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Action for Mangrove Reforestation (ACTMANG)

Background:

The Action for Mangrove Reforestation (ACTMANG) was founded with the goal of promoting the global reforestation of mangroves in cooperation with people throughout the world.

Activities:

ACTMANG offers technical and financial support for the preservation and reforestation by local residents of mangrove areas, and the research, study and promotion of those activities.

Project example(s):

Conducting mangrove reforestation and primary mangrove protection programs in Ecuador's northern river deltas.

Geographic details:

Asia: Myanmar, Pakistan, Vietnam -
South America: Ecuador

Other themes:

Eco-tourism, environmental conservation, reforestation, ecological restoration, coastal ecosystems.

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Birdlife International (BI)

Background:

By focusing on birds, and the sites and habitats on which they depend, the BirdLife Partnership is working to improve the quality of life for birds, for other wildlife (biodiversity), and for people. It is a global Partnership of conservation organisations that strives to conserve birds, their habitats and global biodiversity, working with people towards sustainability in the use of natural resources.

Activities:

Projects and programmes aiming at the: prevention of the extinction of any bird species; maintenance and where possible improvement of the conservation status of all bird species; conservation and where appropriate improvement and enlargement of sites and habitats important for birds; conservation of biodiversity and the improvement of the quality of people's lives; integration of bird conservation into sustaining people's livelihoods.

Project example(s):

Madagascar: Wetland Conservation: to implement site conservation work in the West Malagasy Wetlands Endemic Bird Area, following priorities identified in the IBA inventory, and capacity-development - to strengthen the Malagasy team's ability to develop and implement its own conservation programme.

Geographic details:

Africa: Cameroon, Kenya, Madagascar, Sierra Leone - Asia: Indonesia, Pakistan, Sri Lanka - South America: Brazil, Ecuador.

Other themes:

Sustainable land use; capacity building; eco-tourism; environmental issues (awareness-raising, conservation, environmental education); reforestation & conservation; animal protection, biodiversity, habitat protection, research activities; community development.

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Information collected 12/2005

Conservation International (CI)

Background

CI is a U.S.-based international nonprofit organization which applies innovations in science, economics, policy and community participation to protect the Earth's richest regions of plant and animal diversity in the biodiversity hotspots, high-biodiversity wilderness areas as well as important marine regions around the globe. The mission is to conserve the Earth's living heritage, global biodiversity, and to demonstrate that human societies are able to live harmoniously with nature.

Activities:

CI prioritizes its conservation efforts in the world's most threatened biodiversity hotspots, like for instance the wetlands of the Pantanal in South America and the Okavango delta in Southern Africa. The organisation is also working to conserve high-biodiversity wilderness areas: vast regions of relatively pristine habitat that sustain large numbers of plant and animal species found nowhere else (e.g. Amazonia, Congo Forests, New Guinea). Finally CI works to conserve biodiversity in some of the world's most biologically rich and productive ocean environments.

CI manages an array of mechanisms to directly finance conservation efforts by field programs and partners in ways that benefit nature and people alike. To meet the critical need to increase funding for biodiversity conservation, CI aims to make 50 percent of our annual budget available to partners. CI's three funds bring together diverse partners, both at the donor level and on the front line. They work in

complementary ways and leverage each other's investments to meet an overarching goal of maximum conservation outcomes.

The Critical Ecosystem

Partnership Fund - a joint initiative of CI, the Global Environment Facility, the government of Japan, the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation and the World Bank - provides funding to engage civil society in safeguarding biodiversity hotspots.

The Global Conservation Fund - capitalized with a grant from the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation - finances the creation, expansion and long-term management of protected areas in hotspots, high-biodiversity wilderness areas and key marine regions.

Verde Ventures - capitalized by the International Finance Corporation, the Overseas Private Investment Corporation and Starbucks Coffee Company - invests in businesses that are strategically important to biodiversity conservation in hotspots, high-biodiversity wilderness areas and key marine regions.

Geographic details:

Global

Other themes:

Poverty reduction; sustainable development; income generating activities; environmental education; climate issues; animals; biodiversity; habitat protection; freshwater resources; river basin management.

