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Editorial *by Simon Barnes*

Strong roots and green leaves

It was a long old day, and right in the middle of it I had a revelation. I thought: "There is life after Burton, afterall!" John Burton, co-founder and CEO of World Land Trust was sitting a few seats away from me, in the audience, saying nothing. Just listening.

The morning has been full of the Trust's AGM and Board meetings, and they had gone really rather well. After a brief session of vertical sandwich-eating we went on to a series of presentations from a number of the WLT staff.

It was then I had my revelation. Kristina Turner, Conservation Communications Manager, was running the show, introducing a succession of youthful staff talking enthusiastically and knowledgeably about the WLT's impressive projects.

I've been involved with the Indian project so naturally I was rooting for Mary Tibbett, Conservation Programmes Officer, as she talked about the Asian projects she manages. It was while she was talking about wildlife corridors, laying special emphasis on elephants, tigers and orang-utans, that this perhaps uncharitable thought occurred to me. And it was probably the finest compliment I could have given to Burton as well as the best possible news for WLT.

It was *The Times* that first described John Burton as "a maverick genius of conservation". I know; I wrote it. Burton is a man of large, at times rather overwhelming personality, with a mind that operates in the manner of the jumping jack, a firework that explodes in a dozen different unexpected places more or less at the same time. The brilliantly simple notion he has been pioneering lies at the heart of everything the WLT does. Buy land. Buy land and use it for conservation. Buy land on behalf of cash-strapped highly motivated organisations in developing countries and it is safe forever.

It was a strong and personal vision, and the WLT has always born the imprint of Burton's personality. But forever is a rather long time, and Burton himself, though as maverick and as genius-like as ever, cannot go on forever. Then what?

It is not rare to find organisations - businesses, charities, sports clubs, learned



Above: Simon Barnes on a recent WLT field trip to Zambia

societies, whatever - based on a single person's vision. They invariably come in two types. The first curls up and dies when that person retires, the second survives, moves on, changes, develops, grows.

In the middle of one of Mary's corridors it was suddenly clear that the WLT is of the second type. What struck me about all the staff presentations was that they conveyed complex ideas with clarity, style, flair, confidence and the odd joke. These are people who know what they're about: thinking for themselves. They share the same vision: they share a commitment, a house style, core values, ethical standards. They get results, they establish new targets. There was a prevailing vibe throughout the afternoon: this is the way we do things here.

The torch is being passed on. The old buffers of conservation, the pioneers - the people who invented the idea - are in the process of giving way to a new generation, one that has grown up with the ideas the old buffers pioneered.

I'll not go on about youthful enthusiasm. Anyone can be enthusiastic. What struck me was the sense of purpose they all had. This is an organisation that knows what it's for and where it's going. World Land Trust celebrated its 22nd birthday this year: there are incontrovertible signs of a new maturity, a new responsibility, a new generation. Burton sat there silent, listening to every word and while there's no hurry to see him off the premises, it's a sign that the organisation has matured. All that land saved: all that lovely forest and grassland and corridor and wetland and island and mountain. And that's what matters: that's what we're all here for.

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John Burton responds



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Simon Barnes' editorial took me rather by surprise. I thought at first he was trying to 'retire' me. Since I'm not contemplating retirement just yet I was a little puzzled. Then I read it a second time and realised that what Simon had written was indeed an accolade for the WLT team as it now is: an organisation that has moved into a new gear with maturity and a sense of purpose.

It was about four or five years ago, when I realised that in order for the WLT to become a major player, it had to grow. I became the fulltime CEO (rather than part-time) deciding to give up my freelance work and dedicate myself fully to the development of the Trust. Growing the organisation was certainly exciting. New overseas partners, new land purchase projects, hiring of new staff and all the associated mentoring, not to mention the fundraising that was involved. Up until then we had had more or less one person managing the Trust's project portfolio and although we had begun a Carbon Balanced programme it was in its infancy. Steering this development through the start of the recession didn't come without some headaches. A saviour was Mark Gruin, hired by the Trustees as a consultant to carry out an Internal Development Strategy for a 5-year growth and consolidation period; this became pretty-much my bible. A team was born, mentored by the 'old codgers', and these are the young people Simon watched as they gave their presentations to the Board.

