

## 2002 DISNEY WILDLIFE CONSERVATION FUND AWARDS

Organization	Partner Groups	Principal Investigator/ Researcher	Location	Geographic Reference	Category
<b>African Elephant Conservation Trust (Amboseli Elephant Research Project)</b> <u>Consolidation and Outreach Program</u> Providing compensation to Maasai villagers for livestock loss related to elephant aggression, and diffusing potentially serious human-elephant conflict situations before they occur. Partially supporting a conflict manager and community outreach program to avoid retaliation toward elephants.	Kenya Wildlife Service	Moss	Kenya	Africa	Elephants
<b>Amazon Conservation Team</b> <u>Biological Characterization of the Predio UMIYAC</u> Purchasing equipment and supporting a research station for this Colombian reserve to determine distribution of endemic plants and animals. Working with the Cofan Indians to identify species of medicinal and ritual importance.	Instituto de Etnobiologia, National Park Unit of Colombian Ministry of Environment	Plotkin, Zuluaga, Giraldo	Colombia	Cen/S America	Plants
<b>Audubon Florida</b> <u>Bald Eagle Conservation Program</u> Recognizing and addressing the critical role the Audubon Center for Birds of Prey performs in saving raptors and educating the public. Sponsoring educational materials, a workshop and establishment of medical protocols associated with the Center's mission.	USFWS, FFWCC, National Eagle Repository, National Audubon Society, University of Florida Veterinary Hospital	Collins	Florida, USA	N America	Birds
<b>Avian Research and Conservation Institute</b> <u>Documentation and conservation of critical Swallow-tailed Kite wintering sites in South America</u> Ensuring this long term trans-equatorial study continues to identify key migration areas for these raptors and protect these areas in Brazil. Deploying	FFWCC, Georgia Dept. of Natural Resources, USFWS, Tulane University, Centro de Pesquisa para Conservacao das Aves Silvestres, SC Department of Natural Resources, SC	Meyer	Florida, USA, Brazil & Paraguay, SA	Cen/S America	Birds

satellite transmitters on Florida and Georgia birds to monitor their movements to Paraguay and Brazil.	Center for Birds of Prey				
<b>Avian Research and Conservation Institute</b> <u>Foraging behavior of White-crowned Pigeons in the lower Florida Keys: Identification of critical sites for conservation</u> Studying these fruit-eating pigeons in the Florida Keys National Wildlife refuges to determine their destinations, activity ranges and dispersal patterns with the goal of protecting not only the pigeons but establishing conservation easements and development rights to protect the deciduous forests of the mainline Keys.	NFWF, USFWS	Meyer	Florida, USA	N America	Birds
<b>Bat Conservation International</b> <u>Latin American Bat Conservation Project</u> Expanding this successful Mexican conservation program to Bolivia, Costa Rica and Guatemala focusing on migratory, endemic and threatened bat species. Funding workshops and materials to train in country people to carry program forward to prevent eradication of bats in target areas.	Institute of Ecology, UNAM, National Institute of Natural History, MX Wildlife Trust, Monte Verde National Park & National Museum of Natural History (Costa Rica), Bolivian General Directorate for Biodiversity	Tuttle, Walker, Medellin	Bolivia, Costa Rica, Guatemala	Cen/S America	Bats
<b>Caribbean Conservation Corporation</b> <u>Sea Turtle Migration-Tracking Education Program</u> Tracking sea turtles via the internet as a public education tool to promote greater understanding of turtles.	UCF, USFWS, NMFS, NPS, WILDCOAST, Ministry of Env. Costa Rica, Cal Acad of Sciences, Univ of Mexico	Godfrey	Florida, USA, Costa Rica	Marine	Reptiles/ Amphibians
<b>Caribbean Conservation Corporation</b> <u>Reproductive migrations of male and female Loggerhead Turtles from a S.E. / U.S. foraging ground</u> Investigating routes and breeding grounds of a globally significant population in Florida to manage threats to turtles and raise awareness of conservation needs.	FFWCC, NMFS	Schroeder, Foley, Witherington	Florida, USA	Marine	Reptiles/ Amphibians

