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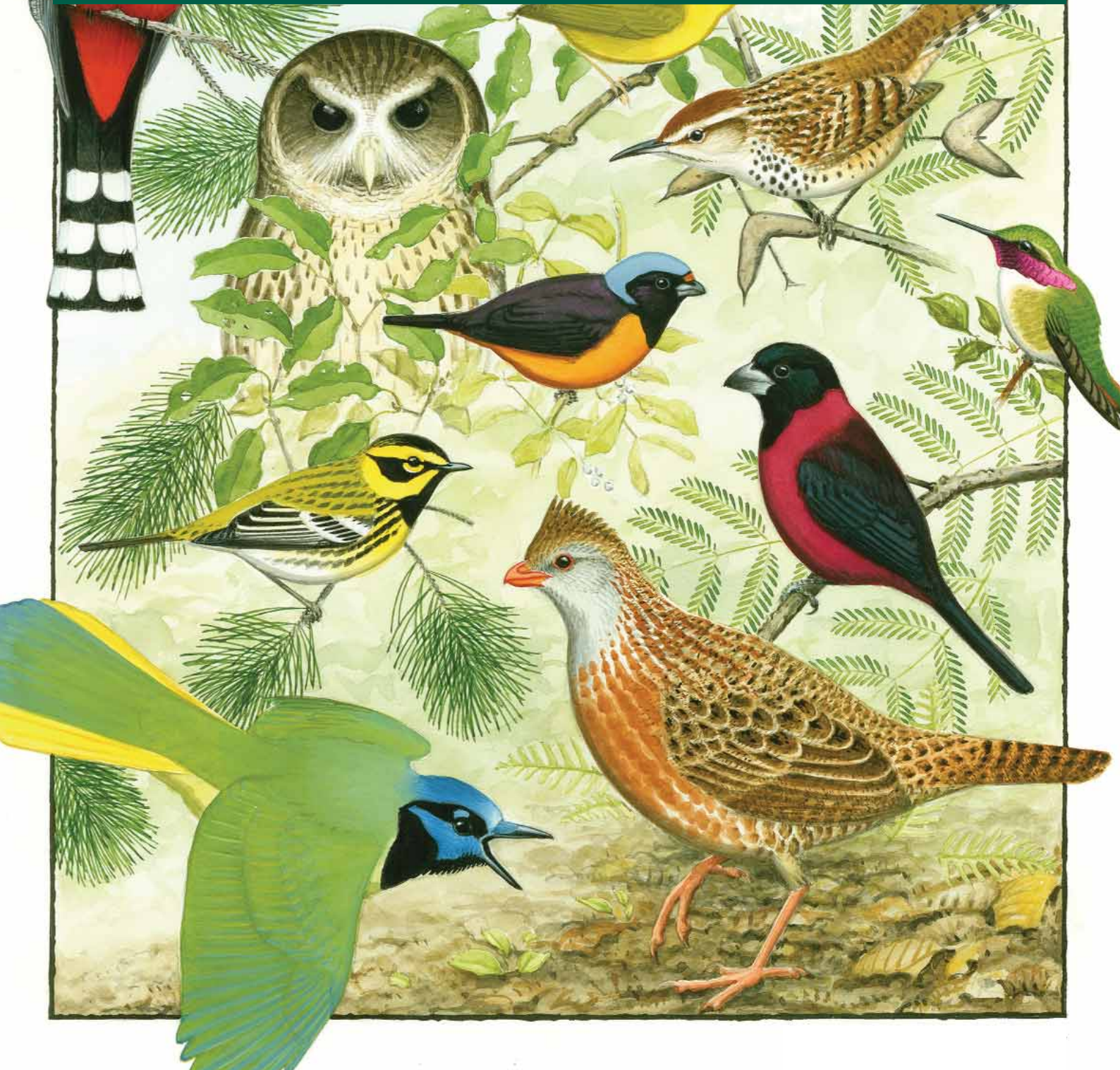
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## Patron's Message from Sir David Attenborough, OM CH FRS

My history with the World Land Trust goes back nearly two decades to when John Burton first told me about an innovative new project which was aiming to buy tropical forests to save them from being cleared in Belize. At that time he needed the support of as many environmentalists as possible in order to leverage a large start-up donation from now defunct 'Today' newspaper. This he achieved, and in May 1989 Programme for Belize was born, later to become the World Land Trust.

Over the years I have watched WLT develop from a single project operation to a strong force for conservation with a multitude of conservation projects all saving critically threatened habitats for their wildlife. The Programme for Belize model has been replicated in countries as far apart as India, Brazil, and Kenya, always working through local organisations.

