

# Disney Wildlife Conservation Fund Awards 2005

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African Elephant Conservation Trust	<b>Consolation Program</b>	Moss	AF	Elephants	Kenya
	Mitigating human-elephant conflict between the Maasai community and the elephant population in the Amboseli National Park (Kenya) eco-system. Providing "consolation" to Maasai individuals whose animals have been killed by elephants. This program has been extremely successful in preventing retaliation against elephants. (Amboseli Elephant Research Project)				
Amara Conservation	<b>Environmental Education and Community Forums</b>	Ostovar	AF	Education Programs	Kenya
	Impacting the bushmeat trade through community forum programs (Barazas). Barazas, led by a team of African specialists from eight other organizations, are conducted after a mobile film unit shows an environmental educational film designed specifically for Africans and translated into local languages.				
American Bird Conservancy	<b>Protecting Threatened Colombian Parrots</b>	Salaman	C/SA	Birds	Colombia
	Supporting the "Disney Parrot Bus initiative," with mobile education outreach across the region to support the long-term conservation of the flagship species and ensure the protection of the region's biodiversity. Expanding the National Strategic Conservation Action Plan for threatened parrots. Goal is to protect and restore a 5,000 hectares and full range of habitats and foraging areas for parrots and associated endangered fauna and flora.				

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<b>American Zoo and Aquarium Association</b>	<b>AZA Conservation Endowment Fund</b>  Supporting the AZA Conservation Endowment Fund (CEF), in continuation of a long partnership between Disney, through carefully selected zoo and aquarium-based conservation projects	Allard	G	Multiple Species	United States
<b>ARCAS - Wildlife Rescue &amp; Conservation Assoc.</b>	<b>Environmental Education and Interpretation Center</b>  Establishing the Mayan Biosphere Reserve Environmental Education and Interpretation Center (CEIA) on the grounds of the ARCAS Rescue Center in the Peten region of Guatemala. The CEIA will serve as a hub of environmental education and awareness-raising directed at the residents and tourists and will cover themes including the ecology and archeology of Peten, the illegal pet trade and why there is a need to conserve the natural resources that make the MBR such a special place. DWCF funding will be used to create an educational aviary for non-releasable birds, an exhibit on the Mayan people of Peten and environmental education activities involving local communities.	Martinez	C/SA	Education Programs	Guatemala
<b>Association of Zoological Horticulture</b>	<b>AZH Conservation Grant Program</b>  Partnering with the AZH to support members, their institutions, and projects that identify and address key plant species and conservation issues facing them.	Ross	G	Plants	United States
<b>Audubon Florida</b>	<b>EagleWatch</b> Funding EagleWatch to update and expand educational activities, expand its protection, monitoring, and documentation of nesting bald eagles, and increase relay of data to official agencies for decisions affecting conservation. Audubon's EagleWatch monitors 18% of the southeastern US nesting Bald Eagles. In 2005, hurricanes destroyed 70% of Florida nesting sites.	White	NA	Birds	United States

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Audubon Florida	<b>Monitoring Roseate Spoonbills in Tampa Bay</b> Funding Audubon's Florida Coastal Islands Sanctuaries to band fledgling Roseate Spoonbills in Tampa Bay, compile information about spoonbill survival until fledging, analyze movements of the banded spoonbills after fledging, identify important wintering sites, and offer improved understanding of basic spoonbill biology, including breeding age and population dynamics and movements.	Paul	NA	Birds	United States
	<b>International Conservation of White-crowned Pigeons</b>  Studying the White-crowned pigeon, which is limited to the Caribbean Basin and threatened by intense hunting and loss of essential mangrove and seasonal deciduous forests. Funding a meeting and training workshop for biologists representing major sub-populations to determine abundance and status, habitat loss and other threats, and priorities for management and conservation. Supporting field research in Cuba, the Bahamas, Jamaica, and the Dominican Republic to determine their importance as wintering destinations for U.S. birds, assess hunting impacts, and promote local study of migrant and resident populations.	Meyer	NA	Birds	Bahamas
	<b>Jabiru Habitat, Movement, and Nest Census</b> Tracking Jabiru Storks in Belize with satellite/GPS transmitters, which provide data on movements, winter ranges, and survival. Conducting an exhaustive survey of active nesting territories in Belize, which has the largest population of these birds in Mesoamerica are very rare in Mexico and Central America, (~200 individuals) and face an uncertain future. This population's biology is poorly studied, including nest-site selection, survival, and seasonal movements.	Meyer	C/SA	Birds	Belize
	<b>Threats to Swallow-tailed Kites in South America</b> Addressing several of the highest-priority objectives vital to hemispheric conservation planning for Swallow-tailed Kites. Expanding telemetry investigation of the wintering destination of South American kites; examining the sources of the high incidence of over-winter mortality in agricultural regions of Brazil; determining whether subadult kites produced in the U.S. spend their summers in South America; and producing quantitative management recommendations for kites nesting on industrial forest lands of the southeastern U.S.	Meyer	C/SA	Birds	Brazil

