

# Disney Wildlife Conservation Fund Awards 2006

59 Organizations - 92 Projects - 35 Countries

Organization Name	Project Name	Researcher	Geographic Area	Animal Type	Country
African Wildlife Foundation	<b>Mountain Gorilla Habitat Protection</b>	Gray	AF	Primates	Congo
	Supporting the long-term conservation of the endangered mountain gorilla and other species, and the forest habitat in Central Africa through training and education for enhanced protection and surveillance activities.				
Amara Conservation	<b>Environmental Education and Community Forums</b>	Bergemann	AF	Education Programs	Kenya
	Impacting the bushmeat trade and alleviating human elephant conflict through environmental education in rural Kenya. Conducting community forums via a mobile film unit, working with African specialists (GO and NGO) adjacent to National Parks and Reserves.				
American Bird Conservancy	<b>Bringing Back the Western Bluebird</b>	Altman	NA	Birds	United States
	Translocating Western bluebirds to parts of its historic range in northwestern Washington and southwestern British Columbia. Creating a "flagship" project for education and local participation to support conservation of the entire biodiversity of the prairie-oak ecosystem.				
	<b>Saving the Critically Endangered Lear's Macaw</b>	Moreira	C/SA	Birds	Brazil
	Purchasing 3,000 acres to protect the Licuri palm and the critically endangered Lear's Macaw nesting site and food sources. Implementing specific conservation measures for the palm tree and working with the local community.				

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Association of Zoological Horticulture	<b>Conservation Grant Program</b>  <u>Durban Botanic Gardens</u> Supporting the African Botanical Garden Network (ABGN) to conserve and propagate endangered plant species.	Dalzell	AF	Plants	South Africa
	<b>Conservation Grant Program</b> <u>Oklahoma City Zoo and Botanic Gardens</u> Conducting the first scientifically rigorous fieldwork related to El Cielo Biosphere Reserve's rare orchids. All three orchids are officially listed by the Mexican government as rare and endangered. This project will train and work with local para-ecologists throughout the project to establish protocols for repeatable fieldwork to be carried out by future partnering between locals and outside researchers.	Harmon	NA	Plants	Mexico
	<b>Conservation Grant Program</b> <u>North Carolina Zoological Park</u> Researching Zambian and Ugandan products, including non-timber forest products (NTFP), with market potential and developing the trade relationships crucial to the establishment of Full Circle Trade as a conservation-based enterprise.	Wall	AF	Plants	Zambia/ Uganda
	<b>Conservation Grant Program</b>  <u>Zoological Society of San Diego</u> Conserving and protecting endangered Erythrina tahitensis and other Erythrina sp. ex situ in three distinct geographical locations through propagation via cuttings, micropropagation, and seeds.	Letzring/ Powell	NA	Plants	United States

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Association of Zoos and Aquariums	<b>Conservation Endowment Fund</b>	Walsh	AF	Bats	Madagascar
	<u>Lubee Bat Conservancy</u> Supporting conservation research to understand the ecological role of fruit bats in Madagascar. As pollinators of two species of endangered baobab trees, these fruit bats are crucial components of the biodiversity that newly proposed parks aim to protect.				
	<b>Conservation Endowment Fund</b>	Naiman	AF	Multiple Species	Uganda
	<u>Wildlife Conservation Society</u> Delivering capacity-building for the staff of the Uganda Wildlife Education Center and providing educational workshops for teachers, environmental educators, and youth leaders for the conservation of wildlife and ecosystems in Uganda.				
	<b>Conservation Endowment Fund</b>	Freeman - Brown	NA	Elephants	United States
	<u>Smithsonian's National Zoological Park</u> Creating rapid field kits that provide real-time results to determine the reproductive activity in elephants. These kits will reduce the complexity and extraction difficulty in obtaining information that will contribute to breeding program success and elephant conservation.				
	<b>Conservation Endowment Fund</b>	Lengel	AS	Education Programs	Mariana Islands
	<u>Philadelphia Zoo</u> Creating an environmental education program in the Mariana Islands' schools working with teachers and wildlife biologists to produce teaching kits. The kits will contain lesson plans, props, supplies, and a teachers manual that will educate students to preserve the environment for plants, animals and people.				

