

RECENT US FISH & WILDLIFE SERVICE
INTERNATIONAL WILDLIFE CONSERVATION GRANTS

AFRICAN ELEPHANT PROJECTS

Support to the Activities of the IUCN/SSC African Elephant Specialist Group. In partnership with IUCN Species Survival Commission's African Elephant Specialist Group. This project will provide core support for the African Elephant Specialist Group of the International Union for the Conservation of Nature, which provides technical guidance on elephant conservation and management to the 37 African elephant range states, including the production and dissemination of the African elephant Status Report 2006, assisting with subregional elephant conservation strategies. FWS: \$94,000. Leveraged Funds: \$304,800.

Operations Support for the Wildlife Action Group-Malawi for the Protection of the Thuma Forest Reserve Elephant Population. In partnership with Wildlife Action Group (WAG). This project will assist with basic supplies and equipment for WAG employees to patrol and protect Thuma Forest Reserve, in cooperation with Malawi's Department of Wildlife and National Parks. The field staff is responsible for wildlife monitoring, fire management, conservation education and maintaining low-impact tracks and trails to ease patrolling, protection and provide opportunities for ecotourism. FWS: \$21,938. Leveraged Funds: \$30,238.

Monitoring Forest Elephants to Promote Conservation in Central Africa: Poaching and Patterns of Elephant Activity (Mineral Rich Forest Clearings) at Bais. In partnership with Cornell University. This project will use newly developed acoustic monitoring techniques to estimate elephant density and gunshot occurrence at four bais within Minkebe, Mwagne, and Ivindo National Parks in Gabon. This information will be used to monitor spatial and temporal patterns of elephant abundance with respect to the proximity to human settlements and other environmental variables and to examine whether human activity, especially ecotourism, is altering elephant activity at and around bais. FWS: \$59,994. Leveraged Funds: \$80,013.

Reinforcing Anti-poaching Capacity in Lope National Park, Gabon. In partnership with the Wildlife Conservation Society. This project will fortify antipoaching and law enforcement efforts for an important elephant population in and around Lope National Park in Gabon. Specifically, the recipient will: a) Construct and staff a permanent control post at Ayem (an identified poaching hotspot), and b) Support reconnaissance and enforcement missions and refurbish an existing control post in the Mitendi area of Lope. FWS: \$49,962. Leveraged Funds: \$83,091.

Support for a Mobile Anti-poaching Unit in Gabon. In partnership with the Wildlife Conservation Society. The project will assist the local wildlife department in

implementing anti-poaching missions by collaborating to: a) Plan and carry out anti-poaching strategies in response to security threats, b) Increase accountability and performance standards through scheduled meetings and evaluations, and c) Provide logistical, technical and financial support for field missions. FWS: \$59,998. Leveraged Funds: \$50,107.

Monitoring the Illegal Killing of Elephants in the Samburu-Laikipia Ecosystem. In partnership with Save The Elephants. This project is a continuation of the Samburu-Laikipia CITES monitoring of illegal killing of elephants (MIKE) initiative in northern Kenya. During this phase of the project, responsibility for upkeep of this system is being transferred from an NGO, Save the Elephants, to the national wildlife authority, Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS). The project will establish local data collection centres at KWS district offices, and will train scouts and rangers on field techniques for gathering systematic data on elephant mortality in the region. FWS: \$24,844. Leveraged Funds: \$28,660

Law Enforcement Programme for the Virunga National Park, Democratic Republic of Congo. Phase II. In partnership with the Frankfurt Zoological Society. This project will improve protection for a transfrontier population of elephants along the eastern border of the Democratic Republic of Congo, in the Virunga National Park. Specific activities will include dispersal of monthly salaries to park rangers in remote areas, maintaining patrol vehicles and boats for the anti-poaching units, and regular aerial monitoring and surveillance to support anti-poaching and provide information on elephant distribution and potential threats from or conflicts with nearby human settlements. FWS: \$61,623. Leveraged Funds: \$113,140.

