

**2008 Summary of Projects Approved for Funding
Wildlife Without Borders Program for Latin America and the Caribbean Summary**

37 Grants Total FWS Funding: \$1,140,409 Total Leveraged Funds: \$2,381,730

Argentina

Training of Stakeholders in Urban Protected Areas of Argentina for Improved Management of Invasive and Problem Species. In partnership with Aves Argentinas. This grant will support the management of urban nature reserves in Argentina. A three-day course will be held for 30 key actors from urban areas with a focus on controlling the invasion of exotic plants. The grant will also support grants for three small projects focused on the management of invasive exotic species, creating incentives for participants to engage this issue. **G579**
USFWS: \$9,887 Leveraged: \$23,989

Movements and Resource Utilization of Ducks in Central-Eastern Argentina. In partnership with the Center for Applied Zoology. This grant will support studies aimed at filling the existing information gap on migratory patterns and habitat use of three duck species commonly hunted in central-eastern Argentina along the Middle Parana river basin, including Rosy-billed Pochard (*Netta peposaca*), White-faced Tree-duck (*Dendrocygna viduata*) and Fulvous Tree-duck (*D. bicolor*). The project will be developed in close cooperation with the Patuxent Wildlife Research Center, US Geological Survey. **G589**
USFWS: \$78,900 Leveraged: \$23,989

Strategic Planning in Protected Areas. In partnership with Fundación Vida Silvestre Argentina (Wildlife Foundation of Argentina). This grant will support the management and implementation of protected areas by improving the capabilities for the development of planning processes at the national, provincial and private level. Specific protected areas of focus include those located in the provinces of San Juan, Santa Cruz, Salta and Mendoza in Argentina. The training will include three workshops for 15 participants total. **G704**
USFWS: \$12,470 Leveraged: \$7,204

Brazil

General Evaluation of Two Protected Areas Management Courses by the Instituto Estadual de Florestas (IEF) of Minas Gerais, Brazil: (1) Administration and Management of Protected Areas (AMUC Course), and (2) Conservation and Management for Park Wardens (CGP Course). In partnership with Instituto Terra Brasilis. This grant will support an evaluation of the content, delivery and impact of the AMUC and Guarda-Parques courses, since their inception fourteen years ago. A 3-day workshop will be held to analyze and share findings from the evaluation, to improve both the content and the outreach capacity of these programs. **G578**
USFWS: \$15,000 Leveraged: \$33,088

Park Wardens Course for Federal and State Park Rangers in Brazil. In partnership with Fundação Biodiversitas (Biodiversity Foundation). This grant will support an advanced course, providing fundamental skills for park rangers who work in Brazilian protected areas. **G581**
USFWS: \$18,040 Leveraged: \$28,443

13th Course for Administrators of Protected Area Managers (AMUC). In partnership with Instituto Terra Brasilis. This grant will support the training of conservation professionals in aspects of protected areas management, including social studies, environmental law, ecology, cartography, land use planning, scientific methods, waste management, security, administration, communication, environmental education and ecotourism management. **G582**
USFWS: \$30,000 Leveraged: \$32,500

Towards a Strong Relationship among Science, Environmental Interpretation and Management in Serra do Cipó National Park, Brazil. In partnership with Serra do Cipó National Park. This grant will support the integration of scientific research with management decision-making and awareness-raising. The park will assist in the establishment of the Scientific Council of Serra do Cipó National Park; procure laboratory basic equipment and meteorological stations; systematize, analyze and distribute information and management practices using digital databases and GIS tools, and organize forums for discussion and decisions on research and management. Training will be provided for 10 young students from the local school to work with interpretation activities and support to field activities. **G714**
USFWS: \$25,000 Leveraged: \$211,478

Bolivia

Capacity Building for Co-Management of Pilon Lajas Biosphere Reserve and Indigenous Territory in Bolivia. In partnership with the Wildlife Conservation Society. This grant will support protection of the Pilon Lajas Biosphere Reserve and Indigenous Territory, strengthening the Protected Area's Administration and the Tsimane Mosen Regional Council's ability to effectively manage the reserve. The Wildlife Conservation Society will provide assistance in building capacity and forming alliances with and among the indigenous population, the protected area administration and local and regional actors for the implementation of the area's management plan. **G573**
USFWS: \$20,000 Leveraged: \$22,600

Building Local Capacity for Wildlife Monitoring and Landscape Level Planning in Kaa-Iya National Park and the Bolivian Chaco. In partnership with the Wildlife Conservation Society. This grant will strengthen the capacity of the Kaa-Iya Protected Area administration and local indigenous partners to manage the Kaa-Iya Protected Area and surrounding indigenous lands. Local technicians will be trained to conduct wildlife monitoring and use results to create case studies to inform management decisions. Through the involvement of local technicians, wildlife conservation needs will be incorporated into a protected area management plan and land use plans for neighboring indigenous territories, as well as in municipal, departmental and regional contexts. **G736**
USFWS: \$25,194 Leveraged: \$17,889

Caribbean

Printing Second Edition of The Marvelous Wetlands of the Caribbean: A Teachers' Workbook.