<b>Defenders of Wildlife</b> <u>Restoring the Swift Fox to the Blackfeet Indian Reservation</u> Re-establishing a self-sustaining population of swift fox to restore an important ecological component of the prairie ecosystem as well as returning to the wild an animal of spiritual significance to the Blackfeet people. Supporting efforts to monitor foxes, identify den sites and conduct educational programs in local communities, including sponsorship of a summer tribal intern.	NFWF, Blackfeet Fish and Wildlife Dept., Cochrane Ecological Institute, Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks, Wyoming Fish & Game	Johnson	Montana, USA	N America	Dogs
<b>Dian Fossey Gorilla Fund (The)</b> <u>Creating a healthy environment for gorillas and humans in Rwanda and the Democratic Republic of Congo</u> Working in Tayna Gorilla Reserve and both Virunga and Volcanoes National Parks to identify parasitic health issues between gorillas and people. Paying for medical supplies and health managers to provide training and when needed, treatment, as well as education for people living sympatrically with great apes.	USAID, Rwandan Office for Tourism, Rwandan Ministry of Health, Institut Congolais pour la Protection de la Nature, Action Communautaire pour la Protection de la Nature	Lilly, Mehlman	Democratic Republic of Congo, Rwanda	Africa	Primates
<b>Fauna and Flora Preservation Society, Inc.</b> <u>Antiguan Racer Conservation Project: Saving the world's rarest snake</u> Addressing issues related to the 115 surviving Antiguan Racers by building local capacity to survey and conserve wildlife, ensuring islands are kept free of invasive predators and creating greater appreciation and awareness for the variety of threatened species in the area. Over the three years DWCF has supported this project, Racer population has increased by 40%.	USFWS, Antiguan Forestry Unit, Ministry of Agriculture/Antigua & Barbuda, Durrell Wildlife Conservation Trust, Environmental Awareness Group of Antigua & Barbuda, US Peace Corps, IUCN SSC Invasive Species Specialist Group, Society for Caribbean Ornithology	Daltry, McCauley	Antigua, Barbuda, West Indies	Cen/S America	Reptiles/ Amphibians
<b>Fauna and Flora Preservation Society, Inc.</b> <u>Development of the Che Tao Western Black Crested Gibbon Sanctuary in Northern Vietnam</u> Working with communities to ensure long-term	Forest Protection Department, People's Committee of the Yen Bai and Son La Provinces and Mu Cang Chai District, Forest Planning and	Momberg	Vietnam	Asia	Primates

survival of these gibbons in Yen Bai province. Creating a species conservation area and training and equipping (with radios) rangers and reserve staff, biological monitoring to support. Exploring alternative livelihoods as part of a rural development programme.	Inventory Institute, Margot Marsh Foundation				
<b>Fauna and Flora Preservation Society, Inc.</b> <u>Siamese Crocodile Conservation Project saving Cambodia's last crocodiles</u> Training two "crocodile teams" to seek out these critically endangered animals throughout the Cardamom Mountain Range. Previous support from DWCF established the animals are now extinct over 99% of their former range. Goal is to create/support community conservation efforts to protect remaining habitat.	Natl Geographic Expeditions, Wildlife Reserves Singapore, Association for Cultural Exchange, Department of Forestry and Wildlife, IUCN Crocodile Specialist Group, Cadamom Conservation Program, Partnership for Local Governance, Dept. for Nature Conservation and Protection	Daltry, Paley	Cambodia	Asia	Reptiles/Amphibians
<b>Fly By Night, Inc.</b> <u>Habitat use by the Southern big-eared Bat</u> Studying one of three colonies of these bats in Florida by using intensive radio tracking to map activity areas and determine if behavior is changed by activity on adjacent waterways to The Disney Wilderness Preserve (owned and managed by The Nature Conservancy). Disney's Animal Kingdom will also provide in-kind equipment loan for this project.	South Florida Water Management District, The Nature Conservancy, Bat Conservation International	Finn	Florida, USA	N America	Bats
<b>Friends of Animals</b> <u>Restoring the Scimitar-horned Oryx to Senegal</u> Creating a new national park in Senegal and re-introducing these antelope to natural range. Providing curatorial care for the animals, assisting in equipping park headquarters at Vendoo Katane and educate parks staff. Continuing support provided since 2001.	Government of Senegal, Taiwan Council of Agriculture, Paris Zoo, Foundation Brigitte Bardot, Israel Nature & National Parks Protection Authority	Clark, Mamadou Ba	Senegal	Africa	Hoofed Stock
<b>Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institution</b> <u>Preserving Queen Conch through Aquaculture and conservation education</u> Supporting Conch Heritage Network to help	Mote Marine Lab, Project AWARE	Davis, Main,	Florida, USA	Marine	Fish

restore/preserve commercially threatened conch in South Florida. Rearing and restocking the conch in the Keys.					
<b>International Iguana Foundation</b> <u>Expansion of in-situ captive breeding for the Grand Cayman Blue Iguana</u> Launching a phased expansion of captive breeding facilities for the endangered Blue Iguana to create populations that will be reintroduced in protected areas. Establishing this facility as a public education, outreach tool.	National Trust for the Cayman Islands, IUCN Iguana Specialist Group, Queen Elizabeth II Botanic Park on Grand Cayman, Forth Worth Zoo	Burton, Hudson	Cayman Islands, West Indies	Cen/S America	Reptiles/ Amphibians
<b>Kinabatangan Orangutan Conservation Project (with Foundation for Comparative and Conservation Biology)</b> <u>General Census of Orangutans throughout the State of Sabah</u> Censusing highly endangered orangutans through aerial surveys of nests and using line-transect methodology for statistical models to determine densities. Funding for helicopter flight time will provide data needed to create a statewide conservation strategy for the species.	Darwin Initiative Project, Columbus Zoo, Cleveland Metroparks Zoo, USFW, National Geographic Society, Sabah Wildlife and Forestry Departments, Sabah Parks, Universiti Malaysia Sabah, Cardiff University UK, Foundation for Comparative and Conservation Biology	Ancrenaz	Malaysia	Asia	Primates
<b>Mote Marine Laboratory</b> <u>The Clearnose Skate as a Basic Biomedical and Educational Resource</u> Understanding the reproductive biology of elasmobranch fishes to aid in management decisions regarding diminishing populations, applying information to laboratory-raised models to relieve pressure on depleted stocks.	Moffit Cancer Center, Clemson, Cal IT, U of Maryland, U of Cal Irvine, USF Children's Research Inst., Oregone Graduate Research Inst.	Luer	Florida, USA	Marine	Fish
<b>Mote Marine Laboratory</b> <u>Conservation biology of smalltooth sawfish</u> Continuing funding from 2001 to investigate biology of critically endangered sawfish, surveying distribution	NMFS, Iowa State	Simpfendorfer	Florida, USA	Marine	Fish

