

Disney Wildlife Conservation Fund Awards

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African Elephant Conservation Trust (Amboseli Elephant Research Project)	Outreach and Consolation Program	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.
African Wildlife Foundation	Predators: Conservation through Coexistence in Kilimanjaro Heartland	Providing information toward proper management and conservation of predator species on communal, private and government lands in southern Kenya and northern Tanzania. Ongoing research projects provide baseline ecological and demographic data that are required for conservation actions for the species in the landscape.
American Zoo and Aquarium Association	AZA Conservation Endowment Fund	A variety of zoo and aquarium based conservation and related scientific projects will be funded, focusing on a wide range of different taxa, approaches, and locations. This award will be part of the AZA Conservation Endowment Fund for 2003.
ARCAS (Wildlife Rescue & Conservation Association)	MBR Environmental Education and Interpretation Center	Establishing the Mayan Biosphere Reserve Environmental Education and Interpretation Center as a hub of environmental education and awareness-raising activities directed both at the residents of Peten as well as the tourists who visit the region and will cover themes including the ecology and archeology of Peten, the illegal pet trade and why there is a need to conserve natural resources; benefiting disadvantaged local school children through educational activities.
Audubon Florida	Roseate Spoonbill Monitoring Program	Monitoring roseate spoonbill nesting in Florida Bay in order to determine regional patterns of nesting effort, nesting success rates, foraging locations, and foraging efforts to evaluate the performance of restoration efforts in both Florida Bay and the Everglades.
Avian Research and Conservation Institute	Winter Ecology of White-Crowned Pigeons in Florida	Tracking and monitoring White-Crowned Pigeons to determine survival, activity ranges, the proportion that over-winters in Florida, the winter movements and habitat use of the birds that remain in the state of Florida. This will be of immediate use in evaluating the population's present status and trend, identifying the most immediate and pressing threats, and shaping a feasible course for management and conservation action that might preclude costly and contentious
Avian Research and Conservation Institute	Winter Range of South American Swallow-tailed Kites	Deploying solar-powered satellite transmitters on five adult Swallow-tailed Kites from the breeding population in southern Brazil to determine the migration pathway and wintering destination of the southern subspecies, which are presently unknown. Results will identify potential threats to the kites and may lend support to efforts to protect specific natural areas. Knowing the wintering range of the southern subspecies will permit future searches for missing juvenile kites from the US that may be remaining with the southern population after their first southbound migration.

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Bat Conservation International	The Borderlands Bat Conservation Initiative	Expanding current North American Bat Conservation Project work with Mexican long-tongue bat, and both lesser and Mexican long-nosed bats has four components: 1) direct conservation action to protect key roosting caves and other habitats important to bats; 2) bat management and conservation training workshops for key land managers and educators, 3) habitat restoration along migratory corridors for endangered and threatened nectar bats, and 4) outreach to landowners of important bat roosts along the Mexico/Texas border.
Caribbean Conservation Corporation	Sea Turtle Migration Education Program	Promoting to children and adults a greater understanding of sea turtles, their habitats and the threats to their survival, by allowing people to watch free via the Internet the mysterious migrations of sea turtles being tracked by satellite. Starting its seventh year, the program has reached at least 12,000 teachers/classrooms representing over 350,000 individual students, incorporating the sea turtle migration research of more than 20 different researchers and institutions around the world.
Chelonian Research Institute	Monitoring of Endangered Galapagos Tortoises	Preventing the extinction of and promoting the recovery of various surviving populations of Galapagos Tortoises through testing of past predator control and head-start programs, and undertaking a search for surviving tortoises on Pinta Island, where only one live specimen has been found in recent decades.
Conservation & Research Center Foundation	Myanmar Elephant Conservation Action Plan	Developing a conservation plan through a three-year survey and planning project. Incorporating findings of population surveys, habitat analyses, human demographic projections, and landscape ecology to ensure the conservation of elephants in Myanmar.
Conservation International	Protecting Threatened Parrots in Colombia	Supporting parrot conservation efforts of environmental organization and local people to undertake an environmental outreach and education campaign. Staging a mobile/high profile education and awareness campaign across the Andes, a national TV conservation campaign using free public slots, and establishing EcoGroups at schools and key localities.
Conservation International	Conservation of Yellow-breasted Capuchin Monkey	Understanding the needs, ecology, and behavior of wild groups of the Yellow-Breasted Capuchin Monkey, a primate from the Atlantic Forest of eastern Brazil. Radio-telemetry and direct research will enable further development of management strategies for its conservation, necessary for the future of this highly threatened species.
Conservation International	Wildlife Protection in Southwest Cambodia	Protecting endangered wildlife in Southwest Cambodia from commercial hunting. Demand for animal skins, organs and bones to supply the international wildlife and medicinal trade market is heavily impacting the animal population in Cambodia. Staff will monitor and investigate key hunters, buyers and sellers of wildlife in Southwest Cambodia and identify the trade networks that extend to major cities and towns in Cambodia, Thailand, Laos, Vietnam and China.