In 2008 I was able to meet two of those project partners. In January it was

a pleasure to join Lou Jost, from Fundación EcoMinga in Ecuador at the launch of the WLT's Webcam in the Forest: live-streaming showing remarkable wildlife in the forests of Buenaventura Reserve in Ecuador. And in June I visited a wonderful Rose Garden in Suffolk to hear more about the Gran Chaco of Paraguay from Alberto Yanosky of Guyra Paraguay. I last visited the Gran Chaco some 50 years ago and loved the place. It is encouraging to hear that some of it is now going to be protected by a shared agreement between the Government of Paraguay, Guyra Paraguay and WLT.

In a world where wildlife is struggling to survive I take heart in the fact that WLT and their local partners never take their eye off the ball. They are going to save as much of the planet as they can and I am right behind them.



*Above: In January, when launching WLT's new Webcam in the Forest ([www.wildlifefocus.org](http://www.wildlifefocus.org)) Sir David was presented with the photograph of a flower of a beautiful tree species new to science, which has been named in his honour. It was discovered by Lou Jost (left) in the newly purchased Cerro Candelaria Reserve, owned and protected by Fundación EcoMinga and funded with assistance from WLT supporters.*

## Chairman's Report 2008

The twentieth year of the Trust was another record year, with income exceeding £2 million for the first time. These funds have boosted greatly the Trust's work to protect fast-disappearing habitats and the threatened species they harbour. A record £1.7 million was committed to projects.

With new partners in S E Asia and Mexico, in 2008 there were 14 countries in which WLT had projects and partners whose conservation work was enabling them to acquire and save land. Looking forward, the WLT team has identified effective local partners and unique habitats under imminent threat in S America, Africa and elsewhere and will be urgently seeking funds to save them in 2009.

Whilst we are conscious that few of us are immune from prevailing financial pressures, the Trustees are encouraged by the deep commitment

shown by our supporters, both individuals and corporate, to halting some of the destruction of the natural world.

After seven privileged years as Chairman of the WLT Board, my term comes to an end at the AGM in 2009 when I will welcome as the new Chairman Albertino Abela, a staunch supporter of the Trust and Trustee since 2004. On behalf of the Trustees, I would like to thank Gil Child and Bruce Pearson who retire in 2008 and Jane Krish who will retire in 2009. They have all played extremely valuable roles during their time as trustees, and contributed greatly to our work.

As always, the Trust is hugely indebted to Sir David Attenborough and David Gower, its Patrons, who are so generous in their support. Congratulations to John Burton and his team on another successful year for



*Above: Taken on Fundación Jocotoco's Tapichalaca Reserve in Ecuador (l-r) Javier Robayo, botanist and Chief Executive of Fundación EcoMinga; Renton Righelato, WLT Chairman 2008; Nigel Simpson, WLT Trustee and Board member of Fundación Jocotoco and Fundación EcoMinga; David Brewer, ornithologist and Francisco Sornoza, Fundación Jocotoco.*

conservation and thanks for their hard work and commitment. Finally, thanks to all of our WLT partners and our many corporate sponsors whose generosity is funding our work and making a real difference to the world we share.



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# The Mission of the World Land Trust:



- To protect and sustainably manage natural ecosystems of the world. To conserve their biodiversity, with emphasis on threatened habitats and endangered species.
- To develop partnerships with local individuals, organisations and communities to engage support and commitment among the people who live in project areas;
- To raise awareness, in the UK and elsewhere, of the need for conservation, to improve understanding and generate support through education, information and fundraising.



*Above: Orang-utan habitat in the Lower Kinabatangan floodplain, Sabah, critically threatened by oil palm plantations.*



*Above: Elephants using the Tirunelli-Kudrakote Elephant Corridor in Kerala.*



*Above: Sir David Attenborough enjoys genuine Paraguayan music at the Rose Garden reception held in Suffolk, in June.*

## Chief Executive's Introduction

There is, quite simply, too much to say about 2008. The year was full of so many exciting achievements and developments, and underpinning all the activity was the fact that we were able to raise record funding from both the corporate and private sectors. As we enter our 20th year I hope it will be evident from this review just how much is being achieved for conservation.

Again, there are too many people to thank for this achievement; some are mentioned on the following pages, others are recognised on our website and in our other publications, others, I'm afraid, do not get their due recognition. Each and everyone who donates is vital to us and the funds raised enable us to form new relationships, giving us both the cushion of support for moving forward, and also showing to others their enthusiasm and commitment to our work.

Perhaps the most exciting of the new initiatives last year was the Borneo Orang-utan Appeal which has been hugely successful, particularly as a result of the indefatigable efforts of Marshall Group of Cambridge and their Cambridge Rainforest Appeal.

A major highlight for me in 2008 was the five weeks I spent with Guyra Paraguay and Iniciativa Amotocodie. Having worked for the Trust for 19 years I had never taken a proper holiday and so it was deemed that a 'sabbatical' was in order. Earlier in the year the Government of Paraguay had indicated their commitment to working jointly with Guyra Paraguay and the World Land Trust and during my stay I was able to help towards consolidating this three-way partnership.