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Bat Conservation	<b>Borderlands Bat Conservation</b> Recognizing that the Borderlands Project is critical in the conservation of Mexican free-tailed bats, endangered lesser and Mexican long-nosed bats, and their respective ecosystems. Through a bi-national collaboration, DWCF will support BCI to: 1) publish a cave stewardship book to foster awareness of bat values and their management; 2) identify key caves; 3) train leaders in bat resource management; 4) protect and restore key roosts; 5) develop a strategy to ensure their long-term protection in the U.S.\Mexico Borderlands region.	Waldien	NA	Bats	Mexico
	<b>Conservation of the Araripe Manakin</b> Producing an officially recognized Conservation Action Plan for this highly endangered species and its habitat, to avoid its extinction. The Araripe Manakin is a critically endangered bird, endemic to the forested slopes of the Araripe Chapada, Ceara State, Brazil. Its population is estimated at less than 50 individuals. The major threat to its conservation is the reduction in habitat.	Andrade de Girao e Silva	C/SA	Birds	Brazil
	<b>Conservation of the Bahama Parrot</b> Funding the collection of scientific information to influence critical conservation measures for this rare bird, and establishing a local framework of support. The Bahama Parrot is confined to two Bahamian islands where once it was found on seven. It is threatened by hurricanes, development and predation from introduced mammals. Its long-term survival depends on securing existing populations on Abaco and Inagua through site management, local community involvement and predator control, and reintroductions on other pine islands.	Gape	NA	Birds	Bahamas
	<b>Restoring the Rarotonga Monarch</b> Re-surveying these threatened Cook Islands birds, restoring physical access to the Rarotonga Monarch's nesting sites and undertaking intensive recovery actions for the next breeding season. The Rarotonga Monarch has been one of the best examples of a successful community-driven species-recovery program. However, three cyclones in 2005 destroyed the remaining Cook Islands forests and the current conservation status of its birds are	Tiraa	AS	Birds	Cook Islands

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<b>Bird Life International</b>	<b>Saving the Swallow</b>  Counting the number of Blue Swallow breeding pairs on the Nyika Plateau, studying their nest sites and determining whether they visit nearby ranges during their breeding season. Rangers will be trained to undertake monitoring activities and awareness will be raised among local communities. This partnership with BirdLife International and the Zambian Ornithological Society will help conserve this severely threatened bird, which, as a flagship species, represents the montane grasslands of Southern Africa.	Muyakwabo Mwizabi	AF	Birds	Zambia
<b>Caribbean Conservation Corporation</b>	<b>Panama Leatherback and Hawksbill Project</b>  Supporting a long-term hawksbill and leatherback turtle recovery program at Chiriqui Beach, Panama. CCC and its partners will continue a coordinated program of protection and monitoring of nesting activity and public education. Once one of the key hawksbill colonies in the world, this population has declined 98% from 1950s levels. New surveys show the beach now supports one of the largest remaining leatherback populations in the world.	Troeng	M/A	Reptiles/Amphibians	Panama
<b>Cheetah Conservation Fund</b>	<b>Predator Management: Livestock Guarding Dogs</b> Working with farmers to test the effectiveness of new livestock and wildlife management strategies, including the effectiveness of Livestock Guarding Dogs --a method of non-lethal predator control that protects farmers' livelihoods while conserving cheetah. The Cheetah Conservation Fund (CCF) has identified management techniques correlated with livestock loss and changing attitudes, which can be linked economically to assist both cheetahs and farmers.	Marker	AF	Cats (Felids)	Namibia
<b>Conservation International</b>	<b>Biodiversity Training/Awareness</b> Enhancing scientific capacity through training local scientists and students in biodiversity assessment methods and the taxonomy of animal and plant groups not well studied in this area. Collecting biodiversity data to be used by the government, scientists, and NGOs to protect and manage biodiversity. Discoveries of new species and a media campaign will also highlight the country's unique biodiversity and raise awareness of conservation needs.	Alonso	AS	Multiple Species	Nepal

