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Annual Review and Accounts 2009



Saving wilderness habitats and their wildlife in perpetuity

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

On 16 April 2009 Sir David Attenborough attended a WLT event at Bristol Zoo for supporters in the south west of England. He gave an inspiring talk explaining why he agreed to become a patron of the Trust.

"When I am asked why I support the World Land Trust I say that it can be summed up by four reasons. They are short and to the point which is what I like about the WLT.

First, they have low overheads. By keeping their administration to a bare minimum, by only employing a small but excellent staff, it means that donations aren't wasted in this country.

Secondly, because WLT manages to keep its overheads low, it means that most of your donation reaches the people it was intended for. For instance, WLT does not spend their time writing reports and carrying out research – they let the local project partners do that. So funds raised go

directly to the partners, mainly for land purchase, but also to enable them carry out their own research that is needed in their own country.

Thirdly, WLT does not own the land. They raise funds to buy land but ownership is with the local organisation. It is vitally important that all land that is saved belongs to the people of that country as it is they who take on the responsibility of its protection. Of course WLT will help them with the management of the land, and, indeed on any other matters that they request, but they own the land.

Lastly, saving land. Fifty years ago, in the early days of the conservation movement, there was a great emphasis on individual endangered species – Giant Pandas, Oryx, particular species of birds. We eventually realised, however, that the important unit was not a particular species but a whole

ecosystem. Indeed, in the long run, you will not save those endangered species unless you save the whole ecosystem. And to save an ecosystem you need to save the land. That is what WLT and its project partners are doing. By protecting whole ecosystems, they not only protect the mammals that everyone knows, but protect the smallest insects and plants, many of which haven't even been discovered.

The Trust has been hugely successful over the past 20 years and we are all here today to celebrate the success. Of course there is still much left to be done but I am sure that the World Land Trust will go on to raise more funds and save more wildlife and their habitats in the years to come."



Chairman's Report 2009



Having been involved as a supporter of the Trust for many years, and 5 years as a trustee, I was honoured to be invited to serve my sixth and final year (Trustees rotate off the board every six years) as Chairman of the Trustees.

In a year of widespread economic recession, it is really gratifying to note that the Trust not only maintained its income, but managed to increase it to just under £3 million. The increase in income is all the more significant, when put into the perspective that income from our reserves dropped as a result of the fall in interest rates.

A notable achievement early in 2009 was the purchase of the premises which we had rented for 14 years. We were

able to purchase at a favourable time in the market, and it gives us total security of tenure for the future. Blyth House, the Trust's head quarters, is a venerable building in the market town of Halesworth in East Suffolk, and dates back to the 15th century, albeit with numerous extensions and alterations over the centuries. A veritable rabbit warren of offices, it has a very congenial atmosphere and is well-liked by the staff.

I should make a special mention of our staff, many of whom are recent graduates, all of them bringing enthusiasm and vitality to the organisation, to support the senior staff who have such a wide and varied experience to share. The commitment of all the staff has been outstanding and has certainly been one of the reasons that the Trust has been able to grow into a leader in international conservation.



Above left: Albertino Abela (right) at the AGM on 8 May when he was appointed Chairman of the Trust. He is talking with Renton Righelato, the outgoing Chairman



Reform Club, January 15, 2009

Above: Sir David Attenborough is joined by (l-r) John Burton, WLT CEO, Sir Michael Marshall, Marshall Group Cambridge and Rohini Finch, WLT Trustee.

The occasion, hosted by WLT Council Member Jonathan Self, brought together a group of corporate supporters all pledging significant funding for WLT during 2009. The photograph shows Sir Michael Marshall presenting a cheque to Sir David, as part of the Cambridge Rainforest Appeal, launched by Marshall Group, for land purchase and protection of Orang-utan habitat in Sabah where WLT is working with local partners LEAP Conservancy and Hutan.

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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.

20th Anniversary Event Linnean Society of London 8 May 2009



Left: Dr Lee Durrell talked about field trips to Belize with her husband, the late Gerald Durrell, and recalled May 8th 1989 when they both helped launch Programme for Belize - the birth of the World Land Trust.

Right: Edilberto Romero, Executive Director of Programme for Belize talking with a WLT supporter.

Chief Executive's Introduction

The year 2009, the Trust's 20th anniversary, saw unprecedented growth. Not only did the funds raised increase but our partner organisations, now numbering 22, managed to acquire land and protect more habitat than ever before. This is all due to the ever magnificent support from the public, and dramatically increasing support from the business sector.

