

## **Wildlife Without Borders – Critically Endangered Animal Conservation Fund**

In 2012, the USFWS awarded 12 new grants from the Critically Endangered Animals Conservation Fund totaling \$294,254.00, which was matched by \$422,650 in leveraged funds. Field projects in ten countries (in alphabetical order below) will be supported.

### **ARGENTINA**

*Recovery of the critically endangered hooded grebe (*Podiceps gallardoi*) in Santa Cruz Province, Argentina.*

**EA-0337**

**Aves Argentinas**

**Grant # F12AP01154**

FWS: \$24,574

Leveraged funds: \$29,040

Location: Santa Cruz Province, Argentina

This project will support conservation of the hooded grebe (*Podiceps gallardoi*) in southern Argentina by improving breeding success by controlling of invasive species and other nest protections.

### **BOLIVIA**

*Applying animal health and genetic tools to maximize survival of wild blue-throated macaw populations in the savannas of Moxos (Beni, Bolivia).*

**EA-0401**

**Wildlife Conservation Society**

**Grant# F12AP00958**

FWS: \$24,948

Leveraged funds: \$24,949

Location: Beni, Bolivia

This project will support conservation efforts for the blue-throated macaw (*Ara glaucogularis*) in Beni, Bolivia, by identifying and reducing health risks. Specific activities include: surveillance of pathogens in domestic poultry and four areas within the species' range; genetic analysis to identify relationships between fitness, chick mortality and malformations, and adult reproductive success; improving poultry husbandry and health care on ranches within the species range; and overseeing government and veterinary school outreach to train staff and promote collaboration in the effort to improve husbandry practice.

### **CAMBODIA**

*Cambodian Crocodile Conservation Programme: Saving the critically endangered Siamese crocodile.*

**EA-0374**

**Fauna and Flora International**

**Grant# F12AP00967**

FWS: \$25,001

Leveraged funds: \$24,769

Location: Cardamom Mountains, southwest Cambodia

Supports conservation effort for the Siamese crocodile (*Crocodylus siamensis*) in the Cardamom Mountains of southwest Cambodia, through protection of remaining breeding

colonies and supplementing the wild population through the release of captive headstarted juveniles. Specific activities include: release of at least 20 juveniles into the wild from the Phnom Tamao Wildlife Rescue Center, including five individuals with radio-telemetry tags for post-release monitoring, field surveys for crocodile abundance and reproduction, and community patrols of at least three wetland sites and one reintroduction site to deter and report illegal activities. The project will also develop income-generating projects that establish livelihood alternatives to poaching and encroachment on natural habitats. Fauna and Flora International will work with government institutions and hold stakeholder meetings to build support for six national crocodile sanctuaries and to coordinate activities between groups.

## **CHINA**

*Conservation of the Critically Endangered Chinese Crested Tern: Restoration of a Lost Breeding Colony.*

**EA-0380** **USGS and the Oregon Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Unit,**  
**Oregon State University**

**Grant# F12AP00957**

FWS: \$24,258 Leveraged funds: \$138,113

Location: Jiushan Islands, China

Support the conservation effort of the Chinese crested tern (*Sterna bernsteini*) on the Jiushan Islands, China, by using bird decoys and audio playbacks to encourage terns to nest on suitable islands. Specific activities include: An island survey to identify suitable nesting habitat; Installation of at least 400 decoys and at least 3 audio playback systems, to encourage use by endangered species, and an observation blind to monitor endangered species use and human disturbance; Extend outreach toward government officials and local communities in support of endangered species.

## **INDONESIA**

*Long-term conservation of maleo nesting ground in North Sulawesi through nest site protection and management.*

**EA-0394** **Wildlife Conservation Society**

**Grant# F12AP00971**

FWS: \$24,902 Leveraged funds: \$26,176

Location: North Sulawesi, Indonesia

This project will support conservation efforts for the maleo (*Macrocephalon maleo*) in North Sulawesi, Indonesia, by improving protection of nesting sites. Specific activities include: use of village guards to protect five nesting grounds, to deter poaching by people and predation by natural predators; starting an education campaign to build support for conservation and reduce egg collection; and construction of protective structures around nest sites to reduce the impact from extreme weather.

