

**US Fish and Wildlife Service
Division of International Conservation
Rhino and Tiger Conservation Fund FY2014**

In 2014, the USFWS provided funding to 44 new projects and two modifications to existing projects from the Rhino and Tiger Conservation Fund totaling \$3,195,957, which was matched by \$5,469,019 in additional leveraged funds. Field projects in 16 range countries (in alphabetical order below) and three projects involving multiple countries will be supported.

AFRICA

In 2014, the USFWS provided funding to 16 projects for African rhino conservation, totaling \$1,390,407 in USFWS funding which was matched by an additional \$3,713,968 in leveraged funds. The funding supports field activities in six African countries and two projects involving all African rhino range states.

KENYA

RT-1358

Grant # F14AP00088

Reintroduction of black rhinos to Sera Wildlife Conservancy, Kenya. In partnership with Fauna and Flora International. Using funds directed to the Rhino and Tiger Conservation Fund in sentencing from the Operation Crash rhino horn bust in the United States, this grant assists with the costs of establishing the first eastern black rhino reintroduction site on community-owned land in Kenya. The site has been fenced to include a closed rhino sanctuary of 120 km², and has been approved to receive rhinos from the national authority, Kenya Wildlife Services, in 2014. Specific activities include: (1) completion of the electric fencing, gates, and ranger bases and accommodation; (2) equipping rangers with vehicles and communications equipment and (3) conducting ground and air patrols; (4) constructing temporary holding pens for rhinos on site; (5) translocating rhinos from elsewhere in Kenya, installing tracking equipment; and (6) releasing and tracking the animals and conducting post-release monitoring and veterinary interventions, as necessary.

FWS: \$300,379

Leveraged Funds: \$382,701

RT1408

Grant # F14AP00298

Reinforcing security for the black rhino population of the Chyulu Hills National Park in Kenya. In partnership with Save the Rhino International. These funds support essential security operations and rhino monitoring for eastern black rhinos in Chyulu Hills National Park in Kenya. Specific activities include constructing a new ranger base in an area that was previously difficult to secure, providing basic and advanced ranger training for the community scouts, deploying community scouts for general security and specialized scouts for rhino monitoring, maintaining a network of satellite camera traps and the rhino identification database, and deploying tracking equipment on rhinos to better understand their behavior and habitat use.

FWS: \$118,812

Leveraged Funds: \$246,404

RT1410**Grant # F14AP00300**

Upgrading accommodation facilities for three field based rhino monitoring teams on Lewa Wildlife Conservancy, Kenya. In partnership with Lewa Wildlife Conservancy. Funds support general wildlife security and rhino monitors on Lewa Conservancy. Specific activities include upgrading the camps of three field-based rhino monitoring teams and operating expenses for 54 trained scouts specifically deployed to monitor rhinos.

FWS: \$48,497

Leveraged Funds: \$165,869

NAMIBIA**RT1417****Grant # F14AP00302**

Using modern technology to help protect the black and white rhino populations of Waterberg Plateau Park in Namibia. In partnership with Save the Rhino International and the Namibian Ministry of Environment and Tourism. Co-funded by WWF and Google, funds support the installation and operation of multiple new technology tools for protected area security. Tools include specialized equipment to monitor wildlife, to detect illegal trespass by people into the park, and to improve the wildlife authority's ability to respond quickly to illegal activity.

FWS: \$89,112

Leveraged Funds: \$452,603

RT1421**Grant # F14AP00307**

Strengthening Save the Rhino Trust's capacity to better protect the black rhinos of the Kunene and Erongo Regions in Namibia. In partnership with Save the Rhino International. This grant supports capacity building and specialized training of the Namibian organization that coordinates field patrolling and monitoring of desert black rhino (*Diceros bicornis bicornis*) in community areas. Specific activities include training courses for senior staff and operating costs necessary for ground patrols, aerial surveillance, and regular monitoring of individual rhinos in order to estimate population distribution and size and better focus security efforts.