I am often asked, "If the business sector is giving so much support do you really need the smaller donations of £25 or £50?" The answer is an emphatic "Yes". One of the many reasons the business sector chooses the World Land Trust is the fact that it has a wide base of public support and trust. I believe another reason for the volume of support and loyalty of donors is the fact that we aim to make our website as comprehensive and transparent as possible. We publish our accounts on the website, our project information is updated very regularly and we aim to keep supporters informed on all aspects of our work. The fact that we also have the support of eminent conservationists and biologists, with Sir David Attenborough as a patron, and a highly qualified and experienced council overseeing the Trust gives our

supporters confidence that this is an organisation they can trust.

WLT continues to be a leader in the field of carbon sequestration, and this culminated in a multi-million dollar project being designed to help conserve forests in Paraguay, which will commence in 2010.

The Trust held several events to celebrate its 20th Anniversary, but because of the economic climate, decided that it was inappropriate to hold major fundraising events at this time. Instead we planned to consider larger scale events to mark our 21st Birthday, in the hope that the economy would show some signs of recovery in 2010. On May 8th, the exact day of its launch by Gerald and Lee Durrell in 1989, presentations and a reception were held in the Linnean Society of London's meeting rooms and Library. These were hosted by Dr Gerard Bertrand, one of the founders of the WLT and now Honorary President, and Dr Lee Durrell gave the keynote address. We had a packed house and were pleased to welcome numerous supporters who had attended the original launch of what at the time was **Programme for Belize**. And of particular pleasure was hearing

Edilberto Romero, over from Belize, give an update on the achievements of Programme for Belize, which is now used as a text-book example of sustainable conservation aligned with development.

We held two events for supporters in the south west of England. In April Sir David Attenborough spoke at a celebratory event held at Bristol Zoo and an autumn event was held at St Georges in Bristol when former WLT Trustee, Mark Carwardine, gave an illustrated talk based around his TV series with Stephen Fry: '**Last Chance to See**'.

During the year three newsletters were published, and these continue to be very much appreciated by readers, some of whom do not have access to the electronic Bulletins. The latter is published around 10 times a year, and is an increasingly important means of communication – particularly as a way of alerting supporters to new project developments and the need for urgent funding.

Who runs the World Land Trust?

PATRONS:

Sir David Attenborough, OM CH FRS
David Gower, OBE

Board Members at the end of 2009

HONORARY PRESIDENT:

Dr G A Bertrand

TRUSTEES:

Albertino Abela (Chairman)
Sir Kenneth Carlisle
Gil S Child
Rohini Finch (Vice Chair)
Dr Simon Lyster
Bruce Pearson
Jonathan Self
Dr Nigel Simpson

OFFICERS:

Chief Executive & Company Secretary:

John A Burton

Honorary Treasurer:

Mark Leaney

Members of the Council have been appointed to augment the Board of Trustees. Council members are supporters appointed for their individual expertise and interest in the activities of WLT. Their formal responsibilities would be those of the members of the Trust, and as such they are responsible for voting on the appointment of Trustees at the AGM.

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Myles Archibald
Simon Barnes
Dr Diana Bell
Kevin Cox
John Fuller (USA)
Merloyd Ludington (USA)
Alan Martin
Iain Orr
Elaine Shaughnessy
Byron Swift (USA)
Nancy Weiss (USA)
Sue Wells

Administration and Finance Committee:

Rohini Finch (Vice Chair)
Mark Leaney (Hon Treasurer)
Nigel Simpson (Trustee)
John A Burton (CEO)
Kevin Cox (Chairman, WLT Trading Ltd)
Etienne Swarts (Finance Officer)

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The Trust is administered by a core staff and at the end of 2009 they were:

Chief Executive: John A Burton
Head of Communications: Vivien Burton
Director of Conservation: Roger Wilson
Finance Officer: Etienne Swarts*
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Africa & Americas Region: Ruth Canning
Asia Region: Mary Tibbett
South America Region: Lorraine Whittle
Projects Development Assistant: Kristina Turner
Carbon Programme Officer: Neil Williams
Operating Officer: Jenny Chattington
Donations Manager: Anne Clifford*
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Web Information Manager: Helena Akerlund
Web & IT Manager: Toby Gibson
Projects Development Officer: Jack Astbury*
Donations Assistant: Karen Lowe
Conservations Communications Manager: Marie Chambers
Accounts Manager: Debbie Hall*
Accounts Assistant: Melissa Eames-Bayton*

Communications Officer: Clare Richardson
Clerical Assistant: Lynne Morton*
Administrative Assistant: Claire Millard*

* denotes part time

Consultants during 2009:

PR: Emma Beckett
Publishing: Drab Ltd
IT: Garreck Direct Communications
Desktop Training
Rade New Media
University of East Anglia: Dr Harriet Jones
Special Projects Consultant: Mark Guin
Chelsea Flower Show and Communications support: Elaine Shaughnessy

Interns and Students during 2009:

Charlotte Beckham
Fiona Duncan (UEA Dip. Student)
Joanne Keene (UEA Dip. Student)
Pedro Mayorga (UEA Dip. Student)
Lorraine Parker
Claire Thompson
Kristina Turner

Intern Programme

WLT has been running an Internship Programme since 2000 and is committed to the development of the conservationists of the future. Internships last for six-month and are based at the WLT office in Suffolk. While contributing to the work of WLT, interns gain invaluable experience of project development and conservation management by being involved with real-life day-to-day issues arising in our many overseas projects.



