# US Fish and Wildlife Service Division of International Conservation Rhino and Tiger Conservation Fund FY2013

In 2013 the USFWS provided funding to 49 projects from the Rhino and Tiger Conservation Fund totaling \$2,594,255 which was matched by \$3,480,398 in additional leveraged funds. Field projects in 15 range countries (in alphabetical order below) will be supported.

#### BANGLADESH

#### RT-1321

## **Grant # F13AP00794**

Ensuring Long-Term Human-Tiger Conflict Reduction in the Bangladesh Sundarbans. In partnership with WildTeam Limited, this project will reduce Human Tiger Conflict in the Sundarbans forest and the 26 unions adjacent to the forest. This will be done by supporting and encouraging the self-led development of Village Tiger Response Teams; ensuring the long term effectiveness of the Forest Department Tiger Response Teams; developing community capacity to access human-tiger compensation funds; and developing community capacity to avoid tiger attacks in the forest.

FWS: \$48,701 Leveraged funds: \$68,539

## RT-1338

#### **Grant # F13AP00826**

Building Capacity in Bangladesh to Gather and Act Upon Tiger Crime Intelligence. In partnership with WildTeam Limited, this project will contribute to reducing poaching and trade in the Sundarbans by developing wildlife crime response capacity in the government and NGO staff. This will be done by developing skills in the Forest Department and WildTeam staff in crime data analysis; increasing detection and arrest of wildlife criminals in two Sundarbans wildlife sanctuaries; and raising awareness in the Department and WildTeam staff on the skills, tools, and approaches useful in dealing with wildlife crime.

FWS: \$43,369 Leveraged funds: \$123,245

#### **CHINA**

#### RT-1316

## **Grant # F13AP00944**

Promoting Law Enforcement for Tiger Conservation Through Multi-Agency Cooperation in the Hunchun Tiger Reserve (HNR). In partnership with the Wildlife Conservation Society, this project will ensure the existence of the Amur tiger in the trans-boundary area between Russia and China's Jilin province by strengthening law enforcement monitoring within key tiger habitats. This will be done by strengthening cooperation on MIST patrols between various law enforcement agencies inside HNR, patrols in Border Guard controlled areas outside HNR, patrols in areas of Hunchun Municipal Forestry Bureau jurisdiction outside HNR, law enforcement inspections in main markets and restaurants, and inspections at key transportation points during the new year and spring festival periods.

FWS: \$49,990 Leveraged funds: \$41,710

## **INDIA**

#### RT-1320

#### **Grant # F13AP00840**

Legal Training for 'Hunting the Hunters-III' – Capacity Building Program in the State of Rajasthan. In partnership with Tiger Trust India, this project will create a replicable model of an empowered work force of female forest guards. This will be done by providing training in legal skills needed for pre and post wildlife crime investigation; appropriate techniques for detection of wildlife crimes; communication skills at the village level; forest guard roles in village relocation; and methods for reduction of human-animal conflict around tiger reserves.

FWS: \$62,790 Leveraged funds: \$28,800

#### RT-1324

#### **Grant # F13AP00838**

Behavior Change Conservation Campaigns – A New Tool for Species Conservation with a Focus on the Tiger, Rhino and Elephant in India. In partnership with Satpuda Foundation, this project will train conservation practitioners in the use of focused behavior change campaigns as an effective and practical tool for solving conservation problems. A second goal of the training course is to develop specific campaign resources for use in tiger, rhino and elephant conservation in India.

FWS: \$31,355 Leveraged funds: \$45,315

#### RT-1327

## **Grant # F13AP00802**

Strengthen the Protection Measures in Manas National Park as a part of the Program 'Indian Rhino Vision 2020' to Expand the Numbers and Range of Wild Rhinos in Assam, Phase – VII. In partnership with Wildlife Areas Development and Welfare Trust, this project will strengthen efforts to protect the park's newly re-introduced rhino population by supporting the salary of 30 home guards who will work with an additional 20 home guards (their is salary provided by the Bodoland Territorial Council) and the existing staff of the Forest Department at Manas National Park. Special wildlife conservation training will be provided to the newly recruited guards so they can be more effective combatting poaching.

