

**U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Division of International Conservation
Great Ape Conservation Fund FY2013**

In 2013, the USFWS awarded 30 new projects and two amendments to existing projects from the Great Ape Conservation Fund totaling \$2,081,120, which was matched by \$3,161,108 in additional leveraged funds. Field projects in 17 range countries in Africa and Asia (including in regional projects, in alphabetical order below).

CAMBODIA

GA-0999

Grant # F13AP00917

Northern Plains of Cambodia Pileated Gibbon Conservation Project: Phase 4. In partnership with Wildlife Conservation Society, this project will ensure the protection of the most important gibbon sites in this landscape. This will be done by training patrol staff in law enforcement techniques and supplying basic patrol equipment; ensuring effective protection of pileated gibbons and their habitats by targeted patrol planning and improved government liaison; and completing the zonation process for Kulen Promtep Wildlife Sanctuary to safeguard the remaining gibbon population areas.

FWS: \$49,991 Leveraged funds: \$53,932

GA-1005

Grant # F13AP00919

Protecting Habitats for Yellow-Cheeked Crested Gibbon Threatened by Deforestation in Southern Mondulhiri. In partnership with Wildlife Conservation Society, this project will continue a focused enforcement program combined with law enforcement monitoring using state of the art tools to secure the long term conservation of the world's largest known population of yellow-cheeked crested gibbons. This will be done by continuing to protect gibbons and critical gibbon habitat through field-based law enforcement, monitoring changes in forest cover and land use change; and improving the capacity of protection staff to implement law enforcement.

FWS: \$58,712 Leveraged funds: \$60,139

CAMEROON

GA-1020

Grant # F13AP00878

Great Ape Conservation in the Proposed Ebo National Park, Cameroon: Monitoring Threats and Increasing Capacity for Conservation Training and Community Development. In partnership with the Zoological Society of San Diego, this project aims to secure the populations of large mammals, particularly gorillas and chimpanzees, in and around the future Ebo National Park.

FWS: \$50,065 Leveraged funds: \$146,386

CHINA

GA-1031

Grant # F13AP00922

Improving Conservation of the Cao Vit Gibbon in Bangliang Nature Reserve. In partnership with Fauna and Flora International, this project will conserve the critically endangered cao vit gibbon. This will be done by preparing plans for habitat restoration; providing forestry and nature reserve staff with training on habitat restoration; establishing a nursery, producing seedlings and using them in reforestation; piloting alternative livelihoods; and carrying out a study tour to allow Chinese and Vietnamese officials to exchange lessons learned and experiences in habitat restoration.

FWS: \$62,721 Leveraged funds: \$17,724

GA-1032

Grant # F13AP00923

Saving the Hoolock Gibbon from Extinction in China. In partnership with Fauna and Flora International, this project will decrease threats to the hoolock gibbon and halt its decline in China by working closely with key stakeholders in and around Gaoligongshan National Nature Reserve and Tongbiguan Nature Reserve. This will be done by conducting a habitat assessment and designing practical gibbon corridors in Yingjiang County; decreasing illegal hunting of gibbons by establishing a standardized gibbon monitoring and patrolling system in the reserve; and increasing support among local communities and the public for gibbon conservation.

FWS: \$62,898 Leveraged funds: \$20,100

GA-1036

Grant # F13AP00924

Decreasing Anthropogenic Disturbance in the Cao Vit Gibbon Conservation Area. In partnership with Fauna and Flora International, this project will assure the survival of the last remaining population of cao vit gibbons by reducing anthropogenic disturbance within the conservation area. This will be done by reducing exploitation of and demand for products from within the protected area, enhancing the protected area boundary demarcation, and raising awareness of the gibbons and the protected area in the surrounding communities.

FWS: \$54,978 Leveraged funds: \$11,460

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO

GA-1026

Grant # F13AP01001

Conservation Education on Great Apes in the Northern Sector of the Grauer Landscape. In partnership with the Jane Goodall Institute, the purpose of this project works to reduce hunting of the eastern lowland gorilla in the Democratic Republic of Congo through a targeted conservation education program, including lessons for children, community outreach for adults in select communities, and teacher-training.

FWS: \$50,000 Leveraged funds: \$111,069

INDIA

GA-0977

Grant # F13AP00910

Forest Department-Community Partnership to Improve Protection of the Western Hoolock Gibbons in Jeypore Reserve Forest, Phase-II. In partnership with Wildlife Areas Development and Welfare Trust, this project will improve the protection efforts for gibbons and other wildlife species in this reserve forest through the establishment of two joint Forest Department-

community patrols. This will be done by continuing operation of two roving gibbon patrol units, implementing SMART patrolling protocols, conducting Phase II of the SMART patrol training, and providing field equipment.

