

Both ENDS Donor Newsletter # 3-2003

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This donor news is the third in a new series of three issues regarding funding opportunities in the field of development and environment. This issue concentrates on funding possibilities for projects and programmes concerning indigenous peoples and related subjects like habitat protection, land-rights, mapping etc.

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Aktionsgemeinschaft Solidarische Welt

Background:

The ASW is an independent development organisation that was established in 1957, Aktionsgemeinschaft Solidarische Welt means Action Community for a Solidary World; solidarity in cooperation is the central issue for the ASW.

Activities:

ASW finances projects in the areas of environmental protection, women's empowerment, food sovereignty and human rights. ASW especially supports groups in the South that want to ameliorate their living conditions based on alternative concepts and (small-scale) local initiatives. ASW supports them in their struggle for social, cultural and political emancipation through implementation of projects.

Projects:

India: Adivasi in Orissa:

The grass roots organisation CARR aims at protection of the forest against illegal logging and other intrusions which endanger the ecological stability of the region.

Brazil: Alagoas and Sergipe region:

Indigenous network APOINME defending land rights and community build-up.

Other activities:

ASW takes part in several campaigns (against the Narmadadam, the shrimp-industry in India and defending the land rights of the Asháninka in Peru).

Through information dissemination and lobbying ASW hands down the experiences from the projects to the general public in order to give insight into the backgrounds of global economic relations, structures of exploitation, violations of human rights or environmental destruction. Aim is to give the people involved a platform here and there.

Other themes:

Agricultural issues (desertification, pesticides and rural development), sustainable development, conservation and afforestation, human rights (land-rights, refugees and rehabilitation, community development, gender and youth issues.

Geographic concentration:

Africa: Burkina Faso, (Western) Sahara, Senegal, South Africa, Zimbabwe;

Asia: India; South America: Brazil, Chile, Peru.

Grant information: Grants range between € 1.500 and € 20.500 (total budget for projects 2002 € 468.000).

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Amazon Watch

Background:

Amazon Watch works with indigenous and environmental organizations in the Amazon Basin to defend the environment and advance indigenous peoples' rights in the face of large-

scale industrial development-oil & gas pipelines, power lines, roads, and other mega-projects.

Activities:

Amazon Watch brings expertise and equipment (satellite phones, computers, and digital cameras) to remote rainforest groups, who otherwise would not be able to get their story out to the media and the international community. The Workshop Program aims at training Amazonian indigenous and environmental leaders in areas like visually documenting environmental and human rights impacts, writing effective press releases, and using the internet and e-mail as an international connection. Furthermore rainforest peoples are directly supported with mobilizing technical, financial, legal, and public relations support for indigenous organizations fighting destructive mega-projects.

Project examples:

In Ecuador local resistance to the new oil pipeline is supported. Amazon Watch directed funding, equipment, training, and generated media coverage in support of local communities affected by the OCP pipeline.

Other themes:

Sustainable development, nature conservation

Other activities:

Monitoring Mega-projects: Documenting and disseminating information on the social and environmental impacts of proposed mega-projects in the Amazon Basin. Informing Investors: Alerting public - and private sector investors to the risks associated with controversial mega-projects in the Amazon Basin.

Geographics:

South America: Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Venezuela

Grant information:

Budget 2002 for Program services appr. US\$ 350,000; funding groups in the Amazon appr. US\$ 36,000.

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ARA - Arbeitsgemeinschaft Regenwald und Artenschutz

Background:

ARA or the Working Community On Rainforests And Species Conservation is a NGO that was founded by collaborators and students of Bielefeld University in 1987. The organisation concentrates on projects in the field of sustainable environmental development (in accordance with the Agenda 21) and social justice.

Activities:

ARA is involved in projects in the fields of environmental protection and sustainable development especially regarding (tropical) forests and species as well as protection of indigenous (indian) peoples. ARA has a special project fund 'People and Forests'. The main partners are indigenous indian communities and local initiatives that are supported by ARA in their struggle for protection of their habitats and traditional land rights. In several countries ARA supports small scale and promising initiatives.

Projects:

Brazil: UIRAPURU-project: support of the indigenous people in the state of Rondonia; programme elements: training of health care professionals including traditional medicinal practices; stimulation of the right of self-determination, especially regarding traditional land rights; sustainable development; establishment of a cultural and environmental centre including a model farm.