FWS: \$42,680 Leveraged funds: \$62,500

## RT-1328

#### **Grant # F13AP00841**

Educating Local Communities to Mitigate Human-Large Carnivore Conflicts. In partnership with Tiger Research and Conservation Trust, this project will reduce the vulnerability of local communities, living on forest fringes, to conflict with tigers and make them more capable of managing conflict situations. This will be done by training individuals in conflict affected villages on conservation, conflict mitigation and mob control, and forming a network of these trainers to work on a landscape level.

FWS: \$49,860 Leveraged funds: \$16,088

#### RT-1330

#### **Grant # F13AP00810**

Monitoring and Control of Invasive Species in the Grassland Ecosystem of Manas National Park. In partnership with Aaranyak, this project will develop, implement, and validate a monitoring and control program to address invasive species Mikania and Chromolaena, in Manas National Park. These species threaten to reduce the carrying capacity of the habitat for rhinos and tiger prey.

FWS: \$65,960 Leveraged funds: \$33,220

#### RT-1349

# **Grant # F13AP00941**

Strengthening Protection and Monitoring Capabilities for Long Term Survival of the Only Viable Arid Zone Meta-Population of Bengal Tiger - Western Indian Tiger Landscape (WITL). In partnership with World Wildlife Fund – India, this project will improve protection, management, and connectivity of protected areas in this landscape to ensure the demographic and genetic viability of this tiger population. This will be done by building a strong network of trained and empowered frontline forest staff assessing the functionality of key tiger corridors of the area, and assisting state forest departments in mitigating human-tiger conflict.

FWS: \$53,768 Leveraged funds: \$23,522

#### RT-1361

#### **Grant # F13AP00832**

Building Support for Tiger Conservation through Teachers for Tigers Extension Training Programs, Capacity Building for the Human-Tiger Conflict Affected Communities and Tiger Awareness Campaign Rallies Around the Corbett Tiger Reserve and Lansdowne Forest Division in Uttakhand. In partnership with the School of Desert Sciences, and Conservation Humalayas, this project will raise awareness among communities, teachers, and students living on the periphery of these tiger habitats so they may play a role in reducing human-tiger conflict. This will be done by providing Teachers for Tigers workshops for teachers in four districts of Uttarakhand; conducting capacity building training programs for human-tiger conflict affected communities; conducting tiger conservation education programs for the conflict affected communities; and providing previously trained teachers with leadership training on organizing student tiger awareness campaign rallies.

FWS: \$49,960 Leveraged funds: \$12,750

#### **INDONESIA**

#### **RT-1295**

# **Grant # F13AP00683**

Managing Disease Risks and Improving Livestock Health to Secure the Future of the Endangered Javan Rhinoceros. In partnership with Cornell University, this project will investigate the risks of Hemorrhagic Septicemia and Anthrax to the Javan rhino and the methods of disease transmission between water buffalo living around Ujung Kulon National Park and Javan rhinoceroses living inside the park. Steps needed to counter these health threats will be proposed.

FWS: \$36,899 Leveraged funds: \$84,648

#### RT-1296

#### **Grant # F13AP00684**

Protection and Conservation of Sumatran Tiger in Kerinci Seblat National Park, Sumatra. In partnership with Fauna and Flora International, this project will carry out targeted routine field patrols in the park and its buffer zone forests to reduce seasonal poaching. Relationships with communities and local authorities will be maintained so that information relevant to suspected crime sites is shared. Species and habitat protection laws will be enforced within the park's jurisdiction or in partnership with other agencies outside the park.