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Association of Zoos and Aquariums	<b>Conservation Endowment Fund</b>	Biggelaar- Porton	AF	Education Programs	Madagascar
	<u>St. Louis Zoo</u> Building local capacity in Madagascar for natural resource research and management through formal and informal education working with Appalachian State University. The project will integrate teaching with research and involve faculty, students, farmers, staff through the newly established Ivoloina Conservation Training Center.				
	<b>Conservation Endowment Fund</b>	Asa- Bradshaw	C/SA	Reptiles/ Amphibians	Nicaragua
	<u>St. Louis Zoo</u> Investigating the presence and distribution of reptiles and amphibians in the Bosawas Biosphere Reserve in Nicaragua to mitigate the rapid decline of these species. This project will advise a long term monitoring plan and Will train local people to participate and help conserve the area's biodiversity.				
	<b>Conservation Endowment Fund</b>	Good	AF	Education Programs	Botswana
	<u>Cheetah Conservation Botswana</u> Expanding the community outreach program for cheetah conservation. This project will offer educational workshops, school programs and community demonstrations to improve attitudes towards these predators and reduce human-wildlife conflict situations.				
	<b>Conservation Endowment Fund</b>	Lee-Bailey	AF	Fish	Kenya/Uganda
	<u>Toronto Zoo &amp; New England Aquarium</u> Providing graphic and interpretation materials for exhibits in Kenya and Uganda that will give local communities the opportunity to see living fish indigenous to the area. The materials will help educate people about the animals and promote wildlife conservation.				

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Audubon Florida	<b>Audubon EagleWatch</b>	White	NA	Birds	United States
	Expanding Audubon's EagleWatch educational activities on the importance of bald eagle protection, monitoring, and documentation of nesting bald eagles, and increasing capacity to share data with state and federal agencies for use in decisions affecting conservation management.				
	<b>Monitoring Roseate Spoonbills in Tampa Bay</b>	Hodgson	NA	Birds	United States
	Analyzing the foraging habitats and requirements and developing a better understanding of basic biology, ecology, and behavioral features of spoonbills. Using this information to improve management of this rare species (approximately 900 nesting pairs in Florida.				
Avian Research and Conservation Institute	<b>Jabiru Conservation in Central America</b>	Meyer	C/SA	Birds	Belize
	Expanding use of satellite/GPS transmitters to track breeding adult storks in Belize. Developing safe and effective trapping methods; and describe habitat and area needs, seasonal movements, and survival.				
	<b>White-crowned Pigeon Conservation in the Caribbean</b>	Meyer	C/SA	Birds	Bahamas
	Addressing the highest international priorities for conservation of the White-crowned pigeon by training and advising local students and biologists to develop research, management, and education programs.				

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Bat Conservation International	<b>Protecting Bats in U.S./Mexico Borderlands</b>	Waldien	NA	Bats	Mexico
	Protecting key populations of ecologically and economically vital bats in the U.S./Mexico Borderlands by educating cave owners and managers, community leaders and educators about the value and needs of bats; expanding documentation of the region's remaining bat roosts and setting conservation priorities; and protecting and restoring key bat colonies by developing and implementing long-term conservation plans.				
Bird Life International	<b>Protecting the White-necked Picathartes</b>	Okoni-Williams	AF	Birds	Sierra Leone
	Estimating population size of this bird, conducting training seminars and awareness workshops to local communities and creating a wardening system to reduce disturbance of the birds and habitat.				
	<b>Saving the Slender Antbird</b>	Develey	C/SA	Birds	Brazil
	Studying the breeding habits of the endangered Slender Antbird of south eastern Brazil and working with local rural communities and schools to raise awareness and understanding of this species.				
Caribbean Conservation Corporation	<b>Panama Leatherback and Hawksbill Project</b>	Ordonez	M/A	Reptiles/Amphibians	Panama
	Supporting a long-term leatherback and hawksbill turtle recovery program at Chiriqui Beach, Panama. Once one of the most robust hawksbill colonies in the world, this population has declined by 98% from 1950s levels. Monitoring and protecting these populations, while building support for sea turtle recovery within local communities.				