Brazil: Non-timber forest products project; collection of seedlings by the indigenous Uru-eu-wau-wau.

Other activities:

Campaigning and advocacy, dissemination of information.

Other themes:

Agricultural issues (training, sustainable farming), capacity building, environmental education, nature conservation and biodiversity, education, health-care, vocational training, water management.

Geographic concentration:

Africa: Ghana; Asia: Cambodia, Vietnam; South America: Brazil

Grant information: Restricted funding capacity regarding direct project support.

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Cottonwood Foundation

Background:

Cottonwood Foundation, established in 1992, is dedicated to promoting empowerment of people, protection of the environment, and respect for cultural diversity. The foundation focuses its funding on committed, grass roots organizations that rely strongly on volunteer efforts and where foundation support will make a significant difference.

Activities:

Projects aimed at promoting cultural diversity and empowering people.

Projects:

Mexico: ETAPAS project: to help build a community water system for the indigenous Tzeltal community of Nueva Tierra Negra located on the outskirts of the Lacondón Rainforest in Chiapas. India: Jeevan Rekha Parishad project: to provide tribal people with vocational training in banana and papaya cultivation and commercial kitchen gardening.

Programmes:

Cottonwood Land Fund: Supports grants to indigenous peoples' organizations for repurchasing their land base in order to preserve their culture and environment.

Other themes:

Agricultural issues (horticulture, permaculture), capacity building, environmental conservation and education, nature issues, alternative energy, building activities, vocational training, drinking water, gender issues.

Geographic concentration:

Africa: Kenya, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda; Asia: Bangladesh, China, India, Nepal, Philippines; Latin America: Costa Rica, Ecuador, Guatemala, Mexico.

Grant details:

Grants range between US\$ 500 and US\$ 1,000

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(information collected 12/2003)

DKA - Dreikönigsaktion

Background:

The Dreikönigsaktion (Twelfthnight Action) is an Austrian catholic organization that supports 500 projects in more than fifty countries every year.

Activities:

Legal development, protection of (indigenous) minorities and environmental protection foster the chances of life of the people in the third world. A lot of programmes contain all three elements since environmental destruction leads to endangering of indigenous people (and other marginal groups) and their livelihoods.

Other activities:

Educational projects (e.g. building of schools) and social projects (street-children, health care, community development and reintegration of refugees).

Other themes:

Sustainable development, environmental conservation, natural resources management, technical support, urban poor.

Geographic concentration

Africa: Cameroon, Dem. Rep. Congo, Ethiopia, Ghana, *Kenya*, Mali, Mauretania, Nigeria, South Africa, Sudan, Swaziland, *Tanzania*, *Uganda*, Zambia, Zimbabwe;

Asia & Pacific: Bangladesh, China, East-Timor, Fiji, India, Indonesia, Kiribati, Myanmar, Papua New Guinea, *Philippines*, Sri Lanka, Thailand; Latin America: Argentine, Bolivia, *Brazil*, *Colombia*, Cuba, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Mexico, *Nicaragua*, Paraguay, Peru

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EarthLink e.V. - The People & Nature Network

Background:

Earthlink was established in 1998 and is actively involved in the pursuit of a common cause harmony between people and nature. Together with the local population Earthlink designs strategies and measures to protect the environment and to further environmentally conscious development of the people's living spaces. To have locals participate in project work is an integral aspect for any long-term success.

Activities:

EarthLink together with its partners is involved in concrete projects to protect forests, oceans and coastal areas. Through environmental education for children and youth as well as adults and current decision makers from the political and business sector, EarthLink lays the foundation for ecologically sustainable development.

Projects:

Colombia: Protection of the territory of the Awa: acquisition of land, juridical assistance (land rights) and infrastructure projects.

Other activities:

Campaigning

Other Themes:

Agricultural issues, sustainable development, eco-tourism, environmental education, nature conservation (biodiversity, habitat protection, natural resources management), forest issues (conservation, NTFPs), water (coast and coral protection, wetlands).

Geographic concentration:

Africa: South Africa; Asia: Philippines; Central & South America: Belize, Brazil, Colombia.