FWS: \$22,431 Leveraged funds: \$24,448

GA-0978

Grant # F13AP00912

Adopting an Inclusive Approach of Research, Capacity Building, Community Education and Outreach to Conserve Western Hoolock Gibbon in Karbi Anglong District under Kaziranga-Karbi Anglong landscape, Assam. In partnership with The School of Desert Sciences, this project will enhance gibbon conservation by gathering baseline information and preparing an action plan to lay the foundation for future conservation of the hoolock gibbon in the Bmjuri-Junthung-Westem Mikir Hills, DhanshiriBorlangfer and Khurimming-Panimur-Amreng forest complexes of Karbi Anglong and build the capacity for conservation by training forest guards and conducting a community outreach program.

FWS: \$52,745 Leveraged funds: \$29,490

INDONESIA

GA-0966

Grant # F13AP00908

Reintroduction and Monitoring Orangutans in Kehje Sewen Forest, East Kalimantan. In partnership with Yayasan Penyelamatan Orangutan Borneo, this project will reintroduce orangutans into Kehje Sewen Forest, Kutai Kartanegara and East Kutai districts in East Kalimantan with the support and involvement of the local community and other stakeholders. This will be done by re-introducing the rehabilitated orangutans into the forest; carrying out extensive post monitoring on the released orangutans; conducting education and community development activities for local stakeholders; and providing regular reporting on the project's results to the communities, government partners and the scientific community.

FWS: \$58,917 Leveraged funds: \$189,821

GA-0967

Grant # F13AP00959

Long-Term Home Range Patterns and the Effect of Habitat Disturbance on Sumatran Orangutans. In partnership with Yayasan Orangutan Sumatera Lestari – Orangutan Information Centre, this project will analyze the long-term home range patterns of the orangutans and determine the effects of habitat disturbance on these patterns.

FWS: \$12,219 Leveraged funds: \$19,421

GA-0981

Grant # F13AP01038

Reintroduction Project for Rehabilitant Orangutans in West Kalimantan. In partnership with International Animal Rescue, this project will identify suitable, safe release sites for rehabilitated orangutans where they can contribute to growth of the wild orangutan population and then carry out an initial pilot release. This will be done by carrying out meetings and outreach activities; establishing and implementing management strategies needed for reintroduction and survival of reintroduced orangutans; constructing facilities at the release site; and carrying out the reintroduction pilot project.

FWS: \$49,655 Leveraged funds: \$114,555

GA-0985**Grant # F13AP01039**

Protection of Endangered Ape Populations in Sabangau, Central Kalimantan: An Integrated Conservation-Research Program in Collaboration with Local Communities. In partnership with The Orangutan Tropical Peatland Project, this grant will effectively conserve the orangutans and gibbons of the Sabangau swamp and use lessons learnt to improve prospects for orangutan and gibbon conservation in other areas. This will be achieved through a combination of on-the-ground conservation, including patrolling and fire suppression, canal closures, sustainable-livelihood development, research and capacity building initiatives.

FWS: \$46,590 Leveraged funds: \$145,690

GA-1014**Grant # F13AP00920**

Bornean Orangutan and Forest Habitat Conservation through Customary Forests, Alternative Livelihoods, Increased Environmental Awareness and Human-Orangutan Conflict Mitigation. In partnership with Gunung Palung Orangutan Conservation Program Inc., this project will facilitate communities obtaining legally recognized, sustainable forest management rights under the Customary Forest Initiative; promote sustainable economic alternatives to environmentally destructive livelihood practices with communities surrounding the park; increase public awareness about biodiversity conservation and environmental topics, community forest management and on non-timber forest products livelihood issues; and reduce the number of orangutans killed, injured and taken into care as a result of human-orangutan conflict.

FWS: \$74,792 Leveraged funds: \$142,459

GA-1019**Grant # F13AP00921**

ASRI Conservation Program. In partnership with Health In Harmony, this project will conserve the rainforest of Gunung Palung National Park through a program addressing human health, illegal logging, conservation education, and reforestation. This will be done by continuing reforestation activities; conducting natural regeneration experiments; maintaining and strengthening the forest guardian program; creating an education center to provide education for adults and children on reforestation, conservation and organic farming; and carrying out meetings with the communities on their engagement with the program.