Funds raised also enabled the purchase of strategically important forests in Ecuador and Brazil to save wildlife in these 'Global Hotspots', and protection of the Elephant Corridor in India made excellent progress. And alongside land purchase, the Trust's Restoration Ecology Programme worked with project partners on tree planting and reforestation made possible by companies and individuals who offset their unavoidable CO<sub>2</sub> emissions through WLT.

There is no question that in 2009 we will need to work even harder to raise the funds we need, but with the skills,



*Above: Alberto Yanosky, Exec. Director of Guyra Paraguay (left) and John Burton, WLT CEO, speaking in Asuncion on 11 March 2008, when the Minister of the Environment announced his government's commitment to the management and protection of the Dry Chaco, working with GP and WLT.*

dedication and enthusiasm of the WLT team in Halesworth, and our overseas project partners, supported magnificently by Patrons, Sir David Attenborough and David Gower, our Trustees and Council and our loyal supporters, I believe we can continue to build on our success. Thank you again to absolutely everyone who has helped us in so many ways during 2008 - we couldn't have done it without you.

# World Land Trust Overseas Partners and Project Sites, 2008

## ARGENTINA

Fundación Frontera Verde  
Exec Director: Mario Malajovich

Fundación Patagonia Natural  
Exec Director: José María Musmeci

## BELIZE

Programme for Belize  
Managing Director: Edilberto Romero

## BOLIVIA

Armonía  
Exec Director: Bennett Hennessey

## BRAZIL

Reserva Ecologica de Guapi Assu  
Director: Nicholas Locke

Fundação de Proteção à Natureza O Boticário  
Exec Director: Maria de Lourdes Nunes

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## ECUADOR

Fundación Jocotoco  
President: Francisco Sornoza

Fundación EcoMinga  
Treasurer: Lou Jost

Fundación Pro Bosque  
Exec Director: Eric Von Horstman

## INDIA

Wildlife Trust of India  
Exec Director: Dr Vivek Menon

## MALAYSIA

LEAP Conservancy  
Exec Director: Cynthia Ong

## Hutan

Director: Dr Isabelle Lackman-Ancrenaz

Nature Heritage Conservancy  
Director: Takrin Hj Abdullah

## MEXICO

Grupo Ecológico Sierra Gorda  
Technical Officer: Roberto Pedraza Ruiz

## PARAGUAY

Guyra Paraguay  
Exec Director: Dr Alberto Yanosky

## PHILIPPINES (Danjungan Island)

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

## UK: KITES HILL RESERVE

Project Manager: Prof Renton Righelato  
Project Co-ordinator: Mary Tibbett

## OTHER PARTNER ORGANISATIONS:

### World Land Trust-US

Exec Director: Byron Swift  
Deputy Director: Dr Robert Ridgely  
Director of Conservation: Paul Salaman

### IUCN National Committee of the Netherlands

Exec. Director: Willem Ferwerda  
Small Grants for the Purchase of Nature (SPN): Mark Hoogeslag

### Massachusetts Audubon Society (USA)

Liaison: Bancroft Poor



World Land Trust has projects in the countries marked with a red dot (2008).

## Decision-makers from project partners meet in Belize, May 2008



The second symposium was held at the La Milpa Field Station at the Rio Bravo Conservation and Management Area in Belize, in the forest that WLT was set up to help purchase and save nearly twenty years ago Left: *Participants*

Front (kneeling): *Constantino Aucua (Ecoan, Peru)*

Front row (l-r): *John Burton (WLT), Alberto Yanosky (Guyra Paraguay), Maria Lourdes Nunes (Fundação O Boticário, Brazil), Victoria Maldonado (Fundación Palma, Chile), Francisco Sornoza (Fundación Jocotoco, Ecuador)*

2nd row (l-r): *Edilberto Romero (Programme for Belize), Kirsty Burgess and Jo Finch (WLT), Roberto Pedraza (Grupo Ecologico Sierra Gorda, Mexico), Nicholas Locke (REGUA, Brazil)*

3rd/4th row (l-r): *Eric von Horstman (Fundación Pro Bosque, Ecuador), Mario Malajovich (Fundación Frontera Verde, Argentina), Marc Hoogeslag and Aukje de Boer (IUCN Netherlands), Mark Gruin (WLT), Benno Glauser (Iniciativa Amotocodie, Paraguay)*

5th/6th row (l-r): *Vivek Menon (Wildlife Trust of India), Marco Cerezo (FUNDAECO, Guatemala), Luis Castelli (Fundación Patagonia Natural, Argentina), Gerardo Ledesma (Philippine Reef & Rainforest Conservation Foundation), Franklin Rojas (ProVita, Venezuela), Lou Jost (Fundación EcoMinga, Ecuador), Roger Wilson (WLT), Daan Wensing (IUCN Netherlands).*

## How WLT's Partnerships work

The WLT Partnership is what it says - a two way *partnership*. WLT is not simply a grant-giving body (though our funds for land purchase are our most important contribution). We aim to form real partnerships that help create sustainable organisations for long term conservation. The key to WLT's philosophy is to empower partners with financial and technical assistance but not to manage them. With this in mind before we start a new project we first identify a suitable NGO with whom to work, and only if one does not already exist is a new local organisation formed.