FWS: \$112,895

Leveraged Funds: \$316,703

SOUTH AFRICA**RT1416****Grant # F14AP00734**

uMkhuze Rhino Monitoring. In partnership with ezemvelo KwaZulu Natal Wildlife. This project supports operational expenses for the uMkhuze section of the iSimangaliso Wetland Park World Heritage Site, home to black and white rhinos. Funds support the operating expenses of rhino monitors, purchasing a vehicle for rhino monitoring, veterinary interventions for rhino management, and operating expenses and equipment for patrols.

FWS: \$99,885

Leveraged Funds: \$52,547

RT1419**Grant # F14AP00305**

Providing aerial- and ground-based protection for the black and white rhino populations of Hluhluwe-iMfolozi Park. In partnership with Save the Rhino International. This grant provides

ongoing essential patrol and aerial surveillance costs for security purposes in Hluhluwe-iMfolozi which is home to white and black rhinos.

FWS: \$24,985

Leveraged Funds: \$681,856

RT1406

Grant # F14AP00237

The acquisition of a Toyota Hilux Single Cab 2.5L 4X4 for conservation management and rhino security support to Makhamsa Outpost, iMfolozi Game Reserve, Kwa-Zulu Natal, South Africa.

In partnership with Ezemvelo KwaZulu Natal Wildlife. This project supports operational expenses for Hluhluwe-iMfolozi Park, home to large populations of both black and white rhinos. Funds will be used for the purchase and operating expenses of a vehicle for Makhamsa outpost which will respond to poaching attempts and incidents and transport staff and supplies for patrols throughout the park.

FWS: \$31,380

Leveraged Funds: \$352,953

TANZANIA

RT-1418

Grant # F14AP00303

Providing protection for the black rhinos of Mkomazi National Park, Tanzania. In partnership with Save the Rhino International and the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID)-Tanzania. This USFWS grant supports ongoing protection and monitoring of Mkomazi National Park's fenced rhino sanctuary. Funds support security and rhino monitoring salaries and expenses, aerial surveillance in the area, specialized training for park personnel, and maintenance of essential infrastructure for the rhino sanctuary including fencing, boreholes for water supply and security outposts.

FWS: \$49,900

Leveraged Funds: \$303,822

RT1420

Grant # F14AP00306

Sharing experience from a black-rhino-focused education program in Tanzania.

In collaboration with Save the Rhino International and the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID)-Tanzania. This USFWS grant supports rhino-focused environmental education programs in and around Mkomazi National Park in northern Tanzania. Specific activities include visits by the Mkomazi education team to local schools and communities, support for local wildlife clubs, and trips on the custom-built and specially equipped Rafiki wa Faru (Friends of Rhino) education bus by students and community members into Mkomazi National Park and the education center. Ongoing training and mentorship of the local education officers and an exchange visit to the rhino education program in Zambia are also supported.

FWS: \$17,192

Leveraged Funds: \$28,358

ZAMBIA

RT1466

Grant # F14AP00312

Black rhino population monitoring and protection management operations in North Luangwa National Park, Zambia. In partnership with the Frankfurt Zoological Society/Grzimek's Help for

Threatened Wildlife. Using funds directed to the RTCF in sentencing from the Operation Crash rhino horn bust in the United States, this grant fortifies protection of the North Luangwa ecosystem for the protection of Zambia's only black rhino population. Funds support specialized training courses on site for senior and junior rangers from the national wildlife authority and from local communities, refurbishment and running costs of an airplane for surveillance and security patrols, annual veterinary operations to deploy security tracking equipment on individual rhinos, and operating costs for rhino monitoring and for anti-poaching ground patrols.

FWS: \$298,631

Leveraged Funds: \$298,433

RT1475

Grant # F14AP00317

Sharing experience from a black-rhino-focused education program in Zambia. In partnership with Save the Rhino International. Funds support rhino-focused environmental education programs in and around North Luangwa National Park in Zambia. Specific activities include visits by the Lolesha Luangwa education team to local schools and communities, support for designated Conservation Teachers at each school, trips on the custom-built and specially equipped education bus by students and community members into North Luangwa National Park. Ongoing training and mentorship of the local education officers and an exchange visit to the rhino education program in Tanzania are also supported.