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Ducks Unlimited International (DULAC)

Background:
Ducks Unlimited is an international non-profit wetlands, waterfowl, and wildlife conservation. It conserves, restores, and manages wetlands and associated habitats for waterfowl.

Remarks:
DU has long recognized that maintaining North America's waterfowl populations requires conservation well beyond U.S. borders. The organisation is meeting this challenge through its expanding Latin American and Caribbean Wetland Conservation Program (DULAC).

Activities:
Wetland and waterfowl habitat conservation through science-based, on-the-ground conservation strategies.

Project example(s):
Nariva Swamp Restoration Initiative in Trinidad and Tobago.

Geographic details:
Central America & Caribbean: Bahamas, Costa Rica, Trinidad & Tobago - South America: Bolivia, Brazil, Paraguay, Venezuela.

Other themes:
GIS-mapping; waterfowl surveys; animals; biodiversity.

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EECONET Action Fund (EAF)

Background:
The Action Fund is a joint venture of the European Union for Coastal Conservation (EUCC), the European Union of Site Management Organisations (EUROSITE) and the European Natural Heritage Fund (EURONATURE). Its aim is to fund third parties (semi-state governmental organisations e.g. National Parks, and NGOs) to buy or lease important natural sites which contribute to the Pan European Ecological Network.

Activities:
The Fund focuses on the most vital and threatened habitats of the European Ecological Network. Wetland, coastal and species rich grassland habitats are given the highest priority. Other habitats, which are key corridors or

stepping stones in the Network, are also considered for support.

Project example(s):
Poland: Land purchasing in the coastal area of Czarnocin Basin, Oder delta; active nature protection and restoration of wetlands and coastal meadows habitats.
Romania: Demonstration project on two future Special Protected Areas, under Natura 2000, Strachina Lake Complex and the Vadu and Chituc Wetlands.
Serbia & Montenegro: Restoration of wet meadows and pastures in Obedska Bara Special Nature Reserve.

Geographic details:
All the countries of Central East, South Eastern Europe and the Caucasus.

Other themes:
Capacity-building; ecological restoration; nature issues (animals, biodiversity, habitat protection); integrated river basin management.

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Fauna & Flora International (FFI)

Background:

FFI - the world's longest established international conservation body - is one of the few organizations whose remit is to protect the entire spectrum of endangered plant and animal species on the planet. FFI provides support to conservation initiatives throughout the world, in the form of partnerships, technical assistance, direct funding and consultancy. Conservation should be achieved through the application of scientific understanding, a genuinely participatory approach, local capacity building and long-term commitment.

Activities:

The protection of threatened ecosystems is one of the cornerstone activities of the FFI. Its global remit encompasses arid zones, wetlands, mountains, tropical forests, coastal zones and small islands.

Specific activities are:

Building local capacity for conservation (a.o. by awareness-raising, environmental education, community development and supporting micro-enterprise initiatives); Integrating biodiversity and human needs (by introducing effective management solutions for natural resources which meet the needs of both biodiversity and people); Direct protection of species and habitats (a.o. by protected areas management, ecological restoration and ex situ conservation); Securing land for conservation through purchase; Emergency response to conservation needs.

Other activities:

Influencing policy and the practice of conservation; and bridging the gap between business and biodiversity.

Geographic details:

FFI divides its work into five conservation programmes. Regional programmes focus on Africa, the Americas, Asia-Pacific, and Eurasia, while the Global Programmes address conservation themes.

Remarks:

*FFI operates several funds:
The Arcadia Fund brokers deals for land purchase, acquisition of land-use rights, land stewardship agreements and other forms of land management in support of conservation. The Flagship Species Fund aims to provide practical support to the conservation of endangered species and their habitats in developing countries. The Flagship Species Fund Small Grants Programme supports other flagship species projects. The Small Grants Programme gives grants to small-scale conservation projects focused on endangered species.*

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Fundació Natura (FN)

Background:
Fundació Natura is exclusively devoted to the conservation of the biological diversity through the protection, improvement and restoration of the natural ecosystems. Its main objective is the conservation of biological biodiversity through the protection and restoration of natural ecosystems.

Activities:
FN achieves its objectives through the purchase, leasing, transference of land property, management agreements with landowners or the purchase of resource exploitation rights.