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Cheetah Conservation Fund	<b>Dogs Saving Cats</b>	Marker	AF	Cats (Felids)	Namibia
	Supporting the Livestock Guardian Dog program as an effective community-based conservation program to protect cheetahs. On farms where dogs are working, farmers have reported up to an 80% decrease in livestock losses post-placement. The burden of convincing a farmer not to kill or harass a cheetah is greatly reduced when the farmer does not perceive the cheetah as a threat to his/her livelihood.				
Conservation Breeding Specialist Group	<b>Saving Sun Bears</b>	Wong	AS	Bears	Malaysia
	Determining the distribution and conservation needs of sun bears in Malaysia; assisting in a Malayan Sun Bear Education Center at a community environmental education facility and creating and broadcasting a ten-segment Sun Bear Adventure Journals series.				
Conservation International	<b>Cambodian Otter Conservation Project</b>	Olson	AS	Otters	Cambodia
	Empowering a team of Cambodian conservationists to identify localities with key populations of the four otter species and developing action plans aimed at conserving the highest priority wild populations, with emphasis on potential protected area status, land use agreements, and community involvement in protection efforts.				
	<b>Jaguar Conservation in the Brazilian Pantanal</b>	Silveira	C/SA	Cats (Felids)	Brazil
	Funding basic jaguar research, but also an education and health campaign targeted to local people of the Pantanal wetland, to indirectly help protect the jaguar and its habitat.				

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Dian Fossey Gorilla Fund International	<b>Karisoke Research Center</b>	Fawcett	AF	Primates	Rwanda
	Developing Rwandan conservation scientists, through field research, scientific training and partnerships, and enhancing the capacity of national scientists to collect biodiversity data to be used by national park authorities and partners to enhance conservation efforts.				
Durrell Wildlife Conservation Trust	<b>Reintroduction of the Ploughshare Tortoise</b>	Lewis	AF	Reptiles/Amphibians	Madagascar
	Improving the conservation status of this rare tortoise by establishing a new wild sub-population with animals bred in captivity and working with local communities to protect ploughshare tortoise habitat and to carry out monitoring and surveillance for illegal collection activities.				
Fauna and Flora International	<b>Antiguan Racer Conservation Project</b>	Daltry	C/SA	Reptiles/Amphibians	Antigua/Barbuda
	Restoring Green Island, the primary site for Antiguan racer reintroduction, an important hawksbill turtle nesting area, and the target island for reintroducing Lesser Antillean Iguanas. Conserving Antigua's globally important terrestrial and marine biodiversity.				
	<b>Asian Elephant Community Conservation</b>	Azmi	AS	Elephants	Indonesia
	Integrating the Conservation Response Unit in Tangkahan with the development of ecotourism and the implementation of a stronger education and awareness programs to develop ecotourism.				



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Fauna and Flora International	<b>Cambodian Crocodile Conservation Program</b>	Daltry	AS	Reptiles/Amphibians	Cambodia
	Working with communities, NGOs and Governments to conserve these Critically Endangered reptiles and their threatened wetlands. Focusing on behavioral and genetic research (essential for re-introduction planning) and strengthening protection provided by local communities.				
	<b>Watamu Turtle Conservation Project, Kenya</b>	Trott	M/A	Reptiles/Amphibians	Kenya
	Reducing sea turtle mortality, protecting habitat, researching through the turtle by-catch release program, and raising awareness among community members. Conducting a "Year of the Turtle" Campaign including activities such as drama, song and poetry in schools and communities.				
<b>Friends of the Virgin Islands National Park</b>	<b>Coral Reefs in Crisis</b>	Rogers	M/A	Reefs (Marine Habitats)	Virgin Islands
	Establishing a pilot project to explore the relationship between water currents and coral bleaching and disease which has devastated coral in this area.				
<b>Golden Lion Tamarin Association</b>	<b>Forest, Water, Tamarins and People</b>	Matsuo	C/SA	Primates	Brazil
	Restoring 5 hectares of springs and riparian forest on 5 farms; building the capacity of teachers and students to effectively participate in local restoration actions; training rural women and youth to increase their income through economically and environmentally viable alternatives in order to protect this tiny monkey.				

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Harbor Branch Oceanographic	<b>Queen Conch Conservation</b>  Protecting the Queen conch, a commercially threatened fisheries species in Florida and the Caribbean. Working with Colombian scientists, fishers, and educators to test conch ranching and restocking in marine protected areas as a method to build a sustainable fishery.	Davis	M/A	Reefs (Marine Habitats)	United States
Humboldt University	<b>Borderlands Jaguar Detection Project</b>  Using trail cameras and track/scat surveys to study current jaguar distribution and habitat use in the Southwest. After extirpation in the mid-1900's, jaguars have been discovered in portions of their former range, marking a milestone for jaguar conservation. This project has produced the first biological information on jaguars in the northern extent of their range.	McCain	NA	Cats (Felids)	United States
Hutan	<b>Monitoring of the Bornean elephant in Kinabatangan</b>  Documenting the movement patterns, mating strategies, dispersal, and genetic health of the Bornean elephant, recently described as a separate taxon, making it the world's most endangered member of the Proboscidae.	Marc	AS	Elephants	Malaysia
International Fund for Animal Welfare	<b>Asian Elephant Conservation Project</b>  Expanding habitat and creating ecological corridors for Asian elephants in the Yunnan province of China, and expanding community development and education programs in Xishuangbanna to reduce human-elephant conflict and boost local economies.	Zhang	AS	Elephants	China

