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Tapichalaca, in southern Ecuador, is the only known habitat of the recently discovered Jocotoco Antpitta. This photograph shows an area purchased three ago where regeneration is well under way. Funds are now urgently needed to purchase a further 100 ha between the reserve and the forest of the Podocarpus National Park to allow them to regenerate to form a wildlife corridor between protected areas.

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Mara Rehabilitation Programme

The Mara, or Patagonian Hare, is a rodent about the size of a Brown Hare that looks and behaves rather like a small antelope. Although not considered endangered it only occurs in the steppe lands of Patagonia, and could not survive without this habitat.

They are usually seen in pairs, but occasionally several dozen may gather to feed on grasses that carpet shallow, dried-up lake beds on the ranch. They spend the day grazing on tips of grasses, herbs, desert flowers, fruit and seed pods. Being desert-adapted mammals, they rarely drink water.

An unusual feature of the mara is that they are strictly monogamous. Should one of the pair die, the other will only take a new mate after some time has passed.

Their territories are quite large, each pair occupying a range of up to 200 hectares (500 acres). Partners keep up a continual dialogue consisting of low-volume calls and high-pitched whistling which is audible 30 m (90 ft) away. They produce up to three young a year (usually 2) and live up to 15 years.



Wildlife Increasing

There are now an estimated 450 Guanacos living on Estancia La Esperanza. This is a significant increase from the 300 recorded last year. Populations of other mammals, including Mara and Sea Lions, have also increased. A group of twelve Darwin's Rhea have been seen. These huge flightless birds are extremely shy by nature. The flora is improving in areas under management.



At FPN, volunteers are involved in a variety of wildlife rehabilitation programmes and local researchers have put into place important wildlife monitoring techniques, including radio tracking of Guanacos to ensure their safety. Here an injured Mara is receiving treatment before being re-released into the wild.

The drawings on this page are by Graham Harris, Chairman of FPN, and are taken from his book: *A Guide to the Birds and Mammals of Coastal Patagonia*, published by Princeton University Press.



The Mara pup is fully developed and able to open its eyes at birth.



The Mara stots like a small antelope, leaping into the air for a better view.

Costa Rica - WLT support for TUVA

WLT has recently transferred £6,000 to TUVA, the Trust's partner organisation in Costa Rica. Thanks to WLT supporters and a US foundation, £3,000 has been raised which has been matched by the Simpson Education and Conservation Trust in the UK. As reported in the Autumn issue of *WLT News* these funds were urgently needed to continue the work set up by TUVA to assist the Guaymi protect their four reserves, covering over 23,000 hectares (50,600 acres). Their forests are internationally renowned for their biodiversity and the Guaymi are keen to co-operate in their preservation.

Major Award for TUVA

TUVA's Oral History team has recently been awarded the Ford Motor Company Environmental Prize.

The prize of US\$5,000 has been matched by a US Foundation and these funds will enable TUVA to significantly expand its programme of assistance to indigenous communities. This includes access to legal advice to help them protect their territories, improved telecommunications, installing more solar power and assistance with craft production and marketing.

Kites Hill Reserve, UK

A grant of £15,000 has been received from the John Ellerman Foundation, for the management of the Trust's reserve in Gloucestershire over the next three years.

Kites Hill comprises of 40 acres of pasture and woodland situated in the Cotswold Hills near Painswick in Gloucestershire. It was donated to the Trust by Jane Pointer and is being managed as a Nature Reserve. Funds have been raised through the Trees for Peanuts programme and it is proposed to plant 200 trees on two different sites in order to extend the woodland. Planting had been due to take place last autumn but had to be postponed to due the

Foot-and-Mouth epidemic.

The reserve is rich in wildlife, there is an active badger sett on the east of the site and foxes to the south; it has a rich flora including a variety of native orchids. Bats and Barn Owls are seen regularly and boxes, to provide additional roost and nest sites, are being installed.

Thanks to GARDENA UK Ltd. of Newcastle Upon Tyne, for donating a selection of their top quality loppers and pruners. These have proved invaluable and were put to good use by the BTCV Working Party.



Above: The Kites Hill Working Party, March 2002. British Trust for Conservation Volunteers (BTCV) carry out scrub clearance, lopping and recoppicing to actively help regeneration.

Left: Volunteer, Chris Burgess, installs one of the Barn Owl Boxes he has made for the project. He is assisted by WLT Trustee, Renton Righelato.