and abundance in South Florida and tracking via satellite.					
<b>Mote Marine Laboratory</b> <u>Behavioral assessment of the impacts of boat disturbance on Bottlenose Dolphins using a digital acoustic data logging tag</u> Aiding wildlife managers in developing protection strategies for dolphins in coastal waters by determining alterations in behaviors of these animals to vessel traffic. Using Digital data logging devices (DTAGs) to record temperature and depth of dolphin in the water column, possibly resulting in applications for right whales and manatees.	NMFS, Chicago Zoological Society, Dolphin Quest, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute	Wells	Florida, USA	Marine	Marine Mammals
<b>National Fish and Wildlife Foundation</b> <u>Tiger Conservation in Dry Tropical Forest in Panna</u> Documenting the effect on tiger habitat when villagers resettle outside Panna Reserve. Providing a vehicle to enable the study of tiger ecology and prey to ensure a viable tiger population.	Wildlife Conservation Society, Exxon Save The Tiger Fund	Chundawat, Seidensticker	India	Asia	Cats
<b>National Fish and Wildlife Foundation</b> <u>Jaguar Conservation in Mexico</u> Examining the Calakmui Biosphere Reserve in southern Mexico to develop infrastructure needed to support sustainable practices in the region. Supporting expertise toward developing a management plan and working with local communities to conserve not only the jaguar but a variety of neotropical migratory birds and 90 species of herptofauna.	USFWS, Mexican Conservation Fund, National University of Mexico, Safari Club International, Unidos para la Conservacion, Mexican Department of Natural Resources	Ceballos	Mexico	N America	Cats
<b>National Wildlife Federation</b> <u>Karner Blue Butterfly Education and Conservation Project</u> Promoting the recovery of this endangered butterfly	AZA, NH Fish and Game, USFWS, Concord School District	Murdock, Zhang, Baer	New Hampshire, USA	N America	Insects

which is found only in Concord, NH. Engaging classrooms in habitat restoration and teaching the importance of butterflies as a model for other US regions containing imperiled butterflies.					
<b>North Carolina State University (Environmental Medicine Consortium)</b> <u>Development of diagnostic tools to assess the health status of corals</u> Evaluating the potential for fatty acid methyl ester profiles to serve as biomarkers on health of wild corals, particularly threatened elkhorn and staghorn corals. Supporting student assistants and supplies for project.	USGS	Stoskopf	Oceania	Marine	Reef
<b>Operation Migration – USA</b> <u>The reintroduction of a discrete, migratory population of Whooping Cranes into Eastern North America</u> Leading juvenile Whooping Cranes with ultra-light aircraft on a 1225-mile migration path from Wisconsin to Florida (Chassahowitzka National Wildlife Refuge) in hopes the cranes return north in the spring, migrating on their own in the future. This is the fourth year DWCF has supported this effort, which was first piloted successfully with Sandhill Cranes. Funding will support expenses associated with the rearing and flight of the birds.	Whooping Crane Eastern Partnership: Canada/US Whooping Crane Recovery Team, International Crane Foundation, Natural Resources Foundation of Wisconsin, USFWS, USGS Patuxent Wildlife Research Center	Duff, Ray	Florida, Wisconsin, USA	N America	Birds
<b>Perry Institute for Marine Science/Caribbean Marine Research Center</b> <u>Designing, monitoring and building support for marine reserves in the Bahamas</u> Supporting for the second year the conservation of Bahamian coral reefs and adjacent marine ecosystems by creating Marine Protected Areas (MPAs). Providing technical assistance to Bahamian organizations to enhance marine fisheries. Involving the communities in workshops and research to build grassroots support in Exuma Cays and Great Exuma,	Bahamas National Trust, Bahamas Reef Environ Ed Foundation, Bahamas Ministry of Education, Bahamas Dept. of Fisheries, Exuma Foundation Educational Resource Center, College of the Bahamas, NFWF, US NOAA, NSF, Darden Env. Trust, NCSU, Oregon State Univ, U of Miami, AMNH	Dahlgren	Bahamas	Marine	Fish