The programme is designed primarily for graduates, who must be eligible to live and work in the EU. Internships are entirely voluntary, although all costs connected with work, such as travel to meetings and training courses, are paid for, and some out-of-pocket expenses may be claimed.



Above: Most interns get an opportunity to visit the Trust's UK reserve at Kites Hill in Gloucestershire. Kristina Turner (above), an intern between 2008 and February 2009, was able to help with survey work during her internship. Kristina was subsequently employed by WLT as Projects Development Assistant.

Left: An important aspect of the Internship Programme is assisting with outreach activities. Claire Thompson (left) and Charlotte Beckham (right), interns from July to December 2009, with Kelly Jacobs, Education Officer, assisting with a presentation at Shepreth Wildlife Park, one of the supporters of the Trust's Wild Spaces Programme.

World Land Trust Overseas Partners and Project Sites, 2009

ARGENTINA

Fundación Frontera Verde (Misiones)
Fundación Patagonia Natural (Chubut)
 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

COLOMBIA

Pro Aves
 Exec Director: David Caro

ECUADOR

Fundación Jocotoco
 Exec Director: Guido Rada

Fundación EcoMinga

Treasurer: Lou Jost

Fundación Pro Bosque

Exec Director: Eric Von Horstman

GUATEMALA

Fundación Para El Ecodesarrollo y la Conservación (FUNDAECO)
 General Director: Marco Cerezo

INDIA

Wildlife Trust of India
 Exec Director: Dr Vivek Menon

KENYA

Nature Kenya
 Exec Director: Paul Matiku

MALAYSIA

LEAP Conservancy
 Exec Director: Cynthia Ong

HUTAN

Exec Director: Dr Marc Ancrenaz

MEXICO

Grupo Ecológico Sierra Gorda
 Technical Officer: Roberto Pedraza Ruiz

PARAGUAY

Guyra Paraguay
 Exec Director: Dr Alberto Yanosky

PHILIPPINES (Danjogan Island)

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

TANZANIA

Wildlife Conservation Soc. of Tanzania
 CEO: Lota Melamari

URUGUAY

Aves Uruguay
 Exec Director: Agustin Carriquiry

World Land Trust-US

Exec Director: Byron Swift
 Deputy Director: Dr Robert Ridgely

IUCN National Committee of the Netherlands

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



An Alliance for Conservation

During 2009 WLT strengthened its partnerships with overseas NGOs, and formed new agreements with others. The key to WLT's philosophy is to empower partners with financial and technical assistance but not manage them. The purchase of land is always through project partners and WLT does not actually own any of the reserves (other than Kites Hill in Gloucestershire, UK which was gifted to the Trust). At the end of 2009 WLT had 22 overseas project partners with whom active projects were being supported and/or discussed, in 15 countries.

The concept of the partner relationship has developed over the 20 years. The aim is to encompass a deeper level of commitment, focusing on the partner's priority activities and needs, both for their conservation activities, as well as their organisational development.

WLT's 5-year relationship with IUCN National Committee for the Netherlands (IUCN NL), which shares a number of NGO partnerships with WLT through its 'Small Grants for the Purchase of Nature' programme, has been developing greatly, particularly through the symposia held every 18 months to discuss issues surrounding 'Land Purchase as an Intervention Strategy for Conservation'. The first symposium had been held in the Netherlands in 2006, the second in

Belize in 2008, and the third in October 2009 in Brazil.

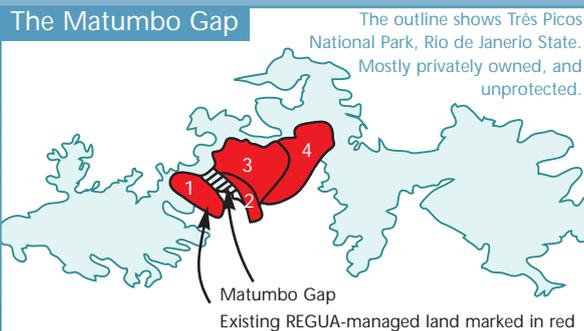
World Land Trust-US (formerly World Parks Endowment) concentrates all its funding on projects in the Americas, and many of the organisations it funds are partners of the World Land Trust. In 2009 WLT-US raised US\$1,843,124 and supported land purchases and conservation activities in Bolivia, Brazil, Ecuador, Colombia, Panama and Peru. Of particular importance was the purchase of 10,000 acres of cloud forest to protect five parrot species in Colombia, and a great success was the declaration of the Matses National Sanctuary in Peru that conserves 1.1 million acres of Amazon rainforest with the Matses indigenous peoples, bringing to fruition years of effort with their partner, CEDIA. World Land Trust-US Annual Reports are available on their website: www.worldlandtrust-us.org

