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African People & Wildlife Fund	Maasailand Lion Conservation Program	Addressing decline of lion populations by building the capacity of Tanzanians to scientifically monitor their lion populations, to reduce direct conflicts with lions via lion-livestock conflict avoidance techniques and to protect lion habitat. Efforts include the installation of 120 lion-resistant enclosures to reduce lion-livestock conflict, active patrolling of 885,000 acres of lion habitat by Maasai village game scouts and the continuing education of 500 Maasai youth about lions and lion conservation in four local primary schools. The DWCF funded this program before in 2007.	Lions	Tanzania
American Bird Conservancy	Bringing Back the Western Bluebird	Advancing this proven effort that has successfully reintroduced Western Bluebirds in Washington. Expanding the model to establish a breeding population in the San Juan Islands and extending community education efforts. This will be the fourth year of funding from the DWCF for this program.	Western Bluebirds	United States
American Museum of Natural History	Monitoring Scarlet Macaw Chicks in the Maya Biosphere Reserve	Protecting scarlet macaws in the Maya Biosphere Reserve by actively monitoring population trends and biological (i.e. predation, invasive species) threats, and engaging local communities in conservation management. Building upon an existing international collaboration between the AMNH and WCS-Guatemala to refine mitigation strategies, provide opportunities for education and training, and promote awareness and advocacy for conservation efforts in Guatemala.	Scarlet Macaws	Guatemala
Association of Zoological Horticulture	Botanical Conservation Grants Program	Supporting plant conservation and building knowledge through micro-grants to projects tied to habitat conservation, biological diversity preservation, germplasm preservation, environmental education, and improvements in horticulture or botanical operations. The DWCF has been supporting this program since 2004.	Plants	Multiple
Association of Zoos and Aquariums	AZA Conservation Endowment Fund	Providing funding for field conservation and exploration projects of AZA institutions through grants for “in situ” conservation, education, and research. Project descriptions are posted here as the recipients are selected by a peer-based group. The DWCF has been supporting the AZA’s conservation efforts for 15 years.	Multiple Species	Multiple

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Audubon of Florida	Audubon EagleWatch	Supporting the efforts of Florida's EagleWatch program to determine the impacts of human disturbance and habitat alteration on bald eagle nesting success through a long-term, citizen science eagle nest monitoring program. Educating the general public and key stakeholders about threats to bald eagles and engaging them in eagle conservation. Ensuring sustained populations of bald eagles and protection of critical habitat throughout Florida by providing science-based guidance to management agencies and decision-makers. The DWCF has been funding this program since 2004.	Bald Eagles	United States
Audubon of Florida	Florida Bay Aquatic Habitat Analysis and Virtual Eco-Lab	Identifying how to restore the Everglades ecosystem affected by wetland drainage, development, and flood control. Project goals include: understanding impacts of water management practices on mangrove ecosystems in Biscayne and Florida Bays by analyzing a 16-year dataset; educating and engaging the general public, management agencies, and decision-makers; and restoring Florida Bay by providing scientifically-based management recommendations.	Habitats	United States
Bird Endowment	Wattled Curassow Conservation in Bolivia	Protecting the last population of Wattled Curassows in Bolivia (less than 130) by developing local stakeholder commitment to bird conservation and biodiversity conservation. Helping communities protect the lands threatened by illegal logging and gathering baseline data to monitor environmental impacts of tourism and subsistence hunting. This will be the second year of funding from the DWCF for this program.	Wattled Curassows	Bolivia
Birdlife International	Preventing the Extinction of the Short-crested Coquette Hummingbird	Preventing the extinction of the Short-crested Coquettes, one of eight Critically Endangered species of hummingbirds in the world, in partnership with Pronatura in Mexico. Program goals include: researching relative abundance, habitat, distribution and threats to the bird; training for key community members on reserve management, conservation, and sustainable use of natural resources; publishing a booklet on birds in nahuatl (the local indigenous language); and writing a conservation action plan for the species.	Short-crested Coquette Hummingbirds	Mexico

