity](#), [Youth Guardians](#), and the [Native Seed Pod podcast series](#).

Our focus on "eco-cultural revitalization" aims to renew and restore the health of traditional knowledge, foodways, landscapes and practices of indigenous cultures that were substantially damaged by the last 500 years of colonialism in the Americas and the Pacific. TCC's 14-person team fosters these connections by honoring the self-determination of Indigenous Peoples in the implementation of our vision. TCC operates as an intermediary between local communities, funders, allies, traditional knowledge holders, and regional and global movements. We work diligently to open and maintain dialogue between varying global communities engaging in productive discourse that cultivates awareness of diverse systems of knowing and being related to the stewardship of the Earth and biocultural diversity.



tsyuhehkwa ne?n ohutsyake — the land sustains us (*ukwehuwehnéha*/Oneida Language)
malama aina — take care of the land (Hawaiian)