

William Millan

The Senior Policy Advisor for International Conservation at The Nature Conservancy. His duties include working as an advocate for the Conservancy's international conservation programs and for increased support by the U.S. Government to conservation worldwide. He is the Conservancy's representative within the International Conservation Partnership (ICP, an alliance with WWF, WCS and CI) that works on international issues including lobbying for appropriations. Within the ICP, he is the principal action officer for, and author of, the Conservation Reform Act (CRA, HR 2935), which would mandate a federal Task Force to write a global strategy for U.S. Government conservation assistance to the developing countries. He annually coordinates the *International Conservation Budget*, a joint publication by the largest conservation organizations working globally. He is also in charge of coordinating Conservancy policies regarding the ivory and rhino poaching crisis. Recently, as an additional duty, he has become responsible for coordination with the Land Trust Alliance and TNC state chapters regarding attempts in the Congress to make permanent crucial tax deductions for donations of conservation easements on land.

From 1975 until 1996, Bill Millan was a career diplomat -- Foreign Service Officer (FSO) -- specializing in political work. He served in Spain, Colombia, and Venezuela. He also was a desk officer -- for the United Kingdom, Panama, Canada (doing environmental affairs including Great Lakes water quality and acid rain) and Austria-Switzerland. His last Department of State job was 1993-96, as Political Counselor at the U.S. Mission to the Organization of American States.

As a Congressional Fellow, he served one year as Legislative Assistant for Defense Affairs for Sen. John Glenn.

Prior to joining State, he served four years as an Army officer (Germany, Vietnam). His decorations include the Bronze Star (w/oak leaf) from the Army and the Superior Achievement Award from State (twice). His languages are Spanish (excellent), German (survival), and French (strictly restaurant). He is the author of a novel *Victory* set in the Vietnam War, various short stories, and a collection of poetry.