Ecuador -

WLT Trustee visits Fundación Jocotoco

In January Renton Righelato visited Ecuador to take part in the Fundación Jocotoco annual review of its reserves.

"My overwhelming memory of Ecuador - the green fecundity of the forests. Forests of so many different types, from the huge cathedrals of the lower, warmer rainforest, through Podocarpus, to steep hillsides of tree fern and bamboo and, at the Andean tree-line, cool forests of gnarled and stunted Polylepis. Though much of the country is wet, in cloud all year, rain-shadow creates sparse dry forests that add another shade of green. So many different habitats, each with their own populations of orchids, insects and birds, it is not surprising that Ecuador is the most species-rich country in the world - birds are a good indicator: 1,600 of the world's 9,000 species, in a country that is smaller than England.

In January, I was privileged to spend ten days there with Bob Ridgely, the foremost expert on the birds of South America. Bob, together with Nigel Simpson from the UK, some US colleagues and a core of Ecuadorean ornithologists, set up the Fundación Jocotoco three years ago to save endangered bird species by protecting their habitats. Now a WLT Partner, FJ has had extraordinary success within its short life and has set up six reserves to protect over 90 endemic birds species, 30 of them globally endangered.

The problem here, as in most of the areas of the world in which WLT works, is people pressure - expanding populations struggle to make a living from the land, cutting and burning the forests to make pasture. So the forests become increasingly fragmented and, in many areas, may soon disappear.

The solution, as WLT and FJ see it, is to acquire land and employ the people living there to protect it and demonstrate its ecological value to the local community and to visitors. And this is working well. But more land needs to be bought to ensure the protection of more forests vital to the wildlife that depend on them.

I was particularly impressed with the Tapachalaca Reserve and can see the enormous benefits that increasing the size would achieve. As soon as I returned to England I sent my cheque to WLT to save some more acres. Will you help too?"

Renton Righelato (left) was self-funded on this trip.

Fundación Jocotoco Update

Stop Press ... Stop Press Due to piracy of the site it has been necessary to change the FJ web address. This is now:

www.fjocotoco.org

Buenaventura Reserve doubled in size



Above: The lush forests of Buenaventura.



Left: Nigel Simpson, UK Board Member, (left), Bob Ridgely, US Board Member, (right), and Francisco Sornoza, FJ President, look at an area currently under regeneration at Buenaventura.

In February this year the Buenaventura Reserve was doubled in size by the purchase of a large tract of good quality forest on the southern side of the valley, opposite the existing reserve, thereby bringing under protection a major part of the entire valley.

Further purchases will be made as soon as funding permits. It is the type locality of the endangered El Oro Parakeet and El Oro Tapacula, both species discovered as recently as the 1980s; the endangered Long-wattled Umbrella bird has also been reported here. Little is known of the mammals that occur, but these are known to include sloths, monkeys, and Jaguarundi.

Until FJ began land purchase none of this area was protected, and over the last twenty years substantial clearance of forest to provide cattle pasture has been taking place.

Fundacion Jocotoco has also provided financial assistance to the nearby town of Piñas to construct a new refuse dump with modern emission controls.

TAPACHALACA - WE NEED YOUR HELP

The Tapachalaca Reserve was purchased to safeguard the only known habitat of the Jocotoco Antpitta, and the people who sold their land became part of the local team employed to look after the reserve. The reserve now covers about 2,000 hectares (4,500 acres) of temperate montane forest.

However, there is a problem that cattle pastures cleared at the edge of the existing reserve can present many species with impenetrable barriers to disperse and colonise new areas. The **Jocotoco Antpitta**, in particular, is suffering from the effects of this man-made barrier, and we need to expand its range. So far this year just ten birds have been heard calling, with perhaps another ten still to be found there. Only one individual is known outside the reserve. The urgent need is to create a corridor to the surviving forests of the Podocarpus National Park 500 m away.

A new bird recording

A hummingbird feeder station, put up by a local family in the Buenaventura reserve, has produced a remarkable result. A pair of exquisite **Velvet-purple Coronets** have been visiting - 400 km further south than previously recorded. This scarce species was hitherto known only from a range on the Colombian border to the north of Quito.



Above: Approximately 11 cm (4 in) long, this spectacular hummingbird glitters with purple and turquoise green, and has a tail which flashes white as it flies.