Forest Elephant Study, Dzanga Clearing Central African Republic. In partnership with the Wildlife Conservation Society. This project will provide continued support for the longest running study of forest elephants in Africa, at Dzanga Sangha in the Central African Republic. During this phase, the funding will support surveillance and monitoring of forest elephants at Dzanga bai, training and coordinating local assistants from CAR, the Republic of Cameroon and the Republic of Congo, and continuing to analyze elephant acoustic communication. FWS: \$40,846. Leveraged Funds: \$12,656.

ASIAN ELEPHANT PROJECTS

Conservation of Asian Elephant through Mitigation of Human-Elephant Conflict in Bannerghatta National Park, Southern India. In partnership with A Rocha India. This project will make well-designed and targeted recommendations to the Karnataka Forest Department and other governmental authorities on how to mitigate the current human-elephant conflict situation in and around Bannerghatta National Park. FWS: \$49,680. Leveraged Funds: \$26,925.

Range-wide Priority Setting and Action Planning Workshop for Asian Elephants. In partnership with Wildlife Conservation Society. This project will develop spatially

explicit summary of status and distribution of Asian elephants across their historical range, establish biological conservation priorities for the species through a consensual process, and identify priority actions and organizations to implement these actions. FWS: \$48,095. Leveraged Funds: \$32,907.

Conservation of Asian Elephants and their Habitat through Community Engagement and Empowerment in the Buffer Zone of Gunung Leuser National Park. In partnership with Fauna and Flora International. This project will conserve elephant habitat and populations in and around Gunung Leuser National Park through collaboration between National Park staff, communities, mahouts and captive elephants. FWS: \$50,000. Leveraged Funds: \$81,666.

Supporting Conservation Management and Human Livelihoods in and around Bukit Barisan Selatan National Park. In partnership with WWF-Indonesia. This project will reactivate guard posts, monitor and mitigate elephant threats, and establish sustainable farming. FWS: \$54,920. Leveraged Funds: \$238,972.

Enhancing the Management Capability of Kaziranga National Park. In partnership with Wildlife Areas Development and Welfare Trust. This project will purchase new vehicles and repair older vehicles for the use of park and patrolling staff, so that they can better protect Asian elephants, tigers, rhinos, and gibbons and prevent poaching. FWS: \$51,728. Leveraged Funds: \$84,083.

Asian Elephant Surveys and Human-Elephant Conflict Mitigation in Kaeng Krachan National Park, Thailand, Year 2. In partnership with Wildlife Conservation Society. This project will complete elephant population survey and training work, continue assessment of human-elephant conflict and mitigation efforts, and help build capacity in Kaeng Krachan National Park for better protection of elephants and their habitats. FWS \$53,727. Leveraged Funds: \$55,246.

Protection of Megafauna (Elephant, Rhino, Tiger, and Tapir) by Anti-poaching (RPU/TPU) in Bukit Barisan Selatan National Park, Sumatra, Indonesia. In partnership with International Rhino Foundation. This project will allow eight anti-poaching units to be operational throughout the year protecting wildlife including elephants, rhinos, tigers and tapirs, and other biodiversity and their habitats in BBS National Park. FWS: \$50,000. Leveraged Funds: \$137,035.

Establishing an Anti-Poaching Team in the Cardamom Mountains. In partnership with Conservation International. This project will create a professional enforcement team that can fully investigate wildlife crime around Cardamom Mountains in Southwest Cambodia and bring the criminals to justice, and be an effective deterrent to wildlife criminals, applying lessons learned from implementation of similar anti-poaching and trade units operating in Asia, particularly those operating in Indonesia. FWS: \$40,300. Leveraged Funds: \$20,258.

Strengthen the Protection Measures by Involving Fringe Villagers in Manas National Park for Conservation of Asian Elephants. In partnership with Wildlife Areas Development and Welfare Trust. This project will support 50 frontline volunteers for one year and train these volunteers on wildlife conservation and anti-poaching methods. FWS: \$58,544. Leveraged Funds: \$74,571.

