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Wildlife Without Borders- Latin America & the Caribbean
Summary of Projects 2004

Total FWS Funding: \$713,376.00

Total Leveraged Funds: \$2,840,547.00

“Support for the Journals Ambientales and Ambien-tico” will provide support for two environmental publications of the Universidad Nacional de Costa Rica: Ambientales and Ambien-tico. Both publications seek to promote scientific research on national and regional environmental issues, disseminate research results, and provide new materials for environmental education at the university and high school levels. In partnership with Fundación Universidad Nacional de Costa Rica. **FWS: \$11,293.00; Leveraged Funds: \$30,351.00.**

“Graduate Program in Wildlife Management” will provide support for the training of a new group of students and continue to provide assistance for the Parks for the Future and BIODOC programs. Support will cover scholarships for several students, thesis work, travel expenses for thesis directors, and administrative services for the program. In partnership with Centro de Zoología Aplicada at the Universidad de Cordoba, Argentina. **FWS: \$73,260.00; Leveraged Funds: \$124,080.00**

“Mountain Tapir Population and Habitat Viability Assessment Workshop” provides support for a mountain tapir PHVA workshop to be held in Pereira, Colombia in October 2004. The goal of the workshop is to gather, systematize and discuss all the available data on mountain tapirs and use this information to develop specific recommendations for research, management and conservation priorities for the species. In partnership with Houston Zoo, Inc. **FWS: \$5,000.00; Leveraged Funds: \$19,000.00.**

“Conservation and Management of the Neotropical Region Wetlands” will provide support for the Neotropical Center for Training on Wetlands. The award will cover training, community participation activities, and information transfer and use through the development and maintenance of a Neotropical wetlands conservation webpage. In partnership with Centro Neotropical de Entrenamiento en Humedales, Chile. **FWS: \$10,000.00; Leveraged Funds: \$34,300.00.**

“Paraguayan Migratory Shorebird Specialist” will support the training of a Paraguayan biologist in migratory shorebird banding. The training internship will focus on banding of aquatic birds in Canada’s Great Lakes region and on field ornithology in Long Point, Canada. In partnership with Guyra Paraguay. **FWS: \$2,900.00; Leveraged Funds: \$7,300.00.**

“Fluvial fishing and Wetlands Project - Parana River, Argentina” will promote informed participation of key stakeholders for the integrated and sustainable management of fishing on the Medium and Lower Parana River. The goal is to use an ecosystem approach to achieve replicable examples of wise use to preserve the ichtyc diversity of the river, and to improve the quality of life for river-side communities. In partnership with Fundacion PROTEGER. **FWS: \$11,910.00; Leveraged Funds: \$23,705.00.**

“Biodiversity of Bolivia Exhibition” will support parallel components of an exhibition on Bolivia’s biodiversity in Bolivia at the Museo Nacional de Historia Natural (La Paz) and the Museo de Historia Natural Noel Kempff Mercado (Santa Cruz). The exhibition’s goals are to increase visitors’ awareness of Bolivia’s biological and cultural diversity, to explore the role of traditional uses of Bolivia’s natural resources in maintaining harmony between people and nature, and to illustrate the importance of conserving biodiversity. In partnership with the American Museum of Natural History. **FWS: \$12,400.00; Leveraged Funds: \$9,763.00.**

“Condor conservation outreach” activities to be conducted include workshops for communities in the location of the Andean condor settlements and the development and distribution of a poster and a manual entitled “How to Conserve the Andean Condor”. These outreach activities will focus on areas where the presence of the Andean condor has only recently become established. In partnership with Fundacion Condor, Argentina. **FWS: \$4,500.00; Leveraged Funds: \$4,500.00.**

“Master's Degree Program in Conservation and Wildlife Management” will provide support for participant scholarships, visiting professors, two field courses, and improvement of the BIODOC center. The Regional Wildlife Management Program offers higher education to natural resource management professionals in Mesoamerica and the Caribbean who play key roles as government officials, university professors, and NGO representatives. In partnership with Fundacion Universidad Nacional de Costa Rica. **FWS: \$52,444.00; Leveraged Funds: \$362,190.00.**