Other News from the Reserves

The second cabin at Cerro **Tapichalaca** is now finished. This provides accommodation for up to four staff when visiting groups are present, and for up to four research workers. Several small groups have already visited ...

During the **FJ** visit in January several members of the San Francisco Foundation (from Loja) joined them. The SFF is working to protect the botanical riches of the far SW of Ecuador ... **Yanacocha** now has an entrance gate and entrance fees are used to contribute to the salary of the Reserve guard, who is a member of the local community.

Dr Nigel Simpson, Trustee (UK)
Fundación Jocotoco

Tapachalaca - where an acre only costs £ 25. Help save hummingbirds, Puma, Spectacled Bears, Mountain Tapirs and much more wildlife by buying precious acres as gifts or for yourself.

Belize Biological Corridors Project gathers momentum, by Peter Eltringham

For me one of the most exciting and potentially valuable conservation initiatives which Programme for Belize is involved in is the Northern Belize Biological Corridors Project (NBBCP) - a part of the much larger and even more ambitious Meso-American Biological Corridor, aiming to connect an unbroken network of protected areas stretching from Mexico to Panama.

Belize already has an impressive range of protected areas, and more are created every year. PFB's Rio Bravo Conservation and Management Area (RBCMA), covering 262,000 acres, is the largest protected area in the north of Belize, containing several very diverse ecosystems, and with the highest concentration of jaguars in Central America. To the west is the enormous Maya Biosphere Reserve in Guatemala, and north of that is the vast Calakmul Biosphere Reserve in Mexico. South of the RBCMA most of the privately owned Gallon Jug Estate is managed under conservation principles and is proposed as a corridor, ultimately

linking to the El Pilar Archaeological Reserve in the west and the Belize River Corridor and the Bermudian Landing Community Baboon Sanctuary in the south east. East of the Hill Bank area of the RBCMA a proposed new protected area on the New River Lagoon will connect with Crooked Tree Wildlife Sanctuary, forming a link in a network of biological corridors and forest reserves stretching to the Shipstern Nature Reserve on the north east coast. Other corridors leading east and south, along the Belize River valley and over the Western Highway, will connect the northern system to Monkey Bay Wildlife Sanctuary and on to the networks of protected areas in the south of Belize.

Since much of the land in the corridors linking existing protected area is privately owned, the aim of the NBBCP is to conserve biodiversity by promoting sustainable land management on private lands.

In implementing the NBBCP PFB first had to carry out a comprehensive biological survey, together with a study of

land tenure to identify the optimum layout of the routes for the proposed corridors. An educational video was produced and shown on television throughout northern Belize, and training and financial assistance has been given to communities within the corridor areas to enable them to pursue projects - sustainable agriculture, reforestation and ecotourism - which will contribute to biodiversity conservation.

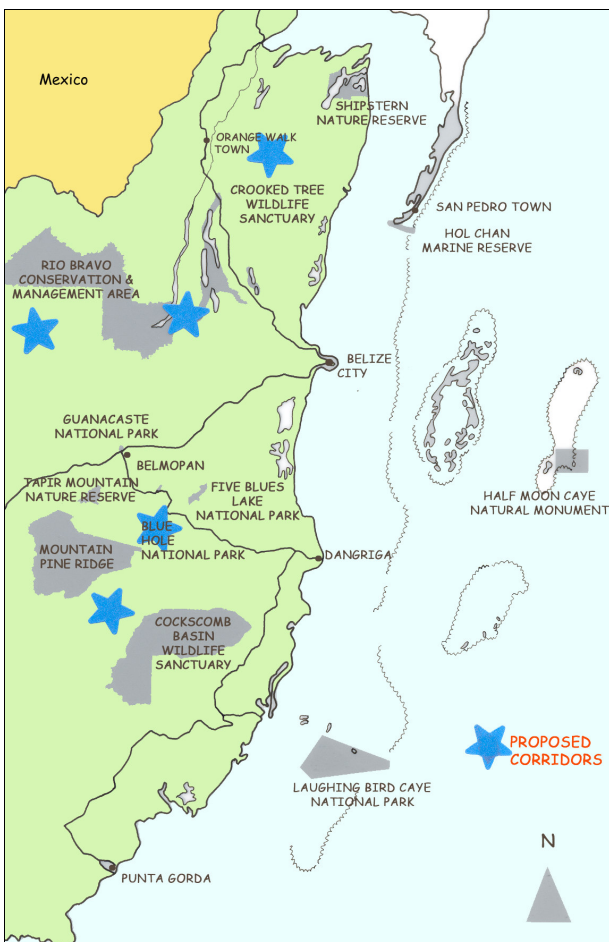
Certainly this is an ambitious plan, but the people of Belize are the most environmentally aware in Central America and PFB has the necessary experience in conservation management for the project to succeed.

