

**2007 Summary of Projects Approved for Funding**  
**Wildlife Without Borders Program for Latin America and the Caribbean Summary**

37 Grants                      Total FWS Funding: \$611,430                      Total Leveraged Funds: \$2,741,164

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*Argentina*

*Conserving Lowland Tapirs and White-Lipped Peccaries in Argentina.* In partnership with the Wildlife Trust. This grant will support training to guide the implementation of conservation and management measures for peccaries and tapirs in Argentina. The project will include short workshops for personnel working in provincial wildlife and protected areas agencies with the objective to enhance their capacity to implement conservation measures for peccaries and tapirs in the Northern region. **G108**

USFWS: \$10,000 Leveraged: \$10,280

*Management Strengthening for the Conservation of Natural Protected Areas in Mendoza: Training of Tourism Guides.* In partnership with Fundación Conservación y Desarrollo (Conservation and Development Foundation). This grant will support training of tourist guides in protected areas of the province of Mendoza, Argentina. Training will provide the necessary skills to promote nature conservation among visitors and to reduce the impacts caused by recreational activities. In addition, this initiative will establish the basis for future training programs in the Natural Protected areas of Mendoza. **G110**

USFWS: \$9,615 Leveraged: \$10,857

*Alder Amazon Project: Implementing Conservation Actions in Argentina.* In partnership with Fundación Conservación y Estudio de la Biodiversidad (the Foundation for the Conservation and Study of Biodiversity, CEBIO). This grant will support a conservation education campaign to raise local people awareness of the threats on the Alder Amazon parrot and its Yungas habitat in Argentina. **G111**

USFWS: \$9,900 Leveraged: \$12,320

*Interdisciplinary principles and tools for endangered species recovery: a training course for Latin American conservation leaders.* In partnership with The Conservation Land Trust. This grant will support the training of 16 key conservation professionals in government agencies, NGOs, research centers and other biodiversity conservation institutions working in Neotropical protected areas and buffer zones to help them lead endangered species programs. This is a shared initiative of The Conservation Land Trust and the National Wildlife Authority of Argentina. **G250**

USFWS: \$6,540 Leveraged: \$17,900

*Fluvial Fishing and Wetlands Project – Research and Building Capacities for the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Fishing Resources in the Paraná River, Argentina.* In partnership with Fundación PROTEGER (Foundation PROTECT). This grant will support the participation of local riverside communities in decision making, institutional strengthening of grassroots groups, and the creation and execution of a Sustainable Management Plan of Fisheries within a protected area. Direct beneficiaries will include 140 trained people and more than 900 artisanal fishing families in Reconquista Port. **G307**

USFWS: \$9,000 Leveraged: \$19,700

### *Brazil*

*Building Partnerships for the Conservation of a Critically Endangered Species, the Brazilian Merganser (*Mergus octosetaceus*) in Serra da Canastra region, Brazil.* In partnership with Instituto Terra Brasilis. This grant will support the development of printed materials about the Brazilian Merganser and its distribution among farms in two municipalities in the Atlantic Forest. In addition, “Field Days” will be coordinated for agricultural producers to visit successfully implemented agricultural conservation practices. Partnerships will be established with public and private agencies that represent agricultural producers. **G114**  
USFWS: \$11,891 Leveraged: \$6,500

*Maned Wolf and Farmers: Improving their Relationships in the Brazilian Cerrado.* In partnership with Instituto Pro-Carnivoros (Pro-Carnivore Institute). This grant will support efforts to improve the relations between the maned wolf and local communities within the Brazilian savannah. This project will assess information about livestock depredation and test preventive methods to reduce livestock losses while increasing acceptance of the species among farmers. **G147**  
USFWS: \$10,000 Leveraged: \$40,000

*Jaguars and People: Designing an educational program for the Cerrado grasslands based on regional perception.* In partnership with the Jaguar Conservation Fund. This grant will support the assessment of human perceptions toward jaguars in the Cerrado and subsequently develop a species specific education program for the biome. This will be accomplished by investigating how locals perceive jaguar presence in the ranchland area surrounding the Emas National Park and producing an environmental education based program towards jaguar conservation for implementation at six local schools. **G252**  
USFWS: \$14,300 Leveraged: \$44,990

*Landscapes and sustainable communities for the conservation of the Atlantic Forest, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.* In partnership with Associação Mico Leao Dourado (Golden Lion Tamarin Association, AMLD). This grant will support efforts to strengthen conservation activities in the São João Watershed Environmental Protection Area, a known important habitat area for the Golden Lion Tamarin (*Leontopithecus rosalia*). This project will build the capacity of 4 municipal school teachers and 20 community members of the Cambucaes Rural Settlement for the development of community environmental education. **G257**  
USFWS: \$10,000 Leveraged: \$55,050

