

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Division of International Conservation
Wildlife Without Borders-Latin America and Caribbean Program
Project Summary FY 2010

29 Grants and Cooperative Agreements Total FWS Funding \$1,039,596.40 Total
Leveraged Funding \$2,244,266.00

Argentina:

LAC 10-002. *Protected Areas Strategic Planning: Consolidation of Knowledge and Interactions, Argentina.* In partnership with Fundación Vida Silvestre Argentina (Wildlife Foundation of Argentina). This grant will improve strategic planning within the national protected area system of Argentina by providing training to protected area staff in the four major regions of Argentina: Northwest, Northeast, Central, and Patagonia.

FWS: \$24,990.00 Leveraged funds: \$6,825.00

LAC 10-080: *Training Key Personnel of Urban Natural Reserves to Develop and Implement Management Plans in Argentina.* In partnership with Aves Argentinas. This grantee will conduct workshops for key personnel working in urban natural reserves to develop, implement, and/or update the management plans using the most appropriate methodologies available. The workshop facilitators will evaluate and provide follow-up comments on the management plans developed by each participant.

FWS: \$10,905.00 Leveraged funds: \$24,363.00

Belize:

LAC 10-113: *To develop a framework for environmental, financial, and social sustainability for the effective management for Corozal Bay Wildlife Sanctuary, Belize.* In partnership with the Sarteneja Alliance for Conservation and Development (SACD). This grant will establish SACD as a functional, effective co-management agency, working in partnership with the Forest Department and other stakeholders, towards effective management of Corozal Bay Wildlife Sanctuary.

FWS: \$24,936.00 Leveraged funds: \$66,305.00

LAC 10-126: *Development and Sustainable Implementation of a National Ranger Training School in Belize.* In partnership with Fauna & Flora International, Inc. This grant will build the capacity of Ya'axché Conservation Trust to effectively manage and secure sustainable funding for Bladen Nature Reserve, thereby guaranteeing the conservation of this critical landscape unit within Belize's protected area system in the future. It will also strengthen Belize's capacity to undertake protected area management by standardizing ranger practices and increasing opportunities for protected area buffer communities to serve as professional rangers.

FWS: \$30,934.00 Leveraged funds: \$32,629.00

Caribbean:

LAC 10-125: *Strengthening Capacity to Conserve and Sustainably Manage Birds and Important Habitats in the Caribbean.* In partnership with the Society for the Conservation and Study of Caribbean Birds (SCSCB). This grant will promote conservation of Caribbean biodiversity and ecosystem services through strengthening capacity of local organizations, government agencies and institutions, natural resource managers, decision makers, educators, community leaders, and other stakeholders to conserve and sustainably manage bird populations and their habitats. This will be achieved through the development of a cadre of persons trained in bird and habitat monitoring and through activities that raise knowledge, awareness, and appreciation about the importance and value of local habitats and bird life, thereby increasing support for their conservation for the benefit of species and people.

FWS: \$58,750.00 Leveraged funds: \$204,050.00

LAC 10-135: *My Island-My Community.* In partnership with PCI Media Impact. This grant will confront the emerging consequences of climate change by expanding the capacity of regional partners throughout the Caribbean to effectively and sustainably use contemporary communications, networking, public awareness and behavior change methods, covering and strengthening management across the Caribbean's network of protected areas.

FWS: \$155,000.00 Leveraged Funds: \$445,722.00

Chile:

LAC 10-120: *From Capacity Building to Implementation: Designing a Long-term Monitoring Program for Threatened Wildlife in southern Chile.* In partnership with the Instituto de Ecología y Evolución, Universidad Austral de Chile. This grant will create a long-term wildlife monitoring program for the Valdivia Coastal Reserve. The grantee will conduct workshops to train park guards and advanced college-level students and to present the results of the monitoring program to protected area managers and administrators, and to local authorities. This project will complement ongoing educational activities with communities that live in or around the Reserve.