Andros Island, Bimini Island and Eleuthera Island.					
<b>Rapid Response Fund</b> Providing emergency funding of up to \$5,000 per applicant to address a critical conservation or animal welfare need requiring immediate attention. Available to organizations throughout the year.			Multiple	Global	Multiple
<b>Save the Manatee Club, Inc.</b> <u>International Edition of the Manatee Educator's Guide</u> Completing work funded in 2001 to produce educator materials for countries in the wider Caribbean and Central/South America where manatees exist. Identifying specific conservation concerns, regulations and populations in these areas for teachers to share with local students.	Sirenia Project	Sadusky, Thompson, Tarr, Vallee	Caribbean	Marine	Marine Mammals
<b>Smithsonian Institution (Conservation and Research Center)</b> <u>Mitigating Elephant-People Conflicts in Myanmar</u> Providing sustainable livelihoods for local populations focused on Alaungdaw Kathapa National Park and Htamanthi Wildlife Sanctuary. Determining current socio-economic situation, assessing conservation attitudes in communities, identifying resource options. Benefits from living with elephants will hopefully protect these elephants long-term.	USFWS, Wildlife Division of Myanmar Dept. of Forestry, Christensen Foundation	Wemmer, Leimgruber	Myanmar	Asia	Elephants, People
<b>Smithsonian Institution (Environmental Research Center)</b> <u>Invasive Species of Marine Ecosystems</u> Sponsoring conservation biology interns at the college level as participants in the Coastal Conservation Program. Specifically studying invasive species in the	US Coast Guard, Dept. of Defense, NOAA National Sea Grant Program, USFWS, Smithsonian Marine Station at Ft. Pierce	Hines, Ruiz	Alaska, California, Connecticut, Florida, Maine, Oregon, RI, Texas,	Marine	Multiple



marine and estuarine ecosystems through the Marine Invasive Research Laboratory. Measuring patterns of nonindigenous species transfer and assessing the efficacy of management strategies to limit the spread and impact of invasive species.			Virginia, Washington, USA		
<b>Sri Lanka Wildlife Conservation Society</b> <u>Saving Elephants by Helping People</u> Continuing support for integrating wildlife conservation and human development efforts to minimize and mitigate human-elephant conflicts. Paying for field guides who will gather data on elephant populations and movements, ultimately helping create a nature tourism base beneficial to residents.	USFWS	Corea	Sri Lanka	Asia	Elephants
<b>Stanford University</b> <u>Establishing Essential breeding habitat of Bluefin Tuna in the Gulf of Mexico</u> Purchasing six popup satellite archival tags to follow the movements of Atlantic bluefin tuna in their spawning grounds to better define critical breeding habitat of these fish to ensure those areas are protected from exploitation.	NFWF, Monterey Bay Aquarium	Block	Gulf of Mexico, USA	Marine	Fish
<b>Tapir Preservation Fund</b> <u>Conservation biology of lowland tapirs and their potential as landscape detectives at Pontal do Paranapanema Region, Sao Paulo State, Brazil</u> Describing home range size and overlaps as well as behavioral aspects of tapirs in the Atlantic Forest, Morro do Diabo State Park. Determining additional land and corridors for protection, training students in conservation management plans.	Medici, Mangini	Institute de Pesquisas Ecologicas, IUCN/SSC Tapir Spec. Group, AZA, Wildlife Trust, CERC, AAZK, Roger Williams Park Zoo	Brazil	Cen/S America	Hoofed Stock
<b>Texas A&amp;M University</b> <u>Conservation of Endangered Dugongs and Humpback Dolphins in East Africa</u> Conserving the last remaining biologically viable	Texas Institute of Oceanography, University of Central Florida, Center for Dolphin & Whale Studies South Africa, Universidade Eduardo	Karczmarski, Wursig, Worthy	Mozambique	Marine	Marine Mammals

dugongs (manatee like animals) and threatened Indo-Pacific humpback dolphins by assessing populations in the Bazaruto Archipelago, determining level of human-cause mortality and identify specific problems and challenges. Creating a long-term community conservation plan for the Bazaruto Marine Park supported by local people.	Mondlane.				
<b>The Nature Conservancy</b> <u>A Fire Strike Team to save the Florida Scrub-Jay</u> Managing the ancient scrub ecosystem of the Lake Wales Ridge to ensure the endangered scrub jay and 24 other threatened plant and animal species thrive. Conducting restoration burns to the benefit of fire-dependent species like the jay. This is the fourth year DWCF has helped make this program possible through support of management labor.	NFWF, USFWS, Florida Dept. of Transportation, Archbold Biological Station, Florida Division of Forestry	Huffman, Morrison	Florida, USA	N America	Birds
<b>University of Florida Archie Carr Center for Sea Turtle Research</b> <u>Are Older Females Better - Effect of Age on Reproductive Output in Sea Turtles</u> Supporting a graduate student to computerize and analyze 30 years of reproductive data collected at the Cayman Turtle Farm. Creating population models and management plans for understanding how wild populations respond to conservation efforts, correlating reproductive output with demographic conditions.	Archie Carr Center for Sea Turtle Research	Bjorndal, Bolten	Cayman Islands, BWI	Marine	Reptiles/Amphibians
<b>University of Florida (Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences)</b> <u>Benthic Mapping, Monitoring and 3D visualization of Corals and Reef fishes in Dry Tortugas Nat'l Park using GIS technology</u> Documenting changes in staghorn coral and its influence on reef fish community. Using digital photography and computer technology developed with Disney Wildlife Conservation Fund support over the past four years to gather information to support	USGS-Florida Caribbean Science Center, FSU, Dry Tortugas National Park, Florida Keys Marine Sanctuary, REEF Foundation	Weaver, Funicelli	Florida Keys, USA	Marine	Reef