The development of WLT has always been a team effort. While I have been the front person, in the background Viv Burton has made sure the wheels go round and has helped steer the development with a clear focus. Until recently Viv produced all the publications virtually single handed as well a multitude of other things loosely called Communications. We couldn't be happier that we now have the vibrant team that Simon describes and he is right - they all

Simon Barnes is an award-winning journalist who writes on both wildlife and sport. His *Wild Notebook* and *Into the Wild* columns in *The Times* every Saturday have raised thousands of pounds for land purchase and protection through donations. He is a WLT Council member.

A few of the WLT team

A group of WLT staff and consultants on an after-work outing to Suffolk's coast, at Southwold.

Top row (l-r) Neil Williams, Elaine Shaughnessy (WLT Council member), Toby Gibson, Claire Thompson, Helen Briggs, Ruth Canning and Mark Gruin (Special Consultant to WLT.)

Below (l-r) Kelly Jacobs, Mary Tibbett, Kristina Turner and Charlotte Beckham.

You can find their job titles on page 4 of the Annual Review and Accounts enclosed or on our website: www.worldlandtrust.org/aboutt/staff.htm

share the vision. I see that every day.

We have also been fortunate in being re-joined in recent years by another of the 'old codgers', Roger Wilson who was with us in the early days of Programme for Belize, and spent a few years in Belize helping them build their operations. Roger is now masterminding our big, special projects and doing a good deal of mentoring too.

Lastly I would like to recognise the importance of our Trustees and Council

members. They are hugely supportive and come with an incredible range of expertise and experience. I cannot emphasise enough, that when talking about WLT, it is The Team that makes it what it is: the board, the staff, our overseas partners and, of course, our supporters. It is our supporters who fuel our enthusiasm and the responses from the returned questionnaires told us that they too feel very much part of the team.

The questionnaire

We sent supporters living in the UK a questionnaire with the Spring issue of WLT News and we were overwhelmed by the response. Not only that but a third of respondents took the opportunity to send a further donation.

Those responding by mail showed a very clear pattern. First and foremost the overwhelming majority of those making a donation with their responses had been supporters for over five years, and many said that they used **WLT News** as a reminder to make another donation.

Do you read WLT News? There was a 90 per cent YES to this question, often with effusive comments, and clearly most people read it from cover to cover. By contrast almost all the respondents to the mailed questionnaire were not aware that the electronic eBulletin contained different news. Not everyone uses email but those that do may be missing out on updates that may be of interest. You can register to receive the eBulletin on our website.

The frequency of **WLT News** was not quite so clear cut, with a majority wanting two or three and a significant number wanting four a year. The majority wanted the Annual Report and Summary Account and these are included.

I started out thinking I would need to do some sort of statistical analysis of the hundreds of results but it soon became very clear that a) the response rate was extremely high and b) the degree of unanimity among our supporters was truly surprising. For all of us at the WLT this was very encouraging. If you, our supporters, think we are doing something worthwhile it is really very motivating since all too often what we are encountering can be depressing. What was particularly gratifying was the care and interest taken in responding. Many respondents said that they liked the fact that they could read about the successes of the Trust and feel positive. See some of the comments in the **Dear WLT** section on the back page. There was also some very helpful criticism. A few people didn't want us to send out any written communications, but they were the minority. We will be answering some specific queries in the Winter issue of **WLT News**.

In conclusion I would like to thank everyone for taking the time and trouble to respond, it has been hugely helpful to us and we have listened to all your comments.

Keepers of the Wild was launched in January in an urgent bid to fund more reserve rangers to enable our partner organisations across the world protect the reserves we have helped establish.

Generous support for this appeal has so far funded nine new rangers: in Borneo, Venezuela, Paraguay, Armenia,

Guatemala, Mexico, and three in Ecuador. As well as covering their salaries, WLT is also providing much needed resources ranging from uniforms and walking boots, to digital cameras and binoculars. Many of our other project partners urgently need more rangers to help with reserve protection.