In partnership with the Society for the Conservation and Study of Caribbean Birds (SCSCB). This grant will support for the above referenced publication. The new edition will be distributed to project partners in the Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico and Cuba. NGOs and institutions in each of these countries will continue to deliver Wetlands Education Training Workshops and the books will be used in schools, summer camp programs and as a resource to conservation managers and anyone working in the field of conservation, outreach and education. **G516**
USFWS: \$1,500 Leveraged: \$23,000

West Indies Wildlife Extension: An International Extension Service to Promote Protected Areas Management in the West Indies.

In partnership with the University of Florida. This grant will support the creation of an online extension center to promote protected area management in the West Indies. This online center will contain validated and tested materials (inventories, training in protected areas, guidelines) developed to manage diversity and protected areas in the West Indies at the University of Florida. **G706**
USFWS: \$19,452 Leveraged: \$22,028

Training of Stakeholders and Environmental Committees of the Indigenous Communities Ngobe Bugle and Naso in the Panamanian Caribbean Region.

In partnership with Conservation International. This grant will support capacity building for 15 indigenous communities (among the Ngobe and Naso Tribes) on the importance of flagship species conservation, thus improving their ability to be able to participate in conservation actions and decision-making. The expected outcome is to minimize the social pressure on species within the Amistad Biosphere Reserve protected areas and buffer zones. **G707**
USFWS: \$24,829 Leveraged: \$38,256

Strengthening Capacity for the Conservation and Study of Caribbean Birds. In partnership with the Society for the Conservation and Study of Caribbean Birds (SCSCB). This grant will support management of protected areas and delivery of conservation education programs in the West Indies. SCSCB will deliver Wetlands Education Training Workshops in Grenada and the US Virgin Islands and expand this successful training program to Latin America. Activities and products include providing project partners with workshop kits and materials as needed, developing a new land bird identification card for Puerto Rico and Jamaica, improving the project website, and providing training and materials to two protected area education specialists from Panama. **G735**

USFWS: \$52,800 Leveraged: \$220,665

Colombia

Scientific Inquiry and the Environmental Education Program of the National Parks Unit of Colombia.

In partnership with the Wildlife Conservation Society. This grant will support the enhanced capacity of the National Parks Unit (NPU) of Colombia to manage and conserve Colombia's protected areas. Through a structured series of workshops with protected area system staff, the Parks Unit's ability to communicate, interact and cooperate with local stakeholders and internally will be enhanced. **G737**

USFWS: \$24,995 Leveraged: \$27,450

Costa Rica

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. **G580**

USFWS: \$27,175 Leveraged: \$43,959

Mixing the Matrix: Participatory Avian Biodiversity Monitoring within the Volcan Central Talamanca Biological Corridor - Parks, Pasture and Coffee. In partnership with the Centro Agronómico Tropical de Investigación y Enseñanza (CATIE, or the Tropical Agronomy Center for Research and Learning). This grant will support a participatory bird biodiversity monitoring program led by CATIE, which brings together stakeholder and residents of the biological corridor. In conjunction with park staff and local conservation groups, the program will train 60 residents on methods of monitoring bird biodiversity through a series of workshops on avian conservation. The program will also include a second workshop specifically targeting community leaders and decision makers on structural and functional connectivity models based on bird population data from the corridor. **G709**

USFWS: \$17,921 Leveraged: \$53,093

Ecuador

Improving the Conservation Status of the Andean Tapir (Tapirus pinchaque) on the Eastern slopes of the Central Andes of Ecuador. In partnership with Finding Species. This grant will support the protection of Andean Tapir habitat in and around two protected areas in Ecuador (Llanganates National Park and Sangay National Park). Finding Species will lead the organization and delivery of a three-day capacity-building symposium with national government park administrators and rangers, as well as local government officials, and community leaders from surrounding towns. Participants will receive training in how to identify an Andean Tapir and its tracks, about the risk of extinction of the Tapir, about the dominant threats to the species, in steps needed to address threats, and about its potential value to bring tourists to the parks and towns. **G738**