FWS: \$74,889 Leveraged funds: \$50,959

LAOS**GA-1043****Grant # F13AP00926**

Improving Enforcement and Establishing a Rapid Response Team Using SMART in the Nam Et-Phou Louey National Protected Area landscape (NPA), Lao PDR. In partnership with Wildlife Conservation Society, this project will provide highly informed and adaptive enforcement response in Nam Et-Phou Louey NPA by developing a quick response patrolling unit and supporting patrolling by regular enforcement teams near key northern white-cheeked gibbon habitat inside the established core zone; translating the SMART program into the local language; and providing SMART training including data input and analysis.

FWS: \$56,959 Leveraged funds: \$57,269

LIBERIA

GA-0973

Grant # F13AP00875

Improving West African Chimpanzee Conservation through Protected Area Management in the Grebo National Park. In partnership with Wild Chimpanzee Foundation, this project aims to conserve chimpanzees and associated biodiversity by increasing management capacity and local community involvement at the newly established Grebo National Park, Liberia.

FWS: \$125,642 Leveraged funds: \$139,830

GA-1034

Grant # F13AP00879

Strengthening West African Chimpanzee Conservation through Rebuilding National Capacity and Improved Monitoring in the Sapo-Tai Region, Liberia. In partnership with Fauna and Flora International, Inc., the purpose of this project is to contribute to the conservation of the West African chimpanzee in Liberia by providing the next generation of Liberia's natural resource managers with the tools to conduct both applied research and implement conservation programs to international standards.

FWS: \$98,682 Leveraged funds: \$71,553

MALAYSIA

GA-0982

Grant # F13AP00914

Conservation of Orangutans and Critical Habitats in Sabah. In partnership with HUTAN, this project will foster implementation of Sabah's Orangutan Action Plan. This will be done by enhancing scientific knowledge of the orangutan's ecology and conservation status; improving the policy framework for orangutan population management within and outside of protected areas; reducing pressures on orangutan populations and habitats; enhancing community engagement in the conservation of the orangutan and its habitat; and enhancing human resource capacity and commitment to manage and conserve orangutan populations in Sabah.

FWS: \$44,300 Leveraged funds: \$104,800

GA-1001

Grant # F13AP01040

Conservation of Orangutans in the Ulu Sungai Menyang landscape (outside existing protected areas) in Sarawak. In partnership with Wildlife Conservation Society, this project will estimate the abundance of orangutans in the Ulu Sungai Menyang landscape and work with stakeholders to prepare a draft management plan of the area for the Sarawak Forest Department. A scientifically obtained estimate of the population is needed to support the government's proposal to declare the area a national park and avoid its development as an oil palm plantation.

FWS: \$49,774 Leveraged funds: \$50,053

MYANMAR

GA-1037

Grant # F13AP00925

Community-Based Conservation of Western Hoolock Gibbons in Pauk Sa Mountain. In partnership with Fauna and Flora International, this project will contribute to the conservation of

the globally endangered western hoolock gibbon through interventions to assist local communities in one priority site to address immediate threats to the species. This will be done through community based protection and expanding knowledge on gibbon conservation parameters through surveys and research on habituated gibbons.

FWS: \$60,560 Leveraged funds: \$14,840

NIGERIA

GA-1017

Grant # F13AP00845

Conservation of Cross River Gorillas at Nigeria's Afi Mountain Wildlife Sanctuary through Ranger-based Monitoring and Law Enforcement. In partnership with North Carolina Zoological Society, the purpose of this project is to conserve the Cross River gorilla and other wildlife at Afi Mountain Wildlife Sanctuary, Nigeria, through reduction of hunting and other illegal activities.

FWS: \$39,312 Leveraged funds: \$53,560

REPUBLIC OF CONGO

GA-1029

Grant # F13AP00973

Great Ape Public Awareness Project using Video-centered Education Outreach. In partnership with International Conservation and Education Fund (INCEF), the purpose of this project is to conserve great ape populations in northern Republic of Congo by raising awareness in rural communities using a participatory approach that involves screenings and dissemination of films to ultimately reduce illegal great ape and bushmeat hunting, ritual wildlife killings, habitat destruction, and disease transmission.

FWS: \$61,589 Leveraged funds: \$72,535

RWANDA

GA-1016

Grant # F13AP00880

Ensuring Continued Growth of the Virunga Mountain Gorilla Population through Protection, Monitoring and Research. In partnership with the Dian Fossey Gorilla Fund, this project aims to protect a significant portion (25%) of the remaining Virunga mountain gorilla population through daily protection and monitoring activities.

FWS: \$50,000 Leveraged funds: \$766,066

SOUTH SUDAN

GA-1024

Grant # F13AP00874

Protected Area Conservation of Eastern Chimpanzees, Western Equatoria, South Sudan. In partnership with Bucknell University, this project's goal is to establish and sustain an effective conservation management and anti-poaching presence by the Ministry of Wildlife Conservation and Tourism (MWCT) in the Game Reserves of Western Equatoria State, South Sudan, for the purpose of protecting eastern chimpanzees.