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Center for Rural Empowerment and the Environment	Living Sustainably and Farming Cameroonian Snails	Expanding a pilot farming program to establish a sustainable alternative to illegal harvest of giant land snails. Providing local communities with a sustainable source of nutrition and income and curbing hunting within Mt. Cameroon National Park.	Snails	Cameroon
Chicago Zoological Society	Reducing Human Impacts on Dolphins	Building on knowledge gained from the longest running study of a dolphin population to ascertain the extent of human interactions on wild dolphins and determining a plan to educate people to reduce human impacts on dolphins. This will be the 12 th year of funding from the DWCF for this program.	Bottlenose Dolphins	United States
Chimpanzee Sanctuary & Wildlife Conservation Trust	Uganda: Change My Community Conservation Program	Creating conservation activities for schools and non- school youth to spur actions to protect chimpanzee habitats by training them as habitat monitors. A member of the Pan African Sanctuaries Alliance, the Chimpanzee Sanctuary & Wildlife Conservation Trust oversees Ngamba Island Chimpanzee Sanctuary in Lake Victoria.	Chimpanzees	Uganda
Coral Restoration Foundation, Inc	Coral Restoration Program	Expanding coral reef nurseries in the Florida Keys to restore degraded Elkhorn and Staghorn coral reefs and to develop materials and methods from this model to replicate the work across oceans. The DWCF has funded this program since 2008.	Elkhorn/ Staghorn Corals	United States
Duke University: Center for Tropical Conservation)	Migration, Ecology and Management of the Orinoco Goose in Manu National Park	Discovering the final migratory destination of the Orinoco goose. Assisting captive populations by training local Machiguenga people in aviculture and treatment of common diseases working with Peruvian veterinarians.	Orinoco Geese	Peru
Durrell Wildlife Conservation Trust	Reintroduction Program for the Ploughshare Tortoise	Establishing a free-living population of a rare land tortoise species in Baly Bay, Madagascar, through a captive breeding and reintroduction program. Building on previous success and bolstering protection of the area. The DWCF has been funding this program since 2006.	Ploughshare Tortoises	Madagascar

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Fauna & Flora International	Antiguan Racer Habitat Conservation Project	Restoring a West Indian island to ensure prime habitat for Antiguan Racers (the world's rarest snake) and other wildlife. Ensuring improved management of all protected habitat and increasing the number of trained West Indian conservationists. This will be the tenth year of funding from the DWCF for this program.	Antiguan Racers	Antigua and Barbuda
Fauna & Flora International	Saving the Critically Endangered Siamese Crocodile	Creating a recovery and reintroduction program for the rare Siamese crocodile by establishing a captive breeding program in Northwest Cambodia. Working to reduce poaching and habitat loss in collaboration with the Cambodian government. This is the eighth year of funding from the DWCF for this program.	Siamese Crocodiles	Cambodia
Fauna & Flora International	Conservation of the Critically Endangered Saiga Antelope	Halting the rapid decline of this endangered antelope, often poached for medicinal products harvested from its horn. Engaging communities in anti-poaching strategies, including public awareness efforts. This is the fifth year of funding from the DWCF for this program.	Saiga Antelopes	Uzbekistan/ Kazakhstan
Fauna & Flora International	Local Ocean Trust - Watamu Turtle Watch Program	Protecting Kenya's sea turtles, threatened by poaching of their nests, through partnerships with government agencies to establish programs in research, education, hands-on conservation, community development and awareness campaigns. Creating policy revisions and ensuring community responsibility for stewardship of coastal wildlife. The DWCF has been supporting this program since 2005.	Sea Turtles	Kenya
International Crane Foundation	Conservation of Siberian Cranes, Other Waterbirds and Wetland Habitats at Poyang Lake, China	Gathering information on the use of Poyang Lake as an important home to 98 percent of the world's population of critically endangered Siberian cranes. Conducting workshops with key leaders to share this information to ensure informed decisions are made regarding the area's protection and future development.	Siberian Cranes	China
International Elephant Foundation	Sumatran Elephants Working for Conservation, Way Kambas, South Sumatra	Re-establishing an elephant conservation response unit to fight forest crime, rescue wildlife, herd wild elephants away from human settlements and provide community outreach for conservation. The DWCF has been supporting this program since 2007.	Asian Elephants	Indonesia