FWS: \$19,515

Leveraged Funds: \$65,896

ZIMBABWE

RT1423

Grant # F14AP00308

Matobo National Park: Annual darting and immobilisation of black and white rhino for routine dehorning and ear-notching to aid monitoring and protection strategies. In partnership with the Dambari Wildlife Trust. Zimbabwe rhino management policy includes marking or tagging individual rhinos to facilitate regular, frequent individual monitoring for security purposes, and dehorning (removing rhino horns) in regions of perceived threat to reduce the incentive and rewards for poachers. Funding supports the costs necessary to hire experienced veterinarians and pilots to locate and immobilize rhinos in Matopos National Park for ear-notching and dehorning.

FWS: \$12,419

Leveraged Funds: \$42,260

RT1440

Grant # F14AP00311

Continued support for rhinoceros management operations, Zimbabwe 2014-2015. In partnership with the International Rhino Foundation. This grant supports veterinary interventions for black and white rhinos in the South East lowveld of Zimbabwe for emergency health care and essential management operations in order to improve rhino security, monitoring of individuals and metapopulation management. The recipient works with an experienced team to locate and immobilize rhinos when necessary in order to treat the animals for a) emergency veterinary treatment of snare injuries and other injuries, b) technological equipment to aid rhino monitoring, c) translocating rhinos in vulnerable areas to places of greater safety, d) dehorning to reduce poaching risk.

FWS: \$100,000

Leveraged Funds: \$145,650

MULTIPLE COUNTRIES

REGIONAL – ALL AFRICAN RANGE STATES

RT-1203

Grant # MOD-F12AC00402

Using modern technology to protect Africa's rhinos: Security and technology workshop. In partnership with Save the Rhino International. Using funds directed to the RTCF in sentencing from the Operation Crash rhino horn bust in the United States, this grant supported a second meeting of the rhino security and technology working group to address new dynamics in rhino poaching and trafficking. Funds were used to convene select experts from African and Asian rhino range states, and wildlife security experts and technology developers from around the world in order to discuss emerging threats, policy challenges, and innovative solutions so that optimal techniques and equipment can be identified and deployed for rhino conservation activities.

FWS: \$51,805

Leveraged Funds: \$59,149

RT1424

Grant # F14AP00309

Supporting the core strategic and advisory work of IUCN African Rhino Specialist Group's Secretariat. In partnership with Save the Rhino International. This project provides funds necessary for the operating expenses of the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN)'s African Rhino Specialists Group which provides technical support for all African rhino range states and objective advice to non-range states. This funding supports the operating budget for the period July 2014-June 2015, including expenses of the scientific officer, travel and operating costs of the Chair, Vice Chair and scientific officer in order to provide objective, reliable and timely scientific information to the international community on African rhinos and to provide technical support for the development and long-term maintenance of viable populations of all subspecies of African black and white rhinos.

FWS: \$15,000

Leveraged Funds: \$118,764

ASIA

In 2014, the USFWS awarded 30 new projects and two amendments to existing projects in ten Asian countries and one project in multiple range states, totaling \$1,805,550 in USFWS funding which was matched by \$1,755,051 in additional leveraged funds.

BHUTAN

RT-1467

Grant # F14AP00646

Smart patrolling and protection training in Manas National Park. In partnership with the World Wildlife Fund. This project will implement a rigorous, advanced patrolling protocol that is adaptively managed through Spatial Monitoring and Reporting Tool (SMART) law enforcement monitoring software, and establish a foundation of effective protection that enables Bhutan's Royal Manas National Park to achieve accreditation under the protection portion of CA|TS, a strategy for raising protected area management standards.

FWS: \$50,000

Leveraged Funds: \$28,677

BURMA/MYANMAR

RT-1460

Grant # F14AP00635

Empowering local ethnic communities to conserve tigers and their habitats in Myinmoletkhat Key Biodiversity Area (KBA). In partnership with the Wildlife Conservation Society. This project will empower local community representatives to monitor tigers, their prey, and other key wildlife and their habitats; establish a collaborative wildlife protection system between local communities, the Forest Department and the Karen National Union; and support the establishment of a protected area.

