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Organization Name	Project Name	Project Description	Country
Amara Conservation	Wildlife Conservation in Tsavo Kenya	Helping Amara to continue anti-poaching and desnaring efforts and further develop community education programs. Amara's efforts have proven successful and they are constantly forging more partnerships in the communities and with the Kenya Wildlife Service.	Kenya
American Bird Conservancy	Bringing Back the Western Bluebird	Helping reestablish a breeding population of western bluebirds in the San Juan Islands, Washington, where they have been absent as a breeding species for over 40 years. ABC is conducting a five-year project to translocate approximately 90 birds from an expanding population at Fort Lewis, Washington, and to monitor their establishment as a breeding population. This will be a flagship project to encourage local participation in conservation of oak-prairie ecosystems in northwestern Washington.	United States
American Bird Conservancy	Parrot Bus - Driving Conservation	Providing community outreach and education to support the protection of an already established network of private conservation areas across a "Parrot Conservation Corridor" in the Andes of Central Colombia.	Colombia
American Bird Conservancy	Saving the Lear's Macaw	Ensuring the conservation of the critically endangered Lear's Macaw at a newly expanded (with prior Disney support) reserve. The species will be protected from illegal capture for the bird trade and allowed to rebound from its current critically low numbers.	Brazil
American Museum of Natural History	Saola Conservation in Central Vietnam	Addressing saola antelope conservation needs in Central Vietnam. The American Museum of Natural History will integrate field surveys with genetic analyses to develop saola survey techniques, provide data on abundance, distribution, and relationship to threats, and identify priority areas for conservation action. They will also work to raise community-level awareness of saola, provide education on the benefits of forest management, and train local conservation workers in saola survey techniques to achieve sustainable forest management.	Vietnam
ARCAS - Wildlife Rescue & Conservation Assoc.	Land Purchase for Nature, Hawaii, Guatemala	Purchasing land in Hawaii, Guatemala in an integrated conservation/community development program that includes the establishment of a 4000 hectare protected area. This land will be used to create a community-managed buffer zone for the mangroves against the encroaching sugar cane industry, to establish a protected wildlife reserve for research and ecotourism, and for subsistence organic farming.	Guatemala
Association of Zoological Horticulture	AZH Conservation Grant Program	Supporting the AZH Conservation Grant Program for projects focused on the research and conservation of plants. The projects are usually limited to a maximum of \$5000 per project, per year, but are encouraged to continue multiple years with additional submittals for funding in ensuing years.	United States
Association of Zoos and Aquariums	AZA Conservation Endowment Fund	Supporting the AZA Conservation Endowment Fund (CEF), in continuation of a long partnership between DWCF and AZA. The Disney grant provides nearly one third of the total funds distributed through the CEF to carefully selected AZA member driven conservation projects worldwide.	United States

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Audubon Florida	Audubon EagleWatch	Protecting and monitoring 25% of the nesting bald eagle population in Florida. Increasing development, habitat loss and anthropogenic activities imperil the safety and sustainability of the bald eagle in Florida. Audubon's EagleWatch program proposes to continue its educational activities focused on the importance of bald eagle protection, to expand the protection of its habitat, to continue monitoring and documenting nesting bald eagles, and to continue the relay of data to state and federal agencies for their use in decisions affecting conservation management.	United States
Audubon Florida	Monitoring Roseate Spoonbills in Tampa Bay	Banding Roseate spoonbill nestlings in spring 2008 in various areas of Tampa Bay. Audubon will use mark-recapture observations of fledged and dispersed banded spoonbills to analyze survival, foraging habitats, requirements and movements in Florida, identify sites important to dispersing and wintering spoonbills, and develop a better understanding of basic biology, ecology, and behavior.	United States
Avian Research and Conservation Institute	King Vulture Conservation and Education	Investigate threats to the King Vulture in Belize and the Yucatan Peninsula of Mexico and recommend effective conservation and education actions to halt declines. Primary tools will be satellite and VHF radio tracking, direct field observations, and interviews of local inhabitants (historic and current abundance, potential conflicts with humans, etc.).	Mexico
Bahamas Reef Environment Educational Foundation	Nassau Grouper Conservation and Education	Engaging with local communities to build support for protecting the Nassau grouper by integrating science research into environmental decision-making, and using environmental education and awareness to increase voluntary compliance of regulations. The project engages different sectors of the public (teachers, fishermen etc.) to gain support for both targeted species and associated marine ecosystems.	Bahamas
Bat Conservation International	Protecting Bats in U.S./Mexico Borderlands	Identifying key caves and other roosts for at least 14 species of imperiled bats, assess population statuses and conservation needs to develop and implement long-term conservation plans. Evidence of past and present populations is being documented, and causes of decline and threats are being identified, providing a basis for immediate action and development of long-term conservation and education priorities.	United States
