

# Key African and Asian Elephant Projects

## Fiscal Year 2014



*Forest elephants in the Democratic Republic of Congo.* Credit: Reto Kuster / Wildlife Conservation Society

## African Elephant

### **Supporting the management of the Elephant Trade Information System (ETIS): analyzing illegal trade in ivory for CITES.**

In partnership with TRAFFIC International. This grant will support the collection of data necessary to monitor and analyze trends in illegal trade in ivory in elephant range states and illegal consumer markets. The ETIS database holds data on 21,000 seizures of ivory. Funds will support analysis of trends since 2012 (when data were compiled for the 16th Conference of the Parties to the Convention of International Trade in Endangered Species) through 2013.

FWS: \$58,690

Leveraged Funds: \$66,354

### **Aerial support for security and conservation of elephants in the Tsavo Conservation Area.**

In partnership with Tsavo Trust. This project helps support Kenya Wildlife Service in the greater Tsavo ecosystem, home to Kenya's largest remaining population of elephants. It provides funds to conduct regular aerial reconnaissance flights and to respond to emergencies and poaching incidents.

FWS: \$40,941

Leveraged Funds: \$109,533

### **Developing a wildlife contraband detection dog unit and supporting the South Luangwa Conservation Society's anti-poaching efforts to reduce the escalating ivory and bushmeat trade emanating from the Luangwa Valley, Zambia.**

In partnership with the South Luangwa Conservation Society. This grant supports anti-poaching patrols and a detection dog unit in and around South Luangwa, Zambia. Specific activities include: (1) providing operating

expenses for ground patrols to support law enforcement in the South Luangwa National Park and the Lupande Game Management Area; (2) support for game scouts at remote fly camps in the park to provide anti-poaching surveillance in areas targeted by poachers; and (3) establishing a detection dog unit to be deployed at roadblocks, borders, the airport, and other wildlife contraband hotspots. Handlers and dogs will be trained to detect ivory, bushmeat, rhino horn, and animal skins.

FWS: \$179,682

Leveraged Funds: \$395,142

## Asian Elephant

### **Establishing trans-boundary co-operation on law enforcement and protected area management between Vietnam and Cambodia in the Eastern Plains Landscape for Asian elephant and tiger conservation.**

In partnership with World Wildlife Fund-Vietnam. This project will strengthen protected area management and law enforcement in Yok Don National Park, Vietnam, and establish trans-boundary relationships for developing cooperative species conservation law enforcement between Yok Don National Park, Vietnam, and Mondulkiri Protected Forest, Cambodia.

FWS: \$35,854

Leveraged Funds: \$46,701

### **Strengthening law enforcement patrol and human-elephant conflict mitigation for conservation of the Asian elephant in Nam Phouy National Protected Area.**

In partnership with the World Wide Fund for Nature, Greater Mekong Program. This project will develop a wildlife crime prevention strategy for Nam Phouy National Protected Area, Lao PDR,

including robust protocols for dealing with offenders. It will also improve the capacity of protected area staff and local communities to implement an effective law enforcement patrolling system and Adaptive Tactical Patrolling in Nam Phouy to safeguard priority species populations, build community capacity to protect crops, and mitigate damage from crop-raiding elephants.

FWS: \$46,890

Leveraged Funds: \$41,990

### **Community-based proactive human-elephant conflict mitigation program to ensure long-term survival of recolonized population of Asian elephant in Bardia National Park, Nepal.**

In partnership with National Trust for Nature Conservation, Nepal. This project will work to minimize human-elephant conflict with scientific management and community engagement through awareness programs and provision of alternative livelihood options, by operationalizing rapid response teams to deal with conflict incidents, and by conducting human-elephant co-existence awareness activities in Bardia National Park, Nepal.

FWS: \$49,917

Leveraged: \$82,046

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