FWS: \$56,379 Leveraged funds: \$55,837

#### RT-1297

#### **Grant # F13AP00691**

Strengthening Institutional Capacities in the Leuser-Ulu Masen Tiger Consertaion Landscape, Aceh. In partnership with Fauna and Flora International, this project will build institutional capacities at the provincial and district level for improved tiger conservation in Aceh. This will be done by providing training in SMART patrolling; conducting SMART based patrolling; developing a tiger crime strategy with the Aceh police; supporting establishment of police units specialized in investigation of trafficking in tigers; and mitigating problem tiger incidents by allocating an emergency budget to enable a rapid response when a problem tiger incident occurs.

FWS: \$59,380 Leveraged funds: \$57,707

#### RT-1298

## **Grant # F13AP00692**

Piloting Full Adoption of a Nationally Agreed Multi-Stakeholder Protocol to Mitigate Human Tiger Conflict in and Adjoining Kerinci Seblat National Park, Sumatra. In partnership with Fauna and Flora International, this project will work to obtain full implementation of a nationally-agreed to multi stakeholder protocol for the mitigation of human tiger conflict in the pilot project area and will serve as an example for other districts and provinces bordering Kerinci Seblat National Park and other protected areas in Sumatra.

FWS: \$31,835 Leveraged funds: \$16,330

#### RT-1302

## **Grant # F13AP00777**

Javan Rhino Protection Units in Ujung Kulon National Park, Java. In partnership with the International Rhino Foundation, this project will continue operation of four anti-poaching units to protect this highly endangered species in Ujung Kulon National Park. Each Rhino Patrol Unit (RPU) will be on patrol for at least 15 days per month. Patrols will ensure that no rhinos are trapped.

# FWS: \$77,000 Leveraged funds: \$85,323

#### RT-1303

#### **Grant # F13AP00784**

Protection of Sumatran Rhinos and other Mega-Fauna by Anti-Poaching Units in Way Kambas National Park, Sumatra. In partnership with International Rhino Foundation, this project will continue to protect Sumatran rhinos, as well as other megafauna (e.g., tigers, elephants and tapirs) in the park by continuing operation of the five anti-poaching units. Under this protection the Sumatran rhino population is slowly growing in this area.

FWS: \$78,286 Leveraged funds: \$93,083

#### RT-1305

## **Grant # F13AP00945**

Bringing the Rhinoceroses of Java and Sumatra to Indonesian Children through Story-Telling. In partnership with Living Fossil Foundation, this project will create a sense of stewardship for rhinos among the people who live close to two important rhino habitats (Ujung Kulon National Park and Way Kambas National Park). This will be done by introducing and engaging families and schoolchildren, through story-telling, to the rhinos of Indonesia and incorporating the associated storybook into the school curriculum to ensure that in the future children learn about the rhinoceroses in their country.

FWS: \$25,062 Leveraged funds: \$33,460

#### RT-1325

#### **Grant # F13AP00800**

Assessment of Lesser Known Rhinoceros Habitats and Corridor Development for Effective Meta-Population Management in Leuser Ecosystem, Sumatra. In partnership with Leuser International Foundation, this project will survey select portions of the ecosystem for presence of rhino, estimate their density and initiate protection. This will be done by surveying additional key rhino habitats in Leuser, quantifying threats to any identified populations, and providing protection to the newly identified areas through the operation of rhino protection units.

FWS: \$80,992 Leveraged funds: \$29,600

#### **RT-1346**

## **Grant # F13AP00830**

Engaging Muslim Leaders in Tiger Conservation in Indonesia. In partnership with Alliance of Religions and Conservation, this project will raise awareness among Muslim leaders in Java and Sumatra about the sever threats for Indonesia's tigers and the Islamic principles found in the Koran that underlie the responsibility of each Muslim to help protect them. Through a series of meetings, the Islamic Council of Indonesia and local Muslim leaders near priority tiger conservation areas in Sumatra will consider this topic and how they might respond to it.