Project example(s):
Peru: Conservation and sustainable

development of the Wakarpay wetlands.

Geographic details:
Central & South America: Honduras, Nicaragua, Peru.

Other themes:
Eco-tourism; degradation; natural resources management; biodiversity; ecological restoration.

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Global Environment Facility Small Grants Programme (GEF-SGP)

Background:
GEF is the designated financial mechanism for international agreements on biodiversity, climate change, and persistent organic pollutants. The GEF funds projects in six focal areas: biodiversity, climate change, international waters, ozone, land degradation (desertification), and persistent organic pollutants.

Activities:
Development of integrated freshwater basin-coastal area management to address the causes and sectoral activities that endanger the reefs, wetlands, and mangroves that serve as nursery areas for the ocean's living resources, particularly transboundary fish stocks as part of the Integrated Land and Water Multiple Focal Area Operational Program and the Waterbody-based Operational Program.

Project example(s):
Malaysia: With funds from the GEF-SGP, which is implemented by the UNDP, Wetlands International has helped the Semelai develop a basic tourism infrastructure, trained them in guiding and other useful skills, and assisted them in forming a community organization to manage tourism.

Geographic details:
Global

Other themes and activities:
Conservation and sustainable use and management of biodiversity in ecosystems (including agrobiodiversity and agroecological systems); capacity-building and raising public awareness of climate change and energy conservation and efficiency issues; appropriate technologies; conservation and restoration of arid and semi-arid areas; efficient stoves and biogas; integrated watershed management;

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Global Nature Fund: Living Lakes

Background:

Living Lakes is the most important project of the GNF. It is an global international network and partnership whose mission is to enhance the protection, restoration and rehabilitation of lakes, wetlands, other freshwater bodies of the world and their catchment areas.

Activities:

Conserving the biodiversity and the preservation of lakes, wetland ecosystems, and fresh water bodies.

Restoring altered and disappearing wetlands and lake ecosystems.

Improving the quality of life for the local communities living around lake and wetland ecosystems.

Building a commitment towards a sustainable use and development of these ecosystems.

Promoting the use of applied sciences and technologies towards the conservation of these ecosystems.

Supporting educational programs and cooperation with local communities and all stakeholders or users towards the conservation of the biodiversity of these ecosystems.

Disseminating of information relevant to these ecosystems.

Although the types of assistance will differ with the local setting, support will be directed at the following goals:

- 1) Permanent protection of natural resources and lake watersheds;

- 2) Environmentally friendly economic activities and structures;
- 3) Cooperation among citizens, non-governmental organizations, government authorities, and businesses.

Living Lakes partners will actively participate in a diverse program of mutual support.

Project example(s):

Russia: Baikal Seals in Focus: Club Firn, the Lake Baikal's partner in the network, has been undertaking an initiative focused on sustaining the population of seals. The main tasks of this project are building cooperation between relevant organizations and optimizing visitation management at the main seals' rookeries on Lake Baikal.

Other themes:

Advocacy; capacity-building; alternative energy; biodiversity, habitat protection & ecological restoration; pollution & waste management.

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Global Peatland Initiative (GPI)

Background:

The GPI is a partnership between NGOs, scientists, research institutes and the private sector that provides a means to identify, develop and fund projects essential to achieve the 'wise use' of peatlands globally. The aim is to support and enhance the participation of countries in transition and developing countries in international conservation and wise use of peatlands.

Activities:

The GPI is focused on conservation and restoration of peatlands, and integrated development planning of peat-based agriculture, forestry and industry, within an ecosystem-based approach to secure wise use of peatlands in relation to their potential for poverty alleviation.

Project example(s):

Indonesia: Central Kalimantan Peat Swamp Rehabilitation and Management Programme.
Mozambique/South Africa:

Wise Use Management in Coastal Peatland Swamp Forests in Maputaland.

Geographic details:

Africa: Mozambique, South Africa -
Asia: Indonesia, Malaysia - South
America: Argentine, Ecuador - Far
East: China, Mongolia, Russian Siberia -
Central East Europe: Poland,
Romania, Russia - Newly Independent
States: Armenia, Georgia.