Bird Life International	Saving the Hornbills of Belum-Temengor	Using hornbill birds as flagship species, the overall aim of this research and conservation project is furthering knowledge on Malaysian hornbills, with a focus on the globally threatened Plain-pouched hornbills; building research and thereby providing justification to advocate for better protection of their threatened habitat. The project site is Malaysia's only large contiguous tract of unprotected forest, which is also the only site that supports all 10 hornbill species of Malaysia.	Malaysia
Bird Life International	Ensuring Slender Antbird Conservation	Conserving the globally threatened biodiversity of Boa Nova, southern Bahia, Brazil, through the establishment of a participatory local based conservation program to engage the community in the protection of the region's forests. Goals are to refine the knowledge on the Slender Antbird ecology, consolidate this species as the symbol of municipality, increase conservation actions at Boa Nova and evaluate and disseminate the impact of these goals.	Brazil

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Bird Life International	Piping Plover Conservation in Mexico	Working with local communities and other stakeholders, Pronatura will design and undertake a Conservation Action Plan to protect the most critical habitat for the Piping Plover in Laguna Madre. Laguna Madre, Mexico, holds over 15 % of the total wintering population of this species.	Mexico
Caribbean Conservation Corporation	Panama Leatherback and Hawksbill Project	Supporting a long-term leatherback and hawksbill turtle recovery program at Chiriqui Beach, Panama. Once one of the most robust hawksbill colonies in the world, this population has declined by 98% from 1950s levels. Nesting data since 2003 confirms that Playa Chiriqui hosts the fourth largest nesting aggregation of leatherbacks remaining in the world. Monitoring and protecting these populations is helping in their recovery, while building support for sea turtle recovery within local indigenous communities.	Panama
Cheetah Conservation Botswana	Cheetah Conservation Botswana	Monitoring of the status of Botswana's cheetahs, focusing on minimizing current survival threats, such as livestock/predator conflict and land degradation. Scientific research investigates population numbers, distribution and trends. Community outreach and education programs support rural communities to utilize non-lethal methods of predator control, appropriate livestock management and sustainable land management. CCB fosters positive attitudes to protect the cheetah as a flagship species for the Kalahari ecosystem.	Botswana
Cheetah Conservation Fund	Dogs Saving Cats	Securing habitat for the survival of cheetah and its ecosystem through multi-disciplined, integrated programs in research, conservation and education. The Livestock Guardian Dog Program is an excellent example of an effective community-based conservation program. To date, on farms where dogs are working, livestock losses have been eliminated or reduced - farmers have reported up to an 80% decrease in livestock losses post-placement. The burden of convincing a farmer not to kill or harass a cheetah is greatly reduced when the farmer does not perceive the cheetah as a threat to his/her livelihood.	Namibia
Chimp-n-Sea Wildlife Conservation Fund	Kibale Community Fuel Wood Project	Engaging local communities in Kibale through educational outreach, this project seeks to enhance appreciation for the park while encouraging environmentally sustainable practices. Wood is the sole source of energy for people around Kibale, yet most do not grow their own trees. Sources of legal wood are diminishing rapidly as the human population increases, putting intense pressure on the park. The current project establishes demonstration areas and promotes creation of private woodlots for the benefit of the community and the environment.	Uganda

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College of the Bahamas	Lionfish Invasion of Bahamian Reefs	Focusing on field research and local education to create and implement a Bahamas National Lionfish Response Plan. Marine fish invasions are believed to be uncommon. However, the introduction of lionfish has raised concerns for the health of reefs and fisheries resources. The College of the Bahamas now works the Department of Marine Resources and the National Invasive Species Response Coordinator to document the invasion while simultaneously building stakeholders that can contribute to the response plan.	Bahamas
Conservation International	Cambodian Otter Conservation Project	Conserving four species of otters in Cambodia by providing environmental education to local communities, strengthening legal protection, and providing environmentally friendly alternative income sources to those whose activities threaten otters with extinction.	Cambodia
Conservation International	Dugong Conservation in Melanesia	Identifying areas that still support significant numbers of dugong (manatee) and to work extensively with local communities to consider how impacts on dugongs can be minimized and the habitat protected in these key areas. The dugong is classified as vulnerable to extinction by the 2006 IUCN Red List.	Australia
Dian Fossey Gorilla Fund International	Mountain Gorilla Conservation and Education	Supporting the ongoing education and capacity building program at the Karisoke Research Center. In partnership with the National University of Rwanda, KRC trains students to develop their expertise in biodiversity, conservation, and primatology through field courses and research projects in and around the National Park. Since 2002, over 200 university students have benefited from training at KRC, enabling Rwandan scientists to participate in research and conservation of the mountain gorilla and their habitat.	Rwanda
Durrell Wildlife Conservation Trust	Reintroduction of the Ploughshare Tortoise	Increasing the long-term survival of the ploughshare tortoise by increasing the number of self-sustaining wild populations to re-establish a wild, free-ranging population of this species in an area where it has become locally extinct. The project also aims to increase the profile of the species at local, national and international levels and to enhance the capacity of the Park Authority (ANGAP) and the local communities for biodiversity conservation.	Madagascar