In September WLT's Honorary President, Dr Gerard Bertrand, hosted a working session between representatives of WLT and WLT-US, and as a result a development plan was agreed by the WLT-US Board and is now being implemented.

While WLT has no formal links with BirdLife International strong informal links are maintained, and many of WLT's project partners are also BirdLife partners. Funding provided to WLT partners is often for BirdLife designated IBAs (Important Bird Areas).



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WLT was able to transfer more funds overseas than in any previous year, and relationships with existing partners and projects were strengthened, and reserves were significantly expanded.

In response to a questionnaire sent to WLT supporters it was clear that a large number wanted us to help conservation in Africa. Over the years John Burton and members of staff had explored the possibilities, but always encountered problems over land ownership as well as probity and transparency. But in 2009 we were able to identify two organisations that we felt confident had developed the appropriate infrastructure to handle land ownership and management, and partnerships were formed with Nature Kenya and the Wildlife Conservation Society of Tanzania.

Saving Threatened Land

Argentina

Patagonia Coastal Steppe Reserve. **Fundación Patagonia Natural** protects the 15,000 acre Estancia la Esperanza reserve which is now an official Wildlife Refuge. Fencing was removed and Guanaco and other coastal steppe species continue to increase.

Misiones Province

A new NGO, **Fundación Frontera Verde**, was established in order to negotiate the purchase of critically threatened Atlantic Rainforest in Misiones Province. Sir Ghilleen Prance and the Governor of Misiones Province, Maurice Closs, signed an agreement in April which involved the purchase and protection of the 9,795 acre (3,964 ha) property in the buffer zone of the Yabotí National

Top Left: Misiones Province, in NE Argentina, protects one of the last strongholds of sub tropical rainforest known as Selva Paranaense which provides a critically important habitat.

Park. The agreement includes a clause between the sellers and FFV for payments to provide sustainability for the reserve. A Master Plan was initiated to include small-scale tourism development. In November Governor Closs visited the UK and a reception was hosted by the Argentinean Embassy, attended by representatives of WLT corporate and individual supporters of the project.

Belize

Edilberto Romero, Executive Director of **Programme for Belize**, visited the UK to tie in with the 20th Anniversary celebrations at the Linnean Society of London on May 8th. Funding was approved for improvements of guard facilities at the Rio Bravo Conservation Management Area, and also towards reconstruction at PFB's Hill Bank Field Station.

Brazil

Reserva Ecologica de Guapi Assu Land purchase continued at **REGUA** including completion on a parcel of Atlantic Forest known as the Matumbo Gap, protecting over 800 acres (335 ha), providing habitat continuity within the reserve. Further land purchase was funded through WLT's BIAZA initiative (see page 9) bringing the total land owned and/or managed by REGUA to 18,000 acres (7,500 ha). Another highly successful activity was the restoration of 37 acres (15 ha) of wetlands that were drained for agriculture in the 1980s. In December Nicholas and Raquel Locke visited the WLT office and met with Board members and key sponsors.

Top Centre: The original wetlands on the REGUA reserve were drained in the 1980s for agriculture. Over the past 5 years REGUA has restored them to provide a range of important wetland habitats.

Ecuador

Fundación Jocotoco

Fundación Jocotoco owns and manages nine reserves (two of which are part owned with other local NGOs). These extend to over 24,000 acres (10,000 ha) and provide protection for ca. 800 species of birds, 50 of them globally threatened or near-threatened. During 2009 funds from WLT were used to increase the size of the Buenaventura Reserve. Ecotourism activities were further developed with the opening of a new lodge for visitors and researchers at the Jorupe Reserve in the dry Tumbesian forest in SW Ecuador. WLT also provided support through its reforestation programme, which, over the past five years, has resulted in the restoration of key habitat in four reserves and over 500,000 native trees being planted.

Fundación EcoMinga

The purchase of the Cerro Candelaria Reserve, in the transition zone between the Amazon and the Andes, began in 2007 and WLT provided funding during the year for more land purchase. The reserve now protects over 7,200 acres (3,000 ha) of cloud forest and Paramo (tropical alpine grassland) and is home to many endemic species including species new to science; a new species of tree discovered within the Candelaria Reserve was named for Sir David Attenborough, *Blakea attenboroughii*.