“Book proposal- Scientific Basis for the Conservation and Management of the Uruguayan Coast” will cover the printing costs for a book that will integrate information about the biological diversity of Uruguay, currently spread among the scientific community and the institutions with responsibility over the management of natural resources. The expected product is a publication of scientific character that will include contributions from over 60 local experts. In partnership with Vida Silvestre- Sociedad Uruguaya para la Conservación de la Naturaleza. **FWS: \$5,000.00; Leveraged Funds: \$5,960.00.**

“Tikay Wasi Environmental Education Program” will provide funding for environmental education courses for coastal areas in Peru. The courses will benefit students, teachers, government officials, and other groups of stakeholders with interest in the conservation of coastal ecosystems, and will cover ecology, sustainable development, conservation. In partnership with APECO. **FWS: \$5,000.00; Leveraged Funds: \$32,000.00.**

“Promotion of Grassroots Conservation Groups in Latin America” will provide funds to support several small grants, aimed at promoting community-based initiatives in the biologically rich and diverse areas of Latin America. In partnership with Global Greengrants Fund. **FWS: \$12,000.00; Leveraged Funds: \$315,000.00.**

“ABC's Small Grants Program” will provide support for two small grants to develop a wildlife management plan for Guadalupe Island, Baja California, Mexico, and for a conservation assessment of extant habitat for the Bolivian spinetail. In partnership with American Bird Conservancy. **FWS: \$10,000.00; Leveraged Funds: \$28,180.00.**

“U.S. Decision-makers course: Development and Conservation in Tropical Countries” supports a course for staff members from Capitol Hill, other branches of government, NGOs, and private sector. The course provides a field experience where the participants visit several development and conservation projects in Costa Rica. The course is designed to underscore the

significance of people, ideas and natural resources in the tropics. In partnership with Organization for Tropical Studies. **FWS: \$25,000.00; Leveraged Funds: \$24,400.00.**

“West Indian Whistling Duck and Wetlands Conservation Project” supports the printing of the manual Wondrous West Indian Wetlands, as well as printing other educational materials and costs related to international conservation workshops throughout the Caribbean. The primary objective of the project is to raise public awareness about the functions and values of wetlands. In partnership with the West Indian Whistling-Duck Working Group. **FWS: \$50,500.00; Leveraged Funds: \$149,770.00.**

“RESERVA Training Program, Edition XXIII” supports the RESERVA training program, XXIII edition, which will train wildlife managers from Latin America and the Caribbean at the Ría Celestun Biosphere Reserve and other field sites throughout Mexico. In partnership with Ducks Unlimited de Mexico, A.C. **FWS: \$30,000.00; Leveraged Funds: \$58,800.00.**

“Sea Turtle and Scarlet Macaw Conservation in Guatemala” will support 2 projects: “Environmental Education and Community Organization for Sea Turtle Conservation and Guatemala” and “Scarlet Macaw Conservation in the Mayan Biosphere Reserve, Peten, Guatemala.” The sea turtle project will support conservation activities for the endangered olive Ridley and leatherback sea turtles that nest on the coast of Guatemala. The macaw project will conduct environmental education, training, and networking activities to conserve scarlet macaws and their habitats in the Peten region in Guatemala. In partnership with ARCAS. **FWS: \$20,000.00; Leveraged Funds: \$31,170.00.**

“Field Methods in Tropical Ecology and Conservation Training Program” will provide students and professors in Nicaragua and other Central American countries with the skills needed for species and ecosystem conservation and management, as well as opportunities for international collaboration in research and education and a cross-cultural learning experience, in order to address local community conservation priorities and needs. In partnership with Saint Louis Zoo. **FWS: \$16,725.00; Leveraged Funds: \$25,200.00.**

“Ricord's Iguana Education Initiative” will support teacher workshops throughout the Dominican Republic. The critically endangered Ricord's iguana was selected as the focal species in an effort to promote conservation and recovery through public awareness and education. In partnership with the Indianapolis Zoological Society. **FWS: \$10,000.00; Leveraged Funds: \$18,812.00.**

“Flamingo Conservation in Northern Chile” supports printing and distribution of the book entitled “Conservación de flamencos en el norte de Chile”. The book will share the results of 12 years of population survey data and other information collected on the biology and conservation of flamingos in the Chilean Andes. In partnership with National Forestry Corporation, Antofagasta Region. **FWS: \$4,500.00; Leveraged Funds: \$1,300.00.**