management plans for future of these sites in Dry Tortugas National Park. Many patches of staghorn have been lost to white band disease.					
<b>University of Florida (Department of Wildlife Ecology &amp; Conservation)</b> <u>Beach Nourishing and its effect on gas exchange in Sea Turtle Nests</u> Investigating the effect that nourishing sands have on development and hatching of sea turtle embryos. Determining base specifications for sand sources to replace eroded beach to ensure optimal success for sea turtle nesting.	NASA	Mota	Florida, USA	Marine	Reptiles/Amphibians
<b>University of Florida (Department of Wildlife Ecology &amp; Conservation)</b> <u>Ecology and conservation of the Andros Iguana</u> Developing a multidisciplinary program to protect the Bahamian Andros Island iguana and habitat. Determining the impact of illegal hunting and feral animals that threaten this species. Creating an island-wide community awareness program to raise the visibility of this animal.	Bahamas Dept. of Agriculture, Bahamas National Trust, Shedd Aquarium	Knapp	Andros Island, Bahamas	Cen/S America	Reptiles/Amphibians
<b>University of Florida (Department of Wildlife Ecology &amp; Conservation)</b> <u>People and Parrots: Integrated research and stakeholder outreach for Abaco National Park (ANP), Bahamas</u> Supporting the management of ANP to maintain a viable population of parrots by collaborating with residents, leaders, teachers, hunters and tourism representations to create a comprehensive needs assessment for park (and parrot) education and outreach program. Paying part time salary of a Bahaman educator to develop materials. Less than 3,000 Bahama parrots remain.	Bahamas National Trust, Friends of the Abaco Parrot, Dept. of Agriculture, Lands and Surveys Forestry Division, Ministry of Tourism, Bahamas	Jacobson, Gape, Sweeting	Abaco, Bahamas	Cen/S America	Birds

<p><b>University of Florida (Department of Zoology, Seahorse Key Marine Lab)</b></p> <p><u>Conservation Monitoring of Biotic Resources in Florida's Big Bend Coastal Region</u></p> <p>Focusing on the Cedar Keys as barrier islands of significance to wildlife and nesting birds. Establishing long term monitoring plans to be considered as economic planning and growth proceed. Training students in GPS/GIS technology applicable to wildlife management.</p>	USFWS, Lower Suwannee and Cedar Keys National Wildlife Refuges	Lillywhite	Florida, USA	N America	Birds
<p><b>University of Florida Center for Latin American Studies</b></p> <p><u>Community based management and conservation of the vicuna in Andean Peru</u></p> <p>Obtaining and integrating biological and anthropological data to formulate sustainability criteria for this llama-like species which is prized for its quality fiber. Training local Andean technicians in basic mapping and GIS technologies.</p>	Conatura, WCS, Econtinuidad Peru	Schmink, Sahley	Peru	Cen/S America	Hoofed Stock
<p><b>University of Georgia</b></p> <p><u>Investigation of Avian Vacuolar Myelinopathy (AVM) of eagles, waterfowl and other birds</u></p> <p>Attempting to determine the cause of this fatal neurological disease that has killed nearly 100 bald eagles in four states in the past several years. Conducting epidemiological investigations at AVM outbreaks. Identifying measures to reduce this disease's impact on eagles as well as several duck species and great horned owls.</p>	Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, Arcadia Wildlife Preserve, USFWS, USGS, US Army Corps of Engineers, State Wildlife Management agencies of Arkansas, Georgia, N and S Carolina	Fischer, Lewis	USA	N America	Birds
<p><b>University of Washington</b></p> <p><u>Tracking Magellanic Penguins at Sea: Data for Marine Zoning Policies</u></p> <p>Identifying foraging areas during the penguin breeding season at Punta Tombo where population has</p>	WCS, Fundacion Patagonia Natural	Boersma, Rebstock	Argentina	Marine	Birds

declined 25% since 1987. Combining this data with oceanic productivity data from NOAA which leads to establishing compatible traffic areas for industries in the region. Paying student stipends and costs of 10 satellite tags and monitoring time.					
<b>Wildlife Rescue and Conservation Assn (ARCAAsia) with Columbus Zoo/Project COPE</b> <u>Mayan Biosphere Reserve Environmental Education and Interpretation Center</u> Redesigning and relocating this center which is critical in returning confiscated wild animals back to their habitats. Increasing awareness of the illegal pet trade as well as furnishing an aquatic interpretive experience for students, including purchase of a boat and motor.	Guatemalan Government National Council of Protected Areas, Oakland Zoo	Monterroso, Muccio, Martinez	Guatemala	Cen/S America	Multiple
<b>Wildlife Trust</b> <u>Antillean Manatees in Belize</u> Continuing for the third year an all-encompassing conservation program involving scientific research, professional training and public education. Tracking manatees and monitoring environmental health factors which affect reproduction.	Fla Marine Research Inst., Belize Dept Forestry & Wildlife, USGS Sirenia Project, Mote Marine Lab, Univ. Fla., Woods Hole OI, Gale's Point Tour Guides Association, Univ. College of Belize		Belize, Central America	Marine	Marine Mammals
<i><u>Note:</u> All long term programs are required to submit progress reports which are evaluated prior to awarding funding for consecutive years, ensuring adequate success and goals have been met to date.</i>					