FWS: \$14,270.00 Leveraged funds: \$40,480.00

Colombia:

LAC 10-052. *Establishing Indigenous Park Guard Training: Monitoring Alto Fragua Indi Wasi National Park in Colombia.* In partnership with the Amazon Conservation Team. This grant will support the creation of an indigenous park guard training program in the Alto Fragua Indi Wasi National Park in Colombia. The resulting indigenous-led conservation effort will significantly enhance the protection of 77,380 hectares of Colombian rainforest located along the headwaters of the Fragua River.

FWS: \$25,000.00 Leveraged funds: \$4,160.00

LAC 10-099: *Bats without Borders: Building Capacity for the Protection of Colombia's Biodiversity and National Park Habitats.* In partnership with Bat Conservation International, Inc. This grant will build capacity among Colombian National Park managers and rangers, biologists, and university students conducting work within protected areas to monitor and research bats; build a sustainable network of close collaboration between protected area representatives and extend this network to work closely with other networks in Latin America; and develop monitoring and conservation plans for bats in Colombia.

FWS: \$25,000.00 Leveraged funds: \$26,235.00

Costa Rica:

LAC 10-030. *Technical Assistance as an Incentive for Wildlife Conservation Inside Ranches, Costa Rica.* In partnership with Instituto Internacional en Conservación y Manejo de Vida Silvestre (the International Institute for Conservation and Management of Wildlife, or ICOMVIS) at the National Autonomous University of Costa Rica. This grant will provide training and technical assistance to implement measures to prevent attacks on domesticated animals to promote coexistence with jaguars and pumas in cattle ranches, especially those found around protected areas and biological corridors in the Cordillera de Guanacaste.

FWS: \$18,699.00 Leveraged funds: \$38,336.00

LAC 10-031. *Mixing the Matrix II: Participatory Avian Biodiversity Monitoring within the Volcán Central Talamanca Biological Corridor—Sub-corridors, Ecotourism, and Parks.* In partnership with the Center for Tropical Agriculture Research and Education (CATIE). This grant will provide managers of protected areas and biological corridors in Costa Rica with a basic toolbox to increase the conservation value of managed landscapes. In addition, local awareness of—and participation in—the Volcan Central Talamanca Biological Corridor (VCTBC) will be increased and the capacity of the CATIE farm to serve as a demonstration site for on-farm conservation goals will be improved.

FWS: \$35,150.00 Leveraged funds: \$58,269.00

LAC 10-136. *Support for the 14th Conference of the Mesoamerican Society for Biology and Conservation, Costa Rica.* In partnership with Asociación Centro Científico Tropical. This grant will be used for a variety of expenses related to the conference including scholarships to finance the participation of students from several different countries in Latin America and the Caribbean and to invite up to ten renowned scientists to share their experiences with the Mesoamerican scientific community.

FWS: \$2,000.00 Leveraged Funds: \$0.00

LAC 10-089: *Scholarship Support for Master's Degree Program in Conservation and Wildlife Management, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de Costa Rica.* In partnership with International Institute for Wildlife Management and Conservation. This grant will provide a remaining two full scholarships and seven partial scholarships to graduate

students from the 2009 cohort, and one full scholarship and seven partial scholarships to graduate students from the 2010 cohort.

FWS: \$148,875.00 Leveraged funds: \$512,230.00

Dominican Republic

LAC 10-058. *Local Community Empowerment to protect *Cyclura ricordii* in the Dominican Republic and Haiti.* In partnership with the International Iguana Foundation. This grant will support the long-term survival of *Cyclura ricordii*, Ricord's iguanas, throughout its natural range by establishing community-based management for wild *C. ricordii* populations and instituting long-term education and awareness programs for the conservation of the Ricord's iguanas in the wild. In addition, the grant will support the protection, maintenance, and restoration of a diversity of high quality native habitats for the species.