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International Fund for Animal Welfare	<b>Closing Tiger Bone Markets in China</b>	Zhang	AS	Cats (Felids)	China
	Promoting tiger conservation in key areas of China by enhancing law enforcement capacity, maintaining and improving current restrictions on trade in tiger parts and conducting a public education campaign.				
	<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 reintroducing antelope into the region. Restoring critically endangered habitat, rehabilitating habitat, and involving the local community in the process.				
International Rhino Foundation	<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's). RPU's 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.				
	<b>Zimbabwe Black Rhino Conservation</b>	du Toit	AF	Rhinos	Zimbabwe
	Supporting conservation monitoring and interventions which are vital for Zimbabwe's black rhino, the 4th largest population (~550) in Africa: 75% on private lands; 25% in national parks. Protecting rhinos in danger from poachers.				

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International Snow Leopard Trust & Snow	<p><b>Snow Leopard Conservation In India</b></p> <p>Continuing efforts through a two-pronged approach which brings the communities of the mountains into the mainstream of government conservation programs. The Snow Leopard Survival Strategy (SLSS) is now broadly accepted as the guiding document for saving this species across its range in central Asia. .</p>	Bhatnagar	AS	Cats (Felids)	India
Mangrove Action Project	<p><b>Mangrove Curriculum Transfer in Latin America</b></p> <p>Collaborating on the adaptation and local introduction of mangrove curriculum as part of a program to introduce environmental education into Latin American schools. This unique experiential approach incorporates the latest scientific information, as well as culturally relevant and timely social issues, with the goal of transforming society towards a positive attitude and respect for the environment, while preparing the next generation of decision makers.</p>	Corets	C/SA	Education Programs	Brazil
Marine Resources Council	<p><b>Northern Right Whale Monitoring Program</b></p> <p>Supporting the MRC which coordinates over 800 coastal volunteers in the Southeast U.S. to report North Atlantic right whale sightings. MRC confirms the sightings and informs the U.S. NAVY for dissemination to ships to avoid collisions.</p>	Albert	M/A	Marine Mammals (Cetaceans)	United States

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Mote Marine Laboratory	<b>At-Risk Dolphin Population Identification</b>	Wells	M/A	Marine Mammals (Cetaceans)	United States
	Exploring the deaths of more than 220 unusual bottlenose dolphins in the Florida panhandle. The population-level impacts of these deaths have not been fully evaluated because the population(s) of origin have not been identified. Similarly, risks to the remaining dolphin population(s) in the area have not been assessed because stocks have not been defined. Conduct genetic analysis to resolve these issues.				
	<b>Proactive Protection of Florida's Manatees</b>	Reynolds	M/A	Marine Mammals (Cetaceans)	United States
	Focusing on red tide association with manatee health by assessing whether fatty acid profiles of the blood of living manatees provide diagnostic markers that demonstrate disease conditions, which has previously been possible only through animal autopsy.				
National Audubon Society	<b>Restoring Maine Seabirds</b>	Kress	NA	Birds	United States
	Restoring and protecting seabirds nesting at Eastern Egg Rock, Outer Green Island and Jenny Island using public outreach to Maine school children through school visits and boat cruises to see puffins and other seabirds, and outreach to the broader public through streaming video onto the Internet.				
National Wildlife Federation	<b>Sage-grouse Conservation</b>	Deeble	NA	Birds	United States
	Training citizen volunteers and deploying them in the field to collect and contribute scientifically valid data to current sage-grouse conservation efforts. The primary goal of the program is to increase the capacity of wildlife and land management agencies to monitor populations of this bird and its habitat trends.				