2002 - The International Year of

New Insect Species Discovered and Organically Grown Medicinal Plants

At PFB's Hill Bank Field Station an insect monitoring programme has been set up, where insects are collected by being "vacuumed" into a tall metal tube-like chimney. Several species new to science have already been identified.

And at La Milpa, in the new Bukut Medicinal Garden, around 70 of Belize's extremely useful medicinal plants are being grown organically.



Left: Map showing the proposed network of protected areas which would form the Belize Biological Corridor. It should then be possible to connect the corridor to the countries north and south of Belize, in time stretching from Mexico

Peter Eltringham is author of *The Rough Guide to Belize* and a regular supporter of WLT.

In autumn 2001, as the eyes of the world focused on Afghanistan, Peter was caught up in the onslaught of Hurricane Iris which ripped through southern Belize with winds of up to 155 mph. He stayed on to help the rescue team get vital supplies to some of the 13,000 people homeless in 28 villages.

The beautiful coastal village of Placencia took the full force of the storm as it headed west into the interior flattening the thatched houses of Belize's Maya communities. Belize is now open to tourists but rebuilding work continues.

Chalillo Dam Debate

There is much controversy surrounding the building of a dam in the Chalillo area of Belize, not least because it threatens the habitat of the Scarlet Macaw. For an in-depth report see the website: www.stopfortis.org

2002 - The International Year of Tourism

While in Belize Peter Eltringham was invited by **PFB** to attend the Central America Regional Conference for the International Year of Ecotourism being co-hosted by **PFB**.

He reports, "I was pleased to have an opportunity to take part in the workshops which would produce declarations reflecting which policies the Central American countries would present to ensure genuine, sustainable ecotourism development at the World Ecotourism Summit, to be held in Quebec in May."

You can find out what happened at the conference and see the declaration on the **PFB** website, www.pfbelize.org

New Director for PFB

Edilberto Romero, former Technical Coordinator for **PFB**, has replaced Mrs Joy Grant as Executive Director. Mrs Grant, was appointed Managing Director in 1989, and has moved to a post at The Nature Conservancy. Although her main base of operations will be at Punta Gorda in southern Belize, she will also have an office at the TNC headquarters in the US.

Tribute to Arnold Brown Jr.

We are sad to report the death of Arnold Brown in December 2001, at his home in Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts. Arnold was the first Executive Director of PFB, and it was through the early days of working with Arnold that the World Land Trust was born. Intelligent, organized and a good communicator, he was the perfect person to shoulder the responsibility of getting **Programme for Belize** off the ground. At the time of his appointment in 1987 he said "**We are ahead of a wave of development; conservation efforts have a tremendous advantage when you aren't picking up the pieces.**" How right he was. As had been planned from the outset, Arnold resigned as Exec. Director of **PFB** in 1989 when Mrs Joy Grant assumed that position, but remained involved in **PFB's** development for several years.

On behalf of **WLT** we send our condolences to his wife Edie, and daughter, Lynne.

John A Burton

Jaguar Cars vs Jaguar Cats

by Jim Patten, editor of
Jaguar World

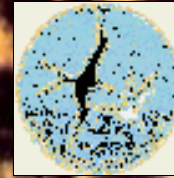
It is not often that the day job can be used to benefit a passion but in my case, as editor of *Jaguar World* magazine, that's exactly what I am doing.

I struggle, however, with the dilemma of loving fast cars, Jaguars in particular and E-type especially, against the full awareness of the awful harm they produce. This will never be resolved and so I live the uneasy life of car enthusiast and conservationist. Then I read the book, *Jaguar, One Man's Struggle to Save the Jaguar in the Wild*, written by Alan Rabinowitz. It tells the story of how he lived in the Belize jungle with the Maya community and was eventually part responsible for setting up the **Cockscomb Basin Jaguar Reserve**, managed by **Belize Audubon Society**. A fantastic tale earning Rabinowitz the name of the Indiana Jones of the zoology world. I was lucky enough to visit Belize and to stay in the Cockscomb Basin, and that was enough to convince me that I ought to be able to help.