**2002 Conservation Awards – The Walt Disney Company Foundation**  
**29 Projects/Programs, 12 Organizations, 26 Countries**

Organization	Partner Groups	Principal Investigator	Location	Geo Classif	Species
<b>African Wildlife Foundation</b> <u>Environmental Impact Assessment of Critical Mountain Gorilla Habitat</u> Measuring the impact of key threats in the Virunga National Park and estimating the direct damage to this protected area from ongoing conflict/civil war and a volcanic eruption in 2002. Providing a laptop computer and GPS units for this work.	World Wide Fund for Nature, CARE	Lanjouw, Rutagarama	Democratic Republic of Congo	Africa	Primates
<b>African Wildlife Foundation</b> <u>African Wild Dogs: Conservation Through Coexistence in Kajiado, Kenya</u> Resolving conflicts with local Maasai pastoral communities related to a remnant wild dog population in Kenya and Northern Tanzania, including creation of a consolation program to encourage tolerance of these predators.	Kenya Wildlife Service, Colorado State University	Muruthi, Rainy	Kenya	Africa	Dogs
<b>African Wildlife Foundation</b> <u>Conservation of Grevy's Zebra in Samburu, Kenya</u> Identifying critical habitats for this zebra and addressing population decline issues, such as competition with cattle. Understanding the demographics and distribution characteristics. Working with stakeholders to address these issues.	Mpala Research Center, Laikipia Wildlife Forum	Muruthi, Georgiadis, Leiduma	Kenya	Africa	Hoofed Stock
<b>American Zoo and Aquarium Association</b> <u>Conservation Endowment Fund</u> Enabling zoological professionals to conduct field research on endangered and threatened species through modest awards administered through a scientific advisory committee to AZA.	AZA Zoos and Aquariums	Multiple	Global	Global	Multi

<b>Birdlife International</b> <b>Community-based conservation of the White-winged Flufftail at Berga Wetland</b> Implementing activities to protect the world's only population of this bird including protecting their breeding site, educating local people about the importance of the wetlands, and encouraging alternate, sustainable livelihoods.	Ethiopia Wildlife and Natural History Society	Tefera, Shemelese	Ethiopia	Africa	Birds
<b>Conservation International</b> <u>A Wild Dog Conservation Program in Botswana</u> Studying communities that interact with predators, creating solutions to related conflict, and expanding a 12-year project focusing on field research focused on these endangered carnivores.	Zoological Society of Philadelphia, Dept. of Wildlife and Parks, Botswana	Hanks	Botswana	Africa	Dogs
<b>Conservation International</b> <i>Global Amphibian Assessment</i> Contributing to this comprehensive, strategic review of the status of every species of amphibian in the world and analyzing their conservation needs. Producing a book on the outcomes and recommendations as well as CD-ROM which will be integrated into the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species.	Center for Applied Biodiversity Science (CI), IUCN Global Amphibian Assessment Group, NatureServe, Amphibia Web at UC Berkeley	Stuart	Global	Global	Amphibians
<b>Conservation International</b> <b>Population Status, Ecology and Transboundary Movements of Elephants in the Okavango/Upper Zambesi Transfrontier Conservation Area</b> Studying the behaviors of elephants in the largest contiguous wilderness, wetland and wildlife area in southern Africa to identify corridors linking the protected areas across five countries.	USFWS, IFAW, Tusk Trust, Botswana Wildlife Management Assn., Okavango Research Center, Kalahari Conservation Society, Zambia Wildlife Authority, University of Pretoria	Hanks	Angola, Botswana, Namibia, Zambia, Zimbabwe	Africa	Elephants

<p><b>Duke University Center for Tropical Conservation</b>  <u>Rare &amp; Endangered Carnivores of Amazonia</u>  Supporting in part for the second year, research and conservation efforts toward the giant river otter and the short-eared dog in Manu National Park and Alto Purus reserved zone. Creating a strategy to protect these two top carnivores, addressing disease issues associated with domestic animals.</p>	<p>Associacao Pro-Carnivoros, IUCN, APECO, Frankfurt Zoo, AZA, Denver Zoo, John Ball Zoo, Lincoln Park Zoo</p>	<p>Leite, Davenport, Ortega</p>	<p>Peru</p>	<p>Cen/S America</p>	<p>Dogs, Marine Mammals</p>
<p><b>International Crane Foundation</b>  <u>Conservation planning and capacity building for Wattled Cranes and wetlands in Southern Africa</u>  Conducting field studies, the first in more than 30 years, developing regional conservation plans and assessing the effects of aerial spraying on insecticides on cranes as well as other species of concern.</p>	<p>SA Crane Working Group, Birdlife Botswana Working Group, Natural History Museum of Malawi, University of Angola-Luanda, Ornithology Laboratory of Center for Research on Natural Sciences, Bukavu DRC</p>	<p>Rodwell, Beilfuss, Hancock, Nkape, Nhlane, Kaliba, Byamana, Russo, McCann</p>	<p>Angola, Botswana, Democratic Republic of Congo, Malawi</p>	<p>Africa</p>	<p>Birds</p>
<p><b>International Crane Foundation</b>  <b>Community-based conservation of cranes and wetlands in the Lake Victoria basin of East Africa</b>  Engaging thousands of children and young adults in wetlands monitoring, conservation and awareness activities, as well as wise-use of wetlands, in an effort to stem the decline of Grey Crowned Crane populations breeding in this area.</p>	<p>Kipsaina Wetlands Conservation Group</p>	<p>Muheebwa-Muhoozi, Wanjala, Pomeroy, Gichuki, Beilfuss</p>	<p>Uganda, Kenya</p>	<p>Africa</p>	<p>Birds</p>
<p><b>International Rhino Foundation</b>  <u>Technical &amp; Operational Support for Conservation of Northern White Rhino</u>  Providing extensive protection for rhinos within Garamba National Park, DRC. Previous support of this program has helped ensure successful births of 7 calves under the supervision of Kes and Fraser Smith, IRF coordinators. The Walt Disney Company Foundation has supported this project since 1999.</p>	<p>UN Foundation, Frankfurt Zoological Society, USFWS, Darwin Foundation, WWF, WCS</p>	<p>Smith, Mesi, Foose</p>	<p>Democratic Republic of Congo</p>	<p>Africa</p>	<p>Rhinos</p>