“Restoration of the Manabi Mangrove for the Benefit of the Ancestral Users of the Ecosystem” will help mitigate, in part, the environmental impact caused by the shrimp farming industry in the region. Fish farming is causing the loss of coastal wetlands and may trigger a decline of plant, fish, and wildlife populations depending on mangrove ecosystems for their survival and reproduction. This project will restore mangrove forest with the help of local community members, currently using the resource for subsistence. In partnership with the Coordinadora Nacional para la Defensa del Manglar del Ecuador. **FWS: \$5,600.00; Leveraged Funds: \$9,310.00.**

“Western Hemisphere Migratory Species Conference Interim Steering Committee Meeting” will support organizing and coordinating the Western Hemisphere Migratory Species Conference Interim Steering Committee meeting, to be held in Costa Rica August 9-14, 2004. In partnership with World Wildlife Fund. **FWS: \$17,728.00; Leveraged Funds: \$950.00.**

“RAMSAR Convention on Wetlands Support” assists the Ramsar Secretariat with general operational costs. This will include support for the position of Assistant Adviser for the Small Island States and Territories of the Oceania Region, as well as the planning of the 2005 Conference of the Parties (COP), to take place in Uganda. In partnership with Secretariat of the Convention on Wetlands. **FWS: \$16,000.00; Leveraged Funds: \$60,300.00.**

The **“Global Flyway Conference: Waterbirds Around the World”** was held in Edinburgh, Scotland and focused on all major themes and developments related to the global conservation of waterbird flyways during their full annual cycle: breeding areas, stop-over sites and wintering areas. It addresses the achievements of the last 40-50 years and considers the need for initiatives to stimulate future conservation, research and management, not only of the world's migratory waterbird flyways, but also of threatened non-migratory species. Funding partially covered the participation of several wildlife biologists from Latin America and the Caribbean. In partnership with Wetlands International. **FWS: \$15,000.00; Leveraged Funds: \$140,975.00.**

“Sustainable Development and Biodiversity Conservation in Latin America: Challenges and Opportunities under CAFTA, OTS Course” supports a course for high level decision makers and wildlife managers from Latin America to discuss biological diversity and ecosystem management, valuation of natural resources and environmental services, sustainable development in theory and practice, development of incentives, voluntary mechanisms of action, market-based initiatives, development of performance indicators and trend monitoring, environmental dispute resolution, legislation and policymaking. In partnership with Organization for Tropical Studies. **FWS/Department of State: \$47,846.00; Leveraged Funds: \$15,534.00.**

“Meeting of Graduate Programs on Wildlife Management and Conservation Funded by the LAC Program” will provide support for a meeting of key representatives from all Service funded graduate programs in Latin America and the Caribbean. The purpose of the meeting is to exchange information, outline goals and planned activities for the short and long term, and evaluate results. In partnership with Centro de Zoologia Aplicada at the Universidad de Cordoba, Argentina. **FWS: \$17,825.00.**

“Guardaparques Course and AMUC Course” provides funds for conducting training for wildlife managers and park rangers in natural protected areas in Brazil and other countries in Latin America and the Caribbean. Courses cover a wide variety of topics, such as ecological principles, biodiversity conservation, environmental law, fire fighting techniques, cartography, and solid waste disposal among others. In partnership with Fundacao Biodiversitas, Brazil. **FWS: \$55,000.00; ; Leveraged Funds: \$37,500.00.**

“Minimizing Seabird Mortality in the Argentinean Demersal Longline Fisheries” finds seabird deterrents measures that will increase fishing profits while diminishing seabird mortality rates, assess the effectiveness of these measures, and apply the results of the project into the National Plan of Action for Seabirds. The project will be jointly developed with various NGOs, academia, fishing companies, and the Argentine government. In partnership with Wildlife Conservation Society. **FWS: \$18,250.00; Leveraged Funds: \$60,850.00.**

“Habitat Conservation and Watershed Protection Efforts in the Municipality of San Ildefonso Ixtahuacan Caserio Canutillo Huehuetenango, Guatemala” supports conducting environmental education and assisting local communities in the San Ildefonso Ixtahuacan municipality, Guatemala, in management and conservation of natural resources. To conserve the remaining flora and fauna near water bodies used by the communities, the grantee will conduct soil conservation and reforestation actions using agro-forestry techniques. In partnership with United States Peace Corps. **FWS: \$4,679.00; Leveraged Funds: \$18,653.00.**