FWS: \$39,726

Leveraged Funds: \$40,235

CHINA

RT-1435

Grant # F14AP00592

Promoting law enforcement for tiger conservation through a performance-based incentive mechanism and cooperation between agencies in Hunchun, China. In partnership with the Wildlife Conservation Society. This project will improve the efficiency and effectiveness of anti-poaching patrolling by continuing to strengthen the Law Enforcement Monitoring (LEM) program, which brings relevant local law enforcement agencies together in patrol activities designed to protect tigers.

FWS: \$56,121

Leveraged Funds: \$56,447

INDIA

RT-1407

Grant # F14AP00563

Building local capacity for source monitoring of tiger population in Wayanad Wildlife Sanctuary, Kerala, India. In partnership with the Centre for Wildlife Studies. This project will establish local capacity within governmental and non-governmental sectors to effectively monitor tigers and their prey and, at the same time, develop support for tiger conservation by involving members of civil society in these activities.

FWS: \$50,800

Leveraged Funds: \$50,800

RT-1429

Grant # F14AP00578

Strengthening the protection and enhancing the management capacity of the North Karbi Anglong Wildlife Sanctuary under Kaziranga Tiger Reserve, Assam, India and building support for tiger and rhino conservation. In partnership with the Primate Research Centre. This project will strengthen anti-poaching efforts in a corridor used by tigers and other large mammals by providing needed infrastructure, mobility and surveillance capabilities, providing equipment for anti-poaching and anti-smuggling patrol activities, introducing Spatial Monitoring and Reporting Tool (SMART) patrol techniques, and initiating a community awareness and education campaign.

FWS: \$65,185

Leveraged Funds: \$44,710

RT-1474**Grant # F14AP00647**

Training on habitat management and wildlife conservation for the front line forest personnel of the protected areas of Assam, India, phase-IV. In partnership with India's Wildlife Areas Development and Welfare Trust. This project will train the lower levels of the Assam Forest Department's field staff in wildlife conservation and habitat management with emphasis on conservation of rhinos, tigers, elephants and gibbons.

FWS: \$46,506

Leveraged Funds: \$39,800

RT-1404**Grant # F14AP00553**

Strengthen the protection measures in Manas National Park as a part of the program 'Indian Rhino Vision 2020' to expand the numbers and range of wild rhinos in Assam, phase - VIII. In partnership with the Wildlife Areas Development and Welfare Trust. This project will strengthen security at Assam's Manas National Park so rhinos recently trans-located into the park will be safe from poachers and can begin to expand their population. This will be done by supporting the salary of 25 home guards for 12 months to guard the rhinos and their habitat in the park.

FWS: \$44,000

Leveraged Funds: \$75,200

RT-1447**Grant # F14AP00610**

Training frontline forest staff in India: Providing demand-driven capacity building and innovative, practical post-course support. In partnership with Freeland Foundation. The purpose of this project is to increase the Forest Department of Assam's capacity to safely carry out effective anti-poaching patrolling and wildlife criminal investigations and thereby increase the number of successful wildlife convictions of poachers and traffickers.

FWS: \$46,700

Leveraged Funds: \$26,175

INDONESIA**RT-1459****Grant # F14AP00634**

Conservation of the tigers of Bukit Baresan Selatan through improved law enforcement and reduced human-tiger conflict. In partnership with the Wildlife Conservation Society. This project will decrease tiger and prey poaching and deforestation by catalyzing a stronger law enforcement response from the Bukit Baresan Selatan (BBS) park staff via training and provision of equipment; and decrease human-tiger conflict in BBS/Bukit Balai Rejang through support of specialized tiger-conflict mitigation teams.