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International Fund for Animal Welfare	Safeguarding Viable Elephant Habitat for Long-Term Survival	Ensuring the long- term survival of Tsavo’s elephants by: improving infrastructure and equipping park personnel; addressing needs of local people by providing alternatives to illegal logging activities; and impacting decisions by local leadership through research data.	African Elephants	Kenya
International Rhino Foundation	Sumatran Rhino Conservation Patrols	Protecting the world’s last 200 Sumatran rhinos with anti-poaching patrols, investigations of poaching events, snare removal, and improved captive breeding efforts to better manage rhino populations. This is the 14 th year of funding from the DWCF for this program.	Sumatran Rhinos	Indonesia
International Snow Leopard Trust	Protecting Pakistan’s Snow Leopards	Aiding 11 communities residing in snow leopard areas through improved management of livestock, including a vaccination program to increase their success rates. In turn the “Snow Leopard Friendly Vaccination Program” villages agree not to retaliate against cats that prey upon their stock. This is the second year of funding from DWCF for this program.	Snow Leopards	Pakistan
London Zoo	Community Managed Vulture Safe Zone for Critically Endangered South Asian Vultures	Combating decline of three vulture species in Nepal by providing a “vulture restaurant.” The population was severely affected due to the veterinary drug diclofenac, used on livestock. Vultures feeding on carcasses were poisoned by the chemical. The feeding stations will also help communities by encouraging tourism for people who want to see the birds.	Vultures	Nepal
Lowland Tapir Conservation Initiative	Pantanal Tapir Program	Collecting data on the unique lowland tapir to develop specific recommendations for its protection; part of the nationwide Lowland Tapir Conservation Initiative encompassing agro-forestry projects to replenish damaged habitats.	Lowland Tapirs	Brazil
Lubee Foundation	Protecting Hunted Bats and Livelihoods in Madagascar	Developing surveys to measure the human impact on bats and implementing education programs to curb the hunting and eating of bats and other bushmeat in Madagascar. The practice not only impacts the bat population, but also exposes hunters and those that consume them to disease. This is the second year of funding from the DWCF for this program.	Bats	Madagascar

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Marine Resources Council of East Florida	Northern Right Whale Monitoring Program	Funding volunteer training and outreach programs to maintain a network of whale-watching citizens who report North Atlantic Right Whale sightings. The reports are relayed to ships traveling in the whale calving grounds to help prevent collisions. Gathering long-term data on habitat, behavior and reproduction of these rare whales which number less than 400. This is the ninth year of funding from the DWCF for this program.	Northern Right Whales	United States
Mote Marine Laboratory	Exploring Effects of Longline Fishing on Loggerhead Sea Turtles	Identifying the relationship between grouper longline fishing methods and sea turtle deaths. Developing a management plan for the West Coast of Florida, pinpointing key sea turtle areas. This is the second year of funding from the DWCF for this program.	Sea Turtles	United States
National Audubon Society	Maine Seabird Conservation and Community Volunteers	Sponsoring volunteer involvement to improve habitat for nesting seabirds including puffins, gulls and terns. Building nest boxes, removing invasive plants and conducting a seabird census. This is the ninth year of funding from the DWCF for this program.	Seabirds	United States
National Wildlife Federation	Saving Sage-Grouse through Community Adopt-A-Lek	Working in a public-private partnership with wildlife agencies to train local volunteers in collecting information on sage-grouse populations and key habitat (called a lek). Using this "citizen science" data to create protection plans for these areas. The DWCF has supported this program since 2005.	Sage Grouse	United States
New Jersey Audubon Society	Conservation of Shorebirds including Semipalmated Sandpipers	Developing a conservation plan for the Semipalmated Sandpiper and other shorebird species which use the Atlantic flyway from South America to New Jersey. This is the second year of funding from the DWCF for this program.	Semipalmated Sandpipers	United States
New York City Audubon Society	Conservation of Migratory Shorebirds on Stopover Habitat in Jamaica Bay, New York	Recruiting and training local wildlife enthusiasts to monitor migratory shorebirds utilizing Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge. The Refuge is a key stopover for migrating birds and volunteers will help document the importance of the bay in this role.	Shorebirds	United States

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Northern Jaguar Project	Northern Jaguar Feline Photo Project	Engaging local ranchers in protecting jaguars by rewarding them for photos taken of the animals on their land. Information gathered will be used to create conservation management plans and reduce jaguar mortality. The DWCF has been supporting this program since 2008.	Jaguars	Mexico
Operation Migration	Whooping Crane Reintroduction Team Support	Purchasing a tracking vehicle critical to this long-term effort to increase the wild whooping crane population. The vehicle will accompany the ground support team for the ultralight aircraft leading young cranes on their first migration from Wisconsin to Florida. The DWCF has been supporting this program since its inception in 2000.	Whooping Crane	United States
Pacific Islands Conservation Research Association	Population Evaluation of the Critically Endangered Tuamotu Kingfisher	Assessing the population of the critically endangered Tuamotu kingfisher with the goal of identifying candidates for translocation. Establishing relationships and sharing information to ensure local support from school children to the village elders. This is the third year of funding from the DWCF for this program.	Tuamotu Kingfishers	French Polynesia
Painted Dog Conservation	Iganyana Children's Bush Camp	Immersing local children in an environmental camp to experience African wildlife as part of their heritage. Developing the next generation's understanding of the painted dog and the ecosystem of Hwange National Park to instill an emotional connection to its wildlife. The DWCF has been supporting this program since 2005.	African Painted Dogs	Zimbabwe
Perry Institute for Marine Science	Nassau Grouper Management in the Bahamas	Assessing dwindling Nassau grouper populations and working with Bahamian fisheries officers and key stakeholders in survey techniques so the population can be better managed, with particular emphasis on spawning (egg laying) sites. This is the fifth year of funding from the DWCF for this program.	Nassau Grouper	Bahamas
Reef Environmental Education Foundation	Grouper Moon: Spawning Research in Cayman Islands	Gathering information on grouper reproduction and the role that marine reserves can play in the long-term protection of this endangered species. Mapping the route grouper eggs travel to identify key potential marine protected areas, and sharing via the web so that students may follow the project.	Nassau Grouper	Cayman Islands

