

Wildlife Without Borders - Latin America and Caribbean Program

In 2012, the USFWS awarded eight new grants from the Wildlife Without Borders-Latin America and the Caribbean program totaling \$938,266.21, which was matched by \$1,112,438.00 in leveraged funds. Field projects in six countries (in alphabetical order below) will be supported.

ARGENTINA

Developing an Interdisciplinary Graduate-level Conservation Program and Conservation Network in Argentina to Improve Conservation Education and Action Across Latin America.

LAC 12-026 **Wildlife Conservation Society**

Grant# F12AC01120

FWS: \$136,971 Leveraged Funds: \$14,373

Location: Argentina

This project will support the development of a self-sustaining, graduate program in Conservation Biology at the University of Buenos Aires and the design and initiation of a Conservation Network that brings together academics, governmental organizations, non-governmental organizations, conservation practitioners, policy makers, and students.

BRAZIL

Graduate School for Environmental Conservation and Sustainability: Teaching Tomorrow's Leaders.

LAC 12-007 **Instituto de Pesquisas Ecológicas**

Grant# F12AC01069

FWS: \$150,000 Leveraged Funds: \$240,000

Location: Brazil

This grant will support the Graduate School for Environmental Conservation and Sustainability by covering costs related to program operations, student's field activities, and other practical experiences that emphasize the importance of the social context of biodiversity conservation. The support will enable the school to offer partial scholarships to 15 students each year. This project will also develop ways to track graduates, explore potential alumni networks, and monitor and evaluate the training program.

CARIBBEAN

My Island My Community.

LAC-10-135 **PCI Media Impact**

Grant# F12AC00665

FWS: \$80,000 Leveraged funds: \$0.00

Location: Caribbean

This project will continue to implement My Island- My Community Climate change Awareness and Adaption program under cooperative agreement 96200-0-J004. The program uses entertainment education and social marketing to stimulate attitude and

behavior change around biodiversity conservation and climate change adaptation in 15 Caribbean countries. This additional support will cover the salaries of PCI Media's Caribbean team: Alleyne Regis (\$53,250), Tyrone Buckmire (\$15,750), and Della Ashby (\$11,250) from June 1, 2012 to March 2013. The Caribbean team will continue to develop a radio serial drama that integrates key conservation messages, build national radio talk shows, and implement community action campaigns to mobilize local on-the-ground action on conservation and climate adaptation in St. Lucia, Grenada, St. Vincent and Grenadines, Tobago, and the Bahamas.

COSTA RICA

International Conservation College

LAC 12-001 **International Conservation Caucus Foundation**

Grant# F12AC00109

FWS: \$24,520 Leveraged Funds: \$31,580

Location: Costa Rica

Implementation of a five to seven day field-based study tour on tropical conservation for a minimum of ten senior professional staff of U.S. Members of Congress in Costa Rica. The course will educate participants about conservation challenges and solutions related to biodiversity and habitat loss, tropical forests, natural resource degradation and conflict, poverty alleviation and regional and national security.

Support for Master's Degree Program in Conservation and Wildlife Management.

LAC 12-045 **Universidad Nacional Autónoma, Costa Rica**

Grant# F12AC01089

FWS: \$127,247.77 Leveraged Funds: \$596,230

Location: Costa Rica

Funding will provide scholarships to six graduate-level students over a 27-month period, support the implementation of an alumni network, field courses, and other practical experiences for current students in the Master's program.

Support for the Development of the Master's in Conservation Practice.

LAC 12-046 **Centro Agronómico Tropical de Investigación y Enseñanza (CATIE)**

Grant# F12AC01099

FWS: \$72,000 Leveraged Funds: \$136,080

Location: Costa Rica

Funds will support the development and implementation of a new Professional Master's in Conservation Practice (MCP) by leveraging the highly interdisciplinary, hands-on approach incorporated in the Master in Development Practice but with a strong focus on biodiversity conservation. The MCP will address the real-world training needs of professionals active in conservation in Latin America and the Caribbean by developing and strengthening the students' competencies (knowledge, abilities, and attitudes) to deliver biodiversity conservation at the local level in a participatory, equitable, and sustainable way.

FLORIDA, USA

Emerging Wildlife Conservation Leaders (EWCL).

LAC 12-031 **International Fund for Animal Welfare**

Grant# F12AC01438

FWS: \$48,000 Leveraged Funds: \$44,175

Location: Florida and Washington, DC

Funding will provide partial support for the 2013/2014 class of approximately 20 emerging leaders in the wildlife conservation field to undertake a two-year intensive training in essential conservation, networking, and leadership skills. The course includes three training sessions.

PANAMA

Meeting to Support the Creation of a Regional Society of Conservation Professionals Emphasizing the Social Context of Biodiversity Conservation.

LAC 12-041 **Organization of American States**

Grant# F12AC01299

FWS: \$133,079.01 Leveraged Funds: \$500,000

Location: Panama

Funding will support the organization and implementation of a three day meeting in Panama in 2013. The meeting will bring together approximately 50 current conservation practitioners from across the region to discuss ways to promote a social approach to biodiversity conservation in the Latin America and Caribbean region.