Life in the field for a ranger in Borneo

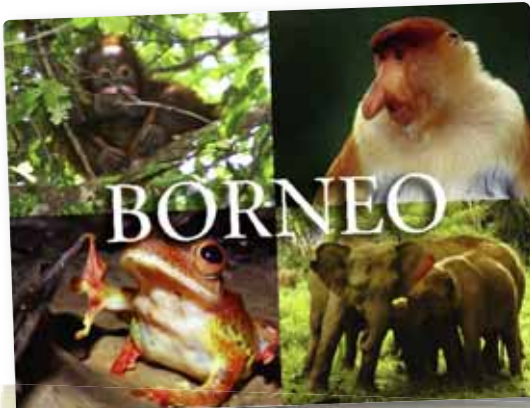
WLT funds ranger Berjaya Elahan, who works with our partner HUTAN. His job is to help safeguard 49,420 acres (20,000 ha) of protected forest in the Lower Kinabatangan floodplain, in the Malaysian state of Sabah in NE Borneo. He works alongside some of Borneo's most iconic species, in particular the Orang-utan and Pygmy Elephant.

Berjaya believes that other conservation NGOs (Non Governmental Organisations) can learn from the HUTAN model, as he believes HUTAN's collaboration with government agencies, such as the Sabah Wildlife Department, and local people, is crucial to their success.

Living in the village of Sukau, on the Kinabatangan River, Berjaya is passionate about his job protecting forests and the wildlife where he works. His work is far from easy; he is on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week in case there are any reports of hunting or illegal felling of trees within the protected area.



Above: Ranger Berjaya Elahan is funded through WLT's Keepers of the Wild working for HUTAN in Sabah, NE Borneo.



Photos on the postcard

Berjaya protects some of Borneo's most endangered species.

Left: The Bornean Orang-utan is classified as Endangered; it is estimated that around 1,000 individuals survive in the region.

The Proboscis Monkey is one of the ten primate species found here.

The Harlequin Flying Frog (*Rhacophorus pardalis*) is found in the forests of Borneo. By using its webbed feet it can glide from branch to branch.

The Bornean Pygmy Elephant is classified as Endangered and it is estimated that as few as 200 individuals survive in the Lower Kinabatangan floodplain.



Writes a donor to Keepers of the Wild

"Dear WLT, ... It's no good owning wonderful reserves unless they're properly protected, which I know is difficult and costly (and can be dangerous). So I hope my donation to Keepers of the Wild will go directly towards helping to fund those brave rangers who often risk their own lives to save what's left of the beautiful places and their inhabitants against would-be exploiters..."

Antonia Cowan, Ludlow, Shropshire

Keepers of the Wild help with reforestation work

One of the rangers funded through Keepers of the Wild, Galo Vélez, works on a WLT Carbon Balanced reserve in NW Ecuador.

The reserve is funded through WLT's Carbon Balanced programme, which encourages individuals and small-medium size businesses to calculate and offset their unavoidable carbon emissions. WLT offsets these emissions by protecting and restoring forests.

Through strategic land purchases and assisted natural regeneration, our partner organisation Fundación Jocotoco is working to connect fragmented forests on the reserve. Galo is a strong believer in WLT's Carbon Balanced programme and is enthusiastic about engaging local communities. He said: "There should be more opportunities given for local people to contribute to conservation, for example through reforestation programmes."

Recently, Galo has been measuring the diameter and height of the trees in different parts of the reserve, and this information has been used by the WLT team to carry out carbon sequestration calculations for this project site.



Above: Keeper of the Wild, Luis Recalde, (left) helps with tree planting on the Cerro Candelaria Reserve in central Ecuador as part of WLT's Reforestation Programme.

While in central Ecuador, ranger Luis Recalde works for Fundación EcoMinga on the Cerro Candelaria Reserve to reforest and regenerate old pastures as part of the WLT's Reforestation programme. He said: "Monkeys and birds will soon be able to use the new forests that we made!"

