In 2008, the USFWS awarded 10 new grants from the Wildlife Without Borders – Africa Fund totaling $505,625 which was matched by $1,049,325 in leveraged funds. Project summaries are grouped by country. Multiple country projects are presented at the end of each regional section. Overall, the Fund received 41 proposals for projects in Africa with a total request of $2,117,935.

Democratic Republic of the Congo

AFR-0039  *Building capacity for wildlife monitoring and management in the northern sector of Virunga National Park, DRC.*  In partnership with Zoological Society of London.  FWS: $50,000.00.  Leveraged Funds: $98,300.00.  The purpose of this project is to build capacity of park authorities, rangers, and local communities to monitor and protect the okapi in the northern sector of Virunga National Park.

AFR-0011  *Building Women Leaders in Wildlife Conservation in the Congo Basin.*  In partnership with World Wildlife Fund, Inc.  FWS: $50,000.00.  Leveraged Funds: $26,535.00.  The purpose of this project is to enhance the capacity of women currently working as wildlife professionals in the Democratic Republic of Congo through the provision of professional development grants.

Ethiopia

AFR-0044  *Building capacity for resource and biodiversity protection: An Ethiopian-South African exchange programme.*  In partnership with Frankfurt Zoological Society.  FWS: $48,200.00.  Leveraged Funds: $62,296.00.  The purpose of this project is to establish permanent links between protected area managers in Ethiopia and South Africa to build the capacity of Ethiopian government officials, wildlife managers, and rangers to implement an effective protected area system.

Gabon

AFR-0034  *Conserving the West African Manatee (Trichechus senegalensis) in Gabon: Capacity Building for Long Term Success.*  In partnership with Wildlife Trust.  FWS: $30,000.00.  Leveraged Funds: $52,335.00.  The purpose of this project is to train Gabonese biologists, resource managers, and students to implement an effective long-term program to conserve manatees.

Tanzania

AFR-0005  *Capacity-Building and Threat-Reduction for the Conservation of the Uluguru Forest Protected Area in Tanzania.*  In partnership with Rare.  FWS: $50,000.00.
Leveraged Funds: $83,132.00. The purpose of this project is to build capacity of the Tanzania Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism, community members, stakeholders, and park authorities in the Morogoro Rural District to reduce threats to biodiversity through targeted awareness campaigns and introduction of sustainable income alternatives.

**South Africa**

AFR-0021 *Skills Development for Disease Monitoring in the Greater Limpopo Transfrontier Conservation Area: Capacity Building for Wildlife Disease Diagnostics.* In partnership with National Zoological Garderns of South Africa. FWS: $47,720.00. Leveraged Funds: $39,839.00. The purpose of this project is to develop greater capacity to facilitate high-quality wildlife disease diagnostics in the Greater Limpopo Transfrontier Conservation Area.

**Uganda**

AFR-0009 *Capacity Building for Protected Areas in Hoima District.* In partnership with World Resources Institute. FWS: $50,000.00. Leveraged Funds: $29,739.00. The purpose of this project is to build the legal capacity of the Hoima government and resident communities in the Kaiso-Tonya area to safeguard their protected areas from adverse impacts resulting from oil and gas development.

**Regional**

AFR-0027 *Developing Capacities for Migratory Bird Conservation Across African sites of the African Eurasian Flyways.* In partnership with Wetlands International. FWS: $50,000.00. Leveraged Funds: $118,350.00. The purpose of this project is to strengthen decision-making and technical capacity for migratory waterbird conservation in the West Africa.

AFR-0018 *Envirovet Summer Institute 2009: International Training for African Veterinarians in Wildlife and Ecosystem Health.* In partnership with University of Illinois. FWS: $112,597.00. Leveraged Funds: $507,549.00. The purpose of this project is to train ten current and future African veterinarians in all aspects of wildlife and ecosystem health as part of a larger program that brings together veterinary colleagues from around the world.

AFR-0007 *Environmental Education Training for Marine Guards - Lubombo Transfrontier Marine Protected Area, Mozambique and South Africa.* In partnership with Peace Parks Foundation. FWS: $14,108.00. Leveraged Funds: $31,250.00. The purpose of this project is to train wildlife guards to carry out effective environmental education campaigns to further support the development of the Lubombo Transfrontier Marine Protected Area.