FWS: \$24,926.00 Leveraged Funds: \$77,110.00

Ecuador:

LAC 10-068: *Partnership for Conservation and Education in Galapagos, Ecuador.* In partnership with Ecology Project International (EPI). This grantee will engage 50 Galapagos high school students in the protection and monitoring of endangered Galapagos flora and fauna; enhance habitat restoration efforts and rehabilitation of the giant Galapagos land tortoise; establish and maintain partnerships with local and international NGOs, the Galapagos National Park, the Ministry of Education, four Galapagos high schools, and Galapagos community members; integrate inquiry-based teaching methods into local schools and protected area outreach and education programs; and provide academic and technical training for teachers and protected area managers.

FWS: \$20,000.00 Leveraged funds: \$213,000.00

LAC 10-127: *Developing Fundación Sirua's Long-term Sustainability and Self-Sufficiency in Ecuador's Awacachi Corridor.* In partnership with Fauna & Flora International, Inc. This grant will provide a series of workshops and materials for key staff and members of the Board of Directors on fundraising and marketing techniques to strengthen Fundación Sirua's ability to harness sustainable financing mechanisms and local to international interest and participation in the long-term conservation of the Awachachi Corridor.

FWS: \$26,129.00 Leveraged funds: \$23,560.00

Guatemala:

LAC 10-106: *Outreach and promotion of Guatemala's University System of Protected Areas (SUAP) with an emphasis on the role of park guards.* In partnership with the University of San Carlos, Center of Conservation Studies (Guatemala). This grant will strengthen tUniversity System of Protected Areas (SUAP) communication and outreach activities through the development of a "Communication Strategy" and participatory outreach tools specific to each area.

FWS: \$19,420.40 Leveraged funds: \$15,980.00

Honduras:

LAC 10-024. *Conserving the Critically Endangered Spiny-Tailed Iguanas of Islas de la Bahia, Honduras.* In partnership with Truman State University. This grant will support the creation of a sustainable conservation program driven by local organizations and individuals to educate, manage, and protect three critically endangered species of *Ctenosaura* and their environments that occur within Islas de la Bahia, Honduras into the future.

FWS: \$24,905.00 Leveraged funds: \$27,080.00

LAC 10-073: *Conservation, Management, and Participatory Protection of the Jeannette Kawas National Park, Honduras.* In partnership with Panthera Corporation. This grant will gather further scientific evidence of, and create a monitoring plan for, jaguars and their prey in the Jeannette Kawas National Park (JKNP). The project will also enact an effective management plan for the JKNP, inform cattle ranchers about jaguar-friendly ranching techniques, and inform local subsistence hunters about the effects of jaguar prey population depletion on the ecosystem and the potential benefits derived from a better managed game species population.

FWS: \$24,720.00 Leveraged funds: \$92,425.00

Nicaragua:

LAC 10-011. *A Paradigm Shift Toward Alternative Livelihood Strategies and Community-based Resource Management in Pearl Lagoon Basin, Nicaragua.* In partnership with the Department of Natural Resources at Cornell University. This grant will create an innovative and effective conservation template for the people living in the Pearl Lagoon basin, located in the Southern Atlantic Autonomous Region of Nicaragua. The template will place equal emphasis on improving and protecting the natural resource base and on the development of sustainable economic activities, creating a nexus between increased income and sustainable resource use by enabling local community members to derive an improved livelihood from their natural resources.

FWS: \$32,417.00 Leveraged funds: \$21,135.00

LAC 10-059. *Protecting the critically endangered black-handed spider monkey (*Ateles geoffroyi geoffroyi*) in Nicaragua.* In partnership with Paso Pacifico. This grant will support an assessment of the conservation status of spider monkey populations in Southwestern Nicaragua's Paso del Istmo Conservation Corridor while increasing the protection of the spider monkey and its habitat.

