

**U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Division of International Conservation
Critically Endangered Animals Conservation Fund FY2014**

In 2014, the USFWS awarded 12 new grants from the Critically Endangered Animals Conservation Fund totaling \$290,762 which was matched by \$724,695 in additional leveraged funds. Field projects in 11 countries (in alphabetical order below) will be supported.

BRAZIL

EA1436

Grant #F14AP00832

Conservation of the critically endangered Araripe manakin. In partnership with the American Bird Conservancy, this project will improve the conservation status of the Araripe manakin (*Antilophia bokermanni*). Specific activities include: (1) working with community members to educate and change landowners' negative attitudes and beliefs about the creation of additional privately protected national reserves within the habitat of the Araripe Manakin; and (2) reforestation of habitat within the range of the Araripe Manakin.

FWS: \$20,680

Leveraged Funds: \$33,000

CAMBODIA

EA1438

Grant #F14AP00833

Cambodian Crocodile Conservation Programme: Ensuring the future of the critically endangered Siamese crocodile in the wild. In partnership with Fauna & Flora International, this project aims to double the wild population of Siamese crocodiles by 2017 and through this work, protect vital rivers and wetlands in Cambodia. This project will: (1) restock at least one additional wetland with crocodiles in accordance with the National Action Plan; (2) strengthen community management of crocodile sanctuaries by developing management plans for two new sanctuaries; and (3) raise public awareness to ensure that ten percent of Cambodians recognize that the Siamese crocodile is rare and protected by law.

FWS: \$25,000

Leveraged Funds: \$24,697

INDONESIA

EA1432

Grant #F14AP00830

*A holistic approach to the conservation of Indonesian slow lorises (*Nycticebus javanicus*).* In partnership with Yayasan IAR Indonesia (YIARI), this project will address illegal trade and habitat loss of the Indonesian slow loris. The grantee will work with law enforcement to improve its capacity and reduce demand for their illegal trade. Specific activities include: (1) improving law enforcement of the illegal trade of slow lorises. Conducting workshops at government offices, and by supporting confiscations with assistance from local villagers; (2) reducing the demand in slow lorises by developing and implementing a social media campaign and conducting offline awareness campaigns in local communities; (3) creating a slow loris genetic

database for conservation purposes; (4) reinforcing wild populations in Halimun-Salak National Park and Batutegi Protected Forest Reserve with rehabilitated slow lorises; and (5) increasing knowledge of Javan slow loris ecology, behavior, and habitat requirements through research.

FWS: \$24,970

Leveraged Funds: \$55,838

KENYA

EA1411

Grant #F14AP00802

Ecology and fishery of the Scalloped Hammerhead shark (Sphyrna lewini) on the north coast of Kenya. In partnership with the Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences of the University of Eldoret in Kenya, this project will provide scientific data needed for management and conservation of the endangered scalloped hammerhead shark populations on the north coast of Kenya. Specific activities include: (1) building capacity in relevant government agencies through training in research and conservation methods; (2) assessing the catch composition and structure of the sharks; and (3) determining biological information, including reproductive biology and feeding ecology of the sharks.

FWS: \$24,200

Leveraged Funds: \$11,400

MADAGASCAR

EA1423

Grant #F14AP00827

Use of SMART conservation software to combat illegal hunting of Silky Sifaka lemurs (Propithecus candidus) in Makira Natural Park, Madagascar. In partnership with the Wildlife Conservation Society, this project will reduce hunting pressures on silky sifakas within the Makira Natural Park. Specific activities include: (1) improving capacity of park staff and local communities to implement law enforcement monitoring; and (2) implementing a tailored Law Enforcement Monitoring / Spatial Monitoring and Reporting Tool (LEM / SMART) system and using the results to develop management actions to reduce illegal hunting.

FWS: \$25,000

Leveraged Funds: \$7,749

EA1414

Grant #F14AP00820

Conserving the Tarzan chameleon: preventing illegal traffic and protecting natural habitats. In partnership with Madagasikara Voakajy, this project will eliminate illegal trafficking of wildlife from AnosibeAn'Ala District in Madagascar, and protect remaining habitats of the Tarzan chameleon (*Calumma tarzan*) from destruction. Specific activities include: (1) evaluating the vulnerability of the Tarzan chameleon to illegal trafficking and identify where and how trafficking occurs; (2) assessing the distribution of the Tarzan chameleon in relation to other species that occur in the area that can be legally traded; (3) building capacity of all stakeholders working in the chameleon trade chain to distinguish the Tarzan chameleon from other species and improve their knowledge of the trade regulations; and (4) reducing Tavy farming, or slash and burn agriculture, to chameleon habitat loss.