FWS: \$49,850 Leveraged funds: \$21,780

## **KENYA**

## RT-1323

#### **Grant # F13AP00710**

Enhancing Security and Protection of Black Rhino on Lewa Wildlife Conservancy, Kenya. In partnership with Lewa Wildlife Conservancy, funds will be used to upgrade housing for rhino monitoring personnel on Lewa Conservancy and to build an additional camp for security and fence maintenance staff patrolling Lewa and Borana.

FWS: \$49,368 Leveraged funds: \$247,039

#### RT-1332

# **Grant # F13AP00711**

Preparing the Chyulu Hills in Kenya to Become an Intensive Protection Zone for Black Rhino. In

partnership with Save the Rhino International, this ongoing project will support continued rhino monitoring and anti-poaching patrols for this extremely imperiled population of eastern black rhinos, and will improve secure access to water for the animals.

FWS: \$89,829 Leveraged funds: \$365,647

#### RT-1333

#### **Grant # F13AP00713**

Creating a New, Viable Black Rhino Population on Borana Conservancy, Laikipia, Kenya. In partnership with Save the Rhino International, this grant will co-fund the costs related to the capture, translocation, and release of a founder population of eastern black rhinos onto a newly approved conservancy.

FWS: \$35,670 Leveraged funds: \$208,468

#### MALAYSIA

## RT-1315

## **Grant # F13AP00792**

Conservation of the Tigers of the Endau-Rompin Landscape Through On-the-Ground Law Enforcement, 2013-2014. In partnership with the Wildlife Conservation Society, this project will maintain anti-poaching enforcement activities in the Johor portion of the landscape including multi-agency anti-poaching patrols, mobile anti-poaching road blocks, anti-poaching vehicular patrols, and only foot and motorbike patrols; and carry out surveillance camera trapping to apprehend poachers in Johor.

FWS: \$50,795 Leveraged funds: \$51,042

#### **RT-1345**

#### **Grant # F13AP00829**

Citizen Action for Tigers (CAT) – Supporting Anti-Poaching Law Enforcement Efforts with Citizen Volunteers in the Sungai Yu Tiger Corridor and Taman Negara National Park. In partnership with Malaysian Nature Society, this project will deter poaching activity at the Sungai Yu Tiger Corridor as well as encroachment into Taman Negara. This will be done by placing citizen volunteers at encroachment hotspots and on the Taman Negara border especially on weekends and public holidays when enforcement staff are often not on duty. These volunteers will report suspicious activities to the Wildlife Crime Hotline. They will also actively seek snares and traps and deactivate them during their border maintenance work.

FWS: \$45,000 Leveraged funds: \$73,330

## **NEPAL**

#### **RT-1318**

# **Grant # F13AP00793**

Tracking Rhinos through the Habitat Matrix in Khata to Optimize Corridor's Functionality and its Natural Resources Management. In partnership with the World Wildlife Fund, this project will map rhino movements in order to optimize the design of conservation practices in the Khata corridor of the Terai Arc Landscape. This will be done by determining rhino habitat use in Khata for land-use planning and corridor management; improving the efficiency and effectiveness of

the patrols of the community-based anti-poaching units through strategic monitoring; and assessing the potential of Karnali, Basanta and Laljhadi corridors for rhino movement.

FWS: \$55,129 Leveraged funds: \$25,830

#### RT-1337

#### **Grant # F13AP00825**

Building Capacity to Reduce Human Tiger Conflict in Chitwan National Park. In partnership with National Trust for Nature Conservation, this program will establish a team to rescue, capture, or radio collar problem tigers; enhance the capacity of park staff and community conservation leaders to address human-tiger conflict management; and generate scientific information about tigers living in fringe areas through continuous monitoring.