Other themes:

Integrated agricultural development;
capacity-building; poverty alleviation;
climate issues; mapping; biodiversity;
ecological restoration.

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Information collected 12/2005

Green Coast Small Grant Facility

Background:

The Green Coast project was developed for the areas affected by the tsunami of 2004. Its first aim is to restore the livelihoods of local communities. Coastal ecosystems play an important role in providing them with safety and sources of income. The Small Grants Facility supports local community projects that promote restoration of coastal ecosystems (a.o. wetlands) and ecologically sustainable reconstruction efforts. Local NGOs, CBOs or small-scale enterprises can also implement projects that are related to ecosystem management and restoration.

Activities:

The programme's main goal is to support projects that promote the restoration of coastal ecosystems and ecologically sustainable reconstruction efforts. Objectives include:

1. Restoration of ecosystems in order to restore /reinforce the services they provide in terms of support to livelihoods and safety, and biodiversity conservation.
2. Sustainability of reconstruction (of ecosystems): to make sure reconstruction efforts are ecologically and socio-economically sustainable; and to make sure local communities have a say in the way reconstruction efforts are done.

Project example(s):

India: Improving livelihoods in Kaluveli Wetlands, Ekoventure, Pondicherry.

Sri Lanka: Rehabilitation of sand dunes Negombo estuary and Muthurajawela marsh after the tsunami, NLMA, Negombo.

Geographic details:

Asia: India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Sri Lanka, Thailand

Other themes:

Agricultural issues (e.g. home gardens); disaster mitigation and

rehabilitation; sustainable development; capacity-building; local economic development; ecological restoration; community development; marine issues (e.g. fisheries).

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International Community Foundation (ICFDN)

Background:

ICFDN is committed to fostering lasting philanthropy to benefit international communities throughout the Americas and Asia in the areas of education, community development, health, the environment and cultural endeavors. The ICFDN in particular seeks to increase charitable giving and volunteerism across U.S. borders to benefit overseas nonprofit organizations and communities primarily in Baja California, Mexico.

Activities:

Regarding the environment one of the main activities supported by the Foundations is ecological restoration (in that respect also research activities are funded) of ecosystems a.o. wetlands.

Geographic details:

Central & South America: Argentina, Guatemala, Mexico – Asia: China, Indonesia, Maldives, Sri Lanka (Tsunami-related)

Other themes:

Capacity building; education; community development; health; environmental education; animals; biodiversity; cultural issues; humanitarian aid.

Remarks:

IFCDN offers individuals, corporations, family foundations, and private foundations the opportunity to establish internationally-focused endowment and non-endowment funds that will allow active donor participation in the grantmaking process.

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Information collected 08/2005

Asia: CHI-THA

International Crane Foundation (ICF)

Background:

The ICF, founded in 1973, is an organisation dedicated to the study and preservation of cranes. The ICF commits

to a future where all crane species are secure - a future where people cooperate to protect and restore wild populations and their ecosystems. These

efforts sustain the places where cranes live, to the benefit of countless other species

Activities:

The ICF works through a wide array of conservation programs and research projects. Conservation measures include protecting important crane habitats (wetland, grassland, and other ecosystems) by establishing protected areas and restoring damaged ecosystems

Project example(s):

Siberian Crane Flyway: a six-year effort to sustain the ecological integrity of a network of globally important wetlands in Asia, using the Siberian Crane as a flagship species. These sites are critical for migratory waterbirds and other wetland biodiversity.

Geographic details:

Africa: Botswana, Gambia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Kenya, Mali, Mauretania, Mozambique, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone, South-Africa, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe – Asia: Afghanistan, Bhutan, China, India, Iran, Kazakhstan, Russia= Siberia, Pakistan, South-Korea, Thailand, Vietnam – Caribbean: Cuba.

Other themes:

Awareness-raising; capacity-building; environmental education; animals; biodiversity; ecological restoration.

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Information collected 12/2005

IUCN Water & Nature Initiative

Background:

The Initiative is a 5-year action plan of 80 partner organizations to improve water management for healthy rivers and healthy communities. Demonstration of good management in ten basins is supported by the development of tools for financing, governance, empowerment, and information.