East African Wildlife Society	Dolphin Awareness & Education Programme	Improving, expanding and demonstrating the value of community based conservation and management of dolphins and their habitats within the Shimoni-Vanga area and its environs through an awareness and education program. The expected outcome is a community that is more committed to dolphin conservation in the area and a healthy marine environment.	Kenya
Elephant Care International	Elephant Tuberculosis Initiative - India Project	Assessing the health of 800 captive elephants in India with special reference to the emerging threat of tuberculosis (TB). Determining the prevalence of TB is the essential first step to define the scope of the problem for wildlife authorities, lay the groundwork for management strategies in Asia, build capacity for appropriate in situ diagnostic methods and mitigate the risk of TB in wild elephant populations.	India

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Evergreen State College (The)	Bornean Bird Conservation	Training local residents in ecological methodologies with the goal of gathering critical information on sensitive species in altered landscapes and building the reserve of local ecologists needed for well-informed grass-roots conservation in Borneo.	Malaysia
Fauna and Flora International	Watamu Turtle Conservation Project, Kenya	Reducing sea turtle mortality and protecting their habitats. Long-term research through the turtle bycatch release and nest protection programs assists national marine turtle conservation management planning. This project also works to increase awareness among coastal communities by providing information and training to stakeholders on marine turtle conservation and marine resource management and to encourage and promote sustainable resource use. Education programs in schools help to develop respect and understanding of the marine environment and marine life.	Kenya
Fauna and Flora International	Creation of Saiga Management Associations	Establishing and mobilizing local community ranger associations who will act as advocates for conservation and undertake saiga antelope monitoring and protection in their area. These associations will engage and empower ex-poachers within the project, utilizing their hunting expertise and contacts amongst poachers to maximize their impact as monitors, tour guides and potential champions for saiga in their communities.	Uzbekistan
Florida Atlantic University	Leatherback Sea Turtle Conservation Biology	Assisting in sea turtle species recovery efforts, and increasing understanding of these animals through public education. The studies are designed to enhance leatherback sea turtle conservation in Florida while increasing public understanding of sea turtle biology and the threats these animals face locally and globally. The studies maximize what is learned from one group of 50 animals studied under controlled conditions to address conservation questions.	United States
Foundation for Wildlife Conservation	Bonobo and Congo Biodiversity Initiative	Studying and protecting the bonobo in their only federally protected habitat, the Salonga National Park, Democratic Republic of Congo. Destruction of rain forest habitat, poaching, and a 4-year long civil war threaten this rare ape. The program conserves this critically endangered great ape and its habitat through a multi-disciplinary program consisting of population assessment, monitoring (ongoing surveys), guard training, anti-poaching efforts, and educational and economical opportunities for villages surrounding the park.	Democratic Republic of Congo
Friends of the Virgin Islands National Park	Leinster Bay Coral Reef Characterization	Characterizing Leinster Reef and documenting changes over time in the reef fishes present. This reef experienced substantial losses in coral cover since 2005 from bleaching and disease. FVINP will describe the reef by providing a list of all coral species and all fish species that are observed. The results of this pilot project could help guide further research under the overall conservation program within VINP.	Caribbean

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Golden Lion Tamarin Association	Community Forest Restoration and Income Generation	Developing conservation actions, environmental awareness and sources of environmentally friendly income among the residents of the Cambucaes Agrarian Reform Settlements in Rio de Janeiro, supporting conservation of adequate forest habitat for the endangered golden lion tamarins. This will be accomplished through the restoration of 7 hectares of forest; stimulating implementation of Agroforestry Systems; preparing women and youth for craft production; continuing in-service training in Environmental Education for teachers; presentations and courses to stimulate students, school employees, and communities to investigate the importance of the Atlantic Forest for their quality of life.	Brazil
Grevy's Zebra Trust	Grevy's Zebra Conservation in Kenya	Addressing the urgent need to conserve Grevy's zebra in the community rangelands of Kenya and Ethiopia. The Grevy's Zebra Ambassador Program is being developed to provide protection, raise awareness, establish monitoring, and develop a community-led program for Grevy's zebra in remote areas. A Kenyan Field Program Coordinator will be fundamental to the implementation of the Grevy's Zebra Ambassador Program by providing a permanent presence in the field.	Kenya
Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institution	Queen Conch Conservation and Education	Working with the communities of Florida and the Caribbean to advance the wise management of queen conch. Harbor Branch, along with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and local marine educators, will test the effectiveness of the queen conch translocation program in the Florida Keys and will initiate a queen conch release program.	United States