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<b>Conservation International</b>	<b>Wildlife Conservation in Colombian Amazonia</b> Promoting the conservation of the second known population of Crax globulosa birds in Colombia, and possible subpopulations in near islands by integrating science and participation/endorsement of local communities and regional environmental agencies. C. globulosa is a large terrestrial bird with specific habitat requirements (islands on Amazonian white-water rivers). The only known populations in Colombia are one at Mocagua Island, Amazonas River, and one recently confirmed at the Mirit Island. Consolidating conservation initiatives in two indigenous reserves and two campesino veredas, with Pure National Park, and implementing school environmental projects at three local schools, ensuring corresponding community conservation initiatives.	Palacios	C/SA	Multiple Species	Colombia
<b>Dian Fossey Gorilla Fund International</b>	<b>Karisoke Research Center</b> Ensuring continuation of an education and capacity building program which focuses on the training and development of future generations of Rwandan conservationists. For several decades, the Dian Fossey Gorilla Fund International (Karisoke Research Center, Rwanda) has conducted conservation research activities through habitat monitoring, biodiversity inventories, vegetation classification for the Virunga ecosystem, human impact studies; and behavioral/ecological studies of mountain gorillas.	Fawcett	AF	Primates	Rwanda
<b>Fauna and Flora Preservation Society, Inc.</b>	<b>Antiguan Racer Conservation Project</b> Restoring York Island as an offshore wildlife sanctuary where racers (rare snakes) can be reintroduced, and re-introducing Lesser Antillean iguanas to Antigua. Enabling dramatic increases in wildlife populations and natural habitats, and building a cadre of young West Indian conservationists through long-term approaches to conserve Antigua's terrestrial and marine biodiversity.	Daltry	C/SA	Reptiles/Amphibians	Antigua and Barbuda

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Fauna and Flora Preservation Society, Inc.	<b>Cambodian Crocodile Conservation Program</b>  Working with communities, NGOs and government to conserve these critically endangered reptiles and their threatened wetland habitat. Siamese crocodiles have vanished from 99% of their range, leaving Cambodia with almost all of the 200-300 wild survivors. This program will raise awareness, train wardens, elucidate the crocodiles' ecological needs, and help indigenous people to create additional sanctuaries.	Daltry	AS	Reptiles/Amphibians	Cambodia
	<b>Central Asian Saiga Antelope Conservation</b> Supporting local communities in taking responsibility for saiga conservation through a multi-disciplinary programme of awareness raising, biological and socio-economic research and supporting community groups to implement projects that address the root causes of poaching. The saiga is a unique antelope that migrates across Central Asia in vast herds. In the last 10 years the population crashed by 94% due to poaching and is now critically	Entwistle	AS	Hoofed Stock (Ungulates)	Kazakhstan,Uzbekistan
	<b>Conservation of Tibetan Antelope</b> Training local Tibetan community patrolling teams and nature reserve staff from the Snowlands Great Rivers Source Nature Reserve, Qinghai in monitoring and protection techniques. Conducting a census and monitoring program for protection of Tibetan Antelope winter rutting grounds in Arjinsham Mountain Nature Reserve, Xinjiang. The Tibetan Antelope (Pantholops hodgsoni) lives on the high, barren steppes of the Tibetan Plateau, and is a flagship and symbol of this ecosystem. Since the early '90s this species has been threatened by illegal market hunting for its fine fleece, used to make expensive shahtoosh shawls. New threats include mining and infrastructure projects that block the migration routes of females traveling between rutting and calving grounds.	Bleisch	AS	Hoofed Stock (Ungulates)	China
	<b>Watamu Turtle Conservation Project</b> Developing the Watamu Marine Education Centre, focused at conserving five species of marine turtles. This is the only marine centre on the Kenyan coast, and is becoming a critical base for conservation activities in the region. Proactive conservation is promoted through local community mobilization and participation in conservation efforts, and education is focused towards both schoolchildren and fishermen groups, through both on-site workshops and outreach initiatives.	Trott	M/A	Reptiles/Amphibians	Kenya

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<b>Friends of the Virgin Islands National Park</b>	<b>A Closer Look at Elkhorn Coral</b>  Determining the role of diseases, physical breakage and other factors in controlling the status of elkhorn populations on two reefs in USVI through weekly/bi-weekly monitoring. Limited comparative work is also planned for Buck Island Reef National Monument. Studying calcification patterns associated with disease and competition between elkhorn coral and other reef organisms. Project addresses issues that are preventing the recovery of elkhorn coral within Virgin Islands National Park.	Rogers	M/A	Reefs (Marine Habitats)	U.S. Minor Outlying Islands
<b>Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institution</b>	<b>Conserving the Queen Conch</b>  Supporting the Conch Heritage Network, which works with the communities of South Florida and the Caribbean to advance conservation of the fisheries species queen conch. Education funds promote lesson plans, update website, and expand an educational video. Research funds test the influence of inorganic nitrogen on recruitment of conch larvae in the Florida Keys, resulting in conserving the queen conch, minimizing fisheries pressure, and improving stock replenishment.	Davis	M/A	Reefs (Marine Habitats)	United States
<b>HELP Congo</b>	<b>Postrelease Monitoring of Orphan Chimpanzees</b> Supporting HELP -- the only project that has successfully returned orphan chimpanzees to the wild. The long-term post-release monitoring of the released chimpanzees provides a model and guidelines for other projects seeking a long-term solution to ape orphanages throughout Africa. The project also shows that reintroduction can be an efficient tool to address the conservation needs of a protected area. In addition to continued monitoring of the released chimpanzees, and protection of the study area, researchers will examine reproduction, maternal behavior, and interactions with wild chimpanzees of the 16 released females that are currently followed in the release zone.	Goossens	AF	Primates	Congo