FWS: \$59,661

Leveraged Funds: \$61,266

RT-1430**Grant # F14AP00584**

Protection and conservation of Sumatran tiger in Kerinci Seblat National Park, Sumatra. In partnership with Fauna and Flora International. This project will develop law enforcement patrol capacity as well as capacity to address organized trade cartels dealing in tiger parts, respond to illegal logging, mitigate human wildlife (especially tiger) conflict, educate forest-edge

communities and local decision makers on conservation values, and develop the capacity of the park authority to conserve tigers.

FWS: \$61,851

Leveraged Funds: \$73,435

RT-1432

Grant # F14AP00588

Increasing conservation impact in four priority Sumatran tiger landscapes. In partnership with Fauna and Flora International. This project will introduce the globally recognized Management Effectiveness Tracking Tool, review the current implementation of Spatial Monitoring and Reporting Tool (SMART) in each landscape and identify areas for improvement which will be addressed through refresher training.

FWS: \$66,879

Leveraged Funds: \$65,838

RT-1433

Grant # F14AP00590

A timely reassessment of conservation status and population baseline for the Sumatran rhinoceros in the Ulu Masen Landscape, Aceh Province, Indonesia. In partnership with Fauna and Flora International. This project will provide the Government of Indonesia and relevant partners with the most recent status of the Sumatran rhinoceros in this landscape as a baseline for a long-term strategy to secure this population.

FWS: \$39,383

Leveraged Funds: \$21,447

RT-1438

Grant # F14AP00599

Javan rhino protection units in Ujung Kulon National Park, Java, Indonesia. In partnership with the International Rhino Foundation. This project will work to prevent the extinction of the Javan rhino and to protect key populations of other threatened Indonesia species found at Ujung Kulon National Park by continuing the operation of four rhino protection units consisting of highly trained, four-man, anti-poaching teams to intensively patrol key areas within the park.

FWS: \$77,000

Leveraged Funds: \$85,323

RT-1439

Grant # F14AP00601

Protection of Sumatran rhinos and other mega-fauna by anti-poaching units in Way Kambas National Park, Sumatra, Indonesia. In partnership with the International Rhino Foundation. The purpose of this project is to continue support for operation of five rhino protection units in the park for at least 15 days per month for one year.

FWS: \$78,236

Leveraged Funds: \$92,698

RT-1405

Grant # F14AP00557

Improvement of protection and management effectiveness and community participation in securing long term survival of identified fragmented Sumatran rhinoceros populations in Gunung Leuser National Park (BTNGL), Sumatra, Indonesia. In partnership with the Leuser International Foundation/Yayasan Leuser International. This project will establish and operate three rhino protection units; hold awareness camps; assess alternative livelihood mechanisms for

reducing human pressure on wildlife; assess human-wildlife conflict; prepare plans for livelihood activities; provide additional training on patrolling, crime detection, and law enforcement; and develop long term conservation action plans needed to ensure the survival of fragmented rhinoceros populations.

FWS: \$90,128

Leveraged Funds: \$46,667

MALAYSIA

RT-1458

Grant # F14AP00633

Conservation of the tigers in the designated Permanent Reserved Forests of the Endau-Rompin landscape (states of Johor and Pahang), Malaysia, through on-the-ground law enforcement and monitoring of potential human-tiger conflict. In partnership with the Wildlife Conservation Society. This project will continue robust, on-the-ground law enforcement efforts in the designated permanent reserve forests within the Endau-Rompin Landscape; carry out surveillance of poachers and other intruders using camera-traps in this same area; conduct village briefings for local residents or communities in four districts of the ERL; and identify potential hotspots of human-tiger conflict along forest edges.

FWS: \$59,848

Leveraged Funds: \$60,260

NEPAL

RT-1464

Grant # F14AP00637

Rhino translocation from Chitwan to Bardia National Parks, Nepal. In partnership with the World Wildlife Fund. This project will translocate at least two rhinos from Chitwan National Park to the Babai Valley of Bardia National Park and establish a post-translocation monitoring program to protect the translocated rhinos and monitor their success.