Grant details:

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Eco2Terra - First Peoples and Nature First

Background:

ECO²TERRA is the Global Society for ECOlogy and sound ECONomy created in the early 80's. The protection of life, of the bio- and ecospheres by means of environmental disaster prevention and response as well as crisis management is the overall goal of ECO²TERRA's work and rapid, direct and equal access to endangered areas and victims is mandatory. ECO²TERRA's mandate is to care for the natural environment and to improve environmental, natures, human and civil rights. ECO²TERRA's goal is to support the increased global effort to prevent damage especially to indigenous people and their intact

natural environment, as well as to assist in the stabilisation and rehabilitation of disturbed environs.

Activities:

ECO²TERRA supports and carries out programmes and projects in co-operation with the local people concerned, for the benefit of the natural heritage and local communities in their struggle to live an independent life in dignity, freedom and peace, adapted to the natural environment and oriented towards the safeguarding of nature and creation of advantages for future generations.

ECO²TERRA's activities can range from operations in direct environmental disaster prevention and relief to long-term integrated programmes and from research-projects and awareness creation campaigns to rehabilitation and development programmes.

Other activities:

Environmental awareness raising, education and workshops, networking, environmental campaigns and public relations work, environmental technology development.

Other themes:

Environmental conservation (education, natural resources management), human rights, nature issues (animal and habitat protection).

Geographic concentration:

Africa: Burundi, Congo, Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda, Somalia, Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda.

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(information collected 12/2003)

ELI / Center for Native Lands

Background:

Native Lands was founded in the late 1980s and passed through several institutional incarnations as it evolved. In April 2003 Native Lands joined the Environmental Law Institute as its "Center for Native Lands." In this new arrangement, the Center maintains programmatic continuity by carrying over all of its on-going activities in Latin America and elsewhere. The Environmental Law Institute was founded in 1969 with the mission "to advance environmental protection by improving law, policy, and management."

Activities:

The Center assists indigenous peoples to develop and carry out their agendas for the preservation of the region's natural and cultural heritage. Through a combined program of applied research, training, and the facilitation of conferences, workshops, and technical exchanges, Native Lands seeks to: strengthen the capacity of indigenous peoples to organize themselves to protect their lands, sustainable manage and conserve their natural resources, and strengthen their cultures; encourage communication and the formation of

collaborative relationships among indigenous peoples, governments, and conservation and development organizations; link indigenous peoples with the technical, legal, and financial resources they need to carry out their programs; assist in the creation of policies that foster self-determination; the preservation of the biological and cultural heritage of the region; conserve systems of natural resource management; collaborative action that combines traditional indigenous practices with strategies of western conservation; secure territorial rights, strong organizations, and vigorous cultures.

Programmes:

Facilitation and Dialogue: co organizing of a variety of regional workshops, conferences, and meetings related to conservation, land use, and cultural revitalization. One of the objectives of these events has been to bring together indigenous groups from throughout Latin America to talk about the challenges they share and the resources available to them to meet these challenges.

Mapping: Native Lands has pioneered two types of mapping. The first of these is embodied in The Coexistence of Indigenous Peoples and the Natural Environment in Central America, a map Native Lands produced in 1992 in collaboration with the National Geographic Society. The second is a methodology for community land use mapping in which indigenous peoples document on maps the territories they occupy and use for subsistence activities. Native Lands has been involved in participatory land use mapping with indigenous peoples since 1992.

Project examples:

Participatory mapping in the Mosquitia of Honduras, the Darién of Panama, the Chaco of Bolivia and the organization of workshops and conferences on strategies to protect indigenous lands, natural resource management, sustainable agriculture and forestry, and cultural identity with indigenous peoples in Honduras, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Panama, and El Salvador.

Geographic concentration:

Africa: Cameroon; Central America: Belize, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama; South America: Bolivia, Surinam.

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First Peoples Worldwide

Background:

First Peoples Worldwide, established in 1980, is the international department of the First Nations Development Institute. The mission of FPW is to promote indigenous determination and control of assets by strengthening indigenous communities through sharing of knowledge of both needs and resources.