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Save the Elephants	Protecting Crops: Elephants and Bees Project	Protecting elephants by creating “beehive fences” around village crops to reduce farmer elephant conflict and to save critical food supplies. Using radio collars to determine effectiveness and writing a field manual to help others duplicate the program. The DWCF has been supporting this program since 2007.	African Elephants	Kenya
Sea Turtle Conservancy (formerly Caribbean Conservation Corporation)	Archie Carr Wildlife Refuge Education Program	Engaging residents and visitors in protecting sea turtles by supporting a long-term education program focused on Archie Carr National Wildlife Refuge, part of the most important nesting site for threatened and endangered sea turtles in the United States. The DWCF has been funding this program since 2008.	Sea Turtles	United States
Snow Leopard Conservancy / CAT Action Treasury	Community-based Conservation of Snow Leopards near Mt. Everest	Devising new approaches to reduce livestock lost to snow leopard predation. Implementing two pilot community-based microfinance programs and conducting a children’s environmental camp to engage the next generation in conservation.	Snow Leopards	Nepal
The David Suzuki Foundation	Producer to Plate: Sustainable Seafood & Aquaculture	Promoting environmentally sound aquaculture to help offset declining wild fisheries. Working with retailers to ensure markets for the products.	Fish	Canada
The Kasiisi Project	Kibale Schools Conservation Project to Protect Wildlife	Delivering environmental programs to forest-edge schools near Kibale National Park. Working with teachers to build on the 6,000 children already impacted, with help from the DWCF in 2008.	Chimpanzees	Uganda
The Nature Conservancy	Jay Watch: A Citizen Science Program to Collect Scrub-Jay Data	Mapping the population of Florida’s only endemic bird, the scrub-jay, and working with volunteers across the state to inventory and map scrub-jay habitat. Recruiting additional volunteers and advocates to protect scrub jay habitat and reach out to educate others to become involved. This is the ninth year of funding from the DWCF for this program.	Florida Scrub-jays	United States

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The Peregrine Fund	Harpy Eagle Conservation in Panama	Targeting five communities in key harpy eagle habitat for environmental education outreach. Training indigenous leaders as teachers to share information in local languages as a strategy to help reduce deforestation for agriculture. The DWCF has been supporting The Peregrine Fund's harpy eagle conservation programs for 14 years now.	Harpy Eagles	Panama
TREE Foundation	Community Youth Engagement for Sea Turtle Conservation	Involving youth from fishing villages in a sea turtle protection and conservation program: Sea Turtle Protection Force in India. The goal is to protect Olive Ridley and other sea turtles through decreasing bycatch in fisheries.	Sea Turtles	India
Tulane University	Umbrellabird Conservation in the Chocó	Continuing an established comprehensive program to protect the rainforests of Ecuador and Colombia, home to the umbrellabird and other wildlife. Training local communities in reforestation programs and sustainable development. The DWCF has been supporting this program, initiated at the University of California Los Angeles since 2003.	Long-wattled Umbrellabirds	Ecuador
Turtle Survival Alliance Foundation	Indian Turtle Conservation Program	Providing a head start for freshwater turtles through a hatchery for field collected eggs. Installing solar power to support the nursery and education facility. Following the release of hatchlings to determine the success rate of this partnership with Turtle Survival Alliance, Madras Crocodile Bank Trust and San Diego Zoo. This is the second year that the DWCF has provided funding for this program.	Turtles	India
University of California (UCLA Center for Tropical Research)	Long Distance Movements by Hornbills and the Conservation of Central African Rainforests	Validating the roles of hornbills as seed dispersal agents in the Congo Basin. The results will help create the case for cross-border national parks. The work will also help shade cacao farmers by identifying fruits favored by the birds.	Hornbills	Congo
University of Florida	Matanzas River Basin Biodiversity and Habitat Conservation Project	Working with local schools to take inventory of the species found in this 100,000 acre ecosystem to bolster the case to designate waters in the Basin as Outstanding Florida Waters by the St. John's River Water Management District.	Habitats	United States