Now that WLT has helped fund the purchase of almost 400,000 acres worldwide this puts a tremendous strain on our project partners who are responsible not only for the reserve protection but also associated costs. Ways of raising a sustainable income stream was one of the key issues that was discussed at a ground-breaking symposium held in the Netherlands in September 2006, organised jointly by IUCN National Committee for the

Netherlands and WLT entitled "*Land Purchase as an Intervention Strategy for Nature Conservation*". This was followed up with a second symposium in May 2008. The wealth of experience and expertise represented by the 17 participants enabled in-depth discussion and all were able to benefit from experiences in different project areas, on the potential opportunities and pit-falls.





# Projects Report 2008



WLT was able to transfer more funds overseas than in any previous year, saving a total of 17,282 acres during 2008. Relationships with existing Partners and projects were strengthened, and reserves were significantly expanded. During the year WLT formed new overseas partnerships resulting in land purchase funding commitments.

## Saving Threatened Land

### Brazil

Throughout the year WLT and Reserva Ecológica de Guapi Assu (REGUA) collaborated on land purchase priorities, and, in particular, the 'Matumbo Gap'. 17 properties were identified within the 'Gap' after mapping and clearing their boundaries, of which 12 were available for purchase. At the end of the year 11 properties had been secured, protecting 734 acres (297 ha), purchased with support from WLT, WLT-US, IUCN-Netherlands and matching funds from American Bird Conservancy. REGUA began negotiations for the purchase of a further 1,804 acres (730 ha) adjoining the Matumbo Gap and a down payment was made using funds received from members of the British and Irish Association of Zoos and Aquariums (BIAZA), as well as WLT supporters. In order to secure the property WLT negotiated a three-year interest-free loan for its purchase.

**Top Left:** REGUA employs local people to act as guards and trail guides. During their time at REGUA they are trained in bird identification and forest management.

### Ecuador: Fundación Jocotoco

WLT has continued to partner Fundación Jocotoco which celebrated its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2008. Beginning with its first habitat reserve at Tapichalaca in southern Ecuador (to protect the discovery site of the newly discovered Jocotoco Antpitta in September 1998), FJ now manages, or is part owner, of nine habitat reserves. These are located on both east and west slopes along the Andes from Rio Canandé in the north to Jorupe near the border with Peru. The area now under protection covers about 24,000 acres (10,000 ha). Over 800 species of birds have been recorded with 50 species globally threatened to some degree. About 2,400 acres (1,000 ha) were added to the reserves during the year: 1,200 acres (500 ha) at Rio Canandé, with the remainder spread between Buenaventura, Jorupe, Tapichalaca and Yanacocha.

In January 2008 WLT launched [www.wildlifefocus.org](http://www.wildlifefocus.org) which is a new website presenting the first Webcam in the Forest, showing live wildlife footage from the tropical forests of FJ's Buenaventura Reserve.

### Ecuador: Fundación EcoMinga

WLT formed a partnership with a second NGO in Ecuador: Fundación EcoMinga, in 2007 and in 2008 WLT was able to fund important land purchase and protection in the corridor between Ecuador's two national parks: Sangay and Los

**Top Centre:** This rare Andean Cat was photographed on the Fundación Jocotoco Jorupe reserve, close to the border with Peru. Little is known of this species and there have been very few sightings in Ecuador.

Llanganates. The Foundation's forest reserves grew by about 2,500 acres (1,000 ha) during the year with 9,750 acres (3,900 ha) under ownership and protection.

WLT also provided a small grant for the study by the University of Florida at Gainesville to analyse the DNA of the most special plants of Cerro Candelaria reserve: the orchids of the genus *Teagueia*. This study may reveal the evolutionary history of one of the most remarkable plant radiations in the world: the 30 recently discovered species of *Teagueia* orchids which grow only on the mountains around Baños.

During the year herpetologists from the Ecuadorian Museum of Natural Sciences, discovered three new species of frog in and around Fundación EcoMinga's reserve.

Another new species found on the EcoMinga Reserve was a tree which has been named in honour of Sir David Attenborough. (See page 2)

### India: Wildlife Trust of India

During the year additional sections of the Tirunelli-Kudrakote corridor in Kerala were purchased. The corridor, of which four-fifths has now been secured, is in the Wayanad District, an area thought to home India's largest elephant population. Other corridor initiatives highlighted by Wildlife Trust of India are being considered for support.