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Northern Rangelands Trust	<p><b>Grevy's Zebra Research Project</b></p> <p>Facilitating a collective approach to conservation among all partners who share their lands with the Grevy's zebra. Studying the vital Grevy's zebra population found in the Trust's Melako Conservancy to provide a foundation for a conservation strategy for this species.</p>	Low	AF	Hoofed Stock (Ungulates)	Kenya
Operation Migration - USA	<p><b>Advancements for Whooping Crane Reintroduction</b></p> <p>Supporting the modification of ultralight aircraft used to lead migrating whooping cranes from Wisconsin to Florida in an effort to re-establish a migrating population of this rare bird.</p>	Duff	NA	Birds	United States
Painted Dog Conservation Trust	<p><b>Children's Environmental Education Camp</b></p> <p>Teaching local children conservation concepts, an understanding of ecological relationships, the value of biodiversity, an appreciation of painted dogs and the role they play in ecosystems, to inspire an emotional attachment to the natural world. Funding Iganyana Bush Camp for grade six students from the 16 primary schools in the area.</p>	Rasmussen	AF	Education Programs	Zimbabwe

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Pan African Sanctuaries Alliances	<b>Bonobo Reintroduction Project / DRC</b> <p>Addressing a dramatic rise in orphaned bonobos (chimpanzee-like primates) since 2000. Bonobos face extinction from hunting, disease and deforestation. Identifying if potential reintroduction sites for 30 bonobos in DRC meet biological, ecological and socio-economic requirements in accordance with IUCN. Benefits of reintroduction include land and wildlife protection, education, and conservation awareness, while providing refuge for bonobos that are confiscated supporting law enforcement efforts.</p>	Lucas	AF	Primates	Congo
Perry Institute for Marine Science	<b>Ensuring the Nassau Grouper's Future</b> <p>Focusing on critical research, monitoring, and outreach to guide Nassau grouper conservation and fisheries management in the Bahamas. The Nassau grouper is among the most economically and ecologically important fish in the Caribbean and considered an endangered species. The Bahamas is among the few places where Nassau grouper still support fisheries, but its numbers there are dwindling.</p>	Dahlgren	M/A	Fish	Bahamas
Project Bird Watch	<b>Teaching Conservation of Indonesian Parrots</b> <p>Addressing issues of parrot smuggling in the Moluccas of Indonesia using birds which cannot be released into the wild housed in permanent Sanctuary as the focus of educational efforts to teach conservation to the next generation.</p>	Metz	AS	Education Programs	Indonesia

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Project Seahorse	<p><b>Project Seahorse</b></p> <p>Implementing measures for seahorse conservation and addressing global conservation issues of habitat loss, resource exploitation and bycatch through a partnership that incorporates education and husbandry. Project Seahorse has been working with marginalized fishing communities in the central Philippines since 1998.</p>	Vincent	M/A	Fish	Philippines
Rare & Endangered Species Trust	<p><b>Children's Endangered Species Awareness Campaign</b></p> <p>Underwriting a Children's Endangered Species Awareness Campaign 'Save Our Species' (SOS) school art competition designed to raise young Namibian's awareness of the plight, and reasons for decline, of rare and endangered species. This competition reaches 6000 students at primary schools in seven towns falling within key Namibian farming areas. By education and involving children in these towns, an important conservation message is passed on to future generations of land users.</p>	Diekmann	AF	Education Programs	Namibia
San Bernardino National Forest Association	<p><b>Great Seeds Restoration Program</b></p> <p>Involving children and community partners in maintaining native plant diversity on the San Bernardino National Forest as the cornerstone of forest restoration and management. Restoration projects are conducted for fire restoration, Bark Beetle infestation, and to mitigate erosion and human impacts. A strong hands-on, educational component is maintained through native plant workshops, the greenhouse and tree nursery facilities, field projects and monitoring.</p>	Meyer	NA	Plants	United States



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Smithsonian National Zoological Park	<b>Maned Wolf Conservation</b>  Supporting a multi-disciplinary study focusing on the maned wolf, a flagship species. Range, health, gene diversity and reproductive fitness will be compared in wolves living in low versus high human density areas providing information on how human activities influence a specialized predator. Results, combined with a strong community education program, will enhance capacity for conservation planning while improving local awareness. The Brazilian Cerrado is one of the most critical ecosystems in the world. More than 50% of this region has been converted into farmlands, a significant threat to local fauna and flora.	Songsasen	C/SA	Dogs (Canids)	Brazil
The Bahamas National Trust	<b>Breeding Ecology of the Bahama Parrot</b>  Addressing the breeding ecology component of the Bahama Parrot's life history, complimenting the project supported by Disney Wildlife Conservation Fund in 2005 which focused primarily on estimating population densities of Bahama Parrots on both islands. The combination of both of these vital life history parameters will allow better understanding to ensure the persistence of the species.	Stahala	C/SA	Birds	Bahamas
The Nature Conservancy	<b>Project Jay Watch</b>  Supporting the long-term Jay Watch program which brings together land managers, citizens and researchers to conduct repeated and consistent surveys of the Florida scrub-jay, the state's only endemic bird. Jay Watch provides land managers with year-to-year population data on structural and compositional changes in habitat and how these parameters respond to management. This allows land managers to be proactive and to implement successful management techniques that contribute to the long-term survival of one of North America's most endangered birds.	Millett	NA	Birds	United States

