

**U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Division of International Conservation
Wildlife Without Borders-Africa Summary FY 2011**

In 2011, the USFWS awarded 18 new grants from the Wildlife Without Borders-Africa program totaling \$1,373,767.85, which was matched by \$813,661.00 in leveraged funds. Field projects in eleven countries (in alphabetical order below) will be supported, in addition to seven projects that involve multiple countries.

Democratic Republic of Congo

AFR-0114 *Building the foundation for a range-wide okapi conservation status assessment.* In partnership with Zoological Society of London. The purpose of this project is to train rangers from the *Institut Congolais pour la Conservacion de la Nature* (ICCN), the conservation authority of the Democratic Republic of Congo, as part of a major field-based okapi conservation status assessment. Informative field guides on okapi ecology and public awareness-raising materials will be produced through broader collaborative conservation and community education efforts.

FWS/USAID: \$93,985

Leveraged funds: \$146,517

Ethiopia

AFR-0081 *Training park personnel on fish resource identification and conservation in Alatish National Park, Ethiopia.* In partnership with Addis Ababa University and Institute of Biodiversity Conservation. The purpose of this project is to train park personnel in Alatish National Park on diversity, distribution and importance of the fish life of the region. Park staff will learn methods of sampling, identification, and data collection on fishes in order to improve their conservation and management activities.

FWS/USAID: \$24,816

Leveraged funds: \$6,160

Gabon

AFR-0086 *Increasing Institutional and Individual Capacity for Crocodile and Hippo Management in Gabon Through the Implementation of a Crocodile Management Unit.* In partnership with Rare Species Conservatory Foundation. The purpose of this project is to build the capacity of a Crocodile Management Unit within the Gabonese National Parks Agency (ANPN) and the Department of Wildlife to manage and conserve their crocodile and hippopotamus populations in four critical protected areas. Through workshops and hands-on training, Gabonese personnel will gain an understanding of the threats facing crocodiles and hippopotami, gather data needed to mitigate these threats, assess opportunities for reintroductions, and work on conservation management.

FWS/USAID: \$49,610

Leveraged funds: \$36,532

Gabon and Republic of Congo

AFR-0141 *MENTOR-FOREST: Building conservation capacity in the Congo Basin - a multi-disciplinary team training program to improve forest stewardship and wildlife conservation.* In partnership with *Agence Nationale des Parcs Nationaux*. The purpose of this cooperative agreement is to develop an innovative new program to build a team of ten Central African forest resource professionals. The team will work together to improve upon current forestry programs, identify new forest stewardship strategies and methods, mitigate impacts to wildlife and provide information critical to the sustainable management of forests. MENTOR (Mentoring for ENvironmental Training in Outreach and Resource conservation) is a Wildlife Without Borders Signature Initiative that builds the capacity of teams of African conservationists who can work together to address complex conservation challenges.

FWS/USAID: \$599,957 Leveraged funds: \$100,000

Kenya

AFR-0108 *Planning for the Sustainable Management of Kenya's Tana River Delta.* In partnership with Nature Kenya. The purpose of this project is to increase Kenya's capacity to manage the Tana River Delta sustainably by creating a government-led action plan for the delta and by facilitating the implementation of the plan. Activities include a workshop attended by representatives of all key stakeholder groups; building capacity within civil society to advocate for effective implementation of the plan; and ensuring that the Ramsar designation process for the Tana River Delta is completed as an essential step towards the establishment of a sustainable 'wise use' management regime for this vitally important site.

FWS/USAID: \$43,330 Leveraged funds: \$28,850

Liberia and Sierra Leone

AFR-0113 *Developing a program and building capacity for the conservation of the pygmy hippopotamus (Choeropsis liberiensis) across its range states.* In partnership with Zoological Society of London. The purpose of this project is to strengthen the capacity of governments and national stakeholders in the pygmy hippopotamus range states of Liberia and Sierra Leone. It will train senior government wildlife authority staff, NGO personnel and university staff in strategic planning, field techniques and wildlife monitoring; help develop an IUCN Species Survival Commission-endorsed Pygmy Hippo Conservation Strategy; determine the current distribution of and threats to the pygmy hippo; and raise awareness about this evolutionarily distinct and endangered species.

FWS/USAID: \$51,566 Leveraged funds: \$63,404

Sierra Leone

AFR-0082 *Professional Training in Wildlife Conservation and Protected Area Management at Njala University, Sierra Leone.* In partnership with Njala University. The purpose of this project is for faculty of Njala University to conduct a conservation capacity needs assessment, and develop and implement new in-service training short courses to address identified needs on wildlife conservation and protected area management for individuals working for government agencies, civil society and the private sector.

FWS/USAID: \$64,123 Leveraged funds: \$12,980

South Africa

AFR-0120 *Training for Kruger National Park Natural Resource Managers.* In partnership with Southern African Wildlife College. The purpose of this project is to support a training effort to improve management of Kruger National Park, South Africa. Activities will include conducting courses in trans-frontier conservation area management, human-wildlife conflict, and community-based natural resource management. The project will also build skills in anti-poaching techniques and geographical information systems for wildlife managers.

FWS/USAID: \$51,541

Leveraged funds: \$15,742

South Sudan

AFR-0137 *Building capacity to reduce bushmeat consumption and trade in neighboring villages around the Bor Corridor, South Sudan.* In partnership with Isaac Seme and Wildlife Conservation Society. The purpose of this project is to build the capacity of ex-poachers to address the illegal bushmeat trade in three villages (Jalle, Pariak, and Padak) around the Bor migratory corridor in the Boma-Jonglei landscape in South Sudan. It will make consumers and sellers aware of the bushmeat crisis in South Sudan, and train ex-poachers to participate in fish production as an alternative to reduce bushmeat hunting in the Bor Corridor.