International Crane Foundation	Black-necked Crane Survey, Roergai	Integrating satellite tracking studies, ICF will undertake a survey of the threatened black-necked crane at Ruoergai Marsh in China, the most important breeding grounds for this species. The research will assess status and threats to cranes and their wetland habitats. Education programs will work to link Roergai to wintering areas for this charismatic and culturally significant species, and propose actions for conservation and management of cranes and other important wetland birds.	China
International Elephant Foundation	Sumatran Elephants Working For Conservation	Enabling staff and trained elephants to play an active role in protecting the forests and wildlife in the vicinity of the Seblat Elephant Conservation Center (ECC) in Bengkulu Province, Sumatra. They will also work to identify and mitigate human-elephant conflict, and raise community support and awareness of wildlife conservation.	Indonesia
International Fund for Animal Welfare	Senegal Antelope and Habitat Program	Rehabilitating 11,207 square kilometers of Sahel habitat in the Ferlo district of Senegal to reintroduce populations of scimitar-horned oryx, the Mhorr gazelle and Addax antelope. These antelope species are classified as "critically endangered" by IUCN. Funds will provide support for infrastructure, supplies, community education and training to continue this important project.	Senegal
International Iguana Foundation	Jamaican Iguana Recovery Programme	Securing the survival of this critically endangered species through habitat protection & restoration, population augmentation, public education, advocacy, and the provision of scientific data to inform national strategies on biodiversity conservation.	Jamaica

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International Rhino Foundation	Sumatran Rhino Sanctuary Propagation Program	Supporting the captive propagation that will provide a key piece of the integrated conservation management strategy for the Sumatran rhino. Conserving Sumatran rhinos requires in situ protection combined with captive breeding and community outreach. With new, reliable reproduction methodologies, the addition of two young, healthy females into the Sumatran Rhino Sanctuary (SRS) population, and the transfer of a US-born male to the SRS in February, IRF is now poised for success.	Indonesia
International Snow Leopard Trust	Community-based Conservation for Snow Leopards	Providing long-term protection for Mongolia's snow leopards through community enterprise. Sales from handicrafts produced by ISLT community partners have grown dramatically over the past years and are almost covering the costs of this conservation effort. Communities are abiding by conservation agreements that provide protection for snow leopards and their prey species.	Mongolia
Jaguar Conservation Fund	Jaguar Conservation in the Grasslands of Brazil	Investigating ecology, demographics and conservational status of the local jaguar population through camera-trapping, GPS telemetry and scat analysis. These data are crucial to developing appropriate conservation actions for the Cerrado jaguar.	Brazil
Loggerhead Marinelife Center of Juno Beach	Leatherback Sea Turtle Conservation in Southeast Florida	Conducting research on the growing population of leatherback sea turtles nesting along the Atlantic coast of Florida. Leatherbacks are classified as endangered in Florida and critically endangered globally. Funding will be used to continue and enhance regular nightly surveys required for this sea turtle research and conservation program.	United States
Mangrove Action Project	Mangrove Curriculum Adaptation for Brazil	Collaborating on the adaptation and introduction of MAP's Mangrove Curriculum for use in Brazilian schools. Incorporating latest scientific information, as well as culturally relevant and timely social issues, this innovative experiential approach has the goal of transforming society towards a positive attitude and respect for mangrove ecosystems, while preparing the next generation of decision makers.	Brazil
Marine Resources Council	Northern Right Whale Monitoring Project	Coordinating a volunteer sighting network that reports right whale sightings to the MRC hotline. The whale sightings are verified, documented, and reported to the U.S. Navy, who disseminates the information to ships to reduce the potential for collisions.	United States
Mote Marine Laboratory	Dolphin Depredation and Fishing Interactions	Characterizing the nature and scope of the problem that fishing gear poses to dolphins in Sarasota Bay, and developing and disseminating printed materials for mitigation. Interactions between bottlenose dolphins and recreational fishing gear have increased recently in Florida, especially through depredation of bait and catch. In Sarasota Bay during 2006, 2% of the long term resident dolphin community died from entanglement in, or ingestion of, recreational fishing gear; continuing losses at this rate are not sustainable.	United States

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Mote Marine Laboratory	Endangered Sawfish Satellite Tagging	Using satellite tags and underwater video stations to investigate the post-release mortality of sawfish caught on hook and line, migratory corridors and timing, habitat use, and aggregation sites of adults. Smalltooth sawfish, once distributed throughout the waters of the United States, has been decimated to less than 5% of its original population. Mote has provided much of the scientific information to draft the NOAA Fisheries Smalltooth Sawfish Recovery Plan.	United States
Mote Marine Laboratory	Protection of Florida's Threatened Corals	Monitoring Elkhorn and Staghorn coral immune responses via antibiotic properties of coral mucus, and microbial associates of the corals and surrounding water mass, to determine if immune defenses on these corals vary regionally and seasonally, if changes indicative of coral health and are there symbiotic bacteria present that can be utilized to protect threatened corals.	United States