Activities:

The main goal of the IUCN Water & Nature Initiative is the mainstreaming of an ecosystem approach into catchment policies, planning and management.

Remarks:

The Initiative is organised in six components:

1. Demonstration sites apply ecosystem management to river basins. Nature conservation and integrated management of land and water resources is combined with establishing the required

institutional, legal and economic frameworks;

2. Participation and empowerment encourages all stakeholders to engage in water resources management;
3. Wise governance sets in place appropriate legal and institutional frameworks;
4. Economics and incentives makes markets work for conservation and wise use;
5. Knowledge and information lays the foundation for good decision-making;
6. Coordination, communication and learning ensures the Initiative's projects deliver results.

Remarks:

Partners include government agencies, basin organisations, NGOs, research institutes and local community organisations.

Project example(s):
Vietnam: Perfume River Management Project: The long-term goal of the project is an improved flood management and sustainable resource use within the Perfume River Basin based on restored ecological services and an integrated water and land management.

Geographic details:
Africa, Asia and Central America.

Other themes:
Awareness-raising; local livelihoods; biodiversity; integrated river basin management; water management.

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Information collected 12/2005

Keidanren Nature Conservation Fund (KNCF)

Background:
The Fund is: supporting activities, including aid, of foreign and Japanese NGO-administered nature conservation projects in developing countries; providing training for personnel that will work on international nature conservation projects; and promoting of a deeper understanding of environmental issues in Japanese society.

Activities:
The KNCF supports field projects which provide assistance for nature conservation efforts in developing countries, particularly in the Asia Pacific region. The KNCF gives priority to projects that will serve to enrich biodiversity.

Project example(s):
Vietnam: Conservation of wetland in Ha Tien Plain by setting up of a new wetland protection area, and carrying out a survey / map-make.
Samoa: Support for community based mangrove management and environmental education at the Sa'anapu-Satoa mangrove forest.

Geographic details:
Africa: Guinea, Madagascar - Asia: Bangladesh, Bhutan, Brunei, Cambodia, East Timor, India, Indonesia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Thailand, Vietnam - Pacific: Fiji, Micronesia, Palau, Papua-New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands - Far East: China, Mongolia, Russia=Siberia - South America: Ecuador.

Other themes:
Alternative energy; eco-tourism; environmental education; natural resources management; reforestation; agro-forestry; community development; integrated river basin management; coastal & marine issues.

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LakeNet

Background:

LakeNet is a global network of people and organizations in more than 90

countries dedicated to the conservation and sustainable development of lake ecosystems. The LakeNet Secretariat is a U.S.-based nonprofit organization.

Activities:

LakeNet's mission is to work with people and organizations to protect and restore the health of lake ecosystems throughout the world. Lakenet's information services, exchanges, assistance programs and policy work are aimed at improving the stewardship of lake ecosystems by educating and inspiring people, cultivating leadership, and strengthening lake organizations. LakeNet actively participates in and organizes international meetings and workshops to promote policy, provide training and facilitate the sharing of experience in lake basin management. Further LakeNet coordinates exchanges and facilitates structured learning programs among lake basin

management practitioners as a way to share experiences, technologies and practices in lake basin management. Finally LakeNet cooperates with and supports local stakeholders who are dealing with water issues on a day-to-day basis by providing technical assistance.

Geographic details:

Global

Other themes:

Biodiversity; capacity-building; conservation and restoration; environmental education.

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NC- IUCN- NL Small grants for Wetlands Programme

Remarks:

There will be no new deadlines for the submission of project proposals during the current phase of SWP (ending 31-12-2006). The considerable difference between the large number of proposals that were received in 2004 and the number of projects that could actually be funded means that many project proposals of good quality could not be granted funds. New projects to be funded in the first half of 2005 will therefore be selected among the 230 proposals that were received in 2004 but were not granted any fund. By then some 95% of the funds available for project funding will

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Information collected 11/2005

New England Biolabs Foundation (NEBF)

Background:

NEBF is an independent private foundation whose aim it is to support grassroots organizations working with

the environment, social change, the arts, elementary education, and science. Economic incentives, coupled with judicious management of the

environment, are considered as the key to a sustainable world. NEBF prefers to help organizations start their projects with the understanding that once they are established, funding from other sources will be sought. NEBF prefers to fund grassroots organizations and/or projects.

