

**U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Division of International Conservation
Wildlife Without Borders-Latin America and the Caribbean Summary FY 2011**

In 2011, the USFWS awarded 9 new grants from the Wildlife Without Borders-Latin America and the Caribbean program totaling \$757,920.90, which was matched by \$910,711.50 in leveraged funds. Field projects in six countries (in alphabetical order below) will be supported, in addition to one project that involves multiple countries.

Argentina

LAC 11-007 *Urban Natural Reserve System in the Rio Gallegos Estuary: Building local capacity for participatory management.* In partnership with *Asociacion Ambiente Sur*. This project will increase local support and participation in the conservation of biodiversity and management of the Rio Gallegos estuary. The grantee will increase community awareness about the importance of the reserves and promote positive behavior changes through social marketing techniques.

FWS: \$91,500 Leveraged funds: \$209,900

LAC 11-015 *Support to the Graduate Program in Wildlife Management at the National University of Cordoba, Argentina.* In partnership with *Centro de Zoologia Aplicada*. This grant will support the Graduate Program in Wildlife Management at the National University of Cordoba, Argentina, by providing funding for student scholarships, visiting professors, and practical field experiences that enhance coursework.

FWS: \$99,500 Leveraged funds: \$235,500

Belize

LAC 11-008 *Changing attitudes and behaviors towards conservation through coordinated and integrated landscape management in the Maya Golden Landscape, Southern Belize.* In partnership with Fauna and Flora International. This project will increase participation and buy-in for the integrated management of the Maya Golden Landscape (MGL). It will bring together multiple stakeholders to identify and develop strategies that promote the sustainable use of natural resources.

FWS: \$99,998 Leveraged funds: \$100,213

Brazil

LAC 11-013 *Reducing hunting and consumption of wild meat in the lower Purus Watershed, Amazonas, Brazil.* In partnership with Instituto Piagacu. This project will test and compare the effectiveness of two types of interventions for reducing consumption and hunting of wild meat. The first intervention is to reduce the price of domestic meat alternatives and the second is to use social marketing techniques to increase community awareness of the impacts of wild meat hunting.

FWS: \$99,997.40 Leveraged funds: \$49,487.50

Colombia

LAC 11-012 *Proyecto Titi efforts to expand our sustainable development programs to foster cotton-top tamarin conservation, Colombia.* In partnership with *Fundacion Proyecto Titi*. This project will expand sustainable development activities for rural communities in order to reduce forest resource extraction in cotton-top tamarin habitat. These activities will complement on-going youth environmental education programs in local schools.

FWS: \$78,385.50 Leveraged funds: \$48,560

Guatemala

LAC 11-005 *Building a constituency for jaguar conservation, reducing human-jaguar conflict and increasing jaguar survival in the East Section of the Maya Biosphere Reserve, Guatemala.* In partnership with Wildlife Conservation Society. This project will combine community outreach with capacity building programs for ranchers within the southeastern Maya Biosphere Reserve (MBR) Buffer Zone to reduce negative perceptions about jaguars and increase the adoption of human-jaguar conflict management.

FWS: \$100,000 Leveraged funds: \$78,766

LAC 11-004 *Socialization program for the New Cyngetic Region II and institutionalization of Environmental-Cultural Education Program in Northwestern Alta Verapaz, Guatemala.* In partnership with *Organizacion para la Conservacion de la Naturaleza y Desarrollo Comunitario (ORCONDECO)*. This project will raise public awareness of the legal agreements pertaining to the Cyngetic Region II with community leaders and authorities. It also aims to institutionalize the Environmental-Cultural Education School Program.

FWS: \$89,880 Leveraged funds: \$87,743

Peru

LAC 11-016 *Student travel awards support for the IXth Neotropical Ornithological Congress in Cusco, Peru 8-14 November 2011.* In partnership with Neotropical Ornithological Society. This grant will provide travel support to graduate students from Latin America and the Caribbean to attend the IXth Neotropical Ornithological Congress in Cusco, Peru from November 8 - 14, 2011.

FWS: \$5,000 Leveraged funds: \$0

Regional-LAC

LAC 11-001 *Using Caribbean BirdSleuth to develop a conservation constituency.* In partnership with Society for the Conservation and Study of Caribbean Birds. This project will create a curriculum and associated collaborative web tools that promote student environmental stewardship. The grantee will train project partners and educators in the use of BirdSleuth Caribbean curricula.

FWS: \$93,660 Leveraged funds: \$100,542