National Audubon Society	Restoring Maine Seabirds 2007	Focusing on removing invasive vegetation that is encroaching on three of Maine's most important tern colonies: Eastern Egg Rock, Jenny Island and Outer Green Islands. These state-owned seabird sanctuaries are also home to Atlantic Puffin, Black Guillemot and Common Eiders. These will benefit indirectly by nesting in association with large and robust tern colonies that can effectively chase off predators such as gulls and raptors.	United States
National Wildlife Federation	Sage-Grouse Adopt-A-Lek	Increasing the capacity of wildlife and land management agencies to monitor leks (animal territories) to understand sage-grouse populations and habitat trends by training and fielding citizens to collect and contribute scientifically valid data to current conservation efforts.	United States
Ocean Research & Conservation Association, Inc.	Innovative Technology to Protect Marine Habitats	Developing the world's first marine habitat monitoring system to protect marine ecosystems and the wildlife they sustain. These new conservation tools have the ability to empower local communities to adjust behaviors to improve marine habitat nationwide. The proposed tools will allow communities to see improvements in "their" water.	United States
Operation Migration - USA	Aircraft to Safeguard Whooping Cranes	Purchasing an ultralight plane to help with the annual migration of endangered whooping cranes from Wisconsin to Florida. Another plane will be decommissioned and provide a second non-flying aircraft at Patuxent to increase the efficiency of the early training.	United States
Painted Dog Conservation Trust	Iganyana Children's Bush Camp	Teaching local children in Zimbabwe conservation concepts, an understanding of ecological relationships, the value of biodiversity, an appreciation of painted dogs and the role they play in ecosystems to inspire an emotional attachment to the natural world. The facility is called Iganyana Bush Camp. Iganyana is the local Sindebele name for painted dogs. The free of charge programme is provided for grade six students from the 17 primary schools in the local area.	Zimbabwe

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Pan African Sanctuaries Alliances	PASA Conservation Project	Helping three PASA sanctuaries in Nigeria, Zambia, a Cameroon build new enclosures that will allow confiscated monkeys and apes to live more comfortably and safely, and relieve stress on sanctuary personnel and resources. In addition, it will permit the sanctuaries to send more effective measures of conservation education by allowing the public to view more relaxed, healthy animals.	Zambia
Pandrillus Foundation USA	Preparing for Release; Nigeria's Drills	Instituting the pre-release phase of a multi-year reintroduction plan for drills (<i>Mandrillus leucophaeus</i>) being carried out at the Drill Rehabilitation and Breeding Center (DRBC) in Nigeria, Africa. Supplementary funding is for essential pre-release supplies and activities, including; evaluation of the extant wild population in the release site, medical screening and chipping of release drills, and important development of short and long-term monitoring plans for the overall release project.	Nigeria
People & Predators Fund	Maasailand Lion Conservation Project	Encouraging local participation in lion research, conservation education, conflict mitigation and habitat planning in the Tarangire ecosystem of Tanzania. Specifically, the project will build the Maasai capacity to scientifically monitor lion populations, to improve the ecological knowledge of lions among the Maasai and to reduce conflicts through a participatory, village-based program that intertwines lion-livestock conflict avoidance techniques with coordinated land use planning.	Tanzania
Perry Institute for Marine Science	Ensuring the Nassau Grouper's Future III	Providing scientific information needed to evaluate and improve management of Nassau grouper, an ecologically and economically important but endangered fish species, in the Bahamas, one of the few places where viable populations survive in the Caribbean. The approach is to integrate science with stakeholder participation and partner with local educational organizations to inform fishery management strategies build capacity for fishery management in the Bahamas, and disseminate this information to the Bahamian public.	Bahamas
Project Bird Watch	Teaching Conservation of Indonesian Parrots	Changing attitudes by introducing children to conservation issues and promoting pride in local parrots, both in the Moluccan Islands (a hub for bird trapping and smuggling) and in an urban school district in Jakarta. It will also heighten awareness in adults about smuggling, and encourage anti-trapping initiatives. Many Indonesian parrots are threatened with extinction due in part to the wild bird trade which thrives on an absence of conservation and humane values.	Indonesia
Reef Environmental Education Foundation (REEF)	Coral Reef Fish Assessments	Addressing the critical need for fish diversity and abundance information to help preserve coral reef ecosystems. The primary goal of the project is to preserve the richness and natural diversity of coral reef fish assemblages in the tropical western Atlantic by engaging volunteers in citizen science that complements existing wildlife conservation and management efforts. Outcomes include species inventories, diver stewardship of natural resources and information transfer to relevant research and management agencies.	United States

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Royal Society for the Protection of Birds	Saving the Seychelles Magpie Robin	Securing the future of the endangered Seychelles Magpie-robin. Current populations are at carrying capacity. Population increase depends on establishing a population on a new island. The key activity will be translocation of birds from Cousin and Fregate islands to nearby Denis Island. This will be supported by an education campaign, which will highlight programme success and the continued threat to endemic Seychelles wildlife.	Seychelles