Fundación Pro-Bosques

As part of its restoration activities, WLT provided funds to reforest cleared areas, to reconnect and extend forests on **Fundación Pro-Bosques'** Cerro Blanco Protected Reserve.

Top Right: The outline shows Três Picos National Park, most of which is privately owned and unprotected. The properties within the Matumbo Gap were crucial to create connectivity within the REGUA reserve.

Projects Report 2009



India

WLT strengthened its commitment to saving Indian Elephants by working with **Wildlife Trust of India** to purchase and protect corridors of land throughout India to safeguard traditional migration routes and to address human-elephant conflict. During the year WTI expanded the Elephant Corridor programme in three range states of the Indian Elephant.

The Tirunelli-Kudrakote corridor project in Kerala made progress in facilitating voluntary relocation of settlements away from a major human-elephant conflict zone. The final instalment for the third village in the corridor was transferred to WTI and, during a trip to Kerala in March, John Burton (CEO) was one of the Guests of Honour at an official handover ceremony for communities formerly living within the corridor. On visiting the old settlement it was clear that the corridor was being used regularly by elephants.

Funds were also transferred for the protection of two corridors in Meghalaya, NE India, where new projects, led by local communities, were restoring previously cleared forest.

Another priority region highlighted in 2009 was movement of wildlife to and from the Corbett Tiger Reserve in Uttaranchal. A feasibility study on potential corridors was initiated.

WLT continued to liaise with UK organisation, **elephant family**, who also raise funds for the protection of Asian Elephants.

Malaysia

LEAP Conservancy, Hutan and Nature Heritage Conservancy

During the year WLT formed close relationships with these three NGOs to protect strategically important parcels of forest in the Lower Kinabatangan floodplain in Sabah, Borneo. This region is under severe threat from clearance for oil palm plantations which would result in permanent fragmentation of the forest reserves which are strongholds of Orang-utans and Bornean Pygmy Elephants. An Orang-utan Appeal was launched and raised £343,000 for the purchase and permanent protection of property that will ultimately connect a section of the Lower Kinabatangan Wildlife Sanctuary with a long stretch of riverbank. Fundraising was significantly assisted by The Cambridge Rainforest Group, an initiative spearheaded by The Marshall Group of Cambridge, and over £175,000 was raised by the company and its contacts.

Negotiations to purchase the land and the publicity surrounding investment of international money into conservation in Sabah, leveraged important support from the Sabah Environment, Forestry and Wildlife Departments.

In July a site visit was made to the Kinabatangan Wildlife Sanctuary by WLT staff members and journalists representing the **New Scientist** and **The Financial Times**. New priority areas to provide permanent habitat protection were identified during the visit.

Mexico

The purchase of 'Las Tinajas' Private Nature Reserve, covering 100 acres (40 ha) was completed by WLT partners **Grupo Ecologico Sierra Gorda (GESG)**, in 2009, protecting land that was critically threatened by ranching development. This oak forest is a refuge for Jaguars and several other endangered species. WLT also provided support for the management of the land owned and protected by GESG.

Paraguay

Working with **Guyra Paraguay**, WLT continued to support land purchase and protection in three different regions: San Rafael (Atlantic Forest), Dry Chaco and Chaco-Pantanal.

During the year Guyra Paraguay concentrated efforts on improving infrastructure at their reserves, as well as the National Parks they co-manage with the Ministry of the Environment and WLT through the Tri-partite agreement, as part of a long-term strategy to improve the sustainability of these areas.

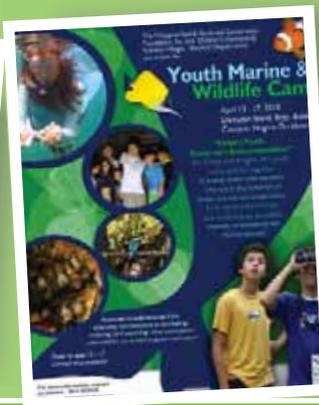
At the Three Giants Biological Station, in the Chaco-Pantanal, a new rangers' house was constructed and the President of Paraguay, Fernando Lugo, made two visits to the reserve and visits by the Minister of the Environment, various ambassadors and journalists also took place. The importance of these habitats in protecting rare and endemic biodiversity is demonstrated by many new sightings of wildlife throughout the year.