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Hubbs-SeaWorld Research Institute	<b>Pacific Bluefin Tuna Tagging Project</b>	Wilson	M/A	Fish	United States
	Expanding knowledge of the migration patterns and habitat use of Pacific bluefin tuna. Attaching pop-up archival tags to captive fish held in net pens at Platform Grace. Once released, their tags will record location, depth and temperature data at regular intervals. These data will be used to assess the causes of recent population declines and provide information urgently needed for the conservation and management of this species.				
Humboldt University	<b>Borderlands Jaguar Detection Project</b>	McCain	NA	Cats (Felids)	United States
	Supporting the Borderlands Jaguar Detection Project, the only jaguar study in the U.S., to document jaguars and identify suitable habitat and corridors along the U.S./Mexico border. This information is critical in management decisions for jaguar conservation and recovery in the American Southwest. The jaguar, the largest and most endangered cat in the Americas, was extirpated from the Southwest in the early 1900s; however, wild jaguars were recently documented living in southern Arizona.				
Hutan	<b>Wild Orangutan Health Monitoring in Sabah</b>	Ancrenaz	AS	Primates	Malaysia
	Developing a health-monitoring program of wild orangutans living in Sabah. Goals are to gain an insight into the range of pathologies affecting wild orangutans; implement an individual health monitoring of orangutans regularly followed at the study site; and identify periods of alimentary stress by determining the hormonal profile of wild orangutans for documenting the consequences of habitat disturbance, tourism and other human-related activities on orangutans' stress.				

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<b>International Crane Foundation</b>	<b>Driefontein Grassland Biodiversity Conservation, Zimbabwe</b>	Chirara	AF	Birds	Zimbabwe
	Conserving Wattled Cranes and wetland biodiversity in Zimbabwe, with emphasis on the renowned Driefontein Grasslands - an area of recent intensive land reform - by assessing the status of Wattled Cranes, educating key stakeholders, and developing local technical capacity for research and conservation. The project involves aerial surveys, wetland field assessment, education and awareness activities, and networking with South African conservation programs. Measures to mitigate threats to wetlands will be developed and disseminated nationally.				
<b>International Fund for Animal Welfare</b>	<b>Senegal Antelope and Habitat Program</b>	Clark	AF	Hoofed Stock (Ungulates)	Senegal
	Creating a new national park and biosphere reserve in the Ferlo region of Senegal and the reintroduction of subject species into the region. The project includes restoring critically endangered species, rehabilitating habitat, and involving the local community in the process.				
<b>International Iguana Foundation</b>	<b>Jamaican Iguana Recovery Program</b>	Wilson	C/SA	Reptiles/Amphibians	Jamaica
	Securing the survival of this critically endangered species through habitat protection, habitat restoration, population augmentation, public education, advocacy, and the provision of sound ecological data to inform national strategies on biodiversity conservation. The Jamaican Iguana Recovery Program is a collaborative effort involving the University of the West Indies, the Institute of Jamaica, the National Environment & Planning Agency, the Hope Zoo, the IUCN Iguana Specialist Group, and the International Iguana Foundation.				
<b>International Rhino Foundation</b>	<b>Black Rhino Nutrition</b>	Helary	AF	Rhinos	Namibia
	Investigating black rhino nutritional ecology in relation to different habitat types for the reproductive potential of this highly endangered species. There is need to know more about how habitats, especially chemical composition of food plants in terms of nutrients and secondary compounds affect breeding success.				