San Bernardino National Forest Association	Great Seeds Restoration Program	Involving children and community partners in maintaining native plant diversity on the San Bernardino National Forest as the cornerstone of forest restoration and management. Restoration projects are conducted for fire restoration, Bark Beetle infestation, and to mitigate erosion and human impacts. A strong hands-on, educational component is maintained through native plant workshops, the greenhouse and tree nursery facilities, field projects and monitoring.	United States
Save our Leatherbacks Operation	Pacific Leatherback Turtle Nesting Recovery	Reversing the rapid decline and approaching extinction of the Pacific Leatherback Turtle. The project will relieve threats of extinction by increasing hatch out % while increasing protection for nesting females to prevent poaching of eggs and damage to nests. The project will also establish interactions/education and training of the village peoples to become the caretakers of these turtles and improve life quality.	Indonesia
Save the Elephants	STE Elephants and Bees Project	Investigating the interaction between elephants and bees and its potential application as an elephant deterrent for crops and trees. Research will investigate how elephants respond to bees, how they change their foraging/movement patterns to avoid bees and whether or not they use infrasound as a means of communication within herd in response to bees. The study will also investigate the social and economic impact of beekeeping as an elephant deterrent in poor, rural communities in northern Kenya who are presently suffering from intense elephant crop-raiding.	Kenya
Smithsonian Institution	Maned Wolf Conservation	Focusing on the conservation of the maned wolf, a flagship species the Brazilian Cerrado Range. Health and reproductive fitness will be compared in wolves living in low versus high human density areas. Roles of domestic dogs and other carnivores as disease transmitters will also be investigated. The outcome will provide scholarly information on how human activities influence a specialized predator. Results, combined with a strong community education program, will enhance capacity for conservation planning while improving local awareness.	Brazil
Snow Leopard Conservancy	Snow Leopard Conservation in India	Expanding the nature guide training begun in 2006 in India, and training network members in the monitoring of snow leopards and other wildlife using CyberTracker. This project will also promote its school-based conservation education program in Ladakh by expanding it to reach children in remote Zaskar. The Snow Leopard Conservancy and its in-country partners have made excellent progress toward the self-sufficiency of local communities as motivated wildlife guardians.	India

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Southern Illinois University	Sonoran Jaguar Conservation Project	Performing a camera trap survey to assess the population size of the local jaguar population and conducting a survey of jaguar-human conflict on the private ranches where jaguars live. Research will be complemented by education initiatives aimed at livestock ranchers with a goal of conserving jaguars while promoting economic sustainability of ranching operations.	Mexico
The Manta Network	Indonesia Manta Migration	Working with the local fishermen to deploy satellite tags on manta rays, record and analyze up to 9 months of data on five migration tracks, to understand movements and population structure and determine connectivity between regions and potential interactions with fisheries. Harvest of manta rays in Eastern Indonesia has increased by an order of magnitude over the last few years because of a burgeoning trade in manta skin and dried gill rakers.	Indonesia
The Peregrine Fund	Harpy Eagle Restoration in Belize 2007	Restoring a depleted population of Harpy Eagles in the Mesoamerican Biological Corridor of Belize, where reliable sightings of the species in the wild had not occurred in four decades until this project began. Captive-raised Harpy Eagles will be released into the wild, studied, and tracked by satellite telemetry until at least first breeding occurs, with the aim of learning best restoration practices and establishing up to eight breeding pairs in contiguous habitat.	Belize
The WILD Foundation	Mali Elephants Project: Stakeholder Engagement	Raising stakeholder awareness of the needs of elephants and motivating the actions that land-use planning agencies and rural communities can take to enable human-elephant co-existence.	Mali
University of Aberdeen	Conserving Madagascar's Golden Mantella Frog	Securing the forest fragments and implement a monitoring scheme with the local community around the critically endangered Golden Mantella frog. The University of Aberdeen and its Malagasy partners have been conserving flying fox roosts in fragmented rainforest in eastern Madagascar since 2003. In January 2006, joint survey teams discovered two new populations of the Golden Mantella frog in fragments occupied by flying foxes.	Madagascar
University of California	Umbrellabird Conservation in the Choco	Solidifying a long-term, integrative conservation program in the Choco. The project will expand its objectives along four main axes: scientific research with conservation implications, training and capacitation of Ecuadorian counterparts, education and community organization. The goal is to combine scientific and social approaches in implementing a community-based management plan to conserve biodiversity via meaningful incentives for conservation.	Ecuador
University of California	Hornbill Conservation in Cameroon Cocoa	Studying hornbill movements and feeding activity during the dry season when individuals move far from protected reserves into managed forest landscapes in search of fruit. Improved management through farmer outreach may ensure that hornbills continue to maintain Africa's diverse forests.	Cameroon

