

**U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Division of International Conservation
South America Program
FY 2017 Summary of Projects**

In FY 2017, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) supported two amendments to an existing project from its South America Program, totaling \$60,000.

Modifications to existing cooperative agreements

MULTIPLE COUNTRIES – ARGENTINA AND CHILE

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Five-year cooperative agreement: Scaling up conservation across Patagonia - resolving conflicts between wildlife and people. In partnership with the Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS). The USFWS-WCS five-year cooperative agreement for the conservation of Patagonia's priority landscapes and species received two amendments in FY 2017. These amendments supported:

- A bi-national three-day stakeholder workshop conducted by WCS-Southern Cone in Neuquen, Argentina. The goal of the workshop was to facilitate the participation by local stakeholders and decision makers to undertake activities that directly complement the goals and objectives of the cooperative agreement. The stakeholders are interested in playing a direct role in scaling up proven approaches for reducing human-wildlife conflict and reversing unsustainable land use at the landscape level through ecologically friendly practices that build on past successes and take advantage of new opportunities, including governance structures and markets. Invited participants included livestock producers, relevant local government authorities, decision-makers, representatives from non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and research institutions, and other interested parties.
- The development and formation of a Patagonia-focused NGO Alliance, the need for which became apparent during the bi-national three-day stakeholder workshop mentioned above. The goal of the NGO Alliance is to promote and facilitate a unified vision and strategic actions by each of the Alliance members to address the major needs identified during the stakeholder workshop. The modification will support a sequential process for the creation of a fully representational, multi-sectorial Alliance in the mid- to long-term that will promote collaborative conservation activities within public-private partnerships.

USFWS: \$60,000

Leveraged Funds: n/a (reported previously)