USFWS: \$15,000 Leveraged: \$22,738

Mexico

RESERVA Training Course in Conservation and Management of Natural Resources, 27th Edition. In partnership with Ducks Unlimited de Mexico, A.C. This grant will provide partial support for the twenty seventh 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. **G615**

USFWS: \$30,000 Leveraged: \$75,000

Nicaragua

Building Protected Area Management Capacity on the Island of Ometepe, Nicaragua. In partnership with Fauna and Flora International. This grant will support capacity building among local management organizations, key local decision makers and other stakeholders for protected area and conservation management on Ometepe Island in Nicaragua. A training program will be implemented at Maderas Volcano Natural Reserve (MVNR) and Concepcion Volcano Natural Reserve (CVNR) to enhance enforcement, monitoring and outreach capacities of park rangers and local tourist guides, and generate within Ometepe society a well informed social environment, favorable to the conservation of the island's protected areas and the possible establishment of a Biosphere Reserve. **G713**
USFWS: \$26,740 Leveraged: \$50,360

Paraguay

Western Hemisphere Migratory Species Initiative (WHMSI): 2008 Conference. In partnership with Guyra Paraguay. This grant will support a regional conference to take place in Paraguay, July 21-25, 2008. Funds will support travel expenses for wildlife directors from 35 countries in the Western Hemisphere, as well as representatives from the WHMSI Interim Steering Committee. Conference objectives include coordination among related migratory species initiatives, including the Western Hemisphere Shorebird Reserve Network (WHSRN), Partners in Flight (PIF), Birdlife International, Inter-American Convention on Marine Turtles Conservation, Waterbird Council and others, to address specific issues related to migratory species conservation and management. **G519**
USFWS: \$151,684 Leveraged: \$20,000

Peru

Strengthening of the Southern Node of Training Based on the National Strategy for Training in Protected Areas. In partnership with the Frankfurt Zoological Society. This grant will support the strengthening of the Southern Training Node of the National Protected Area System of Peru, through the implementation and evaluation of training courses in the southern node, contributing to the park guard library series and evaluating the performance of park guards and specialists of the different protected areas of south-eastern Peru. The Recipient will deliver four courses: Introduction for New Park Guards, Mapping in Protected Areas, Biological Monitoring, and Effective Communication and Conflict Resolution. **G574**
USFWS: \$22,455 Leveraged: \$15,375

Region-wide

Turning the Tide: Exploitation, Trade and Management of Marine Turtles in the Lesser Antilles, Central America, Colombia and Venezuela. In partnership with the Wider Caribbean Sea Turtle Conservation Network (WIDECAST). This grant will support publication of the same name, the most comprehensive, in-depth regional analysis of marine turtle management thus far produced. This 550-page report was launched by TRAFFIC, the wildlife trade program of WWF and IUCN. Commissioned by CITES, the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, it reviews marine turtle management in 26 political jurisdictions of the Wider Caribbean and presents recommendations for actions that should be taken at national and regional levels to modernize management regimes and integrate the region's management of shared stocks so as to enhance these species' long-term survival prospects. An estimated 500 copies will be distributed to 43 countries. **G517**
USFWS: \$1,500 Leveraged: \$5,500.00

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 (the Foundation for the Academic Development of the National University, FUNDEP). 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. **G572**
USFWS: \$62,380 Leveraged: \$540,913

Establishing and Maintaining a Regional Network and Database of Graduates Supported by the Wildlife Without Borders – Latin America and Caribbean Program. 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 regional network and database of information about participants in USFWS supported technical training programs and graduate programs (i.e., the National University of Costa Rica, the University of Minas Gerais, Brazil, and the University of Cordoba, Argentina). **G575**
USFWS: \$12,000 Leveraged: \$9,580

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 (the 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. **G576**
USFWS: \$38,880 Leveraged: \$385,800

Integrated Training Courses for Graduate-level Wildlife Management Students and Protected-Areas Decision Makers. In partnership with NatureServe. This grant will support the training of students, faculty and decision makers to analyze the distribution of high priority species within and around Latin American protected areas. The course will be held at the National University of Costa Rica. **G577**