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University of Central Florida Research Foundation, Inc.	Oyster Restoration in Florida	Determining the success of a new, scientifically-based restoration technique that minimizes damage from recreational vessels on intertidal reefs of the eastern oyster in the Indian River Lagoon. With volunteer assistance, the project seeks to quantify oyster recruitment and formation of any dead zones. To meet the need for information on oysters and restoration, UCF will host an educator's workshop where fact sheets and storybooks for all age conservationists will be created.	United States
University of Florida	Identification of Ray Migration Patterns	Gaining insight to the movements and migration of rays in one of their primary Florida inshore habitats, the Indian River Lagoon (IRL) system. Rays occur within this area in high abundance and represent an important component of the ecosystem. Information on the environmental preferences, home range, habitat use, and seasonal migrations of ray populations is essential to adequately understand and protect these species and their critical habitats.	United States
University of Florida	Butterfly Conservation and Education	Supporting a cooperative research and recovery effort aimed at saving one of the most imperiled insects in North America. The current focus is to initiate basic ecological studies on a series of newly discovered populations within Key West National Wildlife Refuge, and develop complimentary K-12 grade Florida school and museum-based educational video resources.	United States
University of Minnesota	Tiger Rapid Response Team	Expanding a rapid government response team created in 2006 to respond to problem tigers In Eastern Sundarbans, Bangladesh to Western Sundarbans where human deaths and injuries are more frequent and retaliatory killing of tigers is common. Support will be used to diffuse human-tiger conflicts and transport injured people to the hospital. Additionally, village education programs will focus on tiger natural history and measures to address problem tiger situations.	Bangladesh
University of Oxford	Ethiopian Wolf Conservation Campaign	Work with Environmental Education Clubs on innovative projects in sustainable development with sports at the centre of several new outreach initiatives. The Ethiopian Wolf Conservation Programme expanded its education campaign to the Arsi Mountains in 2005 (with a Disney Grant). In addition to traditional environmental education, the project has set up these Environmental Education Clubs in secondary schools and established liaisons with all local communities around wolf habitat.	Ethiopia
University of Washington	Tracking Magellanic Penguins 2007-08	Using satellite telemetry to identify foraging areas during the breeding season of Magellanic penguins from the largest breeding colony of this near-threatened species at Punta Tombo, Argentina. The information is used to propose marine zoning policies to protect penguins at sea. Documenting foraging locations with remote-sensing data determines whether penguins consistently forage in high productivity areas and how climate variations affect foraging. The outreach and education component will continue to expand in Argentina and North America.	Argentina

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WIDECAST - Wider Caribbean Sea Turtle Cons. Network	Eliminating Leatherback Turtle Mortality in Gillnets	Testing new troll methods as a replacement for drift gillnetting in Trinidad's fisheries. The largest threat to the critically endangered leatherback turtle throughout the Atlantic Ocean, is the accidental capture of the species in coastal gillnet fisheries. Trinidad supports nesting by more than 6,000 leatherbacks each year. As many as 3,000 gillnet entanglements occur each year in Trinidad and as much as 35% of those entanglements result in the death of the turtle.	Trinidad
Wild Salmon Center	Sea Run Taimen Conservation Partnership	Focusing on the research and conservation efforts of two regional strongholds that provide the best chance for conserving the sea run taimen in perpetuity: the Koppi River (Russia) and the Sarufutsu River (Japan). The critically endangered sea run taimen, the world's largest and most ancient species of salmon, has experienced sharp declines in its native range of the southern Russian Far East and Northern Japan.	Russia
WildAid	Quash China's Appetite for Sharks	Campaigning to reduce the demand for shark fin soup; this media campaign will reach 1,000 people a week and taps into China's focus on the 2008 Beijing Olympics. Two media events will refresh attention on the issue through the Olympics including the release of the shark-related part of WildAid's survey of attitudes toward wildlife and the release of an updated shark report. The events seek to initiate discussions with the Chinese government to protect more sharks and other wildlife species.	China
Wildlife Alliance	Preserving Critically Endangered Siamese Crocodiles	Undertaking a critical new project to conduct DNA testing and captive breeding for the Siamese crocodile, once 'effectively extinct' in the wild. We will identify purebred Siamese crocodiles we have rescued from poachers and traders, and house them in specialized enclosures to prevent hybridization, in support of reintroduction efforts.	Cambodia
Wildlife Conservation Society	Hornbill Conservation Program	Ensuring the long-term conservation of five species of hornbill birds and other endangered wildlife in Northeast India. The overall goal of the project is to enhance and contribute to conservation of endangered wildlife (focusing on hornbills as a flagship) by attempting to reduce hunting by tribal communities, a serious threat to wildlife in the region.	India
Wildlife Conservation Society	Cambodia Vulture Conservation Project	Implementing the recommendations of a long term research program on Cambodian vultures, and working with local conservation organizations and communities to institutionalize a long-term and sustainable conservation strategy.	Cambodia