Strengthen the Protection Measures by Improving Transportation for Faster Mobility of Frontline Forest Staff in Manas National Park for the Conservation of Asian Elephants. In partnership with Wildlife Areas Development and Welfare Trust. This project will improve the protection of elephants, rhinos, tigers, gaur, and other species in Manas NP, by providing better mobility for the frontline staff that patrol the park, protecting wildlife and preventing poaching. FWS: \$36,039. Leveraged Funds: \$74,196.

GREAT APES PROJECTS – ASIAN

Strengthening Local Capacity to Conserve the Western Black Crested Gibbon, Vietnam. In partnership with Fauna and Flora International. This project will support on the job training of government and management board personnel and the provision of specialized training in basic management and administrative skills. As a result, local Vietnamese officials will assume greater responsibility for management, administration, and fund raising for the Hoang Lien Mountains gibbon conservation program. FWS: \$44,977. Leveraged Funds: \$52,740.

Conservation and Management of Hoolock Gibbons: Capacity Building, Habitat Restoration, and Translocation, Bangladesh. In partnership with Department of Zoology, University of Dhaka. This project will improve the capacity of the Forest Department to monitor, study and protect hoolock gibbons; improve conservation awareness of people living around important habitats; initiate planting of indigenous tree species important for gibbon food and cover in protected area habitats; and initiate translocation of gibbons remaining in highly degraded, fragmented habitats. FWS: \$49,495. Leveraged Funds: \$33,600.

Green Bridges: Reconnecting Fragmented Ape Habitat in Southern Sumatra through Forest Rehabilitation and Wildlife Friendly Agroforestry, Indonesia. In partnership with Wildlife Conservation Society. This project will gather information and carry out strategic planning needed to initiate a program to reduce the rate of agricultural encroachment into protected forest areas in and around Bukit Barisan Selatan National Park. Program will map land-use; conduct socio-economic surveys in active encroachment areas; study use of secondary rehabilitated forest and agroforestry systems by siamang and gibbons; determine the feasibility of relocating people from the three most active encroachments; propose measures to prevent future encroachments; and prepare a plan for expanding the habitat of siamang and gibbon through rehabilitation of natural forest and agroforestry promotion in buffer zones outside the Park. FWS: \$59,233. Leveraged Funds: \$85,393.

GREAT APES PROJECTS – AFRICAN

LAGA-MINFOF Collaboration - Wildlife Law Enforcement. In partnership with The Last Great Ape. This project involves the building the capacity, through training and strategic planning, of the Government of Cameroon's Ministry of Forests and Fauna to protect apes through better law enforcement and prosecution. FWS: \$47,236. Leveraged Funds: \$145,184.

Djolu Technical College: Building Capacity for Conservation of the Bonobo and its Habitat in the Democratic Republic of Congo. In partnership with Bonobo Conservation Initiative. This project supports development of the curriculum, faculty, and infrastructure of a local institution for the benefit of Congolese conservationists. FWS: \$44,911. Leveraged Funds: \$84,805.

Goulougo Triangle Chimpanzee Conservation and Research Project. In partnership with Wildlife Conservation Society. This project supports an applied research, protection, and local capacity-building initiative that conserves one of Central Africa's most important chimpanzee populations in the northern Republic of Congo. FWS: \$63,854. Leveraged Funds: \$61,834.

Building Capacity for Great Ape Conservation in Gabon and Cameroon. In partnership with Wildlife Conservation Society. This project supports training and equipping local ape conservationists and institutions in order to better conserve apes and manage ape habitat. FWS: \$298,985. Leveraged Funds: \$180,943.

Building Capacity for Great Ape Conservation in Democratic Republic of Congo. In partnership with Wildlife Conservation Society. This project works at the national and site levels to build capacity of Congolese conservationists through training, mentorship and equipment assistance. FWS: \$163,207. Leveraged Funds: \$78,083.

Building Capacity for Great Ape Conservation in the Republic of Congo. In partnership with Wildlife Conservation Society. This project develops training and planning programs to assist national and site-based personnel in protecting and conserving great apes. FWS: \$152,013. Leveraged Funds: \$29,225.