FWS: \$49,620 Leveraged funds: \$123,364

VIETNAM

GA-0969

Grant # F13AP01037

Assessment of Conservation Status and Strengthening Conservation of Yellow-Cheeked Crested Gibbon and other Primates on the Southeastern Slopes of the Da Lat Plateau. In partnership with Southern Institute of Ecology, this project will develop the will, capacity and information needed to conserve the yellow-cheeked crested gibbon of this landscape. This will be done by improving the capacity of the technical staff of protected areas in the region to census and monitor gibbons and other primates; estimate the population size of the gibbons; and identify priority sites for gibbon conservation.

FWS: \$24,886 Leveraged funds: \$9,309

GA-0994

Grant # F13AP00915

Community-Based Habitat Preservation for the Yellow-Cheeked Crested Gibbon within Vietnam's Bu Gia Map National Park. In partnership with Bu Gia Map National Park, this project will maintain the habitats of the yellow-cheeked crested gibbon within the park by changing local people's attitudes regarding wildfire prevention and suppression. This will be done by presenting training on wildfire prevention skills, setting up signs regarding fire risk at sensitive sites, educating local people in fire management, regulating burning, and conducting anti-wildfire patrols in the field.

FWS: \$47,100 Leveraged funds: \$18,372

MULTIPLE COUNTRIES

SOUTHEAST ASIA

GA-1000

Grant # F13AP00918

Strengthening Conservation of Yellow-Cheeked Crested Gibbon and other Endangered Wildlife in the Southern Annamites Western Slopes Landscape of Vietnam and Cambodia. In partnership with Wildlife Conservation Society, this project will increase the number of wildlife crimes detected and people arrested and prosecuted in two provinces; generate information on key networks trafficking illegal wildlife products and logs from Cambodia's Seima Protected Forest and the wider landscape in Vietnam towards Vietnamese markets; build political interest and support within key stakeholder groups to the values, importance and threats to this landscape; and identify key supporters within the stakeholder groups that can influence provincial and national policy decisions on the future of this landscape.

FWS: \$50,132 Leveraged funds: \$50,670

WEST AFRICA

GA-0975

Grant # F13AC00835

Strengthening leadership for conservation in Sierra Leone and Liberia through Research and Training of the Western Chimpanzee. This two-year cooperative agreement between USFWS and Njala University in Sierra Leone, initiated in FY13, will work to strengthen wildlife conservation leadership in Sierra Leone and Liberia through a targeted research and training

program focused on the Western Chimpanzee as a conservation flagship species in the two countries, and across the Upper Guinea forest ecosystem.

FWS: \$99,990 Leveraged funds: \$30,060

GA-1023

Grant # F13AC00876

Leveraging Entertainment-education and Social Marketing to Protect Cross River Gorillas (My Gorilla-My Community Phase II). In partnership with PCI-Media Impact, Inc., this project seeks to reduce hunting pressure on the critically endangered Cross River gorilla through a social marketing campaign to positively influence the knowledge, attitudes and practices of communities surrounding both current and potential habitat in Cameroon and Nigeria.

FWS: \$96,501 Leveraged funds: \$189,609

Amendments to Existing Projects

MULTIPLE COUNTRIES

EAST AFRICA

GA-0901

Grant # F12AP00193

Protecting the Chimpanzees of the Nyungwe-Kibira Landscape through Transboundary Coordination and Capacity Building. In partnership with the Wildlife Conservation Society, this project seeks to ensure the protection of the Nyungwe-Kibira chimpanzee population by building capacity through the provision of new park infrastructure and equipment; increasing patrol capacity and coverage; and improving transboundary law enforcement coordination between the Nyungwe National Park, Rwanda, and Kibira National Park, Burundi.

FWS: \$111,470 Leveraged funds: \$48,079

WEST AFRICA

GA-0757

Grant # F10AP00409/ 96200-0-J001

A Landscape Approach to Conservation of the Critically Endangered Cross River Gorilla. In partnership with the Wildlife Conservation Society, this five-year cooperative agreement seeks to ensure the survival of the critically endangered Cross River gorilla through support to a network of core protected areas and corridors across the Afi Kagwene landscape in Nigeria and Cameroon managed in collaboration between local communities and government. Funds will enable continued support towards camera trapping, increased patrols and completion of the Cross River gorilla Action Plan.

FWS: \$233,000 Leveraged funds: \$223,486