

## Wildlife Without Borders - Africa

In 2012, the USFWS awarded seven new grants from the Wildlife Without Borders – Africa totaling \$2,992,420.00, which was matched by \$3,044,139.00 in leveraged funds. Field projects in two countries (in alphabetical order below) will be supported.

### GABON

*Improving Management of the Bas-Ogooué Ramsar Site as Contribution to the Development of National Conservation Strategies for Hippos and Manatees.*

**AFR-0142** **World Wildlife Fund**

**Grant# F12AP00523**

FWS: \$200,000 Leveraged Funds: \$115,500

Location: Gabon

This project will assist the Government of Gabon in conducting a policy analysis for the Bas-Ogooué Ramsar Site, to assess the current status and threats to the Bas-Ogooué ecosystem, and to develop standards for sustainable management of this and other Ramsar wetland sites in Gabon.

*Wildlife and poaching assessment in Northeast Gabon to improve protection by Gabon's Government Wildlife Authorities.*

**AFR-0143** **World Wildlife Fund and Wildlife Conservation Society**

**Grant# F12AP00553**

FWS: \$299,160 Leveraged Funds: \$134,352

Location: Northeast Gabon

This project helps to address the information and forest training needs of Gabonese Wildlife Authorities. It facilitates improved wildlife security efforts in one of the last strongholds of forest elephants in Central Africa (Minkebe National Park and periphery). Activities include improving the technical and forest skills of ecoguards for anti-poaching, providing an assessment of poaching threats, and preparing for a comprehensive assessment of the wildlife population in Minkebe National Park.

*Reducing the impact of Artisanal and Small-scale Mining (ASM) in and around Protected Areas in Gabon.*

**AFR-0145** **World Wildlife Fund**

**Grant# F12AP00522**

FWS: \$178,586 Leveraged Funds: \$80,023

Location: Gabon

This project will assist the Government of Gabon by conducting a rapid assessment of artisanal and small-scale mining in and around protected areas in order to inform policy development and stakeholder coordination with government agencies, and to develop a typology of key threats to biodiversity posed by Artisanal Small-scale Mining.

*Proposal for the implementation of a law enforcement monitoring system within the Department of Wildlife and Protected areas (DGFAP) in Gabon.*

**AFR-0147** **Wildlife Conservation Society**

**Grant# F12AP00219**

FWS: \$249,887 Leveraged Funds: \$103,680  
Location: Gabon

This project builds capacity within DGFAP to improve their effectiveness by implementing a Law Enforcement Monitoring (LEM) system. Activities include training on data collection methods and data management using Management Information SysTem (MIST), and providing equipment for the LEM system and supporting on site mentoring. It will result in a standardized data management and reporting system of anti-poaching missions within the 14 DGFAP managed sites, which will serve as the start of a nationwide implementation program.

*Promoting wildlife conservation in the lake region of Lambaréné Gabon through the development of a model ecotourism site and bushmeat outreach program.*

**AFR-0149 Organisation Ecotouristique du Lac Oguemoué (OELO)**

**Grant# F12AP00407**

FWS: \$39,940 Leveraged Funds: \$24,925  
Location: Gabon

This project will establish a model community-run small-scale ecotourism site to create an alternative income source to bushmeat hunting and to provide environmental education activities.

*Parks Gabon: Reinforcing the Institutional Capacity of Gabon's National Parks Service.*

**AFR-0155 Agence Nationale des Parcs Nationaux (ANPN) with World Wildlife Fund and Wildlife Conservation Society**

**Grant# F12AC00474**

FWS: \$1,994,885 Leveraged Funds: \$2,441,050  
Location: Gabon

This project helps to conserve Gabon's wildlife heritage by transforming ANPN into a premier African parks agency. Specific activities respond to immediate wildlife threats, including poaching and the impacts of extractive industries in national parks and their surrounding buffer zones. It builds long-term institutional capacity to improve national park and buffer zone management.

## **TANZANIA**

*My Wildlife-My Community: Using Entertainment-Education to Protect Wildlife and Reduce Bushmeat Exploitation: Building a Constituency in Tanzania.*

**AFR-0156 College of African Wildlife Management, Mweka, Tanzania, PCI Media Impact, Bushmeat-free Eastern Africa Network, and Radio Kili FM**

**Grant# F12AP01113**

FWS: \$29,926 Leveraged Funds: \$44,609  
Location: Tanzania

This project uses entertainment education to increase wildlife appreciation and reduce the illegal and unsustainable, commercial bushmeat trade by individuals and communities in the Kilimanjaro, Tanga, Arusha, and Manyara regions of Tanzania. A coalition by the College of African Wildlife Management, PCI Media Impact, the Bushmeat-free Eastern

Africa Network (BEAN) and Radio Kili FM will work together to design and pilot local radio dramas and assess their impact on conservation efforts in the region.