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throughout the world



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## Patron's Message from Sir David Attenborough, CH FRS



When I was making 'Life in the Undergrowth' I was frequently asked why I make programmes about tiny creatures, sometimes no bigger than a full stop, or insects disguised as a flower. The simple answer is that I am fascinated by them because they are amazing, and part of the pleasure of living is finding out about these creatures. Despite man's sophistication we are unable to recreate anything quite so wonderful.

Sadly hundreds of thousands of small, and not so small, animals are being lost by the minute as tropical forests continue to fall to the chain saw. In the majority of cases we are guaranteeing that these animals are doomed to extinction before we even know about them. And yet we do know that more than half the world's estimated 10 million species of plants, animals and insects live in tropical forests.

I have been enormously inspired by the progress of World Land Trust and its remarkable achievements in halting at least some of the destruction to tropical forests. 2005 was one of the Trust's most important years and critical areas of land protecting a huge biodiversity of wildlife have been

purchased and are being managed by our local partners.

World Land Trust gives absolutely everyone an opportunity to get involved and take personal responsibility in a really positive way. Each year the Trust sets its fundraising targets higher and in its seventeen years has managed to exceed its most ambitious targets. 2006 will see even greater efforts and I urge you to join with us to save even more critically threatened habitats, for the future of their wildlife great and small, and for the future of mankind. Thank you.

Sir David Attenborough, CH FRS

## Chief Executive's Introduction

Towards the end of 2005 WLT was able to initiate a really spectacular new project with GUYRA, our partners in Paraguay, thanks to a generous legacy from Sid Templer's family. Although the Paraguayan government had declared a huge area on the borders of Brazil and Paraguay a Biosphere Reserve, the land was all privately owned, with little prospect of real protection on the ground. With this donation the Trust was able to step in and start the process of purchasing and protecting 25,000 acres (10,000 ha) of critically threatened, unspoiled Chaco and

Pantanal habitats for an array of wonderful wildlife including Giant Otters, Giant Anteaters, Giant Armadillo, Puma and Jaguar. Throughout the year we have also been able to save magnificent tracts of tropical forest with Fundacion Jocotoco in Ecuador and REGUA in Brazil, and elephant habitat with the Wildlife Trust of India.

The WLT's model of working almost exclusively through small, effective, local NGOs is becoming well established as the most effective way of providing sustainable conservation,

and as a consequence the Trust's ability to fund projects is also increasing, year on year. Thank you to everyone who has supported us during the year ~ we guarantee that your donation was instrumental in saving precious environments. I urge everyone to consider making a donation in the future as we do need to act quickly.

John A Burton  
Chief Executive

## Chairman's Report 2005



Like the retreating polar icecaps, the equatorial snows disappearing from the spectacular volcanoes of Ecuador is a potent symbol of the earth's warming. Its effects on natural and human habitats are becoming more and more apparent as deserts spread, seas warm and our weather becomes more chaotic. Sadly, the responses of governments have been woefully inadequate and the rise in carbon dioxide levels continues unabated. So, it is encouraging to see public concern growing and becoming more vociferous. Increasingly, individuals and companies are taking voluntary action to reduce energy use and offset its effects.



*The snows are disappearing from the volcanoes in Ecuador: in the foreground, Chimborazo, where, in 1802 Humboldt described "life zones" and the influence of altitude on biological diversity.*

The World Land Trust has a particular interest and an important part to play. It has been estimated that a quarter of all carbon dioxide emissions come from the destruction of natural forests and savannahs; the same forests and savannahs that we rely on to take the carbon dioxide we in the West produce, back out of the atmosphere. Forest conservation has never been more important. So to boost our conservation effort, last year WLT inaugurated the *Carbon Balanced* programme to enable companies and individuals to offset their emissions by regenerating tropical forests. Tree planting has started and the programme is growing fast, recreating lost habitat and providing havens for a wide range of highly threatened species.

This voluntary action is important, but to stop the continuing large-scale destruction of natural habitats we also seek a much stronger commitment to forest protection from governments unilaterally and through the Kyoto process.

2005 was another record year for WLT, with income 40% higher and similar growth anticipated for 2006. Overheads have been kept low and, by working through excellent partner organisations on the ground, John Burton and his outstanding team have, with your help, been able to protect more land in key reserves in Ecuador,



*Tree nursery on Fundacion Jocotoco's Tapichalaca Reserve in Ecuador. Tens of thousands of tree seedlings of many species have been prepared for use in reforestation projects. Much of the work is done by involving several of the villages close to the reserve.*

Paraguay and India and to start work on some major new projects.

The Trustees aim is to continue the growth in income so that we are able to respond to the growing needs to regenerate and protect threatened habitats around the world. And to strengthen our position we are planning a joint venture with World Parks, a United States charity with similar objectives, to be known as World Land Trust – US, in 2006. I look forward to reporting further on this exciting partnership.