FWS/USAID: \$10,000

Leveraged funds: \$6,000

Tanzania

AFR-0138 *Capacity building to reduce illegal elephant hunting and bushmeat trade in the Selous Ecosystem in Tanzania.* In partnership with Tanzania Wildlife Division. This purpose of this project is to respond to illegal elephant hunting for bushmeat in and around the Selous ecosystem. Activities will include holding meetings with village leaders and wildlife managers to discuss the status of the bushmeat trade, organizing workshops to train game wardens and village scouts to monitor elephants killed for bushmeat and to report elephant deaths, interviewing village residents involved in the bushmeat trade, and launching an awareness campaign in villages and schools about illegal bushmeat hunting and consumption.

FWS/USAID: \$11,778

Leveraged funds: \$115,760

Uganda

AFR-0135 *Alternative income generating activities for cultural chiefs and reformed poachers group in areas around Murchison Falls Conservation Area, Uganda.* In partnership with Okello Genesis. The purpose of this grant is to build upon ongoing efforts to engage cultural chiefs and the reformed poachers around the Murchison Falls Conservation Area in conservation. It will build the capacity of leaders to aid in reducing bushmeat trade and consumption by addressing protein and economic alternatives together with bushmeat awareness and law enforcement efforts.

FWS/USAID: \$10,000

Leveraged funds: \$3,626

Regional - Eastern and Southern Africa

AFR-0134 *Capacity development for effective management and conservation of cheetah and wild dog populations in Eastern and Southern Africa.* In partnership with Wildlife Conservation Society. This purpose of this project is to improve management of cheetah and wild dog populations in Eastern and Southern Africa. Activities will include developing course material, conducting a training course for wildlife managers from the range states in the cheetah and wild dog species ranges, and creating a web-based network of managers to share information and experience.

FWS/USAID: \$49,336

Leveraged funds: \$37,278

Regional - Southern Africa

AFR-0132 *2011 AHEAD-GLTFCA Working Group Meeting.* In partnership with South African National Parks and University of Pretoria. The purpose of this project is to bring together stakeholders to strategically plan and provide technical support and resources to address the interface of wildlife health, livestock health, human health and livelihoods for the Great Limpopo Transfrontier Conservation Area (GLTFCA) of South Africa, Mozambique and Zimbabwe. Through the Animal & Human Health for Environment and Development (AHEAD)-GLTFCA decision-making process, collaborators will design projects to address complex trans-boundary conservation challenges.

FWS/USAID: \$24,999

Leveraged funds: \$31,950

Regional - West Africa

AFR-0085 *Capacity Building for improvement of protected areas management in West Africa.* In partnership with IUCN-PACO. The purpose of this project is to train 20 conservationists from Mali, Ivory Coast, Benin, Niger and Burkina Faso through a 12-week program on protected area management. Trainees will learn tools and technical skills that will enable them to better understand conservation challenges and deal with dynamics within and surrounding protected areas in West Africa.

FWS/USAID: \$46,382

Leveraged funds: \$45,580

Regional - West and Central Africa

AFR-0139 *Scholarships and technical capacity building at Garoua Ecole de Faune.* In partnership with *Ecole de Faune de Garoua*. [NOTE: \$10,000 additional funded by the Great Ape Conservation Fund, total award \$120,000.] The purpose of this cooperative agreement is to provide three USFWS scholarships to West and Central African wildlife professionals who will benefit from contact with USFWS and partner organizations over the course of their careers. It also builds the capacity of *Ecole de Faune de Garoua* faculty to more effectively teach and conduct applied research on great apes and wildlife conservation.

FWS/USAID: \$110,000

Leveraged funds: \$20,828

Regional - Africa

AFR-0106 *Conserving the West African Manatee (Trichechus senegalensis): Capacity Building for Long-Term Success.* In partnership with Ecohealth Alliance. The purpose of this project is to build a collaborative network of African researchers and resource managers who can work together to conserve West African manatees in every country in the species range (the African Atlantic coast from Mauritania to Angola, and the interior countries of Mali, Niger and Chad). Activities include training in manatee fieldwork techniques and provision of needed field equipment in the network members' countries. Information on manatees will be disseminated to stakeholders to enable them to make informed decisions regarding the conservation of the West African manatee.

FWS/USAID: \$12,081.85

Leveraged funds: \$59,772

Regional - Africa

AFR-0122 *The Pan-African Vulture Conservation Initiative.* In partnership with Endangered Wildlife Trust. The purpose of this project is to organize an African Vulture Summit to build a network of vulture specialists, researchers and fieldworkers across the continent who can work together to communicate, share information, build capacity, and transfer skills. The initiative will promote conservation interventions to address the growing threats leading to declines in vulture populations.

FWS/USAID: \$43,000

Leveraged funds: \$8,000

Regional - Africa

AFR-0106 *Conserving the West African Manatee (Trichechus senegalensis): Capacity Building for Long-Term Success.* In partnership with Sea to Shore Alliance. The purpose of this project is to build a collaborative network of African researchers and resource managers who can work together to conserve West African manatees in every country in the species range (the African Atlantic coast from Mauritania to Angola, and the interior countries of Mali, Niger and Chad). Activities include training in manatee fieldwork techniques and provision of needed field equipment in the network members' countries. Information on manatees will be disseminated to stakeholders to enable them to make informed decisions regarding the conservation of the West African manatee.

FWS/USAID: \$77,263

Leveraged funds: \$74,682