Wildlife Conservation Society	Saving the Ultimate Landscape Species: Wolverines	Providing the detailed information needed by wildlife and land-use management agencies to enact policies that would mitigate the impact of the threat of development and habitat loss. This study, the only long-term study of wolverines in Greater Yellowstone, will work to form a major basis for determination, to help the U.S. government determine whether or not wolverines should be listed as an endangered species.	United States

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Wildlife Conservation Society	The Sarus Cranes of Angkor Wat	Supporting a combination of nest protection, awareness-raising, research and the establishment of key protected areas across Cambodia, this new initiative will allow populations of Sarus cranes to recover to their former glory. Today, the steady decline in numbers of these globally threatened species has been arrested by the urgent conservation efforts of WCS and partners.	Cambodia
Wildlife Conservation Society	Cross River Gorilla Conservation in Cameroon	Focusing on the conservation of the critically endangered Cross River gorilla in Cameroon and Nigeria, Africa's rarest great ape. This project will provide conservation education activities in communities and schools surrounding the proposed Kagwene Gorilla Sanctuary, making use of locally developed media and materials that have been successfully piloted in other areas where WCS works.	Cameroon
Wildlife Foundation of Florida	Manatee Response to Boats	Documenting the behavioral response of manatees to approaching vessels using state-of-the-art multi-sensor digital acoustic recording tags, combined with Argos-linked GPS tags, boat-based visual observations, and aerial videography. The electronic tags will allow researchers to reconstruct the manatee's movements in three dimensions in relation to the acoustic signature of the vessel recorded at the manatee. The aerial and boat platforms will provide a concurrent map of vessel activity in the area of tagged manatees.	United States
Wildlife Trust	Franciscana Dolphin Conservation, Argentina	Integrating past investigations to reduce bycatch, continuing research on mitigation methods, encouraging a new local fish market, providing information to local fishermen and resource managers, and educating the community about the Franciscana dolphin. This species of dolphin, endemic to Brazil, Uruguay and Argentina, is among the world's smallest and most endangered dolphins. The issues facing this dolphin are death from entanglement in fishing nets, probably the biggest threat, and habitat degradation and fragmentation by pollution and overfishing.	Argentina
Wildlife Trust	Belize Manatee Conservation	Focusing on research in Belize involving seagrass, mangroves, and reef monitoring, coordinating with the Mesoamerican Barrier Reef Systems (MBRS) Project and their established protocols. This proposal enhances the long-term study and expands the established habitat monitoring program initiated in 1996 to study manatee behavioral ecology, reproductive biology, and conservation.	Belize
Wildlife Trust	Flat-headed Bat Conservation, Mexico	Obtaining knowledge about the flat-headed bat through a research project tailored toward the species, and an educational program for children and adults who share the landscape with these magnificent animals. Despite its endangered status, not much is known about the flat-headed bat which was thought extinct until three years ago when the species was rediscovered by WT.	Mexico

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WildTrack	Footprint Monitoring of Polar Bears	Monitoring populations of polar bears, a species considered at high risk from climate change. This project aims to adapt an established footprint identification technique (FIT) for assessing polar bear population and distribution on a regular basis. This will form the foundation of an Inuit-led methodology for monitoring the bear population long term.	Canada
Working Dogs for Conservation Foundation	Dogs, Plants and a Butterfly	Evaluating a new method for locating rare plants and associated insects of interest through the use of trained detection dogs. This alternative technique has great potential to provide a more efficient, cost-effective method than human surveyors. If successful, our research will lead to the development of a conservation program that significantly assists scientists in recovery plans and goals.	United States
Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation (The)	Pollinator Conservation in Agricultural Landscapes	Testing restoration protocols specifically designed to increase available wild native pollinators, increase the capacity of farmers to protect, enhance or restore pollinator habitat and work at the national level to incorporate pollinator conservation into farm bill programs. By helping growers to understand the value of wildlife habitat for pollinators and insect-pollinated crop production, this project will increase grower support for biodiversity conservation in agricultural landscapes.	United States
Yakama Nation Wildlife Resource Management Program	Amphibian Surveys and Habitat Assessment	Increasing awareness of native amphibian species and ensuring sustainable populations. This research address two species, the western toad and coastal tailed frog. The project goals are to continue and expand monitoring of breeding sites of both species, identify limiting factors for both species, and document migration and winter habitat use of western toads. This will help achieve a long-term strategy for protecting native amphibians of the Yakama Nation Reservation.	United States
Zootropic	Guatemalan Endangered Reptile Awareness	Raising awareness of the conservation status of the two most endangered species of reptiles in Guatemala through a 10 module educational program. The program will target school children and farmers throughout the Motagua Valley. The goal is to bring the program to 6,000 children and 4,000 farmers during the year. This project will bring cooperation and support to the overall conservation program in the region.	Guatemala