FWS: \$58,630 Leveraged funds: \$49,840

#### RT-1354

#### **Grant # F13AP00834**

Implement a Community-Based Effective and Proactive Human-Tiger Conflict Mitigation Program, Bardia National Park. In partnership with National Trust for Nature Conservation, this project will mitigate tiger-human conflict in the buffer zone of the park by working with farmers (who have lost livestock due to leopard/tiger conflict) in constructing predator proof corrals for their animals. Also, culinary training and assistance in finding employment will be provided to people who have lost family members due to tiger attacks. A conservation education program will be carried out for local young people to increase their understanding of tiger conservation.

FWS: \$36,700 Leveraged funds: \$5,576

## **RUSSIA**

# RT-1314

#### **Grant # F13AP00790**

Expanding Effective Source Site Size by Improving Law Enforcement Adjacent to Protected Areas. In partnership with Wildlife Conservation Society, this project will increase the effectiveness of anti-poaching efforts outside protected areas within the range of Amur tigers in the Russian Far East. This would be done by improving law enforcement efforts, developing a law enforcement monitoring system for hunting leases, and establishing biological monitoring in the Southern Valley Hunting Lease.

FWS: \$43,724 Leveraged funds: \$44,641

## **SOUTH AFRICA**

#### **RT-1335**

#### **Grant # F13AP00252**

Maintaining Protection for the Black and White Rhino Populations of Hluhluwe-iMfolozi Park. In partnership with Save the Rhino International, this grant will support essential patrol and aerial surveillance activities by ezemvelo KwaZulu Natal Wildlife staff in Hluhluwe-iMfolozi, home to black and white rhinos.

FWS: \$23,688 Leveraged funds: \$203,034

#### RT-1367

#### **Grant # F13AP00775**

Somkhanda Community Conservation Project, Rhino Conservation at Somkhanda Game Reserve, Zululand, KwaZulu-Natal Province, South Africa. In partnership with Wildlife ACT Fund Trust, this grant will support operating expenses for a community-led initiative to reintroduce southern black rhinos in Somkhanda. Activities supported will include daily rhino monitoring patrols, training and mentorship of future rhino monitors from the local community, running eight 4-day education camps for at least 200 school children, provide in-school conservation lessons at nine nearby schools, and conduct outreach with adults living in communities bordering the reserve.

FWS: \$41,265 Leveraged funds: \$93,425

## **TANZANIA**

## RT-1299

## **Grant # F13AP00760**

Support for Rhino Protection and Monitoring at Kidai Rhino Post in Northern Selous Game Reserve, Tanzania. In partnership with Frankfurt Zoological Society/Grzimek's Help for Threatened Wildlife, Inc., this project will restart the rhino monitoring program in Selous Game Reserve. Funds will support boat patrols along the Rufiji River, ground patrols for anti-poaching, and rehabilitation of the Kidai Post.

FWS: \$54,010 Leveraged funds: \$99,600

#### RT-1334

## **Grant # F13AP00761**

Installing a New, Secure, Digital Radio System for the Mkomazi Rhino Sanctuary in Tanzania. In partnership with Save the Rhino International, funds will be used to upgrade the communications system for Mkomazi National Park on the Kenya/Tanzania border.

FWS: \$48,372 Leveraged funds: \$33,871

#### **THAILAND**

# RT-1312

## **Grant # F13AP00786**

Conservation of Tigers and Tiger Prey in Thailand's Western Forest Complex through Law Enforcement and Education. In partnership with the Wildlife Conservation Society, this project will protect tigers by maintaining the SMART patrol system in Thung Yai West Wildlife Sanctuary at its current intensity and coverage; improving conservation awareness in local schools and communities; and improving conservation education facilities at Kasersart University.

FWS: \$56,456 Leveraged funds: \$57,002

# RT-1369

#### **Grant # F13AP00835**

Institutionalizing Support for Wildlife Guardians in Thailand's Forgotten Parks: Lasting Protection for Tigers and their Habitat through Forest Ranger Training and Community Support

in the Dong Phayayen-Khao Yai Forest Complex. In partnership with the FREELAND FOUNDATION, this project will improve and sustain protection for tigers in Thailand's Thap Lan and Pang Sida national parks. This will be done by providing sustainable professional skills development for rangers to safely carry out their jobs, expanding the understanding of the tiger (and prey-species) population size and range, and developing support for tiger protection amongst communities outside these parks.