FWS: \$21,280.00 Leveraged funds: \$84,595.00

Panama:

LAC 10-028. *Azuero Dry Tropical Forest Training Project, Panama.* In partnership with the Fundación Conservación, Naturaleza y Vida (Foundation for Conservation, Nature and Life, or CONAVI). This grant will support the establishment of a dry tropical forest biological corridor, called Cinturón Verde de Azuero (Azuero Green Belt), through community-level training and organizing and policy-oriented research and planning.
FWS: \$25,000.00 Leveraged funds: \$65,000.00

Paraguay:

LAC 10-035. *A Burning Issue: Creating a Fire Control Service for the Paraguayan Pantanal Reserve, Paraguay.* In partnership with Asociación Guyra Paraguay (Paraguay Guyra Association). This grant will establish a comprehensive fire control program to support on-going conservation efforts in the Paraguayan Pantanal Reserve and the surrounding region.
FWS: \$24,970.00 Leveraged funds: \$17,739.00

LAC 10-072: *Conservation and Research at Reserva Natural Laguna Blanca: A Collaboration of Educational, Governmental, and Non-governmental Organizations in Paraguay.* In partnership with Texas Tech University. This grantee will collaborate with a local university, two governmental institutions, and four non-governmental organizations to strengthen the currently fragile status of the Reserva Natural Laguna Blanca to become an effectively managed and protected Reserve, and will establish a long-term conservation research and training program with an associated outreach program.
FWS: \$24,772.00 Leveraged funds: \$23,988.00

LAC 10-110: *Paraguay at the Conservation Crossroads: Increasing Professional Capacity and Stakeholder Participation to Protect Jaguars and Mitigate Human-Jaguar Conflict.* In partnership with LifeScape International, Inc. This grantee will provide training in jaguar monitoring and conservation techniques to students and conservation professionals working with the Ministry of Environment and Paraguayan non-governmental organizations, and will work with landowners on jaguar depredation mitigation and prevention techniques.
FWS: \$24,400.00 Leveraged funds: \$40,950.00

Peru:

LAC 10-014. *Building local and indigenous conservation management capacity for Peru's Manu National Park and surrounding conservation areas, Peru.* In partnership with the Amazon Conservation Association. This grant will support a series of workshops for Manu National Park guards and volunteer guards from the neighboring community of Sunchubamba, Wachiperi conservation concession. As a result, guards will learn to develop and carry out an effective and efficient biodiversity and ecosystem health monitoring program, enabling them to identify conservation successes and threats.

FWS: \$28,438.00 Leveraged funds: \$40,179.00

LAC 10-116: *Strengthening Marine Education in Schools and Building Capacity of Field Managers for Marine Conservation in Tumbes, North Peru.* In partnership with Asociación para la Conservación de Ambientes Marinos y Costeros. This grant will strengthen marine environmental education in schools and build capacity of on-board observers and artisanal fishermen along Tumbes' coast, with emphasis on communities near the National Sanctuary "Los Manglares de Tumbes." The grantee will conduct teacher training workshops and design a formal marine education curriculum and extra-curricular activities to increase knowledge and awareness of marine conservation in students of all ages, through participatory conservation initiatives and volunteer student environmental clubs.

FWS: \$13,710.00 Leveraged funds: \$19,695.00

Trinidad:

LAC 10-137: *Model Program to Develop Effective Conservation Professionals—Workshop II, Trinidad.* In partnership with The Caribbean Natural Resources Institute (CANARI). This grant will advance the progress made during the workshop in Montelimar, Nicaragua in November 2009 and explore the possibility of creating a new regional society of conservation professionals who embrace the importance of emphasizing the social context of biodiversity conservation.

FWS: \$125,000.00 Leveraged funds: \$22,226.00

United States:

DIC 10-003: *Pathway to Success: Integrating Human Dimensions into Fisheries and Wildlife Management Conference and Training, 2010.* In partnership with Colorado State University. This grant will be used to ensure representation at the conference and training from the Latin America and Caribbean region in the form of scholarships to defray meeting registration, travel, and other expenses for the recipients.

FWS: \$5,000.00 Leveraged funds: \$0.00