



**DIVISION OF INTERNATIONAL CONSERVATION
GREAT APES CONSERVATION FUND
SUMMARY OF GRANTS 2005**

Sebangau Ecosystem Restoration Project, Indonesia. In partnership with University of Palangka Raya's Center for International Cooperation in Management of Tropical Peatland (CIMTROP). FWS: \$50,000; Leveraged funds: \$42,082. Initiates restoration of the hydrology of the Sebangau Ecosystem by damming illegal logging canals that are currently draining the swamp. This is needed to maintain the forest and peatland resource, and the associated high biodiversity, large orangutan population, carbon storage, and other natural resource functions of the swamp.

Conservation Education in the Orangutan Capital of the World, Indonesia. In partnership with YAYORIN (Orangutan Foundation Indonesia). FWS: \$37,300; Leveraged funds: \$42,266. Conducts a targeted conservation education program to inform people of Central Kalimantan of the plight of the orangutans outside protected areas and win public support for conservation efforts.

A Conservation Assessment of Gibbons in Thua Thien Hue Province, Vietnam. In partnership with WWF Indochina Program. FWS: \$36,310; Leveraged funds: \$42,336. Ensures the survival and recovery of gibbons in the province through the development of capacity among local conservation stakeholders to survey gibbon populations, participate in development of conservation strategies, and implement awareness programs.

Raising Awareness within Communities Bordering Parks and Protected Areas About the Need to Protect Vietnam's Endangered Primates. In partnership with Education for Nature-Vietnam. FWS: \$6,152; Leveraged funds: \$6,403. Produces and distributes an issue of Green Forest student magazine on Vietnam's endangered primates using gibbons as the focal species.

Hoolock Gibbon Conservation in Gibbon Wildlife Sanctuary, Assam, India. In partnership with Aaranyak. FWS: \$38,254; Leveraged funds: \$11,525. Ensures long-term conservation of hoolock gibbons in the Sanctuary through research, habitat improvement, and public outreach.

Habitat Utilization and Food Preference of the Yellow-cheeked Crested Gibbon in Cambodia. In partnership with Fauna and Flora International-Cambodia. FWS: \$49,950; Leveraged funds: \$44,890. Assesses the distribution and population of the gibbon within Virachey National Park and in so doing develops the capacity of Cambodia's institutions to survey, manage, and conserve the country's gibbon population.

Orangutan Protection and Monitoring Program in Gunung Palung National Park, Indonesia. In partnership with Fauna and Flora International. FWS: \$49,950; Leveraged funds:

\$24,566. Supports continued operation and development of anti-poaching patrol units focused on orangutan and habitat protection in Gunung Palung National Park.

Western Black Crested Gibbon (*Nomascus concolor*): Conservation through Field Studies and Community-based Management. In partnership with Wildlife Conservation Society. FWS: \$45,706; Leveraged funds: \$30,568. Strengthens gibbon conservation at Lao PDR's Nam Ha National Protected Area through public outreach, surveys, demarcation of boundaries, strengthening law enforcement, and developing nature-based tourism.

Consolidating Conservation of the Yellow-cheeked Crested Gibbon (*Nomascus gabriellae*) in Southern Mondulhiri, Cambodia. In partnership with Wildlife Conservation Society. FWS: \$49,956; Leveraged funds: \$159,318. Continues law enforcement and monitoring of gibbons at Seima Biodiversity Conservation Area, provides additional personnel for patrol units, provides ranger training to local enforcement officials, and monitors trends in the Area's gibbon population.

Feasibility Study for a Proposed Eastern Black-crested Gibbon Conservation Area in Cao Bang Province, North-east Vietnam. In partnership with Fauna and Flora International. FWS: \$50,044; Leveraged funds: \$119,673. Provides information needed for official gazettelement of the habitat in Cao Bang Province.

Improving the Protected Status of Critical Orangutan Habitat in the Western Sector of the Leuser Ecosystem, Indonesia. In partnership with Leuser International Foundation. FWS: \$49,485; Leveraged funds: \$17,520. Assesses the status of orangutans in the Bahbahrot Swamp and Kandang Valley, encourages increased legal protection of these areas, develops a strategy for their conservation, and initiates protective measures.

Conservation of the Hoolock Gibbon (*Hylobates hoolock*) in the Hukaung Valley Wildlife Sanctuary, Burma. In partnership with Wildlife Conservation Society. FWS: \$49,945; Leveraged funds: \$18,900. Trains forestry officials in gibbon census techniques, conducts surveys to determine distribution and abundance, evaluates the impact of hunting on gibbons for subsistence and trade, and increases awareness of gibbon conservation issues among local people.

English Language Capacity Building for Biodiversity Conservation in Cambodia. In partnership with Wildlife Protection Office, Forestry Administration-Cambodia. FWS: \$20,240; Leveraged funds: \$12,114. Advances the capacity of Cambodia's Wildlife Protection Office and CITES staff to speak, read, and write in the English language and thereby strengthen their ability to work with international scientists in conservation of gibbons and other Cambodian endangered species.

Sumatran Orangutan Education Workshop/Summit/Program, Sumatra, Indonesia. In partnership with Social Environmental Entrepreneurs/Orang Utan Republik Education Initiative. FWS: \$48,500; Leveraged funds: \$51,000. Plans and carries out a workshop/summit to develop curricula on conservation of the Sumatran orangutan for various sectors of Indonesian society where human/orangutan conflict currently exists and then delivers that curricula to those sectors.

Initiate Community Conservation Through Environmental Education, Central Kalimantan, Indonesia. In partnership with Yayasan Cakrawala Indonesia. FWS: \$30,210; Leveraged funds: \$3,034. Increases community participation in the conservation of the orangutan, their peat swamp habitat, and the local environment of three target communities along the Katingan River which are adjacent to globally significant orangutan habitat.