Activities:

First Peoples Worldwide takes an active role in sustaining both the land and the culture of indigenous peoples by: (1) facilitating and fostering the equitable participation of indigenous peoples in the resolution of environmental, legal, and economic issues; (2) assisting with the financial and technical assistance and resources necessary to strengthen and facilitate indigenous-controlled, culturally appropriate development projects, programs, and intermediaries; (3) advocating indigenous self-governance; and

(4) building an indigenous network, information clearinghouse, and databank that includes information on indigenous self-governance and indigenous land rights.

Programmes:

Indigenous Fellowship Program:

This program will identify indigenous community leaders seeking further training in leadership skills, capacity building, and community economic development. These fellows will travel to the U.S. to spend time with the office of FNDI, visit domestic grantee project sites and attend the annual Oweesta Conference (this has many practical workshops on tribal economic development, micro-credit, and environmental projects).

Speaking Up:

Negotiation Skills for Latin American Indigenous Communities, an initiative to improve the capacity of indigenous communities to address the threats they face from the extractive resource industry, concentrating on land-rights. The program is designed to strengthen the ability of indigenous communities to negotiate agreements that will acknowledge and protect their rights and promote their interests so they benefit economically without losing socially or culturally.

Other activities:

Information dissemination, awareness raising, research, legal activities.

Other themes:

Capacity building, environmental conservation, democracy issues.

Geographic concentration:

Africa: Botswana, Namibia, South Africa; Asia: Philippines; Latin America: Ecuador, Nicaragua, Peru.

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GEO protects the rainforest

Background:

The society "GEO protects the Rainforest" was established in 1989 by the magazine GEO, the German equivalent of National Geographic. Its owner, the publisher Verlag Gruner + Jahr, sponsors the structural costs of the society.

The aim is to protect tropical (rain) forests and to improve the economic situation of its inhabitants and neighbours. Funding preference is for agro forestry projects so as to develop sustainable ways of using the rainforest.

Activities:

Infrastructure measures which serve to protect selected areas; technical support, health care, and educational aid for indigenous groups. GEO works in close cooperation with local NGO's. Research projects should have a practical aspect.

Projects:

Demini Project (indigenous education), Brazil; Kanamari and Kunami project, Amazonia, Brazil; SOS Siberut-Project (conservation), Sumatra, Indonesia; Tangkoko Reservation Project (conservation), Sulawesi, Indonesia; Siona and Secoya Project (environmental

education, legal aid), Ecuador; Mbenti Project, Papua New Guinea (landrights, natural resources management).

Other activities:

Information dissemination.

Other themes:

Agricultural issues (medicinal plants, permaculture), sustainable development, alternative energy, forest issues (afforestation, conservation, NTFPs), nature issues (animal protection, biodiversity, wetlands).

Geographical concentration:

Africa: Ethiopia, Ivory Coast, Uganda; Asia & Pacific: Indonesia, Nepal, Malaysia, Papua Guinea, Philippines, Thailand, Vietnam; Latin America & Caribbean: Belize, Brazil, Colombia, Cuba, Ecuador, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Venezuela.

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(information collected: 12/2003)

German Agro Action

Background:

The Deutsche Welthungerhilfe was founded in 1962 as the German National Committee of the Freedom from Hunger Campaign of the FAO. The name Welthungerhilfe a.k.a. German Agro Action was introduced in 1969. Nowadays it is one of the largest non-governmental development organisations in Germany.

German Agro Action fights poverty in developing countries in order to improve living conditions and secure a dignified existence.

Activities:

Project work concentrates on the following areas: agriculture and the environment; survival and reconstruction aid; children and youth; drinking water supply; crafts and business; and strengthening self-help groups and partner organisations. Indigenous peoples are not a special target group as such but in all the areas of activity indigenous issues can be a part.

Programmes:

German Agro Action's activities are focusing on Africa at present. Around half of all projects we are supporting are scattered among 24 African countries. The spectrum of projects ranges from emergency aid to erosion prevention and building wells to special programmes supporting women, children and youth.

For Asia securing the food supply is the main concern. In Latin America the work focuses on rural development.

Project examples:

Brazil Cerrado region: German Agro Action is carrying out measures aimed at securing the existence of the Indio population in a sustainable manner, in this way helping them to become culturally and economically autonomous: first the seed for domestic fruit is produced in tree nurseries, then the saplings are raised until they are transplanted in reforestation projects.