### *Caribbean*

*Bat Conservation Priorities and Networks in Mesoamerica and the Caribbean.* In partnership with the Lube Bat Conservancy. This grant will enable six Caribbean participants to attend a multi-partner capacity building workshop, bringing together Mesoamerican and Caribbean bat specialists and mammal experts. **G148**  
USFWS: \$6,000 Leveraged: \$83,847

*McKenzie Sanctuary: A Living Education Center.* In partnership with Friends of the Environment. This grant will support the creation of the McKenzie Sanctuary, an outdoor living education center. The center will provide educational opportunities for the students, residents and visitors of Abaco Island, in the Bahamas, home to the Bahama Parrot. **G149**  
USFWS: \$5,000 Leveraged: \$24,100

*Strengthening In-Country Capacity for Avian Conservation and Research in the Caribbean.* In partnership with the Society for the Conservation and Study of Caribbean Birds (SCSCB). This grant will support the sixteenth meeting of the Society for the Conservation and Study of Caribbean Birds, which will take place on the island of Puerto Rico in July 2007. Ornithologists, wildlife and conservation professionals, resource managers, students, and other interested parties from around the Caribbean (and the U.S.) will attend and participate in the meeting. **G258**  
USFWS: \$15,800 Leveraged: \$84,225

*An Integrated, Bi-national Campaign for Community Education and Conservation of the Threatened Hispaniolan Parrot.* In partnership with National Aviary in Pittsburg, Inc. This grant will support a partnership of the Sociedad Ornitológica de la Hispaniola (SOH), the National Aviary, and Société Audubon Haiti (SAH) to expand an innovative pilot campaign to help conserve remaining populations of the Hispaniolan Parrot in the Dominican Republic and Haiti. **G305**  
USFWS: \$10,417 Leveraged: \$20,401

*Strengthening Capacity to Conserve Protected Wetlands in the Caribbean: the WIWD and Wetlands Conservation Project.* In partnership with the Society for the Conservation and Study of Caribbean Birds (SCSCB). This project will provide continued support for the West Indies Whistling Duck and Wetlands Conservation initiative, delivering Wetlands Education Training Workshops in French West Indies (Guadeloupe, Martinique, French Guiana), and bringing the project to 1-2 new countries (Grenada, Turks and Caicos Islands). New materials will include Landbird identification cards for 4 countries (Jamaica, Dominican Republic, St. Vincent and the Grenadines) and a Second Edition of Los Maravillosos Humedales del Caribe Insular. **G327**  
USFWS: \$66,692 Leveraged: \$182,038

#### *Colombia*

*Environmental Education of Private Landowners for the Conservation of Species and Ecosystems in the Colombian Orinoquia.* In partnership with Asociación Latinoamericana De Conservación Y Manejo De Vida Silvestre (the Latin American Association for the Conservation and Management of Wildlife, ALCOM). This grant will support the design and development of a training course focused on private landowners in the Colombian Orinoquia region. Topics will include human-wildlife conflicts, importance of landscape configuration, wildlife use, and monitoring of actions in conservation. A technical document applicable to other regions will be developed. **G146**  
USFWS: \$17,900 Leveraged: \$7,385

*Building Capacity for Spectacled Bears in Colombia.* In partnership with the Wildlife Conservation Society. This grant will support the participation of a core group of park rangers in a national effort to determine presence of spectacled bears in key areas of the Colombian Andes and set in motion a National Parks Unit monitoring program on bear status and conservation. Two workshops will be conducted with twelve participants each, to train participants to recognize bear signs, and gather relevant site and landscape environmental information necessary to manage and conserve key Andean bear populations. **G248**  
USFWS: \$13,000 Leveraged: \$15,854

## *Costa Rica*

*Education of Priority Social Sectors to Ensure the Conservation of Jabiru (Jabiru mycteria) in Costa Rica.* In partnership with the Asociación para el Desarrollo Sostenible del Area de Conservación Tempisque (the Association for Sustainable Development in the Tempisque Conservation Area, ASOTEMPISQUE). This grant will support an environmental education program with a focus on Jabiru populations in Costa Rica. The program will target school children, private landowners, and personnel from the Ministry of Environment. Outcomes will include a proposal for Jabiru monitoring with endorsement from the Ministry. **G107**  
USFWS: \$9,994 Leveraged: \$16,842

*Training Osa Peninsula Youth on the Importance of Wildlife Conservation.* In partnership with Fundación para el Desarrollo Académico de la Universidad Nacional (Foundation for the Academic Development of the National University, FUNDAUNA). This Grant will support training for elementary school students in the Osa Peninsula region of Costa Rica on the important of wildlife conservation for economic and social development of the area. **G112**  
USFWS: \$9,900 Leveraged: \$10,000