Local Community-based Orangutan Tourism, Sabah, Malaysia. In partnership with Red Ape Encounters and Adventures. FWS: \$32,000; Leveraged funds: \$18,400. Trains and equips a community-based ecotourism business developed to allow local people to benefit from tourism based on orangutan presence in neighboring forests.

The Conservation of Bornean Gibbons (*Hylobates muelleri*) in Production Forest, Upper Baram Watershed, Sarawak, Malaysia. In partnership with Wildlife Conservation Society. FWS: \$29,607; Leveraged funds: \$37,629. Obtains baseline data on gibbon populations in habitats receiving different forestry practices and varying hunting intensity.

International Symposium and Workshop: “Restoration and Wise Use of Tropical Peatlands: Problems of Biodiversity, Fire, Poverty and Water.” In partnership with Rieley Consultants Ltd. FWS: \$10,000; Leveraged funds: \$80,000. Supports a workshop focused on restoration of tropical peatland (orangutan habitat in southern Kalimantan).

Setting Priorities for Orangutan Conservation in Sarawak: Assessing Status and Threats, Malaysia. In partnership with Wildlife Conservation Society. FWS: \$35,000; Leveraged funds: \$53,846. Completes the study of the abundance, distribution, and threats to the orangutan population of Lanjak-Entimau Wildlife Sanctuary.

Creation of a Strategic Plan of Action for the Conservation of Three Great Apes in West Central Africa: the Western Lowland Gorilla (*Gorilla gorilla gorilla*), the Cross River Gorilla (*G. g. diehli*), and the Central Chimpanzee (*Pan troglodytes troglodytes*). In partnership with Conservation International. FWS: \$50,014; Leveraged funds: \$90,794. Produces an effective, peer-reviewed strategic plan of action for conserving West African great apes. The document results from a workshop of appropriate experts held in Brazzaville, Congo

LAGA-MINEF Collaboration Project on Wildlife Law-Enforcement. In partnership with The Last Great Ape Organization [LAGA]. FWS: \$49,550; Leveraged funds: \$237,306. Assists the government of Cameroon’s Ministry of Waters and Forests and other offices to increase law enforcement capacity, produce effective deterrents to illegal killing of wildlife, including the great apes, and to monitor the illegal wildlife trade and other activities detrimental to ape survival.

Awareness Campaign to Improve the Protection of Wild Chimpanzees in West Africa. In partnership with Wild Chimpanzee Foundation. FWS: \$58,649; Leveraged funds: \$113,370. Continues a successful program that brings essential chimpanzee conservation messages to rural populations through several media.

Consolidation of the Conservation Program at Afi Mountain Wildlife Sanctuary, Cross River State Nigeria. In partnership with Fauna and Flora International. FWS: \$76,462; Leveraged funds: \$92,701. Initiates the second phase of a program that brings essential conservation measures to critical Cross River Gorilla habitat in West Africa.

Best Practices and Guidelines for Great Ape Conservation by the IUCN/SSC Primate Specialist Group. In partnership with Conservation International. FWS: \$19,654; Leveraged funds: \$28,352. Supports the publication and distribution of two of the six guidelines derived from the First Meeting of the Section on Great Apes [SGA].

Great Ape Public Awareness Project [GAPAP]. In partnership with International Conservation and Education Fund. FWS: \$44,572; Leveraged funds: \$75,842. Builds local capacity among Congolese journalists and conservationists to identify relevant subjects, such as ape conservation, and to produce and distribute educational videos to appropriate audiences in the Republic of Congo.

Conservation of the Cross River Gorilla (*Gorilla gorilla diehli*) in Cameroon and Nigeria. In partnership with Wildlife Conservation Society. FWS: \$81,957; Leveraged funds: \$142,925. Continues assistance to a comprehensive conservation program based on research, protection, and education of this most endangered taxon of apes, in southeastern Nigeria and southwestern Cameroon.

Goulougo Triangle Chimpanzee Conservation and Research Project. In partnership with Wildlife Conservation Society. FWS: \$41,445; Leveraged funds: \$93,150. Continues a comprehensive conservation program based on field study, protection, training of local conservationists, and management planning for the conservation of chimpanzees in areas near forestry exploitation concessions in northern Republic of Congo.

Sustaining Great Ape Health in the Republic of Congo. In partnership with Wildlife Conservation Society Field Veterinary Program. FWS: \$98,640; Leveraged funds: \$118,868. Facilitates conservation successes across protected area landscapes in Congo through an integrated and multi-disciplinary program at the interface among livestock/great ape/ecosystem and human health.

Development of Community-based Conservation of Gorillas and Chimpanzees in the Itombwe Massif, Democratic Republic of Congo [DRC]. In partnership with Wildlife Conservation Society. FWS: \$58,876; Leveraged funds: \$42,665. Assists an innovative program to assess threats to great apes in the Itombwe Massif Conservation Landscape [IMCL] and to develop solutions to the conditions that endanger their survival.

Community Conservation: Establishing Physical Boundary Demarcations for the Tayna Gorilla Reserve [Eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo]. In partnership with Dian Fossey Gorilla Fund International. FWS: \$51,520; Leveraged funds: \$68,317. Strengthens biodiversity protection and conservation by physically demarcating, in collaboration with local stakeholders, the Integral Zone boundaries of the Tayna Gorilla Reserve.

Djolu-Wamba Multiple-use Zone Protection Project. In partnership with African Wildlife Foundation. FWS: \$83,195; Leveraged funds: \$59,150. Conducts comprehensive conservation action based on working with local communities to study and protect bonobos, training and building capacity among partners, and developing alternatives to bonobo hunting.