<b>International Rhino Foundation</b> <u>In Situ Conservation of Sumatran &amp; Javan Rhino</u> Supporting rhino protection units (RPUs) to destroy snares and traps and apprehend poachers of these critically endangered animals. The Walt Disney Company Foundation has supported this effort since 1997.	USFWS RTCF, Howard Gilman Fndtn.,WWF, Anna Merz Trust, Directorate General of Conservation Biodiversity (PKA), AZA Bowling for Rhinos	Foose, Van Strien, Hutabarat, Khan	Indonesia, Malaysia	Asia	Rhinos
<b>International Rhino Foundation</b> <u>Sumatran Rhino Managed Breeding Centers</u> Continuing support provided since 1995 for native habitat enclosures to protect these rhinos and to propagate rhino to revitalize wild populations. Creating a tourism attraction/education centre to generate financial support for programs in Indonesia and Malaysia.	Howard Gilman Fndtn., Indonesia Directorate General of Nature Protection and Conservation, DWNPPM, Sumatran Rhino Foundation, Cincinnati Zoo, LA Zoo	Foose, Alikodra, Khan, Van Strien, Adi,Mohamad	Indonesia, Malaysia	Asia	Rhinos
<b>National Audubon Society</b> <b>Community monitoring of Patagonian endemic birds: The ALAS project</b> Teaching the primary and secondary schoolchildren of Argentina and Chile principles of forest ecology and biodiversity through partnerships with local universities and field biologists in an effort to protect the animals living in this area. Partnering with schools in Alaska and Montana for biocultural exchanges.	Birder's Exchange, Montana Chapter Partners of Americas, Partners in Flight NFWF, Aves Argentina, Sociedad Naturalista Andino-Patagonica, Asociacion de Aves Patagonicas, Parque Etnobotanico Omora, Proyecto Lemu, Piuke	Olson, Matarraso, Rodriguez-Cabal, Sasal, Grajal	Argentina, Chile	Cen/S America	Birds

<b>National Audubon Society</b> <u>Seabird Restoration at Eastern Egg Rock and Pond Island National Wildlife Refuge</u> Protecting nesting colonies of endangered marine birds including puffins, terns, herons, ibis and murre, and involving interns and volunteers to collect data on the population size and behaviors. Restoring terns to Outer Green Island and promoting responsible ecotourism. Supporting for a second year.	NFWF, Maine Outdoor Heritage Fund, Maine Audubon Society, Anheuser Busch, Maine Dept. of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, USFWS	Kress	Maine, USA	N America	Birds
<b>Oxford University</b> (Americans for Oxford) <b>Survey of the Bushmeat Trade in the Sanaga-Cross region</b> Conducting nutritional and market surveys throughout Cameroon, Nigeria and Equatorial Guinea to understand the hunters and consumers of bushmeat. Determining social background as well as volume of meat involved to develop strategies to tackle the problem.	Darwin Grant, Durrell Wildlife Conservation Trust	Goslett	Cameroon, Nigeria, Equatorial Guinea	Africa	Primates, hoofed stock, birds
<b>Oxford University</b> (Americans for Oxford) <u>Attitudes to the Ethiopian Wolf: assessment &amp; education of local communities</u> Assessing local human communities to tailor an education campaign to address resident attitudes toward the rarest canid in the world (less than 500 remaining).	Born Free Foundation, Government of Ethiopia, Ethiopian Wildlife Conservation Organization	Williams, Tefera, Dejene	Ethiopia	Africa	Dogs
<b>Peregrine Fund (The)</b> <u>Satellite Monitoring of California Condors</u> Attaching satellite-monitored transmitters to captive-bred condors released in Arizona, allowing students to track condor positions, collect data to better manage condor recovery, including feeding locations. There are presently 33 birds in this population, up from 26 in 2001.	USFWS, Bureau of Land Management, Arizona Fish & Game, Zoological Society of San Diego, LA Zoo and Raptor Research Center, Boise State Univ., National Park Service	Heinrich, Parish, Rose, Hunt	Arizona, California, USA	N America	Birds