Activities:

The Foundation's funding priorities are targeted to environmental issues with special program interests in marine conservation and estuary and watershed protection and/or restoration.

Other activities:

Other environmental priorities include: Sustainable economic development; sustainable organic agriculture; and environmental education for teachers or elementary school students. Other issues are: social change, the arts, elementary education, and science, or combinations of the above-mentioned.

Geographic details:

Africa: Cameroon, Ghana (environmental issues only), Madagascar (marine issues only),

Tanzania - Asia & Pacific: Cambodia, Papua New-Guinea, Vanuatu - Central America & Caribbean: American Virgin Islands, El Salvador, Guatemala (only environmental education projects), Honduras, Jamaica, Nicaragua - South America: Bolivia, Ecuador, Peru.

Other themes:

Agricultural issues (e.g. horticulture, sustainable farming); economic issues (income generating, trade issues); alternative energy; conservation & degradation; awareness-raising & environmental education; ecological restoration; natural resources management; waste management; reforestation; cultural issues; social issues; water issues (rivers, watersheds); marine issues (e.g. coral).

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[OISCA International](#)

Background:

The Organization for Industrial, Spiritual and Cultural Advancement International contributes to environmentally sustainable development through a holistic approach emphasizing the interconnectedness of agriculture, ecological integrity, and the human spirit. OISCA-International operates on a conviction that sound development is rooted foremost on agriculture and rural-based primary industries.

Activities:

OISCA supports grass-roots projects in the field of environmentally sustainable development with an

emphasis on the interconnectedness of agriculture, ecological integrity, and the transmission of knowledge and skills. In its reforestation projects special attention is paid to conservation and restoration of mangrove areas.

Project example(s):

Bangladesh: Chittagong Mangrove Planting Project: planting mangroves, environmental conservation and education, saltpan development, salt production.

Geographic details:

Africa: Tanzania - Asia: Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, East-Timor, India (a.o. Manipur), Indonesia, Malaysia,

Myanmar, Nepal, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Vietnam - Pacific: Fiji, Palau, Papua New-Guinea – Middle East & Newly Independent States: Azerbaijan, Egypt, Palestinian Authority - South America: Brazil, Paraguay, Uruguay.

Other activities:

OISCA supports educational and community development projects and programs with special attention for environmental education and improved methods for agriculture, fishing, and forestry (OISCA operates its 4 training centers in Japan and 22 facilities in other Asia-Pacific countries).

Other themes:

Agricultural issues; capacity-building; poverty reduction, Food sovereignty; awareness-raising & environmental education; reforestation; community development; education; health-care; vocational training; water issues (aquaculture, drinking water & irrigation).

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One World Wildlife (OWW)

Background:

One World Wildlife (the working title of The Biodiversity Trust) works to protect the world's threatened wildlife and habitats through practical intervention, education and scientific research. Creating a balance between ecological concerns and economic requirements, taking account of human needs and building local ownership.

Activities:

OWW's conservation strategy focuses on the importance of creating a balance between ecological and economic concerns. This realistic approach ensures that threatened and degraded habitats like wetlands throughout the world are protected for the benefit of both wildlife and the local human inhabitants whose long-term survival invariably depends upon it.

Project example(s):

Poland: Internationally important pristine wetlands are under increasing threat from Poland's impending membership of the EU. One World Wildlife is supporting important research that will result in a more sensitive approach by policy makers in the region.

South Africa: The coastal and dune forests and the estuaries of the Strandloper Trail are some of the more exceptional habitats in South Africa but they are seriously threatened by unsustainable exploitation arising, directly, from human population pressure.

Geographic details:

Africa: South-Africa, Tanzania - Asia & Pacific: French Polynesia, Indonesia, New Caledonia – Central & South America: Honduras, Peru - Central East Europe: Poland, Romania

Other themes: Sustainable development; eco-tourism; environmental education; nature issues (biodiversity, ecological restoration, habitat protection, research).

