

Wildlife Without Borders-Africa Program
Summary of Projects
FY 2009

11 Grants Total FWS Funding \$463,776.68 Total Leveraged Funding \$462,873.82

AFR-0052 *Improving Protected Area Management and Species Conservation in Masoala National Park, Madagascar.* In partnership with the Wildlife Conservation Society. The purpose of this project is to improve the capacity of staff at Masoala National Park to conduct ranger-based monitoring and surveillance thereby reducing the threat of illegal timber extraction, agricultural based deforestation, and trafficking of marine resources; organize training in ranger-based monitoring and terrestrial ecological and community-based monitoring; and arrange training for regional and local authorities on land use planning and monitoring.

FWS: \$50,627 Leveraged Funds: \$39,846

AFR-0053 *Strengthening Capacity for Community-Based Wildlife Conservation in Northern Kenya.* In partnership with Northern Rangelands Trust. The purpose of this project is to strengthen conservation management of threatened and rare wildlife species and habitats by developing and enhancing monitoring systems in 11 Community Conservancies in Northern Kenya that will incorporate training of managers and conservancy scouts in monitoring of wildlife mortality, livestock numbers and location of settlements, incidents of human and wildlife conflict, and security incidents such as poaching; develop a wildlife monitoring database to facilitate data analysis; and provide information to local management boards and key stakeholders.

FWS: \$38,700 Leveraged Funds: \$52,000

AFR-0061 *Building Capacity and Awareness to Mitigate Conservation Threats from Zoonotic Diseases at the Wildlife/Livestock Interface in the Ruaha Ecosystem, Tanzania.* In partnership with University of California. The purpose of this project is to develop local capacity of Ruaha's protected area managers and staff to diagnose and investigate disease threats to wildlife and raise awareness of local communities about the linkages between wildlife, domestic animal, and human health.

FWS: \$49,747 Leveraged Funds: \$33,646

AFR-0062 *Capacity Building for Reduced Bushmeat Exploitation in Eastern Africa.* In partnership with the Wildlife Conservation Society. The purpose of this project is to strengthen capacity to reduce bushmeat off-take in and around key protected areas in eastern Africa through the building of the newly established Bushmeat-free Eastern Africa Network (BEAN). BEAN is a network of organizations and individuals working collaboratively to mobilize resources, share information, set priorities, and apply bushmeat solutions. BEAN emerged from the 2008-2009 USFWS MENTOR Fellowship Program that built the capacity of a team of conservation leaders from Kenya, Southern

Sudan, Tanzania, and Uganda who worked collaboratively to leverage partnerships to address illegal bushmeat exploitation in the region.

FWS Funding: \$190,014.68 Leveraged: \$90,031.82

AFR-0063 *Mitigating the Impacts of Illegal Bushmeat Trade through Capacity Building of Environmental Educators In and Around the Tsavo Ecosystem of South Eastern Kenya.* In partnership with the East African Wildlife Society. This project will reduce the bushmeat trade by building upon bushmeat education materials to target eastern Africa consumers; training local educators using newly produced education materials; and surveying primary and secondary school children to evaluate whether education materials have changed attitudes and behaviors. Project results will be shared widely by the East African Wildlife Society and through the Bushmeat-free Eastern Africa Network.

FWS: \$14,950 Leveraged Funds: \$6,300

AFR-0064 *Capacity Building for Wildlife Conservation to Reduce Illegal Bushmeat Utilization in the Masai Mara Ecosystem in Kenya.* In partnership with the National Museums of Kenya. This project will build capacity to reduce illegal bushmeat utilization in the Masai Mara ecosystem in Kenya by educating community leaders, government officials, and local educators about the impacts of the unregulated bushmeat trade and the threats posed to ecosystem health; and fostering better collaboration and information sharing on wildlife monitoring by different conservation partners working in the Mara ecosystem. Project results will contribute to the Bushmeat-free Eastern Africa Network and bushmeat education initiatives will be coordinated with similar efforts in the Tsavo ecosystem.

FWS: \$13,472 Leveraged Funds: \$6,000

AFR-0065 *Reducing Bushmeat Trade in Katavi-Rukwa Ecosystem in Tanzania Through the Application of Bushmeat Solutions and Better Understanding of Local Issues.* In partnership with Nature and Development Care. This project will reduce illegal bushmeat trade in the Katavi-Rukwa ecosystem in Tanzania by vaccinating chickens owned by the local communities against Newcastle disease in order to provide food security, and alternative sources of protein and income. Through the project, local communities will gain access to healthy chickens, a preferred protein source, while gaining a better understanding about the impacts of the bushmeat trade in the Katavi-Rukwa ecosystem and the role of law enforcement. Project results will be distributed through the Bushmeat-free Eastern Africa Network.

FWS: \$12,920 Leveraged Funds: \$6,500

AFR-0066 *Capacity Building for Cultural Leaders to Address the Bushmeat Trade in Murchison Falls Conservation Area, Uganda.* In partnership with Uganda Wildlife Authority. This project will engage cultural chiefs in 10 parishes to aid in reducing the illegal bushmeat trade in the Murchison Falls Conservation Area of Uganda. A cultural leaders association in Jonam County will be formed to create bushmeat awareness in the parishes, develop alternatives to bushmeat consumption, and stimulate income generation. Lessons learned will be shared through the Bushmeat-free Eastern Africa Network.

FWS: \$13,070 Leveraged Funds: \$5,000

AFR-0067 *Eastern Africa Law Enforcement Capacity Building Project.* In partnership with Uganda Wildlife Authority. This project will strengthen the enforcement of wildlife laws in the eastern Africa region by conducting an assessment of wildlife governance and legal regime in Southern Sudan; establishing opportunities for information and experience exchange between Cameroon and Eastern Africa officials; building the capacity of law enforcement stakeholders in the Murchison Falls Conservation Area in Uganda as well as the Mara-Serengeti ecosystem of Kenya and Tanzania; and forging wildlife law enforcement partnerships through the Bushmeat-free Eastern Africa Network
FWS: \$19,900 Leveraged Funds: \$7,500

AFR-0069 *Tanzania Ecosystem Health Training Program, Gombe and Serengeti National Parks.* In partnership with Lincoln Park Zoological Society. The purpose of this project is to develop an ecosystem health certificate program to train ecosystem health practitioners who are informed on state-of-the-art field techniques and have a well developed understanding of project management, applied epidemiology, endocrinology, ecological modeling, statistical analysis, fundraising and grant writing, financial organization and reporting, and communication with broad variety of local and international agencies.
FWS: \$49,876 Leveraged Funds: \$194,581

AFR-0072 *Strengthening the local capacity to integrate research, education and ecotourism into meaningful sea turtle management strategies in West Africa.* In partnership with Florida Gulf Coast University. This grant will support efforts to develop a long-term marine turtle conservation program with University of Ghana and Ghana Wildlife Division on important leatherback nesting beaches at Ada Foah, Ghana.
FWS: \$10,500 Leveraged Funds: \$21,469