“Regulation of Law 112/91 for the Conservation of the Mbaracayu Forest Biosphere Reserve” supports the development of a proposal to implement the process of regulation of the law that established the Mbaracayu Forest Reserve (Law 112/91), through scientific monitoring of species and capacity building of various stakeholders. Funding support will cover technical, scientific, socio-economic, and legal data compilation; drafting of documents; and nine workshops (with scientists; authorities; local communities; and indigenous population). In partnership with Fundacion Moises Bertoni, Paraguay. **FWS: \$6,900.00; Leveraged Funds: \$21,550.00.**

“Wildlands Management in the Tropics: A Course for Latin American Managers” supports a course for wildlife managers from Costa Rica and other countries in Latin America and the Caribbean which offers a context for wildlife management based on principles of planning, goal development, evaluation monitoring, and adaptation to change. The overall goal of the course is to improve the capacity of wildlife managers to conserve and manage protected areas in the tropical region of Latin America and the Caribbean. In partnership with Organization for Tropical Studies. **FWS: \$40,000.00; Leveraged Funds: \$61,041.00.**

“Professional Update and Training in Essential Environmental Matters to Officers of the National Guard in Venezuela” will cover the cost of conducting training for national guards throughout Venezuela. The training program will cover basic aspects of wildlife management and ecology, the flora and fauna of Venezuela, the system of natural protected areas and its environmental situation and management needs, as well as the legal framework supporting wildlife management and conservation in the country. In partnership with VITALIS. **FWS: \$20,000.00; Leveraged Funds: \$23,117.00.**

“Support to the Graduate Program in Ecology, Conservation and Wildlife Management” provides support for the Graduate Program in Ecology, Conservation and Wildlife Management (ECMVS) of the Federal University of Minas Gerais, Brazil. In partnership with FUNDEP. **FWS: \$39,996.00; Leveraged Funds: \$1,035,800.00.**

“Strategy for the Exchange of Experiences in Conservation and Wildlife Management in Latin America” updates and completes a database of alumni from the various graduate programs in wildlife management in Latin America that receive (or have received) support from USFWS. The Asociacion Latinoamericana de Conservacion y Vida Silvestre (ALCOM) will maintain a website with this database, relevant links, and other information useful to alumni from the USFWS-supported programs. In partnership with ALCOM. **FWS: \$15,070.00; Leveraged Funds: \$2,832.00.**

“MBA in Environmental Management” provides support for a Masters course at the Universidad Catolica del Norte in Coquimbo, Chile, to teach practical skills to public and private professionals working to conserve the environment in northern Chile. In partnership with Universidad Catolica de Norte. **FWS: \$25,000.00; Leveraged Funds: \$27,151.00.**

“Wetlands and Migratory Birds: Protecting and Restoring Wetlands of International Importance” will cover travel expenses for participants from Latin America to the Wetlands 2004 Symposium in Kansas City, October 2004. This grant will also provide continued support for the International Wetlands and Migratory Birds Newslink electronic newsletter. In partnership with Association of State Wetland Managers. **FWS: \$10,000.00.**

“2004 Ramsar- Americas Regional Meeting and Promotion of the Ramsar Convention” provides support for neotropical representative participation in the regional meeting of the Ramsar Convention’s Contracting Parties, to take place in Merida, Yucatan, November 7-12, 2004. In partnership with ECOBANCA, A.C.. **FWS: \$10,000.00; Leveraged Funds: 64,810.00.**

“Habitat Factors Affecting the Survival of the Bahama Parrot” provides support for the study of the Bahama parrot at Abaco Island, Bahamas. In partnership with the University of Maryland. **FWS: \$5,000.00.**

“Demography and Conservation of the Bahama Parrot” provides support for the study of the Bahama parrot. In partnership with North Carolina State University. **FWS: \$5,000.00.**

“Hawksbill Turtle Nesting Population Recovery Project” supports the establishment of long-term hawksbill nest monitoring and protection on Chiriqui Beach, Bocas del Toro Province, Panama. In partnership with International Sea Turtle Coordinator, **FWS Region 4. FWS: \$10,000.00.**