FWS: \$50,437 Leveraged funds: \$29,035

#### **VIETNAM**

#### RT-1214

## **Grant # F13AP00020**

Strengthening Efforts to Reduce Consumption and Illegal Trade of Tigers in Vietnam. In partnership with Education for Nature - Vietnam, this grant will contribute to tiger conservation by reducing demand for tiger products, strengthening efforts by law enforcement agencies to more effectively combat illegal trade of tigers, encouraging greater public participation in ending the tiger trade, and developing support among political leaders for law enforcement and reduction of consumer demand for tiger products.

FWS: \$47,945 Leveraged funds: \$23,478

#### RT-1313

## **Grant # F13AP00787**

Leveraging political support to fight tiger and other illegal wildlife trade on the Vietnam-China border. In partnership with the Wildlife Conservation Society, this project will work to increase action taken by the Government of Vietnam to fight illegal wildlife trade across the Vietnam-China border. This will be done by facilitating central and provincial level inter-agency communication and coordination, enhancing communications and coordination between relevant agencies in Guangxi (China) and Quang Ninh (Vietnam) province, and generating domestic and international media coverage that supports prevention and suppression of transnational wildlife crimes.

FWS: \$51,775 Leveraged funds: \$51,785

#### RT-1359

## **Grant # F13AP00987**

Extending ASEAN Wildlife Forensics Capacity to Vietnam. In partnership with Trace Wildlife Forensics Network Ldt., this project will establish wildlife forensic capacity at the laboratories of the Viet Nam CITES scientific authority, transfer the latest DNA analysis techniques relating to rhino and tiger identification, develop an individual DNA database of tigers in Viet Nam for subsequent trade control, and train enforcement officers in forensic evidence handling as part of wildlife crime investigations.

FWS: \$43,300 Leveraged funds: \$106,300

# **ZAMBIA**

RT-1352 Grant # F13AP00285 Support for Black Rhino Population Protection and Monitoring Management Operations in North Luangwa National Park, Zambia. In partnership with Frankfurt Zoological Society/Grzimek's Help for Threatened Wildlife and the Zambia Wildlife Authority, this project will support veterinary operations to deploy security tracking equipment on Zambia's reintroduced population of southern black rhinos and advanced training for anti-poaching staff. FWS: \$113,555 Leveraged funds: \$79,190

## **ZIMBABWE**

#### RT-1301

#### **Grant # F13AP00247**

Further Training to Improve Rhino Crime Investigation and Prosecution in Zimbabwe. In partnership with the International Rhino Foundation and based on the success of their 2011 pilot project, the applicant will run a second workshop to improve the prosecution rate in Zimbabwe for crimes against rhinos and other wildlife.

FWS: \$14,650 Leveraged funds: \$2,600

## RT-1300

#### **Grant # F13AP00249**

*Rhino Monitoring Units - Zimbabwe*. In partnership with the International Rhino Foundation, this grant will support the operating costs for routine rhino monitoring for black rhinos and white rhinos on conservancies in southeastern Zimbabwe. Specific expenses will include the purchase of field equipment to build and supply two additional outposts for rhino monitors.

FWS: \$50,745 Leveraged funds: \$179,520

#### RT-1331

#### **Grant # F13AP00394**

Matopos National Park: Darting and Immobilization of Black and White Rhino for Routine Dehorning and Ear-notching to Aid Monitoring and Protection Strategies. In partnership with Dambari Wildlife Trust, this project will support Zimbabwe rhino management policy, which includes marking or tagging individual rhinos to facilitate regular, frequent individual monitoring for security purposes, and dehorning (removing rhino horns) in regions of perceived threat to reduce the incentive and rewards for poachers.