FWS: \$25,000

Leveraged Funds: \$68,140

NEPAL

EA1412

Grant #F14AP00819

Strengthening snow leopard conservation initiatives in Manaslu Conservation Area, Nepal. In partnership with the National Trust for Nature Conservation (NTNC), this project will intensify conservation initiatives of snow leopards in the Manaslu Conservation Area (MCA) with a primary focus on strengthening community engagement to reduce retaliatory killings and poaching of the leopard. Specific activities include: (1) strengthening community engagement on snow leopard conservation by forming community-based snow leopard conservation committees, developing a community-based leopard monitoring system, conducting education and awareness camps, and setting up a community-based compensation system for livestock damage; and (2) establishing a baseline database and developing a human-snow leopard conflict management action plan.

FWS: \$24,938

Leveraged Funds: \$26,498

PARAGUAY

EA1404

Grant #F14AP00800

Addressing the illegal trade of threatened species of parrots in Paraguay. In partnership with Guyra Paraguay, this project will increase effective conservation of globally threatened parrots by reducing the threat of illegal trade, and raising public awareness regarding their conservation needs. Specific activities include: (1) determining the volume, economics and geographic scale of trade in the target species and other threatened wildlife; (2) building the capacity of law enforcement agents and strengthening existing enforcement measures; and (3) developing and implementing outreach and education programs to discourage both demand and trade.

FWS: \$24,399

Leveraged Funds: \$125,435

PHILIPPINES

EA1441

Grant #F14AP00834

Filipinos for Endangered Flying Foxes: Roost sanctuary protection for the world's largest bat. In partnership with Bat Conservation International, this project will stabilize populations of endangered golden-crowned flying foxes (*Acerodon jubatus*) in the Philippines by protecting their roost sites. Specific activities include: (1) increasing protection of the flying foxes through creation of roost sanctuaries and training communities adjacent to these sanctuaries to protect the species; (2) expanding government and civil engagement to fight the unsustainable, commercial hunting that is endangering the species by engaging local communities in the sanctuaries and demonstrating the value of the sanctuaries as ecotourism destinations; and (3) integrating sustainability planning with local communities and bat conservation professionals by maintaining communication between groups after funding for this grant has expired.

FWS: \$25,000

Leveraged Funds: \$29,500

TANZANIA

EA1425

Grant #F14AP00829

*Continuing support for community-based conservation of the kipunji (*Rungwecebus kipunji*) in southern Tanzania.* In partnership with the Wildlife Conservation Society, this project will focus on long-term survival of the kipunji in the Mount Rungwe and Livingstone forests in the Southern Highlands of Tanzania. Specific objectives include: (1) reducing loss and degradation of kipunji forest habitat in the Rungwe-Livingstone forests; (2) reducing retaliatory hunting of kipunji by farmers around the Rungwe-Livingstone forests; and (3) protecting an isolated kipunji subpopulation by supporting a newly initiated community forest conservation program in an unmanaged village forest in Livingstone.

FWS: \$25,000

Leveraged Funds: \$24,880

VIETNAM

EA1437

Grant #F14AP00831

Addressing supply-side trade and habitat degradation to conserve the critically endangered Tonkin snub-nosed monkey in Quan Ba, Vietnam. In partnership with Fauna & Flora International, this project will reduce poaching and illegal habitat destruction of the Tonkin snub-nosed monkey (*Rhinopithecus avunculus*) by improving forest management by local authorities and communities. Specific activities include: (1) providing direct protection from hunting and trade through a gun confiscation program, an assessment of wildlife traders and trade routes, and support of community-based patrolling in Quan Ba; (2) reducing anthropogenic pressure on the Tonkin snub-nosed monkey population and habitat by identifying hotspots of habitat conversion through remote sensing, mapping the extent of *Lysimachia* and cardamom cultivation, and developing an action plan to reduce the impact of the cultivation activities.

FWS: \$24,819

Leveraged Funds: \$12,840

ZAMBIA

EA1403

Grant #F14AP00799

Supporting the SLCS anti-snaring efforts to reduce wild dog mortalities in the Luangwa Valley, Zambia. In partnership with South Luangwa Conservation Society (SLCS), this project will conserve the Luangwa Valley population of African wild dogs by increasing and improving anti-snaring patrols by community village scouts in game management areas and address the veterinary needs of rescued snared and injured wild dogs. Specific activities include: (1) supporting community-based and Zambia Wildlife Authority (ZAWA)-led anti-poaching patrols; (2) conducting aerial monitoring and coordinating anti-poaching ground patrols, aerial surveillance of wild dog populations and their habitat; (3) supporting the SLCS/Zambian Carnivore Programme (ZSP) wildlife veterinary program; (4) providing ten scouts with the necessary equipment to perform effective patrols from Kanzutu wildlife camp; and (5) conducting community anti-snaring sensitization campaigns in Malama Chiefdom.

FWS: \$21,756

Leveraged Funds: \$304,718