Other activities:

Campaigns, emergency and humanitarian aid.

Other themes:

Agricultural issues, environment (conservation, natural resources management), capacity building, income generating activities, forest issues (afforestation, conservation), education, health-care, gender and youth issues, drinking water and sanitation.

Geographic concentration:

Africa: Angola, Benin, Burkina Faso, Congo, Dem. Rep. Congo, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Ghana, Guinea, Kenya, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mozambique, Rwanda, Somalia, South Africa, Sudan, Tanzania, Togo, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe; Asia: Bangladesh, East Timor, India, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand; Newly Independent States: Kyrgistan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan; Latin America: Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Peru.

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Global 2000

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Global 2000 was founded in 1982 and is a member of the FoE network since 1998. With 55,000 honorary members, Global 2000 is the largest and most well known Austrian environmental protection organization.

Activities:

Global 2000 coordinates and administrates rainforest projects to support the indigenous population in Brazil and Columbia. The objectives of the projects are to support indigenous cultures in the actualisation of self-determined and careful development strategies, the long-term maintenance of their habitats and a rash counteraction to the destruction of the rainforests.

Projects:

Traditional Healthcare Indigenous People Colombia; Centro de Pesquisa Indigena, Acre, Brazil; Ashaninka Fishery Project, Brazil; Rio Armônia Sustainable Forest Use Project, Brazil; Recoka Project, Napo region, Ecuador.

Other activities:

International and national campaigning and advocacy activities (e.g. globalisation, climate and gene-technology).

Other themes:

Agricultural issues (pesticides), sustainable development, forest issues (agro forestry, NTFPs), education and healthcare.

Geographical concentration:

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Hans Rausing Endangered Languages Project

Background:

HRELP has been set up with a generous donation from the Lisbet Rausing Charitable Fund to document as many endangered languages as possible.

Working from the University of London's School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), one of the world's principal centres for the study of language and cultures, the HRELP has been created to provide a focal point for the urgent global fight back.

Activities:

Training of a new generation of documenters and researchers. Funding of important research projects across the globe and establish a major endangered languages archive. Operating in collaboration with universities and endangered language communities worldwide, to ensure that everything possible is done to record and encourage linguistic, cultural and human diversity. Working to raise the urgent additional funds needed to train the new generation of language documenters.

Programmes:

Endangered Languages Documentation Programme: providing researchers with research grants to support documentation of languages in collaboration with speaker communities.

Other activities:

Information dissemination

Other themes:

Cultural issues and education.

Geographic concentration:

Africa: Ethiopia, Nigeria; Asia & Pacific: Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, Papua New Guinea, Sri Lanka, Vanuatu; Latin America: Argentine, Bolivia, Brazil, Guatemala, Peru; Far East: Russia=Siberia; Newly Independent States: Georgia.

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NCIV - Netherlands Centre for Indigenous Peoples

Background:

The Netherlands Centre for Indigenous Peoples is a NGO that supports indigenous peoples and their human rights all over the world.

Activities:

The NCIV conducts lobby activities within national, European and UN politics, in cooperation with other (European) organisations. It raises awareness in the Netherlands on indigenous peoples issues by means of publications, the organisation of public events and campaigns. It provides services for indigenous organisations which ask for support for their organisation or their people, especially in the field of capacity building.

Activities

NCIV administers a small grants facility: GRIP - Grants for the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. GRIP aims to provide financial support to small-scale initiatives of indigenous peoples organizations that promote the recognition and implementation of their rights at the local level. GRIP focuses mainly on the following issues: the right to peace and security, right to culture, right to consultation and participation in matters affecting indigenous peoples, land and resource rights, intellectual property rights, and indigenous women's rights. GRIP will also focus on the role of indigenous peoples in sustainable land use and the rights related to their land use practices in relation to the protection of indigenous knowledge, innovations and practices.

Project examples:

Educational activities on promoting the recognition and implementation of the rights of indigenous peoples in general or indigenous women; means to map and demarcate indigenous peoples' territories; means to support legal cases on the rights of indigenous peoples; means to participate in local, regional and national meetings concerning indigenous peoples' rights.