*Conservation of Wild Cats and their Prey inside Cattle Ranches.* In partnership with Fundación para el Desarrollo Académico de la Universidad Nacional (FUNDAUNA, or Foundation for the Academic Development of the National University). This grant will partially support a project to encourage ranchers around protected areas of the Guanacaste Conservation Area to preserve wild cats, including jaguar and puma. A voluntary incentives plan will be developed to benefit ranchers who use conflict-avoidance practices. FWS funds will specifically cover the portion of the project to develop the plan of incentives, interviews of ranchers, and the creation of alliances and educational materials. **G161**  
USFWS: \$16,500 Leveraged: \$24,000

*Training Program for Environmental Education Commission and Educators of Monteverde, Costa Rica.* In partnership with Centro Científico Tropical (the Tropical Science Center). This grant will support the design and implementation of a training program for the Environmental Education Commission of Monteverde, a popular tourist destination in Costa Rica. The Commission is made up of 13 organizations working to improve local socio-economic conditions. The program will focus on flagship species such as the quetzal. **G162**  
USFWS: \$5,000 Leveraged: \$12,865

*Community Involvement for the Protection of Mangrove and Endemic Birds of the Osa Peninsula, Costa Rica.* In partnership with the Friends of the Osa. This grant will establish a model for involvement of communities in sustainable mangrove management. This will be accomplished by training local stakeholders to engage in long-term, self-sustaining bird-based ecotourism, developing an environmental education program for local schools, and establishing a mangrove conservation alliance for sustainable management of mangrove forests and their natural resources. **G255**  
USFWS: \$15,208 Leveraged: \$22,297

*Course for U.S. Decision makers on Conservation and Development in the Tropics.* In partnership with the Organization for Tropical Studies. This grant will support an intensive, one-week course designed for professionals whose work affects public policies relevant to environment and development in the tropics. The course uses Costa Rica as a base for examining

a range of issues related to the balance of economic development and the use, management and conservation of nature. **J032**

USFWS: \$25,000 Leveraged: \$39,705

#### *Ecuador*

*The Don Oso Project: Andean Bear Research, Awareness, Protection and Compensation Plan.*

In partnership with Round River Conservation Studies. This grant will support work with local communities to study and protect a large, potentially isolated, and increasingly threatened population of Andean bear within and near the southern boundary of Sangay National Park, Ecuador. **G309**

USFWS: \$10,000 Leveraged: \$25,000

#### *Guatemala*

*Conservation of Baird's tapir in Guatemala.* In partnership with Productivity, Biosphere and Environment (PROBIOMA). This grant will support training to guide the implementation of conservation and management measures for peccaries and tapirs in Argentina. The project will include short workshops for personnel working in provincial wildlife and protected areas agencies. The objective is to enhance participants' capacity to implement conservation measures for peccaries and tapirs in northern Guatemala. **G106**

USFWS: \$9,700 Leveraged: \$16,842

*Capacity Building in Municipal/Communal Protected Areas in the Pine-Oak Forests of Huehuetenango, Guatemala.* In partnership with Conservation International. This grant will support capacity-building workshops on protected area creation and management for municipalities and local communities, focused on specific unprotected sites that are home to critically endangered species. **G254**

USFWS: \$14,992 Leveraged: \$44,990

#### *Mexico*

*RESERVA Training Course in Conservation and Management of Natural Resources, 26th Edition.* In partnership with Ducks Unlimited de Mexico, A.C. This grant will provide partial support for the twenty sixth session of RESERVA, a 62-day course that will train sixteen professionals in issues of natural resource conservation. The target audience includes natural resources professionals currently working at leading conservation organizations throughout the Latin American and the Caribbean region. The course takes place at the Ria Celestun Biosphere Reserve, in Yucatan, Mexico. **G104**

USFWS: \$32,000 Leveraged: \$118,800

#### *Paraguay*

*Education for the Conservation of Wildlife in the Pantanal.* In partnership with Asociación Guyra (Guyra Association). This grant will support local and national capacity for management and conservation of the Paraguay Pantanal through training courses on Environmental Education in Protected Areas and Conservation Biology. The course will be held in the Pantanal Paraguayo Reserva, located in one of the most pristine zones of the Pantanal. Species covered in the courses include the guacamayo azul (*Anodorhynchus hyacinthinus*), and mammals such as arira'i (*Pteronura brasiliensis*), guasu puku (*Blastocerus dichotomus*) and tatu carreta (*Priodontes maximus*). **G113**