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University of Hawaii	Addressing Tumor-forming Disease in the Green Sea Turtle	Investigating the correlation between certain algae types and a turtle “herpes” virus found in stranded Hawaiian sea turtles. Tracking rehabilitated turtles on a social network to engage the public in sea turtle conservation.	Sea Turtles	United States
University of Washington	Tracking Magellanic Penguins and Addressing Human Impacts	Tracking penguins at the largest Magellanic breeding colony in the world. Gathering data on feeding and migratory habits to inform Argentine National Parks so they can identify key threats to these areas and animals. Addressing issues including pollution, fishing and tourism impacts. The DWCF has been supporting this program since 2002.	Magellanic Penguins	United States
University of Wisconsin Foundation	Community Engagement and Andean Bear Conservation in Sangay National Park, Ecuador	Collaborating with the Ecuadorian government, universities and communities in a payment plan for “ecosystem services.” Compensating private land owners for protecting wildlife habitat critical to the Andean spectacled bear and working with local students trained to monitor wildlife.	Andean Bears	Ecuador
Village Enterprise Fund	Integrated Conservation and Microenterprise Model to Protect Forests in Uganda	Protecting chimpanzees by providing alternative incomes and sustainable livelihoods for communities adjacent to the Budongo Forest. Creating an integrated model of conservation and microenterprise that transfers sources of income away from forest products and promotes chimp and forest conservation.	Chimpanzees	Uganda
Wildlife Alliance	Environmental Education Outreach at Phnom Tamao Wildlife Rescue Center	Assisting the Cambodian government in conserving wildlife and forests through governance of natural resources. Helping communities develop sustainably by increasing environmental education outreach including providing tools and resources to local teachers.	Multiple Species	Cambodia
Wildlife Conservation Society	Conservation of Wildlife in Patagonia	Addressing a variety of threats to stem the decline of Andean cats and other wildlife. Partnering with governments and oil companies to close roads used by poachers. Working with goat herders to protect livestock using donkeys and guard dogs in hopes of reducing retaliatory killing of these rare cats.	Andean Cats	Argentina

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Wildlife Conservation Society	Mbeli Bai Study Club Ebobo Conservation Education	Protecting western lowland gorillas through a demographic study of the social organization and population dynamics for a regional and national monitoring program. The project will help ensure population recovery long-term by helping to inform habitat zoning and increasing outreach to communities to help curb illegal logging. The DWCF has been supporting this program since 2008.	Gorillas	Central African Republic
Wildlife Conservation Society	Protecting Tigers in Thailand	Outfitting and training Thai rangers to patrol critical tiger habitat along the Thailand-Myanmar border, one of the largest protected areas in Southeast Asia and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Monitoring tigers and tiger prey to track any improvements with additional law enforcement.	Tigers	Thailand
Wildlife Trust	Black Lion Tamarin Conservation through Research and Community Involvement	Integrating research on the habits of the black lion tamarin with community education programs to promote sustainable development alternatives such as tree farming and handicrafts. This is the sixth year of funding from the DWCF for this program.	Black Lion Tamarins	Brazil
Wildlife Trust	Conservation of the West African Manatee	Providing training, fieldwork experience and basic field equipment to local biologists, resource managers, students and other stakeholders. Collecting data on isolated populations of manatees to create informed grassroots conservation actions to protect them. The DWCF has been supporting this program since 2008.	West African Manatees	Senegal
World Wildlife Fund	Tracking the Travels of America's Inland Shorebirds from Montana to Mexico	Studying the migration corridors of these birds through solar powered locator chips to map their route. Creating materials that share the results to help identify key areas to protect through cooperation with local land owners and government across states and at the national and regional levels.	Shorebirds	United States
Xerces Society	Creating Pollinator Habitat in Agricultural Landscapes	Expanding the natural habitat available to pollinators such as bees and butterflies. Building on models created with landowners and training agencies and monitoring the success of the projects. The DWCF has been supporting this program since 2007.	Bees/ Butterflies	United States