Renton Righelato



Building on the successes of previous years, the Trust expanded its direct land conservation activities by adding two new projects to its portfolio in 2005. At the same time new opportunities were developed within existing projects. Over the year supporters, ranging from individuals and foundations, to the corporate sector, have responded generously and enthusiastically which led to another record-breaking year for fundraising.

## Sid Templer Reserve, Paraguay

During the year discussions took place with Alberto Yanosky of GUYRA Paraguay, and members of the late Sid Templer's family, a former Suffolk resident who left a substantial legacy to charity. This resulted in funding for the creation of a new reserve in the Chaco-Pantanal of NE Paraguay. The project will protect at least 10,000 hectares of this seasonally wet grassland habitat which has a high level of biodiversity which is currently threatened by clearance for cattle ranching and soya plantations. A site visit to the proposed new reserve was made by John Burton with two members of Sid Templer's family in November.

## Wild Lands Project, India

During 2005 funds were transferred to the Wildlife Trust of India to protect the Siju-Rewak Elephant Corridor. Activities relating to this project included village workshops on sustainability, biodiversity and socio-economic surveys, as well as the relocation of part of the village.

Vivek Menon, Executive Director of WTI, visited the WLT office twice during the year, the first to discuss WTI's recently published report, *"Rights of Passage"* outlining 88 most critical elephant corridors in India. The meeting was also attended by Marc Hoogeslag of Netherlands Committee for IUCN, and it was subsequently agreed that WLT would support the purchase of a new corridor in Kerala: the Tirunelli-Kudrakote Corridor. An application to the IUCN-NL's *Small Grants for the Purchase of Nature Programme* was submitted to assist with purchase costs. On his second visit Vivek Menon gave a presentation at the Country & Eastern Emporium, in Norwich, which was attended by local supporters, students at the University of East Anglia and corporate representatives.

John Burton visited India in April, to observe the damage caused by the tsunami and to look at ways in which WLT could help with mangrove planting and coral restoration. He also looked at possible acquisition sites for other elephant corridors.

## Ranch of Hopes, Patagonia

Management of the coastal steppe reserve in Patagonia (The Ranch of Hopes Wildlife Refuge) continued under the supervision of Fundación Patagonia Natural. Two students from the University of East Anglia spent two months at the reserve, carrying out research for their Masters theses, looking at the impact of sheep grazing and firewood collection on biodiversity. The information collected will be valuable when assessing the biodiversity management strategy for La Esperanza.

Following January's BBC2 showing of Bill Oddie's *"Parrots, Penguins & Whales"*, filmed at La Esperanza, a fundraising event was held at the Royal Geographic Society, London. The special showing of the film was followed by a Q&A session with Bill Oddie, his film crew, and José Maria Musmeci, who travelled to the UK specially.

John Burton visited Patagonia to attend an annual board meeting of Estepa Natural Patagonia, and was accompanied by Mark Gruin, an ecotourism consultant contracted to write a feasibility study for ecotourism activities on the reserve.

**Left:** Vivek Menon talking to supporters in Norwich

**Centre:** Healthy populations of young Southern elephant seals found on the coastline of the La Esperanza ranch in Patagonia

**Right:** Small numbers of tourists, keeping a low profile, enjoy watching wildlife in Patagonia

# Projects Report



## Fundación Jocotoco, Ecuador

This project made excellent progress during the year with over US\$200,000 being transferred to our Ecuadorian partners for land purchase at four of the Jocotoco reserves: Jantumpumba-Jorupe (400 ha), Cerro Tapichalaca (250 ha) and Buenaventura (50 ha); whilst a down payment was paid for the purchase of a further 330 ha at Rio Canandé.

WLT organised a Study Tour for Francisco (Pancho) Sornorza (President of FJ) and Dr Marco Altamirano (Exec. Director, Museo Ecuatoriano de Ciencias Naturales, Quito) when they visited the British Bird Watching Fair, and took part in meetings with other NGOs in London and Cambridge. Discussions took place also on the proposed carbon project activities to set up permanent monitoring plots on FJ reserves to carry out base-line biodiversity monitoring, and to create a four-way Memorandum of Understanding between the two organisations and two museums. An application for funding for this project was made to the Darwin Initiative. WLT's carbon programme aims to offset carbon emissions, through reforestation at FJ reserves, using the Kyoto guidelines as a 'best-practise' method. Oliver Blakeman (WLT's Carbon Manager) went on to lead an expedition to Ecuador during the summer to obtain base-line figures for carbon monitoring.