Top Left: *This mother and calf is protected by the Tirunelli-Kudrakote Elephant Corridor in Kerala. 88 wildlife corridors vital to the survival of elephants have been identified by Wildlife Trust of India.*

Top Centre: *The Kinabatangan Floodplain is a priority stronghold for Orang-utan populations. It contains 10% of Sabah's Bornean Orang-utans and 15% of the world population of Borneo Pygmy Elephants.*

Top Right: *In front of Guyra Paraguay's Three Giants Biological Station, a group of endangered Giant Otters catch breakfast in the Rio Negro. The Pantanal is one of the last refuges for this rare species.*

Urgent New Projects in 2009



African Projects

Following a site visit to Kenya in February a partnership was formed with **Nature Kenya** to support land purchase of threatened grasslands in the Kinangop highlands, in a bid to save the habitat of the Sharpe's Longclaw, an endangered bird found only in Kenya.

Paul Matiku, CEO of Nature Kenya, and Catherine Ngarachu, Membership Services Manager, visited the WLT office on study tours during the year.

WLT also formed a partnership with **Wildlife Conservation Society of Tanzania** to carry out tree planting in the Bunduki Gap, with funds raised through its reforestation programme.

Bolivia

In 2008 WLT partnered Bolivian NGO, **Asociación Armonia**, and during 2009 the Blue-throated Macaw Reserve was extended by over 8,750 acres (3,500 ha) with support from WLT, World Land Trust-US and the American Bird Conservancy. This reserve protects the savannas of Beni province on which this threatened macaw species depends.

Colombia

An MoU was signed between **ProAves** and WLT and funds provided for land purchase to add to the 12,000 acres (4,856 ha) Pangan Reserve in the

Chocó region of south-western Colombia. This region, important for its endemic species, is threatened by road building and increased colonisation. This is a major project of World Land Trust-US

Guatemala

WLT funded new Guatemalan partners **FUNDAECO** to secure 1,623 acres (657 ha) in the Caribbean region of the country, south of the Belizean border. The property, known as the Laguna Grande, was considered a priority as it is within the Rio Sarstun watershed and encompasses a unique system of critical habitats including lagoons, mangroves, lowland and tropical rainforest.

Uruguay

A partnership was agreed with **Aves Uruguay** to investigate the feasibility of a project to protect *Butia capitata* palm forest, unique to Uruguay and southern Brazil and critically threatened because of lack of regeneration.

Venezuela

WLT provided funds to enable **Provita** to purchase 1,680 acres (700 ha) of dry forest habitat on the Macanao Peninsula, of Margarita Island, off the coast of Venezuela. This area protects the habitat of the endangered Yellow-shouldered Parrot, which is threatened particularly by sand mining activities.

Project Successfully Completed



Conservation in the Philippines Danjungan Island SAVED

Danjungan Island was saved with funds raised by WLT and is now protected by the **Philippine Reef & Rainforest Conservation Foundation**. Small scale tourism is encouraged to bring an income to the island reserve to ensure its sustainability.

Danjungan is a small island, 3km west of Negros Island, and part of the Visayan Group. It is surrounded by spectacular reefs and unlike the majority of smaller islands in the Philippines still has almost all of its original forest cover. The forests are alive with warblers, flycatchers, bulbuls, weaverbirds and sunbirds and it is an important resting-place for migratory birds, such as swallows, swifts and kingfisher. Its caves provide roosting sites for colonies of bats while Fishing Eagle, Mangrove Heron and Night Heron frequent the mangrove swamps. Two endangered species of marine turtle, Green and Hawksbill turtles occur and whales are seen offshore.

We were delighted to welcome Gerry Ledesma to the WLT office in September when he gave staff an update on the project.

Top Left: The range of Sharpe's Longclaw is restricted to tussock grass in the highland grasslands of Kenya. Due to catastrophic loss of these grasslands this bird is now critically endangered.

Top Centre: As well as land purchase to protect the vital habitat of the Yellow-shouldered Parrot, nest boxes have been installed to help boost numbers. These are proving to be very successful.

Above: As a way of raising funds for the protection of Danjungan Island, and to educate local children on its wildlife, regular Marine Camps are held for small groups.

Restoration Ecology Programme

In July 2009 WLT was highly rated by *Which?* Magazine's article entitled "Which way to reduce your carbon footprint?" Carbon Balanced was one of only two sites to be awarded top marks in each of the three categories which assessed website ease of use and the availability of project and financial information.



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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 habitats for threatened species, or restoring habitats where the forests have already been destroyed. This work is funded by the Carbon Balanced programme. Unavoidable carbon emissions are offset for individuals and small to medium enterprises.

WLT also runs larger reforestation projects using native species and continued its work for Scottish & Southern Energy. Between 2006 and 2008 WLT's project partners had planted over 835,000 trees, restoring around 2,050 acres (835 ha) of degraded habitat. This has extended and buffered existing reserves and is helping protect endangered species such as the Great Green Macaw (Cerro Blanco Reserve) and El Oro Parakeet (Buenaventura Reserve), in Ecuador. In 2009 work continued on behalf of Scottish & Southern to plant trees on behalf of its Power2 customers; this involves planting a further 450,000 trees during 2009-2011.