Bonobo Peace Forest: Surveys, Information Exchange and Community Based Reserve, Democratic Republic of Congo. In partnership with Bonobo Conservation Initiative. This project supports an integrated program to work with local communities and Congolese scientists to conserve bonobos through applied research, surveys and monitoring, land-use planning and enhanced protection. FWS: \$199,797. Leveraged Funds: \$198,354.

Confiscated Eastern Gorilla Rehabilitation and Planning for Reintroduction and Long Term Management. In partnership with Mountain Gorilla Veterinary Project. This project develops veterinary and behavioral interventions and infrastructure to facilitate

eventual reintroduction of captive mountain and Grauer's gorillas into their natural habitats. FWS: \$72,246. Leveraged Funds: \$168,505.

Chimpanzee Health Monitoring for Risk Assessment and Prevention at Gombe NP, Tanzania. In partnership with the Lincoln Park Zoological Society. This project produces and analyzes data to monitor health and recommend management actions to protect chimpanzees from further decline due to disease. FWS: \$45,016. Leveraged Funds: \$67,468.

Mikongo Conservation Centre: Western Gorilla Habituation and Health Monitoring for Ecotourism. In partnership with the Zoological Society of London. This project in Lope NP will explore and analyze the basis to develop ape ecotourism in Central Gabon. FWS: \$49,226. Leveraged Funds: \$158,091.

Regional Collaboration for Mountain Gorilla Conservation: Ranger-Based Monitoring for a Regional Information System in the Virunga-Bwindi Forest Ecosystem. In partnership with the African Wildlife Foundation. This project supports the creation of a system using information, gathered primarily through ranger-based monitoring, to analyze, present and gain consensus among experts from the Democratic Republic of Congo, Rwanda and Uganda, on how to best conserve and manage Mountain Gorillas in the Albertine Rift. FWS: \$300,000. Leveraged Funds: \$361,500.

Conservation and Monitoring of Great Apes in the Lac Tele Landscape, Republic of Congo. In partnership with Wildlife Conservation Society. This project works with local communities and national authorities to ensure security of great apes and integrity of their habitat in the community reserve and its surrounding areas. FWS: \$71,950. Leveraged Funds: \$20,677.

Great Ape Public Awareness Project. In partnership with the International Conservation and Education Fund. This project supports phase two of a program to teach Congolese conservationists to produce and distribute conservation videos on subjects relevant to great apes and Ebola and to evaluate the results. FWS: \$105,462. Leveraged Funds: \$69,051.

Creating Cross-institutional Links for Wildlife Law Enforcement in Gabon. In partnership with the Wildlife Conservation Society. This project supports an innovative program to bring together various agencies and individuals who have wildlife law and regulation enforcement mandates, in order to work together more thoroughly and efficiently. FWS: \$25,140. Leveraged Funds: \$30,483.

Baseline Surveys for apes in Biroungou NP, Gabon. In partnership with the Wildlife Conservation Society. This project supports survey work and interpretation of data in what is becoming an important trans-frontier conservation area with the Congo. FWS: \$43,755. Leveraged Funds: \$36,956.

A Pride Campaign to Address the Bushmeat Crisis in Cameroon. In partnership with Rare. This project raises public awareness and creates local participation in discussions about the importance of conserving Western Lowland Gorillas and other wildlife and their habitat in Western Cameroon. FWS: \$50,000. Leveraged Funds: \$94,753.

Bonobo Reintroduction in the Democratic Republic of Congo: Conservation Education and Health Monitoring at Lola ya Bonobo Sanctuary, Democratic Republic of Congo. In partnership with Les Amis du Bonobo du Congo (ABC). This project will establish a better base of support among relevant individuals and communities and produce the necessary health profiles and guidelines for a planned bonobo reintroduction effort. FWS: \$49,996. Leveraged Funds: \$346,900.

Evaluating the Impact of Babongo Pygmy Populations in Southern Lope and Waka National Parks. In partnership with the Wildlife Conservation Society. This project will support a study to evaluate the effects of forest utilization by native Aka communities on ape populations and habitat in two Gabonese national parks. FWS: \$35,388. Leveraged Funds: \$37,962.