## Programme for Belize

A expedition to Belize was led by John Burton, accompanied by writers from **The Times**, **Country Life**, and **Hello! Magazine**, together with actress Darryl Hannah who had agreed to take part in a photo shoot for Hello! Magazine to raise awareness of the Programme for Belize forests. The trip was a great success, leaving the group enthused about the project, and leading to good coverage in the national press and magazines.

To coincide with the British Birdwatching Fair, PFB's Tourism Officer, Verla Neale, and Field Naturalist, Vladimir Rodriguez, visited the UK to promote La Milpa and Hill Bank Field Stations as examples of small-scale tourism generating sustainable income for the work of Programme for Belize.

## Kites Hill Nature Reserve, UK

Following the successful completion of Phase 1 of the Management Plan for Kites Hill, activities for a second phase were agreed. This project is supervised by WLT Chairman, Prof Renton Righelato, who regularly visits the reserve, liaises with local stakeholders and oversees working parties of the British Trust for Conservation Volunteers.

## New Initiatives: REGUA, Brazil

Several years ago WLT was involved in raising seed funds for the work of REGUA (Reserva Ecológica de Guapi Assu) in the Atlantic Rainforests of Brazil. In 2005 the Trust was invited to become involved in new projects supporting land purchase and reintroductions in the upper catchment area of the Guapi Assu River, which protect highly endangered rainforest habitats. A Memorandum of Understanding was signed with REGUA and fundraising will commence in 2006.

## Reef & Mangrove Appeal

In response to the Asian Tsunami in December 2004, the Trust set up a fund to support small-scale projects focussing on the protection and restoration of coral reefs and mangrove forests, in India, Sri Lanka and the Philippines. Visits were made to India and the Philippines, by John Burton and Kirsty Burgess respectively, to investigate the need and potential for mangrove and coral projects.

**Left:** *Hyloscirtus tapichalaca* is a large tree frog recently discovered in FJ's Tapichalaca Reserve.

**Centre:** The Three-toed Sloth is regularly seen on the REGUA reserve in Brazil.

**Right:** (l to r) Dr Marco Altamirano, from Museo Ecuatoriano de Ciencias Naturales, Quito, with Pancho Sornoza (President of FJ) on a field trip in Suffolk during their trip to the UK. They are with John Burton (CEO, WLT) and Nigel Simpson (right) (WLT Trustee and FJ Board Member).

## Carbon Balanced Programme



WLT is becoming a leading organisation in the carbon offset market and during 2005 our activities were carried out as part of corporate social responsibilities, with an ultimate goal of having some of the WLT-funded projects registered under the Kyoto Protocol.

In 2005 Oliver Blakeman, a former WLT Intern, became Carbon Manager, and led a three month expedition to

carry out baseline monitoring on the Fundación Jocotoco's Buenaventura and Tapichalaca reserves in Ecuador. Accompanied by Dr Dominic Spracklen (also a WLT carbon consultant), Andy Blyth (a former WLT Intern) and Maria Karlsson, a Swedish biologist, they trained and equipped 20 Ecuadorian students, as well as reserve staff, in monitoring techniques to collect data for WLT/FJ's carbon sequestration work. Monitoring is continuing and new reserves created, where tree planting can be undertaken to take this project forward using funding from companies and individuals making a commitment to become carbon-balanced.

Our carbon website led to many individuals off-setting their personal contributions of carbon dioxide emissions, as well as a rapidly growing number of companies. Conservation is the primary goal and the Carbon Balanced programme has enabled a

new source of funding to be channelled into a new project model for the Trust, with income from measurable CO<sub>2</sub> offsets benefiting both the environment and conservation.

*Oliver Blakeman (left) and Maria Karlsson carry out monitoring for the carbon project on Fundacion Jocotoco's Buenaventura reserve.*



[www.carbonbalanced.org](http://www.carbonbalanced.org)

## Interns and Training



*Left: Intern Reunion in 2005. I to r: Ollie Blakeman, 2004 Intern, now Carbon Manager; Kirsty Burgess, 2001 Intern, now Projects Co-ordinator & Head of Training; Jack Astbury, Katie McGregor and Emily Brickell (2005 interns), Caroline Gill (2003 Intern) and Andy Blyth (2005 Intern).*

While most of WLT's work is focussed on land purchase and protection there is another aspect we believe to be

almost as important but rarely give publicity to, and that is our education and training programme.

We realise that young, enthusiastic conservationists are essential and we believe we have a role to play in training them for the future. All too often students leave university and cannot get a job and this is where our intern programme has been so successful. In fact, so successful that in 2005 part of it was turned into a university graduate Diploma course with the University of East Anglia (Norwich). Amy Nott became the first Diploma student; she attended lectures at UEA and worked part time in the WLT office, and on her dissertation on the History of the first years of Programme for Belize (1988-1994).