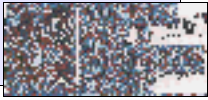
Using the strength of the Jaguar Car Clubs, I have made suggestions through my magazine that an element of fundraising be incorporated into their annual activities. I backed this up with a number of talks to the various regions and most have responded wonderfully, organising events to raise funds. At last year's Jaguar Drivers' Club International weekend, an auction at their dinner raised a magnificent £1,300. One small region of 24 members raised a healthy £275 and even my village WI put in £20. Slowly the idea is gaining momentum.

Jaguar Cars themselves have been supporters since Melanie Watts did her now famous sponsored bicycle ride in Belize and managed to get them involved. I have been able to get hold of 60 copies of Melanie's book, written after her ride, and subsequent study in Belize and sell these at my talks and other Jaguar events with all monies raised donated to **WLT**.

In the meantime I remain impressed by the determination and diligence of the team at **World Land Trust**. Without them and similar groups around the world, our planet would rapidly turn into a waste



Danjugan Island - Conservation



It's official!

Best managed Coral Reef in the Philippines

Protected as part of the Danjugan Island Marine Reserve and Sanctuary (DIMRS) the fringing reef around Danjugan Island is being restored to its former glory. And it has just been declared the Best Managed Coral Reef in the Philippines. This is a wonderful achievement for the Philippine Reef & Rainforest Conservation Foundation, and Gerry Ledesma, the Project Director.

When WLT was first alerted, in 1994, to the fact that Danjugan Island was about to be bought for commercial development, it was known that the fringing reefs had been damaged by dynamite and cyanide fishing, two severe typhoons, and that the waters had been heavily over-fished. But, through imaginative community work with the fishermen of Bulata (on the mainland island of Negros), the project has started to bear fruit with impressive speed. The fishermen themselves set up several sanctuaries around Danjugan's coast in which fishing is strictly banned, along with a large buffer zone where only fishing with hand lines is allowed. Fish catches have already started to increase and corals are showing signs of

Right: The sea around Danjugan Island has some of the most spectacular marine habitats. Fish of all shapes, sizes and colours inhabit the reefs which are now showing signs of healthy regeneration.

Below: In their undersea environment spectacular gorgonian sea fans can grow to over 2 m (6 ft).



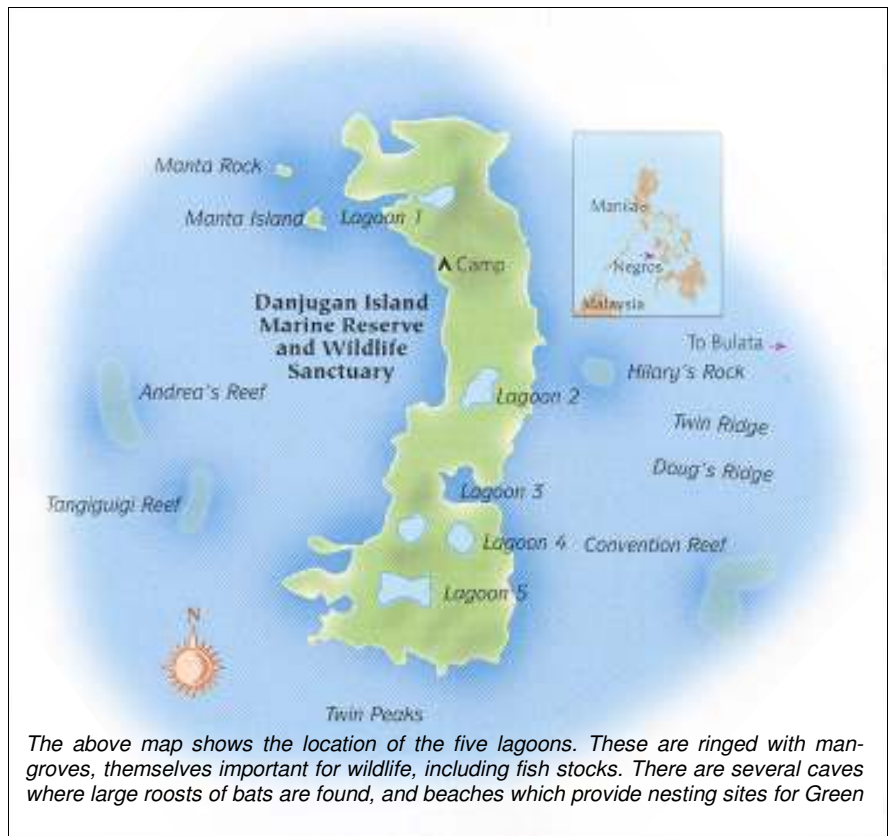
CONGRATULATIONS!