FWS: \$10,780 Leveraged funds: \$43,247

## **RANGE-WIDE PROJECTS**

#### RT-1270

#### **Grant # F12AP00776**

Using Environmental Education Programmes to Address the Rhino Poaching Threat in Mkomazi National Park, Tanzania and North Luangwa National Park, Zambia. In partnership with Save the Rhino International, Frankfurt Zoological Society and Mkomazi National Park, these additional funds will allow a second year of activity for the operating costs of environmental education programs focused on rhinos in Zambia and in Tanzania, and will allow the Zambia team to purchase a specially converted overland vehicle for use as an education bus. FWS: \$ 60,427 (Leveraged funds were reported in previous years and cannot be counted again

here)

#### RT-1293

## **Grant # F13AP00836**

ASEAN Legal Studies and Support Program to Fight Transnational Organized Wildife Crime Against Tigers and Rhinos. In partnership with FREELAND FOUNDATION, this project will prepare and present a new training program to develop the legal capacity in Southeast Asian range country governments to address transnational and organized wildlife crime. This will include identifying gaps in the current wildlife crimes related legislative and policy frameworks of range countries and developing and presenting a course to train enforcement officials on the legal instruments needed to prevent and prosecute transnational organized wildlife crimes.

FWS: \$59,321 Leveraged funds: \$21,006

#### RT-1329

#### **Grant # F13AP00804**

Training of Tiger Range States Officials in Wildlife Management. In partnership with Global Tiger Forum, this project will develop a cadre of trained wildlife managers and field personnel across the tiger range states. This will be done by providing training at the Wildlife Institute of India in the institute's three-month certificate or ten-month diploma program in wildlife management.

FWS: \$47,185 Leveraged funds: \$40,000

#### **RT-1336**

## **Grant # F13AP00714**

Supporting the African Rhino Specialist Group Secretariat, for the Benefit of African Rhino Conservation. In partnership with Save the Rhino International and the International Union for the Conservation of Nature, this project provides ongoing support cost for the operating cost of the IUCN's African Rhino Specialists Group, to provide technical support for all African rhino range states and objective advice to non-range states.

FWS: \$10,000 Leveraged funds: \$97,599

# RT-1342 (additional funding for this project under AFE-0870 not included here) Grant # F13AP00827

Operation Cleanup – Decreasing the Illegal Trade of Tigers, Elephant Ivory and Rhino Horn Through Targeted Action in Thailand, China and Vietnam. In partnership with FREELAND FOUNDATION, this project will improve the performance of law enforcement agencies in identifying and arresting high level tiger, elephant ivory and rhino horn traffickers. This will be done by providing bilateral Detect Environmental Crime Training (DETect) training, Special Investigation Group meetings for task force development, mentoring of investigators on surveillance techniques, support in planning and conduct of operational meetings, and media outreach on successful law enforcement actions.

FWS: \$56,147 Leveraged funds: \$3,504

#### RT-1343

Grant # F13AP00828

A Campaign to Reduce Asia's Purchases of Endangered Species. In partnership with FREELAND Foundation, this project will initiate a downward trend in the consumption of ivory, rhino horn, tigers, pangolins and other endangered wildlife by targeting government decision-makers, young people, and the business sector through awareness campaigns. These will include public service announcements on national television and billboards and partnership-building with leading online marketplaces directed at banning illegal wildlife sales from their websites.

FWS: \$149,200 Leveraged funds: \$106,080

# **Amendments to Existing Projects**

#### **NAMIBIA**

#### RT-1202

# **Grant # F12AP00428**

Maintaining Strategic Monitoring and Patrolling in Community Areas in the Kunene Region of Namibia. In partnership with Save the Rhino International, these additional funds will allow Namibia's Ministry of Environment and Tourism and Save the Rhino Trust personnel to conduct an additional 12 months of joint patrolling.

FWS: \$74,910 Leveraged funds: \$0