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Conservation International	Population, Ecology and Movements of African Elephants	Identifying habitat corridors important to conserving movements of elephants in the Okavango/Upper Zambezi Transfronteir Conservation area including study of elephant ecology and movements in northern Botswana. Objectives include systematic aerial surveys of elephant numbers, satellite and GPS telemetry studies to determine local, regional and transboundary movements.
Defenders of Wildlife	Swift Fox to the Blackfeet Indian Reservation	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
Fauna and Flora Preservation Society, Inc.	Gibbon Conservation in Cambodia	Commissioning a conservation status review and producing a Cambodia gibbon conservation plan to provide conservation agencies with a high level of proficiency for future primate conservation intervention. Both gibbon species prominent in Cambodia are under severe pressure from habitat loss, hunting for bushmeat, medicine and a thriving pet trade.
Fauna and Flora Preservation Society, Inc.	Antiguan Racer Conservation Project	Saving the world's rarest snake, the Antiguan Racer, and using it as a flagship for conserving marine biodiversity of Antigua's offshore islands.
Fauna and Flora Preservation Society, Inc.	Disease Control in Maasai dogs	Reducing disease threats for wild carnivore populations of the Serengeti, in particular the endangered African wild dog, by developing cost-effective strategies for vaccinating Maasai domestic dogs to reduce public health risks for local communities as well as remote villages and communities.
Fauna and Flora Preservation Society, Inc.	Pemba Flying Fox Conservation Project	Expanding activities to conserve Pemba's remaining forests, examining and recommending of tourist development options that support both biodiversity conservation and rural livelihoods on the island to achieve conservation gains and secure the habitat and survival of the critically endangered Pemba flying fox, an endemic bat species to Pemba Island.
Fauna and Flora Preservation Society, Inc.	Siamese Crocodile Conservation Project	Working with the Cambodian government, NGOs and local communities to conserve this critically endangered predator in the Cardamom Mountains of Southwest Cambodia. Teams have surveyed 375km of waterways and discovered 14 previously unknown crocodile sites. Focusing on tackling the problem of commercial poachers by enlisting the support of local residents and providing training and intelligence to newly established ranger patrols in Southwest
Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary (Gulf of Mexico Foundation)	Coral Reef Mapping, Dry Tortugas	Developing methods to incorporate digital photography and computer technology to map coral reefs and their associated fish communities. Surveys have documented the collapse in staghorn coral due to white band disease, and the influence on the associated reef fish community. Results of this study will increase understanding of staghorn coral communities, a species that is currently a candidate for listing on the endangered and threatened species list, and other reef communities of the Dry Tortugas National Park.