**Top Right:** One of the three new species of frogs found in and around Fundación EcoMinga's reserve area.



## India continued:

### Reef Recovery Project:

To address the effects of industrial development along the southern coast of Gujarat on the coral reefs found within the Gulf of Kutch Marine National Park, a study was initiated to investigate the feasibility of coral transplantation on degraded reefs. Initial results from this study indicated that transplantation will be appropriate on two reefs identified.

Funds were also transferred from the amount raised by the Reef & Mangrove Appeal, for the management of the mangrove reserve secured in 2007.

### Paraguay: Guyra Paraguay

Work with Guyra Paraguay continued in three different regions: Atlantic Rainforest, Dry Chaco and Chaco-Pantanal.

In the Atlantic Rainforest (San Rafael) WLT joined WLT-US and the American Bird Conservancy to fund the purchase of 1,500 acres (600 ha) adjacent to Guyra Paraguay's core reserve in San Rafael National Park, bringing the total area under protection to 15,900 acres (6,600 ha) in this critically endangered habitat.

Further land purchase took place on the Chaco-Pantanal Reserve, adding 7,193 acres (2,911 ha). The Three Giants Biological Station was officially opened in March. In July Guyra

Paraguay, WLT and the Paraguayan Government signed a three-way agreement pledging to undertake the conservation management of three national parks, covering over 2.5 million acres (1,000,000 ha) in the Dry Chaco Biosphere Reserve. This agreement demonstrates the strength and importance of WLT's relationship with Guyra Paraguay.

John Burton, who has been CEO of WLT since its foundation, spent a month's sabbatical in the Dry Chaco and working with Guyra Paraguay and Iniciativa Amotocodie. Also during the year, the three UEA/WLT Diploma students spent time working on separate projects supervised by Guyra Paraguay. For the last three months of the year Silvia Centrón, Bioinformatics Officer at Guyra Paraguay, came to work in the WLT office in Suffolk, helping organise the image database, as well as assisting with translations and co-ordinating conservation work in Paraguay.

### Mexico: Grupo Ecológico Sierra Gorda

GESG became official partners of WLT in 2007 and in 2008 funds were transferred to purchase 1,334 acres (540 ha) within the Sierra Gorda Biosphere Reserve, located in Queretaro state in Central Mexico. Sierra Gorda is the country's richest area for mammal diversity with 131

recorded species including all six cats found in Mexico (Jaguar, Puma, Bobcat, Margay, Ocelot and Jaguarundi). 327 species of birds have been recorded including Military Macaw, Great Curassow and Maroon-fronted Parrot.

In April Roberto Pedraza of GESG was awarded a scholarship from the University of Cambridge to undertake a study tour in the UK. During this time he spent three weeks working with WLT and gave a presentation to the All Party Latin American Group in the House of Commons.

### UK Reserve Kites Hill, Gloucestershire

Kites Hill Nature Reserve, near Painswick in Gloucestershire, is a 40-acre reserve which has been donated as a 'living legacy' by Miss Jane Pointer. It is adjacent to the National Trust property of Pope's Hill and part of it has been designated as a site for Special Scientific Interest (SSSI). In 2008 a £16,000 grant was secured from the EOG Association for Conservation for the proposed pond at Kites Hill, and a further grant worth up to 50% of the total construction costs was secured from Natural England. It is hoped to start work on the pond in early 2009. Further tree planting was carried out using BTCV work parties.

*Top Left: In Kerala the Kabala River, which runs close to the Elephant Corridor, is an important source of water for wildlife, and the moist, deciduous forests provide refuge for tigers as well as many of the rare species confined to the Western Ghats.*

*Top Centre: On the banks of the Rio Negro, at the Three Giants Biological Station, the sunsets across the Paraguayan Pantanal are spectacular.*

*Top Right: All six of Mexico's cat species are found in the Sierra Gorda region. This male jaguar was captured by a camera trap on the GESG reserve.*

# Projects Report 2008



## Ongoing Assistance for other WLT Projects Partners

**Fundación Patagonia Natural**  
Protecting 15,000 acres of Coastal Steppe, the Estancia la Esperanza (Ranch of Hopes) is close to the Valdes Peninsula in wildlife-rich Patagonia. During the year WLT funded the removal of the fences and corrals left behind when it was a sheep ranch, enabling wildlife to move safely across the reserve without risk of injury.

## Philippine Reef & Rainforest Conservation Foundation

The Island of Danjungan was saved with funds raised by WLT and is now a protected reserve. In 2008 WLT funded mangrove restoration on other islands in the Visayan Group.

## Programme for Belize

WLT continues to work closely with PFB who hosted a Symposium for IUCN-Netherlands and WLT project partners (see page 4).

## Urgent new projects

### Argentina: Fundación Frontera Verde

Due to land ownership complexities it was not possible to complete land purchase of the parcel of land identified for maintaining connectivity between Esmeralda and Mócona National Parks. It is hoped that progress can be made on this project in 2009.