USFWS: \$10,000 Leveraged: \$27,820

## *Peru*

*Community Participation in the Conservation of San Pedro Mangroves and the Elaboration of a Management Plan.* In partnership with Centro Neotropical de Entrenamiento en Humedales (the Neotropical Center for Wetlands Training, CNEH). This grant will support workshops, seminars and activities to continue increasing community awareness and capacity building in Vice, Peru, towards mangrove conservation and sustainable management. In addition, a management plan will be created for the San Pedro Mangroves. **G109**  
USFWS: \$6,990 Leveraged: \$49,370

## *Region-wide*

*Regional Train the Trainers Workshop for Protected Area Management in the Tropical Andes and Amazon - Podocarpus National Park, Ecuador.* In partnership with World Wildlife Fund. This grant will support an increase in the capacity of key individuals currently engaged in park ranger training in the Tropical Andes and Amazon region. A workshop will be held in Podocarpus National Park for trainers and experts in protected area management. **G256**  
USFWS: \$23,669 Leveraged: \$15,634

*Support for the Masters Program in Wildlife Conservation and Management for Latin America at the International Institute for Wildlife Management and Conservation, National University of Costa Rica.* In partnership with the Fundación para el Desarrollo Académico de la Universidad Nacional (Foundation for the Academic Development of the National University, FUNDAUNA). This grant will support the International Institute for Wildlife Management and Conservation, which offers a masters degree education for natural resource management professionals in Mesoamerica and the Caribbean. The program enables students to work together with other actors in the natural resource sector promoting thus better decisions on issues related to natural resource management and biodiversity conservation. **G105**  
USFWS: \$51,947 Leveraged: \$514,373

*Support for the Graduate Program in Ecology, Conservation and Wildlife Management (ECMVS) at the Federal University of Minas Gerais, Brazil.* In partnership with Fundação de Desenvolvimento à Pesquisa (Foundation for Development and Research, FUNDEP). This grant will support graduate level field courses, laboratory equipment and supplies, web-based communications, and a thesis workshop. **G164**  
USFWS: \$29,000 Leveraged: \$1,035,800

*Production, Printing and Distribution of the Booklet 'Migratory Species of the Western Hemisphere.'* In partnership with World Wildlife Fund. This grant will support the production of an essential education and promotion tool in support of the Western Hemisphere Migratory Species Initiative and the importance of conserving migratory species in the Americas. **G326**  
USFWS: \$5,400 Leveraged: \$3,600

*Raising Public Awareness about Migratory Species Conservation through the Eco-Index and the Western Hemisphere Migratory Species Initiative (WHMSI).* In partnership with The Rainforest Alliance. This grant will support the continued activities of the Western Hemisphere Migratory Species Initiative (WHMSI) Pathway, a bilingual website featuring projects and resources related to migratory species conservation in the Americas. In addition, a new section will be created on the website with links to educational resources related to migratory species conservation. **G150**  
USFWS: \$15,000 Leveraged: \$4,852

*Support for the Masters Program in Wildlife Conservation and Management for Latin America at the National University of Cordoba, Argentina.* In partnership with Centro de Zoología Aplicada (the Center for Applied Zoology). This grant will support scholarships, thesis work, and travel expenses for thesis directors, secretarial services for the program, and general program support. Thesis topics are of strict applied nature, and respond to concrete problems identified by local researchers or governmental agencies. Past graduates include students from throughout the Latin American region, including the following countries: Argentina, Chile, Uruguay, Paraguay, Brazil, Bolivia, Ecuador, Colombia, Venezuela, and Peru. **G151**  
USFWS: \$50,000 Leveraged: \$90,420

*Environmental Policy Analysis Training Course: A Social, Economic and Biodiversity Conservation Approach.* In partnership with NatureServe. This grant will support the training of students and regional decision makers in an applied analysis of environmental policy. The course will be held at the National University of Costa Rica. **G165**  
USFWS: \$18,757 Leveraged: \$10,800

*Capacity Building for Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and Environmental Strategic Assessment (ESA) for Wetlands Management.* In partnership with Centro Regional para el Hemisferio Occidental (CREHO, or the Ramsar Regional Center for Training and Research on Wetlands for the Western Hemisphere). This grant will support an applied course in impact evaluation tools for the conservation and wise use of wetlands. The course will take place in Panama, with regional impact throughout the Americas. **G249**  
USFWS: \$43,818 Leveraged: \$53,912

*Migratory Bird and Wetlands Newslink.* In partnership with the Association of State Wetland Managers. This grant will support an international news publication offered to conservationists worldwide who need to stay informed and up-to-date on what is taking place in the field. NewsLink seeks to address the often under-valued connection between migratory birds and wetlands by bringing these issues together and underscoring their inherent link. **G253**  
USFWS: \$7,500 Leveraged: \$7,500