Other activities:

Information dissemination, campaigns and advocacy.

Other themes:

Capacity building, sustainable development, environmental conservation, human rights.

Geographic concentration:

Africa: Cameroon, Kenya, South Africa, Sudan; Asia: India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines; Latin America: Argentine, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Panama; Far East: Mongolia, Russia=Siberia.

Grant information:

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Onaway Trust

Background:

The Onaway Trust was established in 1974 with the overall objective to relieve poverty and suffering. Since Onaway's inception its support to indigenous people, particularly Native Americans has been at the centre of its work.

Projects:

Plenty, Maya Indian Eco-Tourism Project (Belize); Strengthening of the Caridad de los Indios community clinic, purchase of medicinal supplies and meeting primary health care needs of Taino communities (Cuba); 'Aghostino Neto' Hospital in Guantanamo for research on native medical plants based on traditional Taino Indian procedures and their applications (Cuba); support of the Pygmies in improving their social, health and economic environment through the Dian Fossey Gorilla Fund (DFGF) and Eco-Action (Dem. Rep. Congo).

Other activities:

Environmental protection, education projects, and the assistance of smaller charities whose aim is to protect animals and of emergency relief for victims of disaster.

Other themes:

Health-care, education, animal welfare, environmental protection.

Geographical concentration:

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OroVerde

Background:

OroVerde was founded in 1989 and its aim is to foster the protection and conservation of tropical forests in combination with sustainable development practices. The foundation concentrates on the rescue of the species-richest and at the same time to most endangered ecological systems of the earth. It sets on a professional and cooperative management for the protection of the tropical forests in cooperation with its (indigenous) inhabitants.

Activities:

Project priorities of OroVerde are: establishing protected areas, afforestation measures, introduction of forest restoration mechanisms, and environmental education.

Project examples:

Bolivia, Gran Chaco, indigenous land rights; Indonesia, Irian Jaya, tropical rainforest conservation project (including environmental education) and creation of alternative sources of income for the local (indigenous) population.

Other activities:

Awareness raising, promotion of information exchange between nature protection organizations, economics, science and politics.

Other themes:

Capacity building, sustainable development, income generating activities, forest issues, nature issues (acquisition of land, biodiversity), coastal conservation.

Geographic concentration:

Asia: Indonesia, Vietnam; Latin America: Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Cuba, Honduras, Surinam, Venezuela.

Grant information:

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(information collected: 10/2003)

Pro Regenwald

Background:

The aim of Pro Regenwald is to protect forests, especially tropical forests, and the indigenous people who live there in cooperation with them in order to secure a sustainable future.

Activities:

To protect forests or to restore already degraded forests; to protect indigenous people and their cultures; to fund, support and advise forestry- and forestry-related organizations and projects (including community development activities).

Projects:

Communication project for the Macuxí and Roraima in Brasil and Pemon in Venezuela, radiotransmitters and training for Indian users in order to ameliorate inter-border communication for protection of land rights.

Other activities:

Pro-Regenwald provides education, advice and information; it lobbies and coordinates campaigns and networking.

Other themes:

Capacity building, environmental issues (climate, conservation, education), forest issues (afforestation, NTFPs), technical issues, water issues (fisheries, wetlands).

Geographical concentration:

Africa: Cameroon; Asia: Indonesia, Malaysia; Latin America: Brazil, Costa Rica, Peru, Venezuela.

Grant details:

Grants range between € 2500 and €15.000 for regular projects. Small Grants Facility especially as starting aid for initiatives) the average grant is € 500. Travel Fund for travel costs of people from the South who want to attend seminars or conferences in Europe with a total budget of € 20.000.

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Seventh Generation Fund

Background:

SGF supports innovative native community projects that raise awareness and create attention for vital indigenous peoples' issues. This support includes rebuilding native sustainable communities, promoting traditional economies, developing alternative energy, protecting sacred sites and traditional spiritual practices, pressuring the UN to recognize the rights of indigenous peoples, and establishing national and international coalitions and linkages for social justice.