ASIAN RHINOCEROS AND TIGER PROJECTS

The Malaysian Tiger Conservation Program, Malaysia. In partnership with Malaysian Conservation Alliance for Tigers (MYCAT). This project will strengthen tiger conservation through partnerships among government and non-government organizations directed at reducing domestic illegal trade in tiger parts, plan strategies for coming years to ensure survival of the tiger; and increase public awareness and support through zoo awareness programs. FWS: \$46,818. Leveraged Funds: \$75,003.

Rhino Conservation in Nepal. In partnership with Wildlife Conservation Nepal. This project will strengthen rhino conservation by arresting poachers and rhino horn traders operating in Nepal, inform the judiciary on wildlife law and the need to protect wildlife, and build support among young people for rhino conservation. FWS: \$66,440. Leveraged Funds: \$36,520.

Sunderbans Tiger Project, Bangladesh. In partnership with University of Minnesota. This project will support the collection of ecological data on tigers, initiate tiger/human conflict response teams, build capacity in the government, and increase national conservation awareness. FWS: \$58,212. Leveraged Funds \$23,853.

AFRICAN RHINOCEROS PROJECTS

Black Rhino Monitoring and Conservation in the Western Kunene Region of Namibia, Part II. In partnership with Save the Rhino Trust. This project provides support to continue identification and monitoring of individual rhinos, patrol area, analyze existing data on population viability and growth rates, coordinate activities with local

communities and government, begin handing over some conservation custodianship responsibilities to local community conservancies, and participate in tourist expeditions that generate income for communities in the vicinity. FWS: \$44,292. Leveraged Funds: \$241,156.

Ziwa Rhino Sanctuary: Outreach, Education and Core Support. In partnership with Rhino Fund Uganda. This project will support reintroduction of rhinos to Uganda by implementing education outreach and on-site educational visits, monitoring rhino activity, procuring and introducing additional white and black rhinos, maintaining sanctuary infrastructure and anti-poaching efforts, and training local staff. FWS: \$49,526. Leveraged Funds: \$110,690.

Development of Environmental Teaching Suitcases and Conservation Posters for Support of Rhino Conservation in Uganda. In partnership with Coast Zoological Society (Brevard Zoo). This project will support production and provision of a set of teaching materials and lesson plans, and instruction on how to use them in a classroom or field trip setting to Ugandan teachers and education coordinators at Rhino Fund Uganda. FWS: \$13,100. Leveraged Funds: \$14,998.

Support for Training and Equipment for the Greater Mara Community Scout Programme. In partnership with Friends of Conservation. This project continues funding to support wildlife scouts from settlements surrounding the Masai Mara Reserve in Kenya. Activities funded by this project include training, workshops, outreach on mediating human/wildlife conflict, providing security radios and transport costs for patrols, and providing veterinary care for animals found in illegal hunting snares. FWS: \$38,179. Leveraged Funds: \$87,819.

Selous Black Rhino Conservation Project. In Partnership with Selous Trust. This project will support security and infrastructure needed to conserve black rhinos in the relatively undeveloped areas of the Selous Game Reserve in southern Tanzania. Activities will include maintaining basic patrols, locating and regularly monitoring surviving rhinos, and providing capacity building necessary to improve security and knowledge of the rhino population. FWS: \$38,000. Leveraged Funds: \$259,800.

LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN PROJECTS

Training Wildlands Managers and Environmental and Natural Resources Decision-makers to Support Integration of Wildlands with a Sustainable Landscape. In partnership with the Organization for Tropical Studies. This project will support two courses to strengthen the capacity of wildlife managers, administrators, and decision makers to conserve and manage ecosystems and biological diversity in Latin America and the Caribbean. FWS: \$40,000. Leveraged Funds: \$98,905.

Strengthening the Network of Volunteers for Jaguar Conservation in Argentina. In partnership with Fundacion Vida Silvestre Argentina. This project will consolidate and

improve a network of volunteers to collect regional information and distribution of the jaguar in the Upper Parana Atlantic Forest of Argentina, Paraguay and Brazil. Project activities will include consolidation and expansion of the network, communication and outreach, training of collaborators, identification and zonification of areas with jaguar-human conflicts, and the development of protocols for channeling information and conservation actions. FWS: \$10,000. Leveraged Funds: \$14,570.