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<b>International Rhino Foundation</b>	<b>Sumatran-Javan Rhino Protection Units</b>	Van Strien	AS	Rhinos	Indonesia
	Protecting the surviving wild populations of Sumatran and Javan Rhino through anti-poaching teams known as Rhino Protection Units (RPU). RPUs conduct intensive patrols through the rhino's forest habitat of the rhino to destroy snares/traps and apprehend poachers, thereby creating Intensive Protection Zones for the Rhino. There are 33+ RPUs operating with IRF funds and coordination in Indonesia (19) and Peninsula Malaysia (14). RPUs also conduct anti-poaching intelligence and community outreach work.				
<b>International Snow Leopard Trust</b>	<b>Snow Leopard Survival Strategy Follow-up</b>	McCarthy	AS	Cats (Felids)	Kyrgyzstan
	Supporting a partnership in India implementing key projects identified by the Snow Leopard Survival Strategy (SLSS) which creates comprehensive guidelines to ensure coordinated efforts to save this endangered big cat. For the past two years the Snow Leopard Trust and the Snow Leopard Conservancy have worked together through SLSS using participatory community-based conservation that has been the keystone of their success elsewhere. In 2005 they will continue those efforts in two new countries: Pakistan and the Kyrgyz Republic.				
<b>Marine Resources Council</b>	<b>Northern Right Whale Monitoring Project</b>	Albert	M/A	Marine Mammals (Cetaceans)	United States
	Sponsoring efforts by the MRC, which has recruited and trained over 800 coastal volunteers in Florida to report right whale sightings. MRC reports the sightings to the US Navy for dissemination to ships to avoid collisions. Ship collisions are responsible for over one-third of right whale deaths and MRC's public education and coordination of coastal residents is an integral				

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Mote Marine Laboratory	<b>Marine Mammal Biomarker</b> Developing a "biomarker" for marine mammals exposed to harmful algal blooms (HABs) such as red tide and domoic acid). Exposure of marine mammals to HABs may affect reproduction, immune function, and has been implicated in large-scale die offs of several marine mammal species. A biomarker (baseline physiological information) for animals exposed to these harmful toxins may serve as a valuable diagnostic tool for researchers and conservationists alike.	Reynolds	M/A	Marine Mammals (Cetaceans)	United States
	<b>UME Dolphin Evaluation in Florida</b> Finding solutions to unexplained dolphin deaths in the wild. More than 200 bottlenose dolphins in the Florida panhandle have died in 2004 unusual mortality events (UMEs). Using photographic identification and genetic sampling to define stocks, develop abundance estimates, help to determine the stocks of origin of UME carcasses, and evaluate the impacts of the UME on local stocks of dolphins. Evaluation of the impacts of these events has been complicated by lack of information on dolphin stocks in panhandle waters.	Balmer	M/A	Marine Mammals (Cetaceans)	United States
National Audubon Society	<b>Maine Seabird Restoration</b> Managing restoration areas to improve nesting habitat, while providing a compelling subject for our outreach program to Maine schools and the Internet. Restoration techniques have helped Atlantic Puffins, Arctic Terns, and Roseate Terns (all endangered or threatened in Maine) to return to two of their most important historic nesting islands, Eastern Egg Rock and Outer Green Islands. However, these thriving colonies are now threatened by predators and invasive plants.	Kress	NA	Birds	United States
National Wildlife Federation	<b>Sage Grouse Conservation</b> Increasing the capacity of wildlife and land management agencies to monitor sage-grouse populations and habitat trends by training and deploying volunteer technicians to collect and contribute scientifically valid data to current conservation efforts for this threatened bird.	Deeble	NA	Birds	United States

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<b>Northern Rangelands Trust</b>	<b>Community Conservation of Grevy's Zebra</b> Engaging the support of local communities that share the land with Grevy's zebra to halt poaching one of the most significant populations of zebra that remains in northern Kenya (Samburu). Expanding the integrated network of security and monitoring, and ensuring a program of education and awareness.	Low	AF	Hoofed Stock (Ungulates)	Kenya
<b>Operation Migration - USA</b>	<b>Reintroduction Migratory Population of Whooping Cranes</b> Joining with the US Fish and Wildlife Service and many partners in reintroducing a migratory population of Whooping cranes into eastern North America. The project is spearheaded by the Canadian registered charity that pioneered and developed a method using ultra light aircraft to lead isolation-reared juvenile cranes on their maiden fall migration - Operation Migration Inc. The year 2005 marks the fifth year for this project under the direction of the International Whooping Crane Recovery Team. Chicks are hatched at the USGS Patuxent Wildlife Research Center and make their way to Florida in the fall.	Duff	NA	Birds	United States
<b>Painted Dog Conservation Trust</b>	<b>Children's Environmental Education Bush Camp</b>  Providing a three-day conservation education experience for all grade six students from the primary schools in fifteen of the indigenous communities that border the Hwange National Park buffer zone. The programme introduces students to native species, ecological relationships, the adverse effects of extinction, to help them understand the need for nature conservation.	Lombardo	AF	Education Programs	Zimbabwe
<b>Pan African Sanctuaries Alliances</b>	<b>PASA Veterinary Outreach Program</b>  Helping purchase veterinary equipment that can be shared by sanctuaries from a central location, such as an x-ray machine in Yaounde or a gas anesthesia machine in Brazzaville. Pan African Sanctuaries Alliance members increasingly work together on veterinary healthcare issues, such as disease control, contraception, dietary problems, and overall great ape health. This support is critical to encouraging further regional cooperation, local capacity, and improved veterinary healthcare for all PASA primates.	Unwin	AF	Primates	Cameroon