During 2009 WLT continued discussions with Swire Pacific Offshore Operations Pte Ltd, a leading service provider to the offshore oil and gas industry based in Singapore, for the design of a fully validated and verified, voluntary carbon offset project. Whilst this contract covers the initial design phase of the project only, the intention is to proceed to the next phase which will involve the purchase and protection of large parcels of land in Paraguay. This will not only deliver offsets and help to mitigate climate change, but will also conserve some of Paraguay's most threatened habitats and wildlife.

WLT thanks and congratulates the following companies who Carbon Balanced their operations during 2009

4-Paws Veterinary Centre
Alder Tree Ltd.
APH Ltd.
Aroma Foods
BeGreener Ltd.
Beyond the Bean
Bird Holidays Ltd.
Blue Chip Vacations Ltd.
Bluefin Leisure Ltd.
Boxharry Ltd.
Bullet Marketing Ltd.
Casey Tree Care & Landscape Services Ltd.
Chest of Drawers
Clarence Medical Centre
Corelix Ltd.
Denton Corker Marshall Pty Ltd.
Ecoigo
Economics for the Environment Consultancy
Finders Genealogists Ltd.
Firstserv Ltd.
Go-Betweens Couriers Ltd.
John Heyer Paper Ltd.
LoveHoney Ltd.
Made In Water Ltd.
Man Bites Dog Ltd.
Mojo Media Ltd.
Nature Picture Library
Nikwax Ltd.
Nomadical Ltd.
Norfolk County Council
Onedeeppbreath Ltd.
On Demand Technology Ltd.
Orkney Archaeology Tours Ltd.
Quills Office Supplies Ltd.
Response Handling.net Ltd.
Secure Airparks
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Zoos Supporting Conservation



Above: Chris Knowles, Interpretation Officer at Shepreth Wildlife Park which is one of the zoos participating in the Wild Spaces Programme. Although Chris's job is to teach visitors and local school children about the wildlife in the collection his love is for real wilderness. In December 2008 he visited Brazil, to spend time with WLT's partners, REGUA. During his stay Chris discovered three new additions for the REGUA species list.

Zoos and Aquariums play a vital role in the conservation of biodiversity by raising awareness of conservation issues to their visitors and supporting *in situ* conservation. The Trust's **Wild Spaces Programme** offers zoos, aquariums and their associations an opportunity to help save wildlife in their natural habitats. The British and Irish Association of Zoos and Aquariums (BIAZA) are taking part in a three-year funding project aiming to raise a total of £260,000 during the years 2008, 2009 and 2010. The aim is to fund the purchase of a reserve sector (to be known as the BIAZA Reserve) which will become part of the Atlantic Rainforest Reserve, protected by WLT's partners, REGUA, in N E Brazil.

Education and Training Programme

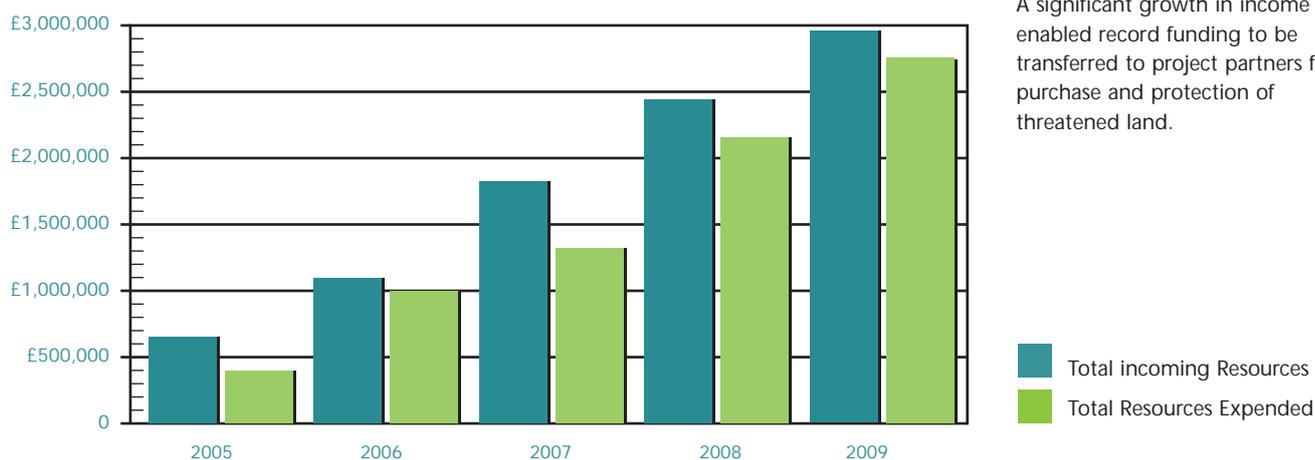
In 2009 WLT hosted four Project Interns, who spent six months working in the WLT Office learning all aspects of how a conservation charity runs. All four were subsequently employed by the Trust.