USFWS: \$30,000 Leveraged: \$17,610

Capacity Building in the Management of Nature Reserves and Other Protected Areas for Latin American Managers. In partnership with Colorado State University. This grant will support the attendance of one Latin American protected area manager (including international travel) to attend our 2008 annual Wildlands and Protected Area Management short course at Colorado State University (CSU). This intensive 34-day training course is designed for mid-level professional and technical personnel in Latin America who are interested in improving the management of protected areas in their countries. **G616**

USFWS: \$18,316 Leveraged: \$0

Building Capacity through the Eco-Index and Western Hemisphere Migratory Species Initiative (WHMSI) Pathway. In partnership with the The Rainforest Alliance. This grant will support the WHMSI Pathway website, including the addition of new tools to make the Pathway an even more dynamic and useful resource for the migratory species conservation community. One outcome of this project will be an online forum where WHMSI stakeholders can post and comment on topics of relevance and interest, upload and share documents, and discuss issues related to the management and growth of the Initiative. **G617**

USFWS: \$24,365 Leveraged: \$27,295

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 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 the third year this course is offered. The course takes place in Argentina and includes 20 students who are professionals already engaged in actual conservation programs. **G691**

USFWS: \$7,180 Leveraged: \$19,050

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 Zoologia 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. **G705**

USFWS: \$54,700 Leveraged: \$84,780

Support for the Masters Degree in Management of Protected Areas and Ecoregional Development at the Latin American School for Protected Areas. In partnership with the Universidad para la Cooperación Internacional (University for International Cooperation). This grant will support the graduate studies of 15 professionals that work in natural and mixed World Heritage Sites and Biosphere Reserves of Latin America, with the objective of training professionals to establish these UNESCO sites as model areas for the national protected area systems. It is expected that these professionals will not only improve the protected areas, but as well will improve the national and regional policies in conservation and management in Latin America, seeking that the protected areas be a considered as important components in the national agendas of Latin American countries. **G708**
USFWS: \$25,000 Leveraged: \$79,249

Capacity Building for Managers and Decision Makers with Influence in Protected Areas with Wetlands of International Importance. In partnership with Centro Regional Ramsar (the Ramsar Regional Center, or CREHO). This grant will support the development of knowledge standards and a training guide for managers of protected areas with internationally important wetlands. **G711**
USFWS: \$61,050 Leveraged: \$75,465

Strengthening Human and Institutional Resources for the Conservation and Management of Wetlands in Protected Areas of Latin America and the Caribbean. In partnership with Centro Neotropical de Entrenamiento en Humedales (Neotropical Center for Wetlands Training). This grant will support training and partnership opportunities for wetlands protection and management in Chile, Argentina, Bolivia, Nicaragua and Costa Rica. Training workshops will be held with representatives from these countries, and Wetlands management guide for trainers and practitioners will be developed. **G712**
USFWS: \$27,000 Leveraged: \$64,150

Raising Awareness of the Importance of Capacity Building to Support Conservation of Habitat in the Latin America and Caribbean Region. In partnership with the Association of Zoos and Aquariums. This grant will support the development and distribution of a brief video highlighting the importance of capacity building for the conservation of habitat and protected areas in the Latin America and Caribbean region. It will include footage filmed in the rainforest of Costa Rica, focusing on conservation projects currently managed by local grantees. **J117**
USFWS: \$40,600 Leveraged: \$5,400

Western Hemisphere Migratory Species Initiative (WHMSI): 2009 Meeting of the Interim Steering Committee. In partnership with the Organization of American States. This grant will support WHMSI in the process of implementing a project to strengthen institutions and personnel involved in migratory species in the Western Hemisphere. This includes the a three-year capacity building plan that measures progress by people trained, skills acquired, institutional strengthening, long-term sustainability, and replicability across other regions. The Interim Steering Committee will meet in March, 2009. **G744**
USFWS: \$26,510 Leveraged: \$0

Increasing Awareness and Support for International Conservation with American Audiences. In partnership with Conservation International. This grant will support the creation of a photo exhibit which will highlight key species, habitats and international conservation issues. The exhibit will be on display for 3-4 weeks in Washington, D.C., in the winter of 2009. **J118**
USFWS: \$24,950 Leveraged: \$33,874

Supporting Conservation in the Caribbean Region: Training of NGO Stakeholders as a Tool to Enhance Partnership. In partnership with The International Ecotourism Society. This grant will support the training of key international conservation professionals, thus increasing their awareness of regional capacity building needs. During the course of three days, 10 NGO participants will be trained on the importance of Caribbean wetlands to wildlife and humans, and learn about the need for increased capacity building to support local conservation. **J119**
USFWS: \$36,936 Leveraged: \$19,960