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Peregrine Fund (The)	<b>Asian Vulture Conservation Project</b> Providing clean (untainted) food to the largest remaining colony of vultures, buying time for species restoration efforts to begin. Three South Asian vulture species are critically endangered due to poisoning from diclofenac. Reducing mortality in the wild by providing expert guidance for species restoration, collect breeding stock, and provide data on the distribution and abundance of remaining vulture populations on which conservation efforts must be focused.	Watson	AS	Birds	Pakistan
	<b>Harpy Eagle Restoration in Belize</b> Reintroducing captive-raised Harpy Eagles into the wild. Birds will be studied and tracked by satellite telemetry at least until first breeding occurs, with the aim of establishing up to eight breeding pairs in contiguous habitat. The Peregrine Fund will apply its 35 years of global conservation experience to restore the depleted population of Harpy Eagles in the Mesoamerican Biological Corridor (MBC) of Belize, where reliable sightings have not occurred in over four decades.	Muela	C/SA	Birds	Belize
Perry Institute for Marine Science	<b>Ensuring the Nassau grouper's future</b>  Providing scientific research, monitoring and training in support of Nassau grouper conservation in the Bahamas. Nassau grouper are among the most important fish in the Caribbean due to their high economic, ecological and cultural value, but they are now among the most threatened with extinction. The Bahamas is one of the few places where viable Nassau grouper populations still exist, but they are facing increasing threats.	Dahlgren	M/A	Fish	Bahamas
Philippe Cousteau	<b>Coral Reef Restoration Initiative</b> Establishing a genetic bank of corals to prevent their extinction and using cultured specimens for restorative re-plantation onto damaged coral reef sites. Current reef restoration efforts are limited to utilizing displaced fragments of coral broken off during a destructive event to re-build damaged reef structure, or in the absence of such fragments, calcium carbonate blocks to re-create reef	Vaughan	M/A	Reefs (Marine Habitats)	United States

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<b>Project Seahorse</b>	<b>Biological Studies of Hippocampus comes</b> Focusing on seahorse conservation, but addressing global conservation issues of habitat loss, resource exploitation and bycatch, through a partnership that incorporates education and husbandry with the conservation, research and field management skills. Project Seahorse, in partnership with the aquarium, has been working with marginalized fishing communities in the central Philippines since 1998.	Vincent	M/A	Fish	Philippines
<b>Smithsonian National Zoological Park</b>	<b>Maned Wolf Conservation Project</b>  Funding an integrated, multi-disciplinary study that compares ecology, health, and reproduction in wolves living in low versus high human density areas, providing information on how human activities influence the species. Results, combined with a strong community education program, will enhance capacity for conservation planning while improving local awareness. Maned wolf habitats have been converted at an unprecedented rate to farmlands. Habitat loss and increased exposures to humans and domestic animals post significant threats to wild wolves.	de Paula	C/SA	Dogs (Canids)	Brazil
<b>Sri Lanka Wildlife Conservation Society</b>	<b>Mitigating Human-Elephant Conflict</b>  Addressing Sri Lanka's globally significant biodiversity values threatened by deforestation, land degradation, and unregulated exploitation of natural resources. The animal most affected by these activities is the endangered Sri Lankan elephant, now number fewer than 3,500 in the wild. Resolving human-elephant conflict by constructing a solar powered electric fence with local community participation and facilitating establishment of a critical elephant corridor connecting the Yala National Park to the Lahugala Kitulana National Park.	Corea	AS	Elephants	Sri Lanka