An extract from an e-mail recently received in the WLT office

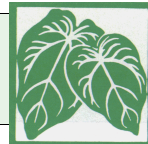
"... I was in Inayawan, Cauayan, Negros Occidental last week and I heard so much about how well your project is going on Danjugan Island. Congratulations!!! Even the fishermen tell people they cannot fish there, nor touch the shells on the reef. Good work!!! ... I live in France now, but I am from Negros"

Ditas Henson

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 : Surveys around Danjugan :
 : Island have found that the :
 : coral reefs are home to an :
 : estimated 240 species of :
 : coral (out of a national :
 : total of 450 species), :
 : belonging to 72 genera, and :
 : about 230 species of fish. :
 : As well as all the corals :
 : and fish, the reefs are also :
 : adorned with sponges, :
 : anemones, tube worms, sea :
 : cucumbers and starfish. :
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A search on the Web shows how well known Danjugan Island is becoming. It is mentioned on more than 270 pages.



WLT Interns & Volunteers

Caroline Wymer joined the Trust as a Projects Development Intern in February. A graduate in Geography from Liverpool University, she spent the first two weeks being briefed on the work of the Trust and its projects, and has identified the Education Programme as one in which she would like to be more actively involved (see *opposite*).

WLT Internships last for 6 months and the aim of the Trust is to train conservationists of the future, who, while they are gaining valuable experience themselves are also helping strengthen the work of the Trust. During their internship we also help with job searches and so far all our interns have gone on to take up paid employment.

Matt Edwards, the Projects Development Intern for six months last year, left at Christmas and has recently been appointed by the RSPB to carry out field surveys in the Outer Hebrides.

Details of WLT Internships appear on the web site. (www.worldlandtrust.org)

Kites Hill Working Group

The WLT is very fortunate in having an active group of local enthusiasts who form an Advisory Group to oversee the management of the Kites Hill Nature Reserve. Chaired by Prof. Brian Gardiner (past President of the Linnean Society), the members include Nigel Dickinson (Volunteer Warden), John Workman (former owner of Pope's Wood, adjacent to Kites Hill), and Jane Pointer who donated Kites Hill to the Trust.



WLT Education Programme

Projects Development Officer, Kirsty Forbes, and Intern Caroline Wymer are currently working on a pilot project for a new Education Programme.

Left: Kirsty Forbes at Deanshanger School, Nr Milton Keynes. The pupils raised a magnificent £1,000 for the Patagonia Steppe Project.

WLT News SPONSOR

Enterprise Plants, who offer a horticultural service to improve working environments, have committed to a four-year support programme to assist in several aspects of the Trust's work. This includes sponsorship of **WLT News**.

(www.enterpriseplants.com)

Dear WLT . . . have your say, let us know your views

I read WLT News with great interest and, as you know, have become a WLT Partner. My concern is that I don't think I'm doing enough but on the other hand I am very busy and just don't have the time to be as environmentally conscious as I would like. I'm sure I'm not alone in feeling like this. Do you have any information or advice for people like me? For instance, does buying Fairtrade organic food help save wildlife? (D. Eglund, Brighton)

John Burton replies

Buying organic undoubtedly does help, since intensification of farming is one of the greatest threats to biodiversity. Fair trade is also important, because ultimately it is only by improving standards of living we can expect the poorest peoples to become involved in wildlife conservation. However, we should always bear in mind the environmental costs of transporting food across the world. Such issues are fraught with dilemmas. I personally use Ethical Consumer magazine for guidance. It has fact-filled summaries of the issues, leaving the reader to make their own decision. (www.ethicalconsumer.org)

I enclose an article sent to me by Friends of the Earth because I couldn't help but notice that you use Barclays Bank. Barclays is one of the giant corporations putting large sums of money into destroying Indonesia's rainforests. This is against everything your charity stands for, therefore I thought you might find it of interest. (P. Janson, Kent)

John Burton replies:

This letter has provoked me into writing to our Bank Manager. We are also in direct contact with **Friends of the Earth** over the matter, which involves Asian Pulp and Paper company, using timber from unsustainable forestry operations. Our first enquiry to Barclays provoked a very inadequate response, and the Trustees of the **WLT** took the view, that unless Barclays could provide a more satisfactory answer, then the Trust would have to consider changing its bankers.