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Ramsar Small Grants Programme

Background:

The Small Grants Fund was established by the Conference of the Contracting Parties (COP) to the Ramsar Convention a.k.a. the Convention on Wetlands in 1990, with the name Wetland Conservation Fund, as a mechanism to assist developing countries in implementing the Convention and to enable the conservation and wise use of wetland resources.

Activities:

The Convention's mission is the conservation and wise use of all wetlands through local, regional and national actions and international cooperation, as a contribution towards achieving sustainable development throughout the world. The purpose is to provide assistance for wetland conservation and wise use. The SGF does have a niche as a funding programme which can allow countries to address relatively small-scale projects or use SGF funds to seek complementary funding from other sources for larger scale activities.

Project example(s):

Malaysia: Restoring the Coastal Hydrology of Tanjung Piai Ramsar Site. The project will help to restore the hydrology of a mangrove Ramsar site which is being heavily affected by erosion from shipping traffic.

Geographic details:

All developing countries and countries with economies in transition have access to the Fund.

Other themes:

Capacity building; biodiversity & ecological restoration; freshwater issues; river basin management.

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Water, Trees & People (TWN)

Background:

TWN works to improve people's lives by helping communities protect, conserve and manage the natural resources upon which their long-term well-being depends. TWN's work is guided by two core beliefs: that natural resources are best protected when local people play an active role in their care and management; and preserving local trees, wetlands, and watersheds is essential for the ongoing social, economic, and environmental health of communities everywhere.

Activities:

TWP works cooperatively with communities to establish and maintain sustainable forests, watersheds and

wetlands while improving people's lives. It coordinates all the projects and provides financial support, technical assistance and training to the organisations.

Project example(s):

Honduras: TWP/AHDESA project to plant trees and protect the forest in the Guacerique Watershed.

Geographic details:

Central America: Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, and Nicaragua – South America: Brazil, Bolivia.

Other themes:

Sustainable agriculture; alternative & renewable energy (a.o. fuel-efficient

stoves); micro-enterprises;
environmental education & health;
reforestation; agro-forestry;
community development; appropriate
technology; river basin management.

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Toyota Environmental Activities Grant Program

Background:

The Toyota Environmental Activities Grant Program a.k.a. Toyota Ecogrant is a program designed to support environmental revitalization and conservation activities, both in Japan and overseas, for the purpose of sustainable development.

Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Philippines, Vietnam - Far East: China - Middle East: Palestinian Authority - Central & South America: Bolivia, El Salvador, Guatemala - Central Eastern Europe: Bulgaria, Czech Rep., Hungary, Slovakia.

Activities:

The Program supports community-based practical projects by CSOs and other non-profit private groups under the theme of environmental technology and human resource development contributing to environmental revitalization and conservation o.a. wetland communities.

Other themes:

Medecinal plants; capacity building; food sovereignty; alternative energy; environmental education; environmental health; waste management; biodiversity; vocational training; coastal management; integrated river basin management; drinking water.

Project example(s):

Western Kenya: Education Program in environmental health and conservation for wetland communities.

India: Sustaining community livelihood through management of water logged land, biodiversity conservation and community capacity building in the Puri district, Orissa.

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Geographic details:

Africa: Kenya, Madagascar, Mali, Mozambique, South-Africa - Asia:

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Wetlands International (WI)

Background:

Wetlands International is the only global NGO dedicated to the conservation and wise use of wetlands. WI works globally, regionally and nationally to achieve

the conservation and wise use of wetlands, to benefit diversity and human well-being. Its mission is to sustain and restore wetlands, their resources and biodiversity for future generations.

Activities:

Areas of focus are:

Wetlands and livelihoods:

WI works with partners so that values and services delivered by wetlands are recognised and integrated into sustainable development.

Biodiversity protection and restoration:

WI works in many ways to protect and restore the rich biodiversity of wetlands.

Major habitat conservation programmes are focused on peatlands, mangroves and arid/semi-arid wetland systems (highly threatened habitats critical for the conservation of global biodiversity and the provision of life-support systems to people).

WI is establishing ecological networks of wetlands thus providing stepping stones for migrating waterbirds; crucial for their survival. These networks of protected wetlands will also lead to increased capacity for local communities to engage in wetland management. It is important for WI to engage local people in species conservation e.g. in assisting in waterbird monitoring and flyway conservation.