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The Nature Conservancy	<b>Jay Watch</b> Continuing support for Jay Watch brings together researchers, land managers and citizens to conduct repeated and consistent surveys of the threatened Florida scrub-jay. Jay Watch provides land managers with year-to-year population trend data and data on structural and compositional changes in habitat and how these parameters respond to management. This allows land managers to be proactive rather than reactive and to implement successful management techniques that ultimately contribute to the long-term survival of the scrub-jay.	Biehl	NA	Birds	United States
University of California	<b>Umbrellabird Conservation in Ecuadorian Choco</b> Supporting year two of a long-term, integrated conservation program in the Ecuadorian Choco - scientific research with conservation implications; training and capacity-building of Ecuadorian counterparts; and community outreach and education. Focusing on the Long-wattled Umbrellabird, the Banded Ground-cuckoo, seed dispersal, avian diversity, hummingbird pollination, and fruit production.	Smith	C/SA	Birds	Ecuador
University of Central Florida	<b>Marine Turtle Nesting at the Archie Carr National Wildlife Refuge</b> Continuing a long-term approach to understanding sea turtles, the DWCF supports the UCF Marine Turtle Research Group which has been conducting surveys and studying loggerhead, green turtle and leatherback nesting and reproductive success on the beaches of South Brevard County in the Archie Carr National Wildlife Refuge since 1982. The creation of the Refuge was predicated on nest numbers collected by the UCF group during the 1980s, and this 21 km beach consistently accounts for approximately 25% of all of the loggerhead nesting in the southeastern United States.	Ehrhart	M/A M/A	Reptiles/Amphibians Reptiles/Amphibians	United States United States



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University of Florida	<b>Bahamas Sea Turtle Conservation Strategy</b> Continuing a rich partnership with the Archie Carr Center working toward a Conservation Strategy for sea turtles in the Bahamas. Creating a workshop on Andros, Bahamas, with participants from Bahamian government agencies, educational institutions, and conservation organizations. The strategy and recommendations will be presented to the Bahamian government; brochures and posters highlighting the conservation needs for sea turtles will be developed and distributed throughout the Bahamas to prioritize sea turtle conservation efforts.	Bjorndal	M/A	Reefs (Marine Habitats)	Bahamas
	<b>Identification of Ray Migration Patterns</b> Gaining more insight into the movements of rays in the Indian River Lagoon (IRL) system in Central Florida. Despite their significance, fundamental information is limited or lacking for most species. The project is a supplement to research currently underway with the Florida Program for Shark Research (FPSR) located at the University of Florida. Rays are of considerable importance to both the ecology and ecotourism of this river system. Studying environmental preferences, home ranges, habitat uses, and seasonal migrations that are essential in understanding and protecting IRL rays and their critical habitats.	Burgess	M/A	Multiple Species	United States
	<b>Miami Blue Butterfly Recovery</b> Participating in a comprehensive recovery effort to save the state's endangered Miami blue butterfly. The program incorporates additional critical research objectives, public educational components, and park personnel training opportunities. The data generated will direct future reintroduction and management actions. The corresponding educational materials will enhance public awareness of imperiled Florida invertebrates, as well as improve the ability of park staff to provide interpretation and adequate organism protection.	Emmel	NA	Insects	United States

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University of Florida	<b>Sea Turtles and Beach Nourishment</b> Investigating the effects beach renourishment (sand replacement) has on embryonic development and hatching success of sea turtles. Previous work documented differences in incubating environments (density and temperature of sand) and correlated them to beach properties, but with limited success due to hurricane activity. Ensuring that field research is analyzed addressing physiological impacts these differences have on the embryological development to minimize affecting the fitness of future sea turtle generations.	Mota	M/A	Reptiles/Amphibians	United States
University of Kentucky	<b>South-central Florida Black Bear Conservation</b> Using GPS technology to examine one of the smallest and least-studied black bear populations in Florida. The bears' location in an agricultural landscape present special conservation challenges because most bear habitat in the region is on private lands and unprotected. Identifying population demographics, den habitat, key foraging areas, and highway crossings. These data will facilitate regional management plans that target the conservation of this unique population near Tampa.	Maehr	NA	Bears	United States
University of Oxford	<b>Ethiopian Wolf Education Campaign</b> Expanding the Ethiopian Wolf Conservation Programme's education campaign beyond the Bale mountains to the Arsi Mountains (of South Ethiopia) and the Wollo Highlands (in North Ethiopia). By developing the local environmental awareness, researchers hope to help counteract the current and long-term threats to the persistence of the unique Afroalpine ecosystem and its flagship species, the Ethiopian wolf. Year two of support from	Malcolm	AF	Dogs (Canids)	Ethiopia
	<b>Hwange Lion Research Project</b> Using extensive field research on lion populations to address quotas for sport hunting in Hwange National Park. Working with the Parks and Wildlife Authority, Zimbabwe (PWLAZ) to reduce lion hunting quotas to sustainable levels. Lion hunting was suspended for 2005 and 2006 based on results presented by this project. Monitoring the hunting moratorium and collecting valuable data on the recovery of the lion population. Educating local people on the value of wildlife, natural habitats and sustainability of natural resources by training and presented a traveling theatre troupe.	Loveridge	AF	Cats (Felids)	Zimbabwe