Three students, Joanna Keene, Fiona Duncan and Pedro Mayorga, joined the University of East Anglia Graduate Diploma Course, run jointly with WLT. They split their time between lectures at UEA and working at WLT. In April they undertook overseas research projects, working with WLT's project partners Provita, in Venezuela.

Summary Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2009

	General Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2009 Total £	2008 Total £
Incoming Resources					
<i>Incoming resources from generated funds:</i>					
<i>Voluntary income</i>					
Donations and gifts	95,668	-	1,390,357	1,486,025	1,535,651
Legacies	13,305	125,000	-	138,305	9,451
Grants	75,682	-	576,363	652,045	271,702
<i>Activities for generating funds</i>					
Sales	3,402	-	4,258	7,660	8,224
<i>Investment Income</i>					
	17,479	-	-	17,479	52,113
<i>Incoming resources from charitable activities:</i>					
Contracts	653,986	-	-	653,986	572,106
<i>Other incoming resources</i>					
	3,055	-	-	3,055	1,200
Total Incoming Resources	862,577	125,000	1,970,978	2,958,555	2,450,447
Resources Expended					
<i>Costs of generating funds:</i>					
Costs of generating voluntary income	203,291	-	37,599	240,890	217,879
Costs of trading operations	1,739	-	-	1,739	29,650
<i>Costs of charitable activities</i>					
Project expenditure	458,957	-	1,645,408	2,104,365	1,700,269
Other costs	341,257	-	-	341,257	186,739
<i>Governance costs</i>					
	23,337	-	-	23,337	43,802
Total Resources Expended	1,028,581	-	1,683,007	2,711,588	2,178,339
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources and net income/(expenditure) before transfers between funds	(166,004)	125,000	287,971	246,967	272,108
Transfers between funds	11,429	(12,500)	1,071	-	-
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources and net income/(expenditure) before unrealised losses	(154,575)	112,500	289,042	246,967	272,108
Write down of investment asset	-	-	(139,999)	(139,999)	-
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources and net income/(expenditure)	(154,575)	112,500	149,043	106,968	272,108
<i>Reconciliation of funds</i>					
Total funds brought forward	305,427	12,500	1,074,789	1,392,716	1,120,608
Total funds carried forward	150,852	125,000	1,223,832	1,499,684	1,392,716

Five-Year Comparison of Incoming Resources & Resources Expended



Consolidated Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2009

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2009 Total £	2008 Total £
Fixed Assets				
Tangible assets	362,753	75,000	437,753	120,401
Investments	-	1	1	140,000
	<u>362,753</u>	<u>75,001</u>	<u>437,754</u>	<u>260,401</u>
Current Assets				
Stock	4,448	-	4,448	6,540
Debtors	234,470	198,654	433,124	75,084
Cash at bank and in hand	335,637	1,110,177	1,445,814	1,481,155
	<u>574,555</u>	<u>1,308,831</u>	<u>1,883,386</u>	<u>1,562,779</u>
Current Liabilities				
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	435,818	160,000	595,818	430,464
	<u>138,737</u>	<u>1,148,831</u>	<u>1,287,568</u>	<u>1,132,315</u>
Net Current Assets				
Total Assets less Current Liabilities				
Liabilities: Amounts falling due after one year	501,490	1,223,832	1,725,322	1,392,716
	<u>225,638</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>225,638</u>	<u>-</u>
Net Assets	<u>275,852</u>	<u>1,223,832</u>	<u>1,499,684</u>	<u>1,392,716</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 17 June 2010 and have been submitted to the Charity Commission.

Albertino Abela
Trustee, 2010

M Leaney
Hon. Treasurer

Independent Auditor's Statement to the Trustees of World Land Trust

We have examined the summarised financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2009 set out on pages 10 and 11.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and auditor

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the summarised financial statements in accordance with applicable United Kingdom law and the recommendations of the Charities SORP.

Our responsibility is to report to you our opinion on the consistency of the summarised financial statements with the full annual financial statements and Trustees' Annual Report.

We also read other information contained in the summarised annual report and consider the implications of 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 2008/3 issued by the Auditing Practices Board.

Opinion

In our opinion the summarised financial statements are consistent with the full annual financial statements and the Trustees' Annual Report of World Land Trust for the year ended 31 December 2009.

LOVEWELL BLAKE, Statutory Auditor
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