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The Peregrine Fund	<b>Asian Vulture Conservation Project</b>	Watson	AS	Birds	Pakistan
	<p>Providing expert guidance for species restoration, and data on the distribution and abundance of remaining vulture populations to help focus conservation and restoration efforts. Three South Asian vulture species are classified as critically endangered due to poisoning from a common drug used by cattle ranchers. This project addresses the urgent need to reduce vulture mortality by providing clean food to the largest known remaining colony of Gyps bengalensis and implementing public education.</p>				
	<b>Harpy Eagle Restoration in Belize</b>	Muela	C/SA	Birds	Belize
	<p>Restoring a depleted population of Harpy Eagles in the Mesoamerican Biological Corridor of Belize, where reliable sightings of the species in the wild had not occurred in four decades. Captive-raised Harpy Eagles will be released into the wild, studied, and tracked by satellite telemetry until at least first breeding occurs, with the aim of learning best restoration practices and establishing up to eight breeding pairs in contiguous habitat.</p>				
	<b>Pemba Scops Owl Conservation Project</b>	Virani	AF	Birds	Tanzania
	<p>Responding to the urgent need to reevaluate the owl's status and improve knowledge so that conservation can be based on sound science and implemented before the owl slips into extinction. The Pemba Scops Owl is threatened by rapid clearing of habitat and a pilot survey found the owl in remnant forest that now covers less than 2% (20 km2) of the island.</p>				

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Turtle Survival Alliance	<b>Environmental Education for Turtle Conservation</b>  Conserving core wetland areas by providing environmental education training to key players from Cambodia's turtle conservation community, who will then target priority communities and greatly reduce threats to globally threatened turtles in their breeding sites. The team will re-use their training to drive and support future Cambodian turtle conservation efforts.	Hendrie	AS	Education Programs	Cambodia
University of Aberdeen	<b>Malagasy Bats: Conservation Conflict Resolution</b>  Integrating research, surveys and education to conserve Malagasy fruit bats and their roosts, focusing on the relationship between people and the bats and investigating conflicts that arise from fruit bat predation of crops and ways of mitigating the problem. Conducting a regional survey to identify threatened roosts and visiting local communities to raise the awareness about fruit bat conservation and ecology.	Jenkins	AF	Bats	Madagascar
University of Alabama	<b>Conservation of Boas in Honduras</b>  Continuing an intensive scientific monitoring program of an insular-endemic race of boa constrictor from the Cayos Cochinos archipelago, Honduras, developing a comprehensive conservation plan for the local authority (Honduran Coral Reef Foundation, HCRF), and designing and implementing a conservation education program targeted at the local youth.	Boback	C/SA	Reptiles/Amphibians	Honduras

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University of California	<b>Umbrellabird Conservation in the Choco</b>	Karubian	C/SA	Birds	Ecuador
	Supporting a long term conservation program in the Ecuadorian Choco to continue and expand upon ongoing scientific research, including focused study of the Long-wattled Umbrellabird, including local training, and education.				
University of Central Florida Research	<b>Green Turtle Satellite Telemetry</b>	Bagley	M/A	Reptiles/Amphibians	United States
	Determining migratory pathways and destinations of endangered green turtles as they leave East Central Florida. Long term data collected from several aggregations of juvenile green turtles (Chelonia mydas) indicate that they leave this area by the time they are about 70 cm in length and are rarely seen in larger sizes. Targeting the missing size classes (70-90 cm) to learn about movements, migratory pathways and destinations of this endangered species.				
	<b>Oyster Reef Restoration in Florida</b>	Walters	M/A	Reefs (Marine Habitats)	United States
	Developing and implementing a scientifically-based restoration technique that minimizes wake damage from recreational vessels on intertidal reefs of the eastern oyster Crassostrea virginica in the Indian River Lagoon system along the east coast Florida. Funding for supplies to restore reefs and continuing an oyster restoration outreach campaign.				