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Golden Lion Tamarin Association	Environmental Education as a Tool for Conservation of the Golden Lion Tamarin and the Atlantic Forest in Brazil	Conserving a viable population of Golden Lion Tamarins in their native habitat, lowland Atlantic Forest in Brazil where only two percent of the tamarin habitat remains. Using educational activities with the Golden Lion Tamarin as a flagship to raise community awareness of the importance of conservation of the Atlantic Forest and mobilizing teachers as multipliers to develop school environmental projects. Systematic evaluation will result in revisions to improve the program as it develops and dissemination of lessons learned to the municipal environmental education professionals developing programs throughout Brazil and elsewhere.
Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institution	The Conch Heritage Network Conserving the Queen Conch for Future Generations	Restoring and preserving commercially threatened conch in South Florida. Rearing and restocking the conch in the Florida Keys with the focus on key nutritional requirements that will enhance shell strength during the nursery phase and increase survival after restocking.
International Fund for Animal Welfare	Senegal Oryx Reintroduction Project	Creating a new national park and biosphere reserve in Senegal and reintroducing the Senegal Oryx species to the Ferlo region of Senegal. Restoring critically endangered species, rehabilitating habitat, and benefiting the local community.
International Fund for Animal Welfare	Acoustic Approach to Vaquita Conservation	Understanding the habitat use by the vaquita (dolphin), one of the most endangered marine cetaceans, using bio-acoustical methodology as a more effective and less expensive alternative to visual location.
International Fund for Animal Welfare	Kalinzu Snare Removal Project	Funding for assistance in the Kalinzu Snare Removal Project as they remove snares/traps and record locations using GPS. These records will assist researchers in monitoring behavior patterns of poachers and hunters.
International Primatological Society	Workshop in Primate Conservation	Planning and conducting a workshop for young conservation professionals and students of primate biology held in conjunction with the biannual congress of the International Primatological Society in Turin, Italy.
International Rhino Foundation	In Situ Conservation: Northern White Rhino	Conserving the Northern White Rhino, one of the three most critically white rhino taxa, and its eco system in Garamba National Park, Democratic Republic of Congo.
International Rhino Foundation	Sumatran & Javan Rhino Protection Units	Protecting the surviving wild populations of Sumatran and Javan rhinos with antipoaching teams known as Rhino Protection Units (RPU) who will patrol the habitat of the rhino to destroy snares/traps and apprehend poachers through the creation of Rhino
International Snow Leopard Trust	Snow Leopard Stewardship Project	Creating a partnership between two leading snow leopard conservation organizations to combine expertise to protect endangered snow leopards. Promoting stewardship at the village level.
John G. Shedd Aquarium (for Project Seahorse, Philippines)	Biological studies of Hippocampus comes	Conducting biological studies of Hippocampus comes including data gathering on various physical parameters to provide information critical to successful population management in a partnership between Philippines and scientists at aquariums in the U.S.

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Kipsaina Crane and Wetlands Conservation Group	Kenya Wetlands Conservation and Restoration	Providing viable alternatives to land owners in Western Kenya so that the reversal of wetland loss and crane population declines can be prevented.
Marine Resources Council	Northern Right Whale Monitoring Program	Supporting scientists and resource managers to train citizen volunteers to identify critically endangered Right Whales and report sightings which provide real time reports of Right Whale locations to reduce ship collisions. Project will gather and input data into a national database.
Mote Marine Laboratory	Dolphin/Manatee Responses to Marine Construction	Evaluating the impact of noise levels caused by human activities, including construction and demolition on bottlenose dolphin and manatees. Analyzing the impact by documenting change in habitat use.
Mote Marine Laboratory	Conservation Biology of Smalltooth Sawfish	Comparing the juvenile sawfish's ability to utilize nursery habitats in human-impacted and non-impacted areas. Investigating the impact of population decline on the genetic structure of the population.
Mote Marine Laboratory	Remote Detection/Localization of Rehabilitated Manatees	Tracking and locating rehabilitated manatees that have been released in Florida waters through the use of acoustic transponder tags with a goal of ensuring successful long term reintroduction to the wild. These sonic tags can be used if satellite and VHF tags are
National Audubon Society	Restoring Maine Seabirds	Protecting, monitoring and managing of the restored seabird community on Eastern Egg Rock in Maine and further restoring of Common and Roseate Terns on Outer Green Island, Maine. Researching non-lethal techniques for gull control.
National Trust for the Cayman Islands	Awareness for Cayman Blue Iguanas	Campaigning to increase public awareness for local support toward conservation of the critically endangered Grand Cayman blue iguana. Awareness will be consolidated with a schools curriculum module and associated theme boxes and activities, combined with blue iguana retail products and improved visitor facilities at the captive breeding facility for this species. Developing a self-sustaining program for local support and awareness for the blue iguana.
Peregrine Fund (The)	Cape Verde Kite Conservation Project	Ensuring survival of the critically endangered Cape Verde Red Kite through successful captive breeding, and in the long term, restoration to the wild. With support from DWCF in 2002, the project found and captured five kites and translocated them to a breeding facility in the United Kingdom. Additional funding will greatly enhance the probability of success by adding any/all remaining wild birds to the captive stock.
Peregrine Fund (The)	Asian Vulture Crisis	Determining and addressing 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 third year.
Peregrine Fund (The)	Harpy Eagle Conservation through Education	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 species in remaining suitable habitat.