However, it is very difficult to find bankers who satisfy all the demands of a charity – and yet at the same time provide all the facilities needed at a reasonable cost. Furthermore, the financial world is cross-linked, so that many other banks are

in turn invested in Barclays, even though they may not be aware that they are contributing to Asian Pulp and Paper. Finally, if the **WLT** changes its bankers, there are serious cost implications for the Trust. Credit card facilities and standing orders are all dealt with by our bank and we are dependent on them for all the other facilities of modern banking. Our supporters might feel **WLT** staff time should not be taken up on administration which would certainly be the case if we were to change our bankers at this time. This is an issue we are taking very seriously – and views of supporters are welcomed. Has anyone a cost-effective solution?

Send your letters to:

Dear WLT
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Authors & Artists help WLT Projects

In the last newsletter I wrote about our plans to launch **Green Ink** - a unique fundraising initiative on behalf of the Trust. I am happy to report that **Green Ink** is now up and running and - best of all - proving to be something of a success.

The concept is simple. Any author (illustrator, editor or photographer), with a book in the public library system is entitled to claim Public Lending Rights from a government run fund. What we are asking authors to do is assign these rights to the World Land Trust.

To help promote the project Dr David Bellamy kindly agreed to address a sponsored dinner for authors at the Union Club in London. The turnout was excellent with lots of well known authors and journalists joining us. Encouragingly,

the concept was well received and resulted in lots of new members for **Green Ink**.

Although the sums each author receives in the form of Public Lending Rights may not be huge, the real benefit to the Trust is that they are paid annually. What we desperately need is regular income that we can count on year after year, as this allows us to plan ahead with greater confidence.

The next **Green Ink** event will be in May. In the meantime if you know of anyone who might be interested in supporting the work of the Trust in this truly painless way please contact Viv Burton at the **WLT** office so that she can send them an information pack.



Jonathan Self acts as a Special Advisor to the WLT, and helped re-launch Authors & Artists for Conservation as Green Ink, last Autumn at the Union Club, London

Jonathan Self

WLT Competition - Spot the Forest Dwellers

Circle or highlight the 20 forest dwellers, hidden horizontally and vertically in this Wordsearch.

Send your entries to

World Land Trust (Competition)
Blyth House, Bridge St.,
Halesworth, Suffolk
IP19 8AB, UK

PRIZE: Flowers at my Feet - The Wild flowers of Britain and Ireland in photographs by Bob Gibbons and Dave Woodfall. Published by HarperCollins in May 2002, donated by the publishers.

The prize will be awarded to the first correct entry opened on Thursday, 1 August, 2002.

Winners of the Autumn competition were: J Ashmore (Ascot), S White (Eye, Suffolk) and M Stewart (Lyngington) who each received a copy of the Patagonia Video.

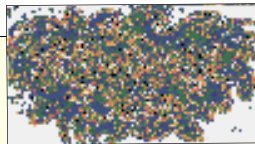
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WLT Affinity Savings Account

The **WLT** Affinity Savings Account with the Stafford Railway Building Society continues to grow and benefit the **WLT**. The Society also makes a donation of £250 for every mortgage (minimum of £30,000), transferred to them.

More information from **WLT** or from George Robson at SRBS, 4 Market Sq., Stafford ST16 2JH. Tel: 01785 223212



Eat at London's Rainforest Cafe and you could be helping save forests in Ecuador. Rainforest Cafe aims to raise at least £5,000 by making a donation each time a customer orders the special Rainforest Dish (Santiago Salmon). Funds go to Fundacion Jocotoco and they hope to raise enough to purchase their own chunk of rain forest.

Rainforest Cafe is situated on the south side of Shaftesbury Avenue near Piccadilly Circus

Last word ... manufacturers of alcohol spend over £200m promoting their products and the government spend £1m warning of its dangers. On top of that the NHS spends between £500m-£3bn a year on drink-related problems, not to mention how much people actually spend themselves every year on alcohol. Why not pledge the price of a bottle of wine or two pints of beer - say £5 - a month and become a WLT Partner?