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Wildlife Conservation	<b>Tracking Magellanic Penguins at Sea</b> Using satellite telemetry to identify foraging areas of Magellanic penguins during the breeding season this species' largest breeding colony in Punta Tombo, Argentina. Information will be used to propose marine zoning policies to protect penguins at sea. Documenting foraging locations with remote-sensing data determines whether penguins consistently feed in high productivity areas and how climate variations impact foraging. Continuing outreach and education in Argentina and North America.	Boersma	C/SA	Birds	Argentina
	<b>Cambodia Vulture Conservation Project</b> Conducting the necessary research to understand the species; population, ecology and local threats to vultures. Cambodia supports a globally important population of two critically endangered vulture species, and represents the best remaining chance for in situ conservation. A working group of partner NGOs and Government Departments has been formed to implement a suite of conservation activities following a comprehensive action plan. These activities provide the foundation for a successful long-term conservation initiative.	Walston	AS	Birds	Cambodia
	<b>Hornbill Conservation Program</b> Working with indigenous communities to ensure the conservation of globally significant forests and wildlife populations using hornbills as flagship species. Ensuring community participation in conservation through integrated activities that foster wildlife conservation through community welfare. Implementation of conservation laws remains a challenge in a tribal state like Arunachal Pradesh in the Eastern Himalaya, a global biodiversity hotspot. Hunting remains a primary threat to wildlife.	Datta	AS	Birds	India
	<b>Jaguar Population Census in Madidi</b> Conducting a jaguar population census in Rivers Heath and Asunta the northern tip of Bolivia's Madidi Park --one of the wildest portions of this landscape. Estimating jaguar prey species abundance and the general wildlife value of this site. This study is part of the Living Landscapes Program with a goal of conserving biodiversity through the development of in-situ landscape activities and policy interventions that will enhance the landscape approach, in areas of global biodiversity importance.	Wallace	C/SA	Cats (Felids)	Bolivia

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Wildlife Conservation	<b>Siberian Tiger Project</b> Funding a multi-faceted, broad-based program to monitor cub survival, examine tiger dispersal, and mitigate human-tiger conflicts. The STP uses modern field-based science to develop effective conservation strategies. These activities will increase survivorship and identify new areas for protection that will help conserve the last Siberian tigers -- the largest cat in the world, and one of the most endangered.	Goodrich	AS	Cats (Felids)	Russia
	<b>Black Lion Tamarin Conservation</b> Supporting a plan that includes genetic and demographic management of this tiny endangered monkey, educational initiatives with the community and local landowners, and the selection of priority land patches for the conservation of its forest habitat. The target of this program is the conservation of the black lion tamarin and its habitat, the Interior Atlantic Forest, through a five-year action plan.	Martins	C/SA	Primates	Brazil
	<b>Establishing Ecological Monitoring Sites in Belize</b> Monitoring manatee habitat use and health, and collecting environmental data such as seagrass growth and water clarity. Beginning a new component to develop sampling sites focusing on seagrass, mangroves and reef monitoring, the logical and necessary next research step to aid in the development of effective resource management.	Powell	M/A	Marine Mammals (Cetaceans)	Belize
Wildlife Trust	<b>Flat-headed Bat Conservation</b> Studying flat-headed bat's biology and conservation needs, creating a subsequent environmental education program. The species was declared extinct in 1996 by the IUCN, but in July 2004, several individuals were found by a Wildlife Trust team from the Program for Conservation of Mexican Bats. This rediscovery represents a major finding and a very rare opportunity to learn about a supposedly extinct species and contribute to its recovery.	Medellin	NA	Bats	Mexico

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<b>Wildlife Trust</b>	<b>Reducing Incidental Mortality of Franciscana Dolphins</b> Exploring two potential solutions to dolphin mortality: acoustic deterrents and changes in fishing gear. The Franciscana dolphin, native to the waters of Argentina, Brazil and Uruguay, is among the world's most endangered dolphins. Primary threats are death from entanglement in fishing nets and habitat degradation. Research suggests that it cannot sustain the current level of incidental mortality and practical management actions are urgently needed.	Bordino	M/A	Marine Mammals (Cetaceans)	Australia
<b>World Wildlife Fund</b>	<b>Conserving China's Endangered Species</b> Reducing consumption (for medicinal purposes) of threatened species in China by developing/delivering a conservation curriculum for community-based medicinal practitioners. Focus is on healthy, holistic, green alternatives to endangered species such as Chinese musk deer, tigers and bears while building the skills set of China's community-based medicinal practitioners to meet a growing consumer demand for green products.	Henry	AS	Cats (Felids)	China