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Peregrine Fund (The)	Satellite Monitoring of Released California Condors	Managing the California Condor, North America's most recognized endangered species, through completion of a three-year project developing sophisticated monitoring/information systems through the use of a miniaturized, solar-powered, Global Positioning System satellite monitored transmitter.
Perry Institute for Marine Science	Marine Reserves in the Bahamas	Providing Bahamian marine resource managers with scientific information about the efficacy of existing and design of proposed marine reserved through research and monitoring efforts. Building community support for the management of these areas through training workshops and the development of educational materials will help build support to protect marine ecosystems.
Reef Relief	Reef Relief Bahamas Project	Establishment of environmental education programs supported by field work that prevents anchor damage through bouy programs, documenting change in the reefs through surveys and restoring corals through the nursery project.
Smithsonian Marine Station at Fort Pierce	Ecology, Great Land Crab	Filling gaps in knowledge and providing a basis for wise and efficient habitat conservation decisions affecting the crabs, promoting habitat restoration, prudent use of pesticides and discouraging exploitation to slow the decline in the crab populations on the Gulf Coast.
Sri Lanka Wildlife Conservation Society	Saving Elephants Helping People	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, helping create a nature tourism base beneficial to residents.
Tapir Preservation Fund	Lowland tapirs as landscape detectives for the Atlantic Forest	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.
The Nature Conservancy	Florida Scrub Jay Fire Strike Team	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 (controlled) restoration burns to benefit fire-dependent species like the jay. DWCF has partnered to make this program since 1999.
United Nations Foundation	Scholars for conserving India's Natural Heritage	Granting university students senior internships at World Heritage sites where they will assist with research and conservation initiatives involving rhinoceros, tigers, Siberian cranes and elephants.
United Nations Foundation	Mapping Coral Reefs for Management	Mapping coral reefs, in Ninh Thuan Province, Viet Nam will enable managers to effectively conserve marine resources. This project will effectively serve as a model tool for other sites to manage their marine resources.
University of California	Conservation of Umbrellabirds and Ecuadorian Choco	Creating a detailed study of biology and behavior of the Long-Wattled Umbrellabird and its Choco habitat to determine its integral role as a seed dispersal agent for the region, and to serve as a focal point to work with local communities to develop a long-term conservation and research program for the region.