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University of Florida	<b>Bahamas Sea Turtle Conservation Strategy</b>	Bjorndal	M/A	Reptiles/Amphibians	Bahamas
	<p>Building on a Bahamas Sea Turtle Conservation Strategy Workshop (funded by DWCF in 2005) with participants from Bahamian government agencies, educational institutions, and NGOs. Addressing two priority outcomes of need: knowledge of sea turtle distributions within The Bahamas and improved access to information about sea turtles. Conducting sea turtle surveys and developing a website (Bahamas Sea Turtle Information Network) as a focal point for sea turtle information.</p>				
	<b>Florida Butterfly Monitoring Network</b>	Daniels	NA	Insects	United States
	<p>Supporting the Florida Butterfly Monitoring Network, a citizen science initiative that involves public volunteers, university scientists, and AZA institutions and conservation land area staff in a statewide, field-based conservation program to survey butterfly populations throughout Florida. The goal is to enable capacity building in the two main areas of participant training and field data collection through development of additional website materials and by expanding the network to include additional nearby conservation lands.</p>				
	<b>Identification of Ray Migration Patterns</b>	Burgess	M/A	Fish	United States
	<p>Learning more about the life history, movements, and interactions of stingray populations. Using passive acoustic tracking techniques to increase knowledge of the movements and migrations of four of these species found within the Indian River Lagoon: the bluntnose stingray, the cownose ray, the smooth butterfly ray, and the spotted eagle ray.</p>				

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University of Florida	<b>Marine Protected Area Management in the Bahamas</b>	Jacobson	M/A	Reefs (Marine Habitats)	Bahamas
	Engaging stakeholders to strengthen marine conservation management and ensure sustainable marine resource use in Andros Island, Bahamas. Conducting a social science survey of marine resource users to determine current resource use patterns, social factors concerning support for the MPA, community aspirations for participation, and outreach needs. Identifying areas of potential resource use conflict and areas for effective management intervention, by creating resource use maps through ethnographic mapmaking and GIS.				
	<b>Project Shark Awareness: Elementary Education</b>	Burgess	M/A	Fish	United States
	Supporting "Project Shark Awareness," an innovative outreach program to educate the public about the myths and realities of shark biology, behavior, and conservation. This program consists of teacher training workshops that will enable elementary school educators to conduct "shark awareness" programs in their individual school districts, including development of a teaching kit.				
University of Kentucky	<b>Florida Black Bear Conservation</b>	Maehr	NA	Bears	United States
	Using GPS technology and graduate education programming to examine one of Florida's smallest and last-studied bear populations in an agricultural landscape with many roads presents special conservation challenges. Most bear habitat in the region is on private land and unprotected. Identifying population demographics, den habitat, foraging areas, and highway crossings. These data will facilitate regional management plans that help conserve this unique population.				

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University of Washington	<p><b>Tracking Magellanic Penguins at Sea</b></p> <p>Identifying foraging areas during the breeding season for Magellanic penguins from the largest breeding colony of this near-threatened species, Punta Tombo, Argentina. Using the information to propose marine zoning policies to protect penguins at sea. Documenting foraging locations with remote-sensing data determines whether penguins consistently forage in high productivity areas and how climate variations affect foraging.</p>	Boersma	C/SA	Birds	Argentina
WildAid	<p><b>Active Conservation Awareness Program China</b></p> <p>Supporting a print, billboard, and internet campaign featuring China's most popular celebrity, Yao Ming. The campaign is designed to raise conservation awareness and reduce illegal wildlife consumption in China. The print campaign will compliment a public service announcement campaign for Chinese television.</p>	Knights	AS	Education Programs	China
	<p><b>Kouprey Express Training &amp; Outreach, Cambodia</b></p> <p>Purchasing a 4WD vehicle and supporting an education team to reach remote regions of the Cardamom Mountains with a new program, entitled: "Our Forest, Our Future." Building on a model: the Kouprey Express mobile education center teaches Cambodian villagers of wildlife and forestry laws and helps them manage their resources while protecting high-biodiversity areas. WildAid has reached 50,000 children and adults and provided schoolteachers with high-quality environmental education materials.</p>	Hunt	AS	Education Programs	Cambodia