**Top Left:** Named after Ferdinand Magellan who saw them in 1519, Magellanic Penguins breed close to the Ranch of Hopes and come to the Patagonia reserve's shore-line to feed.

## Bolivia: Armonia

In 2008 WLT partnered Bolivian NGO, Armonia, and supported a project to protect Beni Savannah grassland in northern Bolivia. By protecting this habitat it is hoped that the future of the endangered, endemic Blue-throated Macaw can be assured.

## Colombia: Fundación ProAves

The WLT is supporting a WLT-US programme which is funding land purchase by ProAves to extend the El Paujil Nature Reserve in the humid lowland forests in the Magdalena Valley in central Colombia.

## Venezuela: ProVita

A feasibility study on Macanao Peninsular, Isla de Margarita, was completed and a number of sites for potential purchase were identified. At the end of the year a Memorandum of Understanding was signed and land purchase is planned for 2009.

## Guatemala: FUNDAECO

WLT approved a project with Fundación Para El Ecodesarrollo y La Conservación (FUNDAECO) which will purchase and protect 1,613 acres (653 ha) on the Belize-Guatemala border close to the Caribbean coast.

## Uruguay

At the end of the year John Burton made an exploratory visit to Uruguay to discuss opportunities for land conservation with potential project partners.

**Top Centre:** A prime reason for funding land purchase on Margarita Island in Venezuela is to protect a major breeding population of the rare Yellow-shouldered Parrot.

## New Project in Malaysian Borneo: LEAP Conservancy, Hutan and Nature Heritage Conservancy (NHC)

In response to the desperate plight of the Orang-utan in SE Asia, WLT joined forces with LEAP Conservancy in a bid to save sustainable habitats for the Orang-utan and other wildlife of the region including Malayan Sun Bear, Pygmy Elephant, and Clouded Leopard - just a few of the species threatened by loss of habitat.

The feasibility study was funded by Marshall Group of Cambridge who went on to launch the *Cambridge Rainforest Appeal* for the project. Critically threatened parcels of land have been identified for purchase in the Lower Kinabatangan floodplain in Sabah, and by saving strategically placed parcels of forest it will be possible to protect continuous forest for Orang-utans and other wildlife to move and breed safely. By the end of the year sufficient funds had been raised to begin negotiations on the purchase of the first 222 acres (90 ha), and new land purchase opportunities were being discussed. WLT continues to raise funds urgently to save other isolated fragments of forest along the banks of the Kinabatangan River. This region contains 10% of Sabah's population of Orang-utans.

**Top Right:** Orang-utan populations are seriously threatened by the onslaught of oil palm plantations. WLT is working to protect the habitat of Orang-utans and other threatened species.



# Restoration Ecology Programme



## Increasing Conservation Value through Restoration Ecology

The value of the WLT's restoration ecology work is that it operates right on the deforestation frontier, either saving critical habitat for threatened species, or restoring habitat where the forest has already been destroyed. This work is funded by the Carbon Balanced programme, where the carbon locked up in the wood offsets CO<sub>2</sub> emissions on behalf of individuals and small to medium enterprises. WLT also runs a big reforestation project using native species, supported for several years now by Scottish and Southern Energy.

Major activity took place in 2008 at six sites in Ecuador, with three project partners: Fundación Jocotoco, Fundación EcoMinga and Fundación Pro Bosque. Other work took place at REGUA in the Atlantic Rainforest of Brazil, in San Rafael also Atlantic Rainforest but in Paraguay and at Sierra Gorda in Mexico. WLT and its partners have planted over 300,000 native trees and also assisted with natural regeneration on parts of the reserves where forest had already been lost.

Some 120,000 trees were planted on the Buenaventura Reserve in Ecuador, reforesting open pasture and creating a corridor between two areas important for the survival of the endangered El Oro Parakeet. This parakeet is endemic and one of the country's 62 globally threatened bird species; Buenaventura is the only site where they are protected.

**Top Left:** *El Oro Parakeet was only discovered in 1980 and its numbers are critically low. In an attempt to boost numbers 60 nesting boxes have been installed on the Buenaventura Reserve and they appear to be very successful with estimates that at least 15 boxes had chicks.*

On 27 November the Linnean Society of London hosted a scientific meeting in association with the World Land Trust, exploring *"The role of restoration ecology in mitigation of climate change and loss of biodiversity"*.

This meeting organised by Renton Righelato, FLS, brought together many experts on climate change. As terrestrial and marine ecosystems are being eroded by human activities, the world's climate is seeing unprecedented change. Along with the loss of habitat and changing environmental conditions, species extinctions are occurring at alarmingly high rates.

This meeting addressed the extent to which restoration of damaged or lost biologically diverse ecosystems could contribute to mitigation of climate change globally or regionally. It discussed current projects that aim to mitigate both climate change and loss of biodiversity and debated priorities for conservation practitioners, for government and institutional support and for private sector action.

Guest speakers included Professor Renton Righelato, Chairman of WLT Trustees, and WLT's Director of Conservation, Roger Wilson.