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University of Central Florida	Satellite Tracking Juvenile Green Turtles	Using satellite telemetry to determine destinations and routes of travel for juvenile Green Turtles leaving the East coast of Florida to provide much-needed information about their history. Understanding movements and migratory pathways is critical to our ability to provide protection for them.
University of Florida	People, Parrots and Park Outreach	Supporting the management of Abaco National Park to maintain a viable population of Bahama Parrots by working with residents, leaders, teachers, hunters and tourism representations to create a comprehensive needs assessment for park (and parrot) education and outreach program to help remaining birds.
University of Florida	Mapping Recovery of Elkhorn Coral in the Caribbean	Documenting the abundance, location and size distribution of living Acropora palmate (Elkhorn Coral) colonies around the islands of St. John, USVI and South Caicos, will determine the spatial distribution of recovery. Data will be integrated into a GIS database, allowing us to determine whether recovery is associated with anthropogenic activities, providing crucial information for future management.
University of Florida	Adult Female Loggerhead Foraging Habitats	Determining if female Loggerhead Turtles nesting in Florida use different foraging habitats and if these differences are related to body size and haplotype. Based on evaluation, many factors will provide essential information on foraging habitats that can be used to assess threats to the Florida Loggerhead nesting population and to develop management plans for critical foraging areas.
University of Florida	Conservation Monitoring at Cedar Key	Establishing a program for long-term monitoring of biological resources associated with the Cedar Keys/Big Bend coastal region, initially emphasizing colonial nesting birds for which the region is known, and training students in GIS technology to provide information applicable to conserve and manage insular populations of nesting birds.
University of Florida	Juvenile Bull Shark Migration Patterns	Investigating the daily and seasonal migration patterns of young Bull Sharks in one of their nursery grounds by using acoustic telemetry to track sharks in the Indian River Lagoon system along the Atlantic Coast of Florida so that critical habitat can be delineated. Fishing pressure and habitat degradation have decreased the worldwide populations of the Bull Shark.
University of Florida	Beach Nourishment and Sea Turtles	Investigating the effect that replaced sands have on the 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.
University of Oxford	Ethiopian Wolf: Conservation education campaign	Assessing local human communities in Ethiopia to tailor an education campaign to address resident attitudes toward the rarest canid Ethiopian Wolf in the world (less than 500 remain).
University of Washington	Tracking Magellanic Penguins at Sea: Data for Marine Zoning Policies	Identifying foraging areas during the penguin-breeding season at Punta Tombo where population has declined 25% since 1987. Combining this data with oceanic productivity data from NOAA, will lead to establishing compatible traffic areas for industries in the region. Supporting small student stipends and costs of 10 satellite tags and monitoring time.

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Wildlife Conservation Society	Wildlife and the Oil "Footprint"	Researching the ecological impact of oil development on North Slope shorebirds. Findings will inform and affect management policy on the North Slope, data will provide baseline to monitor effects of global warming on arctic habitats and wildlife.
Wildlife Conservation Society	Endangered Red Banded Langurs of Malaysia	Saving the world's last known population of Red-Banded langurs and monitoring and conserving other primate species in Malaysia's Maludam National Park. Implementing a management plan and providing data for the plan, to ensure the survival of the Red-Banded langur.
Wildlife Conservation Society	Siberian Tiger Project: Research and action	Understanding the needs of Siberian Tigers in the Russian Far East by conducting two-pronged effort of field research and conservation action. Radio collaring cubs and other family members in order to define tiger dispersal patterns and barriers to their dispersal, and deploying tiger response teams to intervene as tigers move into situations where conflicts with humans are likely to arise.
Wildlife Conservation Society	Mongolian Gazelles: Research and Conference	Continuing study of the population dynamics and movement patterns of nearly one million gazelle that migrate on the eastern steppes of Mongolia and addressing planned future development of its effects on these animals.
Wildlife Conservation Society	Vicuna Management in Andean Peru	Creating and implementing of a management plan for the conservation of the Vicuna (related to the llama) and its habitat in the Salinas Aguada Blanca National Reserve in the Peruvian Andes. Promoting guidelines ensuring that Andean communities collect valuable vicuna fiber in a sustainable manner that does not adversely affect wild and semi-wild Vicunas.
Wildlife Trust	Conservation Education for Black Lion Tamarins	Conservation education program in Brazil for the black lion tamarin to add sustainable practices reducing pressures on the natural environment so the species can have better chances of gene flow exchange. Improvement of human quality of life integrated to conservation is the challenge this education will face.
Zoo Atlanta	Conservation Education Initiatives in China and the United States	Publishing information relevant to the conservation of non-human primates and their ecosystems in Africa focused on field workers in remote areas who do not have access to information important to the success of their research and conservation efforts.