FWS: \$49,948

Leveraged Funds: \$49,507

RT-1402

Grant # F14AP00544

Strengthening tiger conservation initiatives in newly established Banke National Park, Nepal. In partnership with the National Trust for Nature Conservation. This project will assess the status of the newly recolonizing tiger and prey populations of Banke National Park and strengthening public engagements and law enforcement in and around Banke National Park for tiger conservation.

FWS: \$49,848

Leveraged Funds: \$44,494

RT-1401

Grant # F14AP00539

Tiger conservation Barandabhar Corridor Forest, Nepal. In partnership with the National Trust for Nature Conservation. This project will maintain a gradual increase in tiger numbers across the Barandabhar Corridor Forest while maintaining harmony with local people by supporting activities such as habitat protection measures, removal of invasive species, wildlife water hole construction, and tiger conservation workshops for community forest user and women's groups.

FWS: \$54,560

Leveraged Funds: \$44,280

RT-1400**Grant # F14AP00536**

Strengthening tiger conservation initiatives in and around Shuklaphanta Wildlife Reserve in Far Western Terai of Nepal. In partnership with the National Trust for Nature Conservation. The purpose of this project is to ensure long term survival of tigers in and around Shuklaphanta Wildlife Reserve and also address the needs of local communities by supporting activities including Spatial Monitoring and Reporting Tool (SMART) patrol training; conduct of patrols; an exposure trip for community based patrol units; and formation, training and equipping community patrol units.

FWS: \$49,611

Leveraged Funds: \$45,623

RUSSIAN FEDERATION**RT-1403****Grant # F14AP00659**

Improving law enforcement to recover tigers in Sikhote-Alin Biosphere Zapovednik. In partnership with the Wildlife Conservation Society. This project will support the purchase of two all-terrain vehicles to be used in patrolling the interior of the zapovednik and provide training for the patrol teams.

FWS: \$48,768

Leveraged Funds: \$49,122

RT-1434**Grant # F14AP00591**

Developing a standardized methodology for camera trap monitoring of Amur tigers in protected areas in the Russian Far East. In partnership with the Wildlife Conservation Society. The purpose of this project is to replace the existing Amur tiger monitoring system in Russia based on tracks with a standardized methodology that relies on use of camera traps. This approach will be shared with appropriate entities in northeast China in an attempt to develop coordinated, trans-boundary survey protocols.

FWS: \$56,914

Leveraged Funds: \$57,119

THAILAND**RT-1462****Grant # F14AP00636**

Conservation of tigers and tiger prey in Thailand's Western Forest Complex through law enforcement and education, year seven. In partnership with the Wildlife Conservation Society. This project will maintain the Spatial Monitoring and Reporting Tool (SMART) patrol system in Thung Yai West Wildlife Sanctuary at a high level of intensity and coverage; improve awareness among local communities and schools through presentation of nature education campaigns on tiger and wildlife conservation in key schools and communities close to Huai Kha Khaeng Wildlife Sanctuary; and train future protected area managers at Kasetsart University in operation of the SMART patrol system and wildlife population monitoring.

FWS: \$55,250

Leveraged Funds: \$55,491

RT-1450**Grant # F14AP00611**

Activating a permanent law enforcement extension office for the ASEAN-WEN. In partnership with Freeland Foundation. This project will promote police-led cross-border intelligence sharing between governments on wildlife trafficking particularly tigers and rhinos and thereby increase successful arrests of high-level traders by supporting initiation of a dedicated law enforcement and intelligence analysis unit – the LEEO (Law Enforcement Extension Office) for the Association of Southeast Asian Nations Wildlife Enforcement Network (ASEAN-WEN).

FWS: \$49,943

Leveraged Funds: \$24,260

RT-1427**Grant # F14AP00577**

Supporting the recovery of tigers and tiger prey in Salakpra Wildlife Sanctuary. In partnership with the Zoological Society of London. This project will work to enable the recovery and protection of tigers and tiger prey in Salakpra Wildlife Sanctuary developing the capacity to undertake basic tiger surveys, acquiring baseline data on tiger and tiger prey distribution and densities, and supporting the integration of tiger survey findings into the Salakpra patrol system.