Activities:

Indigenous Peoples of the Americas programme:

SGF's "international component" assists strategic alliances between indigenous people of North America and peoples of South America including issue advocacy, small grant and technical assistance that facilitates cross-continental collaboration, rebuilding healthy communities, fighting environmental racism and corporate invasion onto Indigenous homelands, and revitalizing traditional economies through rebuilding community, regional, and national linkages and trade innovations.

Project examples:

Fundacion Shiwar Sin Fronteras, Ecuador: constructing culturally appropriate development models congruent with the realities of ecosystem preservation and cultural needs of the Indigenous peoples of the Amazon Basin; Instituto Cientifico de Culturas Indigenas, Ecuador: to improve the quality of life for the indigenous peoples through training, community organizing, and the creation of South America's first native centric university; Instituto Ecologico Intercultural Bilingue CHARIP, Ecuador: education in the area of traditional farming, conservation, and management of natural resources of the Amazon Basin, as well as sustainable development of the Shuar community of Ecuador; Environmental Education and Social Development of the Paroquia Santo Antonio, Brazil: developing a program of construction of fresh water cisterns using block in a system of communes and association in the semi-arid region of Paraiba.

Other activities:

Advocacy, institutional development, (leadership) training and technical support.

Other themes:

Cultural issues, capacity building, sustainable development, environmental health and justice, education.

Geographical concentration:

North America: Canada, United States; South America: Brazil, Ecuador, Peru

Grant details:

General Support: Small Grants ranging from US\$ 600 to US\$ 10,000 per year in assistance to seed an emerging organization, to help cover the general operating costs of an existing organization or specific project, or to cover related project-expenses.

Training & Technical Assistance: Financial support of US\$ 600 to US\$ 5,000 per year to facilitate project-specific training, pay for experts/special consultants, and/or provide for other capacity building needs like regional workshops, national forums and special conferences.

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Terre des Hommes Germany

Background

Terre des Hommes Germany is a large aid organisation focussing on children and supporting about 350 projects in 28 countries. TdH supports women, families and communities in caring for their children and helps young people to build a future beyond violence and poverty through direct-help projects, and through campaigning, lobbying and publicity.

Activities:

Projects of Terre des Hommes concentrate on five categories, one of which is rural project/indigenous people. TdH supports rural projects because the rural population is frequently identical with the indigenous population these projects are often promoting simultaneously the culture of indigenous people.

Project examples:

Bolivia: Pisisuyu horticulture and traditional medicine project; Peru: defending the knowledge of the highland indigenous people about their traditional Andean agriculture and their enormous biodiversity; India: the Adivasi are assisted in their efforts to gain land ownership titles; schools and health services are set up in their villages and the women learn to grow healthy vegetables.

Other activities:

Campaigning, lobbying and information dissemination. Furthermore fair trade activities and emergency aid.

Other themes:

Agricultural and rural issues (animal husbandry, horticulture, permaculture), capacity development, sustainable development, income generating activities, environmental issues, human and labour rights, education, health and nutrition, women's empowerment, youth and children.

Geographical concentration:

Africa: Angola, Burkina Faso, Gambia, Mali, Mozambique, (Western) Sahara, South Africa, Zambia, Zimbabwe; Asia: Cambodia, East-Timor, India, Indonesia, Laos, Myanmar, Nepal, Philippines, Thailand, Vietnam; Latin America: Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, El Salvador, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Peru.

Grant information:

Total budget for projects 2002 € 14,5 million

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Urgewald Kampagne für den Regenwald

Background:

Urgewald is a small German non-profit NGO that was established in 1992. Its mission is the promotion of understanding between the peoples of the world and the preservation of biological diversity. This with special attention for the solidarity with the peoples of the

South and the preservation of primary and secondary forests as a habitat for indigenous peoples.

Activities:

The organisation has limited means to supports small-scale community based projects in the field of environment protection that are planned and executed by the local people.

Other themes:

Biodiversity, forest conservation.

Project examples:

Land-rights Sami, Sweden; Cultural project Nuxalk, Canada

Other activities:

In the first place Urgewald is a campaign and advocacy organisation regarding (rain)forest issues but also with respect to globalisation issues, dams and water, and gene-technology.

Geographic concentration:

Asia: Indonesia; Latin America: Brazil; Europe: Sweden; North America: Canada.

Grant information:

Limited means for projects: Small Grants Programme: budget 2002: €4000.

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