



# Who is The Thin Green Line Foundation?

## Sean Willmore

While global warming currently dominates environmental headlines, another battle rages to protect endangered animals and habitats in what remains of the world's forests.



The park rangers of these terrains search for illegal traps set by poachers, often dodging bullets from rebel troops.

Australian Park Ranger Sean Willmore was so inspired by their dedication that he sold his car and remortgaged his house to finance and make a documentary called The Thin Green Line.

His effort to bring attention to the dangerous work undertaken by these wildlife warriors has won him international acclaim. Using the profits from his film, Sean started The Thin Green Line Foundation which looks after the welfare of rangers families where the ranger has been killed in the line of duty – usually by poachers.

The The Green Line Foundation also aims to better equip rangers worldwide so that they have a greater chance of protecting both themselves and wild areas we all care about.

Uniquely, 100% of donations to the fund and of DVD sales will hit the ground guaranteeing your money will go to supporting rangers on the frontline of conservation and their community conservation programs.

## Documentary spearheads foundation

'The Thin Green Line' is a documentary and conservation foundation started by Internationally decorated Park Ranger Sean Willmore. It takes a unique look into the committed and passionate fight to protect our planet. The documentary and the foundation enable the public to see that fight through the eyes of the men and women who are The Thin Green Line – Professional Park Rangers.

## What are we trying to achieve?

This is a not for profit project. 100% of the profits raised through the world premieres, documentary sales and sponsorships will be returned to support rangers including the International Ranger Dependency Fund, which supports the families of Rangers who are killed in the line of duty. This is achieved through The Thin Green Line Foundation, which also supports community conservation projects.

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## Foundation Partners

International Ranger Federation  
IUCN (World Conservation Union)  
Parks Victoria



## Foundation Board Members

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# What have we achieved so far?

TGL Documentary  
Worldwide Premiere in 50 countries

Supported 14 widows of rangers killed  
in the line of duty

(USD) \$10,000 emergency funding to  
rangers in DR Congo

(Aus) \$150,000 raised so far  
Target: \$3 million over next two years  
to support more than 1000 families

7.30 Report coverage twice

Australian Story feature  
'Walk on the Wild Side'

<http://www.abc.net.au/austory/specials/wildside/default.htm>

All is set to launch the annual  
Thin Green Line Festival



*"Rangers ... are usually loners and are seldom influential or powerful people. But without these frontline troops and the quiet and selfless care they bring the animal and natural world, sometimes risking their lives, the wilful destruction of animal life in most countries would be horrendous. In the case of many species, (mountain gorillas in the Congo and Uganda for instance), it would be terminal."*

Bryce Courtney  
Author



Widows in Kidepo Valley National Park  
- Northern Uganda



A show of DR Congo hands:  
"Who's been shot at in the line of duty?"