**The WLT's Carbon Balanced Programme gives everyone, individuals and companies alike, an opportunity to offset their unavoidable carbon emissions.**

**Top Centre and Top Right:** *At REGUA seeds of native tree species are cultivated for tree planting in previously cleared parts of the Atlantic Rainforest in Brazil. These projects benefit the local community by providing supplementary income through involvement with growing, planting and monitoring.*

WLT thanks and congratulates the following companies who Carbon Balanced their operations during 2008

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Above: (l-r) Silvia Centron, Bioinformatics Officer with WLT's project partners, Guyra Paraguay. Silvia joined WLT staff in the UK for the last three months of 2008 and she is seen here with Anne Clifford, WLT Donations Manager.

## Working with WLT-US to save more land for threatened species



## Education and Training Programme

During the year WLT appointed four Project Development Interns who each worked for the Trust for six months. A personal work programme was developed for each and as well as receiving in-house training they also attended external training courses to suit their particular interests for the future.

As well as the Intern Programme WLT also co-manages the University of East Anglia's Diploma in Conservation and Project Administration. The aim is to provide students with an essential balance of theoretical teaching in conservation and practical management, working within a dynamic international charity, to equip them for a career in conservation. Three students began the Diploma course in September 2008: Fiona Duncan, Joanna Keane and Pedro Mayorga.

### Study Placements

The WLT also encourages overseas project partners to consider seconding key staff members to work with WLT in the UK, again to gain an insight into how the Trust works. In October Silvia Centron from Guyra Paraguay joined WLT staff for two months (see page 6). As well as improving her English Silvia worked on cataloguing the image library and helping with translations.

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2008 was also a record year for WLT-US with US\$2-million being raised that secured 15,000 acres at 17 critical habitat sites in six countries. WLT-US concentrates its efforts on critical important sites for biodiversity, particularly birds, across Latin America.

Throughout the year World Land Trust co-operated closely with WLT-US on project development and funding initiatives as well as on administrative procedures, the website and publications.

For the first nine months of the year Mark Gruin worked as Special Projects Consultant for WLT in the UK before moving back to the US to take on the role of Director of Operations with WLT-US.



Above: In July we welcomed Byron Swift, Exec. Director and Paul Salaman, Director of Conservation from WLT-US to the UK for the AGM and other meetings.

Sir David Attenborough was the guest of honour at a reception held prior to the AGM and he is joined here by (l-r) Nigel Simpson (WLT Trustee), Byron Swift (WLT-US), Vivien Burton (WLT Head of Communications), John Burton WLT CEO, and Paul Salaman (WLT-US)

## The Board at the end of 2008

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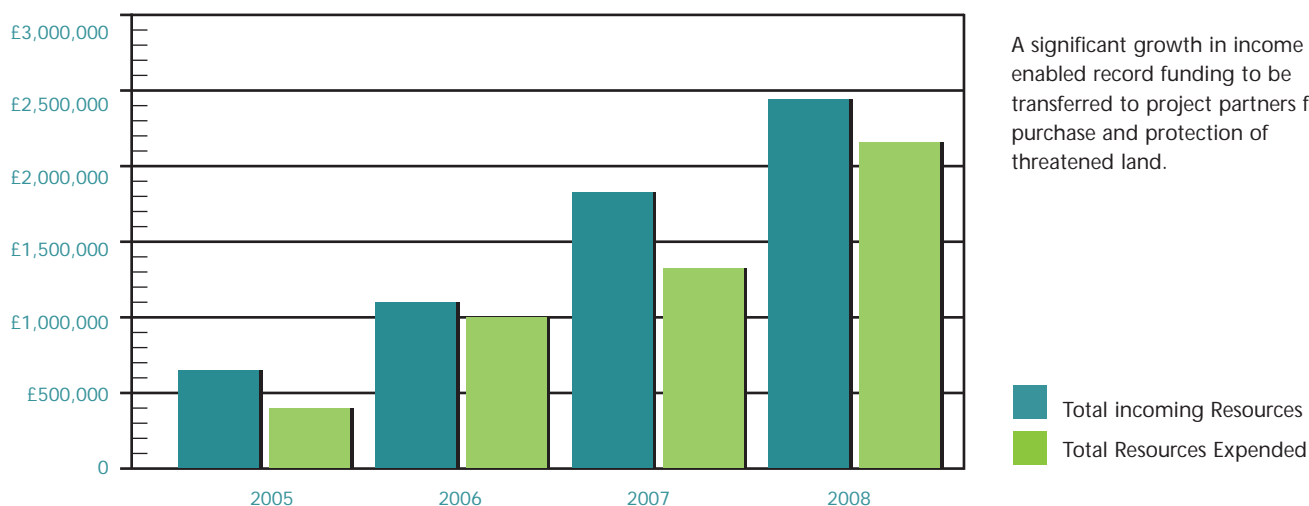
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# Summary Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2008