<b>Peregrine Fund (The)</b> <u>Cape Verde Red Kite Conservation Project</u> Preventing the extinction of this species by conducting surveys of surrounding islands, capturing remaining individuals for captive breeding and establishing a long-term species restoration program, including addressing the cause of the population's decline.	National Birds of Prey Center UK, Cape Verde Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, Instituto Nacional de Investigacao e Desenvolvimento Agrario, CEAI, Cape Verde Project Natura 2000, Konrad Lorenz Institute for Comparative Ethology	Hille, Watson, Sandfort	Cape Verde	Africa	Birds
<b>Peregrine Fund (The)</b> <u>Sokoke Scops Owl Project</u> Helping to secure the largest known remaining population of this forest bird by locating nest(s) and following birds to determine use of habitat threatened by illegal logging. Training local owl guides to increase tourism value to the local people and generate conservation awareness in surrounding villages.	Dept Ornithology National Museums of Kenya, Kenya Wildlife Service, Forest Dept. , Nature Kenya, Arabuko-Soloke Forest Guides Assn.	Virani	Kenya	Africa	Birds
<b>Peregrine Fund (The)</b> <u>Asian Vulture Crisis Project</u> Determining the cause of alarming mortality rates of three vulture species and exploring this epidemic to offer sound scientific solutions to combat the problem. Supporting for a second year.	Ornithological Society of Pakistan, Bird Conservation Nepal, Bombay Natural History Society, Zoological Society of San Diego, Washington State Univ., Minn. Raptor Center, Gordon/Betty Moore Foundation	Virani, Oaks, Gilbert, Watson	Pakistan, India, Nepal	Asia	Birds
<b>Peregrine Fund (The)</b> <b>Harpy Eagle Conservation through Environmental Education</b> Building upon existing conservation values in the community to create environmental education curriculum regarding this national symbol of Panama and ultimately assure successful restoration of the	USAID, Panama Canal Authority, National Environmental Authority and GreenCorn	Salas, Valdez	Panama	CEN/S America	Birds

species and preserve expanses of pristine forest. Supporting a vehicle for educator to travel with a captive-raised Harpy Eagle to communities and evaluate effectiveness of presentations.					
<b>Wildlife Conservation Society</b> <u>Nest Predation and Oil Development: Examining the Value of Protection in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge</u> Comparing ecological patterns between developed and undeveloped regions specifically whether developed areas increase the populations of predators for ground nesting birds. Continuing to collect data on effects of global warming on arctic habitats and wildlife.	USFWS	Zack, Liebezeit	Alaska, USA	N America	Birds
<b>Wildlife Conservation Society</b> <u>Biodiversity Conservation on the Northern Plains of Cambodia</u> Gathering data on human and wildlife use of this landscape which contains 32 species on the IUCN Red List. Attempting to ensure critical areas are considered in land use planning process and national resources are allocated to promote long-term sustainability.	Royal Government of Cambodia, USFWS	Walston	Cambodia	Asia	Birds, Cats, Elephants Reptiles
<b>Wildlife Conservation Society</b> <u>Status and threats to Lesser Apes Across the Southern Sumatran Landscapes</u> Censusing siamangs and agile gibbons, determining population density and group composition related to human activities and forest block size. Providing a basis for regional planning and forest monitoring as part of CANOPI (Conservation Action Network Program, Indonesia). Supporting equipment, supplies and research assistants.	Indonesian Dept. of Forest Protection and Nature Conservation, University of Bandar Lampung, USFWS GACP	Lee, Kinnard, O'Brien	Indonesia	Asia	Primates

<b>Wildlife Conservation Society</b> <u>Migration and Population Demography of the Mongolian Gazelle</u> Studying the population dynamics and movement patterns of nearly one million gazelle which migrate on the eastern steppes of Mongolia and addressing planned future development and its effects on these animals. Supporting a second year.	UNDP-GEF Eastern Steppe Biodiversity Project, Ministry of Nature and Environment Government of Mongolia	Schaller, Olson	Mongolia	Asia	Hoofed stock
<b>Wildlife Conservation Society – St. Catherine’s Island Wildlife Survival Center</b> <u>The American Oystercatcher: A Bio-indicator Species for Assessing Ecosystem Health</u> Establishing baseline information on the health, contaminant and reproductive aspects of this bird and to investigate cause for poor reproductive success in this species. Using information as an indicator of the overall coastal health of Georgia. Supporting for the second year.	Ga. Dept. Natural Resources, Univ. of Miami, USFWS, USGS-BRD Caribbean Science Center, UF	Norton, Winn, Sepulveda, Deirenfeld, Denslow, Cray, Masson, Sasser, Olivia, Kirkland	Georgia, USA	N America	Birds
<b>World Wildlife Fund</b> <u>Supporting Rural Schools and Communities for Conservation of the Atlantic Forest and the Golden Lion Tamarin</u> Purchasing supplies to train teachers in environmental activities/curriculum in an effort to ensure the success of re-introduced tamarins and protection of their habitats. Measuring effectiveness of this program.	Golden Lion Tamarin Association, National Zoological Park/Smithsonian, General Public Education Dept. Silva Jardim (Rio de Janeiro)	Matsuo, Rambaldi	Brazil	CEN/S America	Primates