Cockscomb Jaguar Project: Address Problem Felids in Belize. In partnership with Wildlife Conservation Society. This project promotes the conservation of jaguar and puma in Belize and devises workable solutions whereby healthy populations of big cats and livestock can both be accommodated. This will be done by working with the Belizean government and NGO community to implement a standardized problem cat protocol that includes creating and providing technical advice to a new “Jaguar Council” that will be authorized to resolve problem cat issues and to train personnel to respond to reports of problem cats. FWS: \$10,000. Leveraged Funds: \$78,169.

Environmental Education in Indigenous Communities of Bosawas. In partnership with Saint Louis Zoological Park. This project supports the development and implementation of an environmental education program to facilitate the management of natural resources by indigenous communities of the Bosawas Biosphere Reserve, in northeastern Nicaragua. The Recipient will develop a user-friendly, bilingual, curriculum guide in Miskito and Spanish, and conduct two intensive workshops to train secondary school teachers responsible for teaching local students. FWS: \$24,277. Leveraged Funds: \$27,105.

Lowland Tapir Conservation Workshop: Population and Habitat Viability Assessment, Brazil. In partnership with Houston Zoo. This project will gather, systematize, and discuss all the relevant data on lowland tapirs (population, demographic parameters – e.g. age structure, birth rates, mortality, dispersal, and other biological data, the species’ current status and distribution, threats to survival across its range, available habitat, etc.) and use this information to develop specific recommendations for research, management, and conservation priorities for the species. FWS: \$5,000. Leveraged Funds: \$38,000.

Capacity Building and Field Implementation: Creating a Sustained Effort to Locate Populations of Darwin's Fox and Guigna in Chile. In partnership with Wildlife Conservation Network. This project will build capacity in the form of two camera trapping workshops at the Universidad Austral in Valdivia. Students attending the workshops will place and monitor camera traps in the rainforest of reserve Valdiviana Costera, in order to survey wildlife in the region, and in particular, look for evidence of threatened and critically endangered small cat species of Guigna and Darwin’s fox. Evidence of these species would be a significant discovery and support the need to create a fully protected area or national park in this region. FWS: \$9,776. Leveraged Funds: \$13,600.

Andros Iguana Outreach Campaign, Andros Island, the Caribbean. In partnership with Zoological Society of San Diego. In partnership with Zoological Society of San Diego.

This project will increase local support for measures that contribute to iguana conservation and restoration. This will be accomplished through teacher-training workshops, transportable education kits on iguana conservation, production and distribution of an Andros iguana poster, and support of the Andros iguana themed community events and activities. FWS: \$9,844. Leveraged Funds: \$19,773.

Integrated Environmental Education and Outreach Pilot Program for the Mar Chiquita and Banados del Rio Dulce Ramsar Site, Argentina. In partnership with Centro de Zoologia Aplicada (Universidad Nacional de Cordoba). This project will explore the use of distance learning techniques for an integrated education program for the Mar Chiquita Ramsar Site in Cordoba, Argentina, one of the largest wetlands in South America. The main goal is to develop a pilot project that could be replicated in other sites relevant to migratory species conservation. FWS: \$10,000. Leveraged Funds: \$48,670.

RUSSIA PROJECTS

Grant in Support of Nature Reserves and Parks. In partnership with Zapovedniks Environmental Education Centre. This project provides assistance to 32 of Russia's nature reserves and parks. Activities funded include the purchase of equipment to improve law enforcement capacity, safety, and mobility. Equipment purchased will enhance the ability of staff to manage wildlife resources and improve working conditions for researchers and volunteers. Species benefiting include the critically endangered saiga antelope, far eastern leopard, and Amur tiger, along with Asiatic black bear, snow leopard, cranes, storks, and rare plants. FWS: \$ 228,229. Leveraged Funds: \$ 76,674.