	General Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2008 Total £	2007 Total £
<b>Incoming Resources</b>					
<i>Incoming resources from generated funds:</i>					
<i>Voluntary income</i>					
Donations and gifts	120,545	-	1,415,106	1,535,651	1,410,309
Legacies	9,451	-	-	9,451	-
Grants	4,550	-	267,152	271,702	157,922
<i>Activities for generating funds</i>					
Sales	4,024	-	4,200	8,224	4,992
<i>Investment Income</i>					
	41,878	-	10,235	52,113	32,145
<i>Incoming resources from charitable activities:</i>					
Contracts	572,106	-	-	572,106	217,066
<i>Other incoming resources</i>					
	1,200	-	-	1,200	1,575
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>	<b>753,754</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,696,693</b>	<b>2,450,447</b>	<b>1,824,009</b>
<b>Resources Expended</b>					
<i>Costs of generating funds:</i>					
Costs of generating voluntary income	162,570	-	55,309	217,879	151,069
Costs of trading operations	29,650	-	-	29,650	31,834
<i>Costs of charitable activities</i>					
Project expenditure	179,561	-	1,520,708	1,700,269	897,148
Other costs	188,109	-	-	188,109	182,139
<i>Governance costs</i>					
	42,432	-	-	42,432	50,216
<b>Total Resources Expended</b>	<b>602,322</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,576,017</b>	<b>2,178,339</b>	<b>1,312,406</b>
<b>Net incoming/(outgoing) resources and net income/(expenditure) before transfers between funds</b>	<b>151,432</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>120,676</b>	<b>272,108</b>	<b>511,603</b>
Transfers between funds	3,270	(25,000)	21,730	-	-
<b>Net incoming/(outgoing) resources and net income/(expenditure) after transfers between funds</b>	<b>154,702</b>	<b>(25,000)</b>	<b>142,406</b>	<b>272,108</b>	<b>511,603</b>
<i>Reconciliation of funds</i>					
Total funds brought forward	150,725	37,500	932,383	1,120,608	609,005
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<b>305,427</b>	<b>12,500</b>	<b>1,074,789</b>	<b>1,392,716</b>	<b>1,120,608</b>

## Four-Year Comparison of Incoming Resources & Resources Expended



# Consolidated Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2008

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2008 Total £	2007 Total £
<b>Fixed Assets</b>				
Tangible assets	45,401	75,000	120,401	102,323
Investments	-	140,000	140,000	140,000
	<u>45,401</u>	<u>215,000</u>	<u>260,401</u>	<u>242,323</u>
<b>Current Assets</b>				
Stock	6,540	-	6,540	2,822
Debtors	75,084	-	75,084	258,751
Cash at bank and in hand	582,516	898,639	1,481,155	874,562
	<u>664,140</u>	<u>898,639</u>	<u>1,562,779</u>	<u>1,136,135</u>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>				
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	391,614	38,850	430,464	257,850
	<u>391,614</u>	<u>38,850</u>	<u>430,464</u>	<u>257,850</u>
<b>Net Current Assets</b>	<u>272,526</u>	<u>859,789</u>	<u>1,132,315</u>	<u>878,285</u>
<b>Total Assets less Current Liabilities</b>	<u>317,927</u>	<u>1,074,789</u>	<u>1,392,716</u>	<u>1,120,608</u>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<u>317,927</u>	<u>1,074,789</u>	<u>1,392,716</u>	<u>1,120,608</u>

## Trustees' Statement

The accounts set out on pages 10 to 11 are a summary of information extracted from the full audited accounts. The summarised accounts may not contain sufficient information to allow for a full understanding of the financial affairs of the charity. A copy of the full audited accounts is available from World Land Trust, Blyth House, Bridge Street, Halesworth, Suffolk, IP19 8AB. The full audited accounts were approved by the Trustees on 8 May 2009 and have been submitted to the Charity Commission.

Prof. R C Righelato  
Trustee, 2009

M Leaney  
Hon. Treasurer

## Independent Auditors' Statement to the Trustees of World Land Trust

We have examined the summarised financial statements of the World Land Trust.

### Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and auditors

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the summarised financial statements in accordance with the recommendations of the charities Statement of Recommended Practice.

Our responsibility is to report to you our opinion on the consistency of the summarised financial statements with the full financial statements and Trustees report. We also read other information contained in the highlights for the year and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements or material inconsistencies with the summarised financial statements.

### Basis of opinion

We conducted our work in accordance with Bulletin 1999/6 'The auditors' statement on the summary financial statement' issued by the Auditing Practices Board for use in the United Kingdom.

### Opinion

In our opinion the summarised financial statements are consistent with the full financial statements and the Trustees' Annual Report of The World Land Trust for the year ended 31 December 2008.

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LOVEWELL BLAKE  
Chartered Accountants  
8 May 2009