## **MOROCCO**

*Priority conservation actions for critically endangered Northern Bald Ibis in Morocco.*

**EA-0365** **Sociedad Espanola de Ornitologia**

**Grant # F12AP01211**

FWS: \$24,821 Leveraged funds: \$30,950

Location: Morocco

This project will support conservation of the northern bald ibis (*Geronticus eremita*) in the Souss-Massa-Driia region of Morocco, by restoring cliff-breeding habitat. Conservation efforts will include: widening and cleaning cliff edges at a deserted breeding colony; installation of at least 450 decoys to attract wild birds to nesting sites; and monitoring breeding pairs at five sites to track the project's effectiveness.

**NEPAL***Curtailing retributive killing of snow leopards in Nepal by predator-proofing corrals.***EA-0367 Snow Leopard Conservancy****Grant # F12AP01003**

FWS: \$24,791 Leveraged funds: \$31,984

Location: Annapurna and Manaslu Conservation Areas, Nepal

This project will support conservation of the snow leopard (*Panthera uncia*) in the Annapurna and Manaslu Conservation Areas, Nepal, by reducing livestock predation and improving animal husbandry practices. Conservation efforts will include: stakeholder meetings to set goals and develop village plans to reduce predation; a corral survey to identify damage hotspots and farming practices; "predator-proofing" at least six corral sites; and use of a camera trap and genotype study to engage communities in monitoring and identify problematic leopards.

*Establishment of Vulture Restaurant in Koshi Tappu Wildlife Reserve, East Nepal.***EA-0363 Himalayan Nature****Grant # F12AP00999**

FWS: \$21,973 Leveraged funds: \$6,490

Location: Koshi Tappu Wildlife Reserve, East Nepal

This project will support conservation efforts for three endangered vulture species with a "vulture restaurant" of diclofenac free, safe carcasses and a community outreach to substitute the use of a veterinary drug used on other animals for a vulture safe alternative. Diclofenac, a veterinary drug used on local domestic animals has resulted in the dramatic decline of vultures in south Asia.

**PERU***Creation and Management of the Proposed private Conservation Area "Los Chilchos" in Leymebamba, Peru.***EA-0330 Ucumari****Grant # F12AP01212**

FWS: \$24,460 Leveraged funds: \$24,500

Location: Leymebamba, Peru

This project will support conservation of the yellow-tailed woolly monkey (*Oreonax flavicauda*) in central Peru. Conservation efforts will include: establishing a private conservation area for the species and other wildlife in the region; and an education

campaign and sustainable development program to maintain support for the protected area among local communities.

*Conservation of the White-bellied Cinclodes (Cinclodes palliatus): Creating new protected areas and protecting habitat in the departments of Junin and Lima, Peru.*

**EA-0368** **American Bird Conservancy**

**Grant# F12AP00889**

FWS: \$24,915 Leveraged funds: \$32,624

Location: Junin and Lima, Peru

This project will maintain conservation efforts for the white-bellied cinclodes (*Cinclodes palliatus*) in central Peru by aiding in the creation of a new protected area for the species. Specific activities include: development of a species Rapid Action Conservation Plan to guide efforts in the Ticlio and Marcapomacocha areas; meetings with stakeholders to build support for a new protected area; legal and mapping preparation to gain governmental approval of the new protected area; and community outreach to reduce grazing pressure in key habitat.

## **PHILIPPINES**

*Philippine Eagle Conservation Project.*

**EA-0387** **Peregrine Fund**

**Grant# F12AP00970**

FWS: \$25,000 Leveraged funds: \$42,900

Location: Mindanao Island, Philippines

This project will support efforts to conserve the Philippine eagle (*Pithecophaga jefferyi*) on Mindanao Island, Philippines, by improving protection of nesting pairs. Project activities include: monitoring of at least four adult eagles with satellite tags; doing a nest site survey to determine suitable breeding habitat. Manage an awareness campaign to build support for species conservation and to reduce eagle deaths due to persecution and accidental capture in snares intended for wild pigs and deer.

## **VIETNAM**

*Conservation of the Tonkin snub-nosed monkey in Quan Ba District.*

**EA-0373** **Fauna and Flora International**

**Grant# F12AP00912**

FWS: \$24,611 Leveraged funds: \$10,155

Location: Quan Ba District, northern Vietnam

This project will support a conservation effort for the Tonkin snub-nosed monkey (*Rhinopithecus avunculus*) in northern Vietnam, by improving forest management and species protection. Includes supporting dialogue between stakeholders and forest advisory committee, community patrols to prevent hunting of species and other illegal activities and the use of an awareness campaign to promote sustainable forest management.