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Wildlife Conservation Society	<b>African Wild Dog Disease Risks</b>	Woodroffe	AF	Dogs (Canids)	Kenya
	Developing tools to protect wild dogs from infectious disease throughout Africa by evaluating the role that domestic dogs and wild carnivores play in transmitting disease to wild dogs, and by determining whether oral vaccination of wild dogs can contribute to their conservation. The African wild dog is one of the world's most endangered carnivores and is persecuted by farmers and decimated by infections transmitted by domestic dogs. Fewer than 6,000 now remain in Kenya's northern rangelands.				
	<b>Cambodia Vulture Conservation Project</b>	Walston	AS	Birds	Cambodia
	Collaborating between NGOs and Government Departments to implement a suite of conservation activities following a comprehensive vulture Action Plan, providing the foundation for a successful long-term conservation initiative, conducting necessary conservation research and mitigating key threats.				
	<b>Conservation of Hornbills and Indian Landscapes</b>	Datta	AS	Birds	India
	Using the hornbill bird as a flagship, the overall goal of the project is to enhance and contribute to conservation of endangered wildlife in Arunachal Pradesh in India by attempting to reduce hunting by tribal communities, a serious threat to wildlife in the region.				



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Wildlife Conservation Society	<b>Greater Yellowstone Wolverine Conservation Project</b>	Inman	NA	Wolverines	United States
	Establishing conservation strategies based on solid information regarding impacts of increasing human pressure on wolverines. Due to the large areas wolverines are capable of traveling, the various habitats they utilize, and their naturally low densities and reproductive capacity, wolverines may be more sensitive to human activities than other species.				
	<b>Jaguar Population Census in Madidi</b>	Wallace	C/SA	Cats (Felids)	Bolivia
	Conserving the jaguar by disseminating information from a jaguar population census and density estimate; and study of the relative abundance and density of prey. The jaguar is the largest felid in the Neotropics.				
Wildlife Trust	<b>Black Lion Tamarin Metapopulation Management</b>	Martins	C/SA	Primates	Brazil
	Conserving the endangered black lion tamarin (monkey) and its habitat, Brazil's inland Atlantic rain forest, by incorporating species management, community education, and habitat conservation. DWCF has supported this long-term conservation project and management plan and enabled it to expand in scope while attracting additional funding sources such as National Geographic Society and individual donors.				

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Wildlife Trust	<b>Establishing Ecological Monitoring Sites in Belize</b>	Auil	M/A	Marine Mammals (Cetaceans)	Belize
	Expanding the Belize Manatee Conservation Project which focuses on the status, distribution and behavioral ecology of manatees in Southern Lagoon. Beginning a new component to the long-term study to develop sampling sites focusing on sea grass, mangroves and reef monitoring to aid in the development of effective resource management plans.				
	<b>Solutions to Reduce Incidental Mortality of Franciscana Dolphins</b>	Bordino	M/A	Marine Mammals (Cetaceans)	Argentina
	Integrating potential methods to reduce bycatch of dolphins and establishing a new local market for fish caught on hand lines. Providing findings to local fishermen and resource managers, and increasing public awareness of the issues and possible solutions. The Franciscana dolphin, among the world's smallest and most endangered dolphins, is perhaps the cetacean most affected by human activities in coastal South America.				
World Wildlife Fund	<b>Conserving China's Endangered Species</b>	Henry	AS	Multiple Species	China
	Affecting the practice of using threatened and endangered wildlife species in traditional Chinese Medicine, WWF is developing a textbook on conservation for students being trained as community-level medicine practitioners at traditional medicine colleges in China. The DWCF has provided core funding in the two previous years, enabling the on-going success of this project.				

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World Wildlife Fund	<p><b>Saving Biodiversity in Tajikistan</b></p> <p>Concentrating on conservation and restoration of the Central Asian riparian floodplain forests, crucial in biodiversity conservation, water supply and sustainable development of the region. This project has been working to conserve highly endangered Bukhara deer and to improve its habitat condition and has helped reverse the species decline from 350 in 1999 to 900 today.</p>	Blagoveshchenskaja	AS	Hoofed Stock (Ungulates)	Tajikistan
Yakama Nation Wildlife Resource Management	<p><b>Amphibian Surveys and Habitat Assessment</b></p> <p>Monitoring currently known populations of two native amphibians, Western toad and tailed frog to establish and initiate a monitoring strategy in several occupied sites, to be used to indicate population trends over time; to finalize management plans for both species; and to identify limiting factors, in occupied and unoccupied sites, which will be used to create a restoration plan for several locations.</p>	Simmons-Rigdon	NA	Reptiles/Amphibians	United States