Interns working in the WLT office for 6-months during 2005 included Andy Blyth, Jessica Reiss, Vicky Evans and Katie McGregor.

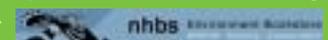
### Green Ink



With help from Special Advisor, Jonathan Self, the Green Ink project recruited new members who donate Public Lending Rights in their books to the Trust. With nearly 200 writers and illustrators supporting our work through Green Ink, together they have assigned the PLRs in over 700 books. In 2005 this raised £11,025 for WLT projects.

### Books for Conservation

WLT's Books for Conservation Project helps non-governmental conservation organisations (NGOs) in developing countries by providing important reference books. Used and slightly damaged books on conservation, wildlife and the environment are donated to the WLT by the Natural History Book Service. They are catalogued and then struggling NGOs are invited to say which books would make valuable additions to their, sometimes non-existent, libraries. Several shipments were made during the year.



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# Summarised Financial Statement

## For the year ended 31 December 2005

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2005 £	2004 £
<b>Incoming Resources</b>				
Voluntary income				
Donations and gifts	149,613	308,542	458,155	373,301
Legacies	-	139,560	139,560	44,149
Grants	14,383	13,392	27,775	15,362
Activities for generating funds				
Sales	3,294	2,635	5,929	5,417
Investment Income	3,754	10	3,764	1,219
Contract income	-	-	-	7,655
Other income	3,572	-	3,572	4,909
	<b>174,616</b>	<b>464,139</b>	<b>638,755</b>	<b>452,012</b>
<b>Resources Expended</b>				
Costs of generating funds				
Costs of generating income	43,334	48,962	92,296	72,638
Costs of trading operations	1,835	-	1,835	3,226
Costs of charitable activities				
Project expenditure	-	249,161	249,161	170,808
Other costs	34,862	39,389	74,251	61,795
Governance costs	17,694	-	17,694	17,06
	<b>97,725</b>	<b>337,512</b>	<b>435,237</b>	<b>325,532</b>
Net Incoming Resources	76,891	126,627	203,518	126,480
Transfers between funds	61,435	(61,435)	-	-
Unrealised gain on revaluation of investment	12,630	-	12,630	-
Net increase in funds	150,956	65,192	216,148	126,480
Total funds at beginning of year	148,091	171,929	320,020	193,540
Total funds at end of year	<b>299,047</b>	<b>237,121</b>	<b>536,168</b>	<b>320,020</b>

The Unrestricted funds at the end of the year includes £17,500 designated for specific projects

### Independent Auditors' Statement

We confirm that these summarised accounts are consistent with the full audited accounts on which we reported, without qualification on 6 July 2006

**Lovewell Blake, Cedar House, White Hart Street, Aylsham**  
**Registered Auditor Chartered Accountants**  
**23rd August 2006**

TRUSTEES STATEMENT: The accounts set out on this page are a summary of information extracted from the full audited accounts. For further information the full annual accounts, the Auditor's Report and the Trustees Annual Report should be consulted; they are available on the WLT website or can be obtained from World Land Trust, Blyth House, Bridge Street, Halesworth, Suffolk IP19 8AB

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Simon Templer Estate

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# World Land Trust Project Sites

World Land Trust has projects in the countries marked with a red dot. Our Partner organisations, together with their representatives, are listed below.



## WLT Overseas Project Partners

### BELIZE

Programme for Belize  
Managing Director: Edilberto Romero  
**Belize Audubon Society**  
Executive Director: Anna Dominguez-Hoare

### BRAZIL

Reserva Ecologica de Guapi Assu  
Director: Nicholas Locke

### ECUADOR

Fundación Jocotoco  
President: Francisco Sornoza

### INDIA

**Wildlife Trust of India**  
Executive Director: Dr Vivek Menon

### LEBANON

**Society for the Protection of Nature in Lebanon**

### PARAGUAY

Guyra Paraguay  
Executive Director: Dr Alberto Yanosky

### PATAGONIA

**Fundacion Patagonia Natural**  
Executive Director: José María Musmeci

### PHILIPPINES (Danjungan Island)

**Philippine Reef & Rainforest Conservation Foundation**  
Project Director: Gerardo L. Ledesma

### UK: KITES HILL RESERVE

Project Manager:  
Prof Renton Righelato, WLT Chairman  
Project Co-ordinator:  
Emily Brickell, WLT

### COSTA RICA (WLT Project now completed)

**TUVA Foundation**  
Executive Director: Dr Manuel Alonso

### OTHER PARTNER ORGANISATIONS: Massachusetts Audubon Society (USA)

Liaison: Bancroft Poor  
**World Parks (USA)**  
President: Byron Swift  
**Group of Ornithology and Defence of Nature (Mallorca)**  
Head of Development: Jaume Perrello Moll

## 2005

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