WI has a crucial role to play globally in monitoring and assessing changes

to wetlands and its species to establish targeted actions to improve the circumstances of wetland species and habitats.

Project example(s):

The Wetlands and Livelihoods initiative, which builds on WI's substantive experience in promoting wise use of wetlands, has already started several major projects, the biggest of which focuses on wetlands and poverty reduction in Africa and South-east Asia.

Geographic details:

Global with much attention for South-East Asia.

Other themes:

Capacity building; sustainable development; climate; awareness-raising & environmental education; conservation & ecological restoration

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WILD Foundation

Background:

The WILD Foundation works internationally to: protect and sustain wilderness and wildlife while integrating the needs of human communities; communicate the many values of wilderness areas, as places of great social, spiritual, scientific and economic significance, and as places that inspire the best of human potential; and catalyze conservation leadership and build conservation capacity.

Activities:

WILD promotes wild lands conservation and species protection by facilitating and implementing a

range of creative and pragmatic projects that integrate conservation objectives with the needs of local peoples.

Project example(s):

Mozambique: WILD is working with the Forum Natureza em Perigo of Mozambique, and Peace Parks Foundation of South Africa, to start a community based ecological restoration project in the Maputo Elephant Reserve aimed at eradicating large areas of alien eucalyptus trees which are a biological disaster, draining water tables and destroying vast areas of important wetlands.

Geographic details:
Sub-Saharan Africa (e.g. Angola, Mali, Mozambique, Namibia, South-Africa).

Other themes:
Rural issues; poverty reduction; income generating activities; environmental education; forest conservation; biodiversity; habitat protection; community development; women & youth.

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Wetlands for the Future Fund (WWF)

Background:
Since 1997 the Secretariat of the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands, the United States State Department, and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service have operated this special initiative, the Wetlands for the Future training program, to benefit Latin American and Caribbean institutions and individuals through capacity building and training in the conservation and wise use of wetlands.

- Activities:
1. Develop human resources needed for the conservation and sustainable management of wetlands;
 2. train wetlands managers in the professional and technical skills needed to pursue the goals of the Ramsar Convention;
 3. establish regional technical information networks to support conservation and sustainable management of wetlands;

4. develop local, national, or regional awareness of and support for conservation of wetlands;
5. advance ecologically sound community management;
6. link this initiative to other programs that share the overall goals of wetlands management and conservation.

Geographic details:
Western Hemisphere

Other themes:
Mapping; awareness-raising; environmental education; biodiversity; mangroves; watershed and river basin management.

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WWF Freshwater / Partners for Wetlands

Background:
The mission of the WWF is to stop the degradation of the planet's natural environment and to build a future in which humans live in harmony with nature, by: conserving the world's biological diversity; ensuring that the

use of renewable natural resources is sustainable; and promoting the reduction of pollution and wasteful consumption.

Throughout the world, WWF funds, implements, and operates hundreds

of projects that rise to the enormous worldwide challenge of wetland conservation and spearheads some of the most advanced river and floodplain restoration projects. Central to its work is the theory of sustainable use, and the need to maintain hydrological processes - no freshwater area can survive without adequate water supply.

Partners for Wetlands is a freshwater programme of WWF under the **Living Waters Programme** and was initiated by WWF Netherlands Freshwater Unit in 1997. The programme aims to achieve wetland conservation and restoration through the development of field projects by establishing partnerships with both traditional and non-traditional partners from organisations, business, governments and local communities.

Activities & Projects:

Currently, the Partners for Wetlands Programme consists of five field projects located in globally important wetlands across the world – the Yangtze River Basin (China), the Kafue Flats (Zambia), the Pantanal

(Brazil), the Kinabatangan Floodplain (Serawak, Malaysia), and the Danube Delta (Ukraine).

Partners for Wetlands' ultimate goal is the sustainable, productive use and conservation of wetlands throughout the world. It targets freshwater wetland ecosystems that are threatened by current investments and/or unsustainable use and at the same time offer opportunities for lasting wise use and innovative conservation solutions.

Other themes:

Sustainable development; capacity-building; water management.

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