FWS: \$55,797

Leveraged Funds: \$232,286

RT-1426**Grant # F14AP00576**

Empowering Thailand's next generation of wildlife guardians: Lasting protection for tigers and their habitat through forest ranger training and community support in the Dong Phrayayen-Khao Yai Forest Complex. In partnership with the Freeland Foundation. This project will improve protection for tigers in the Forest Complex by improving ranger patrol management, conducting tiger monitoring, providing training to teachers in conservation education, improving community patrolling capacity to conduct nature crime monitoring and mitigating human wildlife conflicts.

FWS: \$59,973

Leveraged Funds: \$53,883

VIETNAM**RT-1422****Grant # F14AP00565**

Tackling consumer demand for tigers, rhinos and other endangered wildlife in Vietnam. In partnership with Education for Nature – Vietnam. This project will strengthen protection of the country's biodiversity by reducing demand for wildlife and products made from wildlife; mobilizing the public to take action to stop wildlife crime and encourage others to stop consuming wildlife; disrupting and disabling wildlife criminal networks through investigation and law enforcement; and strengthening wildlife protection policy and legislation.

FWS: \$82,867

Leveraged Funds: \$38,324

RT-1437**Grant # F14AP00598**

Rhino horn demand reduction in Viet Nam. In partnership with the The Humane Society of the United States. The purpose of this project is to work with the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) Management Authority of Viet Nam to

engage university students, school children and the Vietnam Women's Association (VMU) in demand reduction campaigns in Ho Chi Minh, Da Nang, Hai Phong, Nha Trang and Can Tho.
FWS: \$60,358 Leveraged Funds: \$123,721

RT-1445

Grant # F14AP00609

Operation Laser – Increasing cross-border cooperation to decrease the illegal trade of rhinos and tigers throughout the Mekong Region. In partnership with Freeland Foundation. This project will increase information sharing between the governments of Thailand, Cambodia, Vietnam, Lao PDR and China with regards to rhino horn and tiger trade routes, suspect profiles, and specific smuggling methods at specific border crossings; and improve performance of Thai, Vietnamese, Cambodian, Lao PDR and Chinese law enforcement officers in identifying and arresting high-level tiger and rhino horn traffickers.

FWS: \$49,324 Leveraged Funds: \$16,958

MULTIPLE COUNTRIES - ASIA

VIETNAM/CAMBODIA

RT-1457

Grant # F14AP00632

Addressing the illegal trade and understanding the demand for rhino horn in Vietnam. In partnership with the Wildlife Conservation Society. This project will generate profiles on traders and their networks for law enforcement action; support ongoing investigations and prosecutions of rhino horn crimes; build consensus among key opinion leaders and the media on tackling illegal rhino horn trade in Vietnam; and increase local media coverage on illegal rhino horn trade issues and the wildlife crime suppression efforts of both Vietnam and enforcement agencies of other nations.

FWS: \$50,365 Leveraged Funds: \$51,005

Amendments to Existing Grants

THAILAND

RT-1450

Grant # MOD-F14AP00611

Operation Laser: Increasing cross-border cooperation to decrease the illegal trade of rhinos and tigers. In partnership with Freeland Foundation. This project will promote police-led cross-border intelligence sharing between governments on wildlife trafficking particularly tigers and rhinos and thereby increase successful arrests of high-level traders by supporting initiation of a dedicated law enforcement and intelligence analysis unit – the LEEO (Law Enforcement Extension Office).

FWS: \$50,000 Leveraged Funds: \$0

VIETNAM

RT-1445

Grant # MOD-F14AP00609

Activating a permanent law enforcement extension office for the ASEAN-WEN

In partnership with Freeland Foundation. This project will increase information sharing between the governments of Thailand, Cambodia, Vietnam, Lao PDR and China with regards to rhino horn and tiger trade routes, suspect profiles, and specific smuggling methods at specific border crossings; and improve performance of Thai, Vietnamese, Cambodian, Lao PDR and Chinese law enforcement officers in identifying and arresting high-level tiger and rhino horn traffickers.

FWS: \$50,000

Leveraged Funds: \$0