For more information on WLT's Ecosystem Services, visit: <http://eco-erivces.worldlandtrust.org>

A view from Mexico: from hunter to protector

In the wild, remote mountains and canyons of the Sierra Gorda, central Mexico, ranger Abel Reséndiz (see postcard below) works to protect the Sierra Gorda Biosphere Reserve.

The reserve covers a vast 946,000 acres (383,000 ha) and is within the most ecologically diverse part of the country.

"I feel proud of my work", said Abel, "because we are protecting special places that were being destroyed or were under pressure from logging, ranching, frequent wildfires, and hunters."

trouble and they need all our help", Abel comments. He patrols, manages and protects five different areas within the Sierra Gorda reserve; spanning great distances across wild terrain, it can be a whole day's hike or horseback ride to reach some of the more remote reserves and Abel really wishes there could be another ranger employed at the reserve. "Patrolling in the remote areas it is not easy terrain" said Abel, "you don't want a broken leg in the middle of nowhere."



WLT has been able to fund Abel's position as a reserve ranger working with our partner organisation, GESG (Grupo Ecológico Sierra Gorda). He is very relieved to have a secure job and regular income and says: "I no longer need to be a migrant worker and I really appreciate that. It's very nice to work near my family and in the area where I was born."

Defending the Wild

As with many of the other reserve rangers, Abel once hunted the wildlife that he now protects. In many of the countries where WLT works, hunting is a way of earning some money and providing food for the family. So giving local people a secure alternative income is essential and our rangers have all become true defenders of the wild. "Instead of making a living damaging forests, I'm in charge of protecting them. I now know it is better to protect the animals and forests; I'm convinced they are in

Photos on the postcard

Above (l-r): Forests in the Sierra Gorda Biosphere Reserve protected by GESG; Military Macaws flying over the reserve.
Below (l-r): WLT funded Keeper of the Wild, Abel Reséndiz, works to protect the Sierra Gorda Biosphere Reserve; a camera-trap image of a Jaguar on the reserve.

The most unusual species behaviour that Abel witnessed was earlier this year when a flock of very bold Military Macaws flew into his village (see postcard and cover image). "The flock went straight to the small plaza in Valle Verde to eat in the trees", said Abel. "It was an amazing sight and they didn't care about the people being around."

The animal that Abel is desperate to spot is a Jaguar, "This would be a major reward, but so far no luck", said Abel. "We know they are around us and I have seen fresh footprints and scats, but so far not the big guy."

Congratulations to Ecuadorian Keeper of the Wild

José Manchay, the Keeper of the Wild funded by WLT to work with Ecuadorian 'Buy an Acre' partner, Nature & Culture International (NCI), married Olivia Armijose on 27 May. José, who protects NCI's Laipuna Reserve is now back in the field. Olivia is from a city called Santo Domingo in NW Ecuador, but her parents were originally from the area near the Laipuna Reserve. Her family, together with thousands of people from Loja province, left their homes in the late 1960s because of a severe drought and started new lives in Santo Domingo and other Ecuadorian cities. After many years, Olivia has returned to her roots.



Above (top): José Manchay wears his Keepers of the Wild uniform. (centre): the uniform and equipment laid out for José. (below:) José and Olivia recently married.

The Laipuna Reserve is one of NCI's flagship projects in southern Ecuador which conserves 12,000 acres of endangered Tumbesian dry forest along the Catamayo River, in collaboration with surrounding communities. This threatened area is one of the best remnants of Tumbesian dry forest left in the world and contains a rich level of biodiversity with many endemic species. Over 95 per cent of the region's natural forest cover has been lost making the protection of this remaining habitat of utmost priority.

New land purchases in Ecuador and Paraguay



Wildlife and watershed protection in Ecuador

WLT has been committed to saving threatened habitats in Ecuador for several years, and other aspects of our work aim to safeguard watersheds and other natural resources. It was therefore very opportune to be able to celebrate World Water Day this year by unveiling our first sustainable watershed project that protects wildlife-rich habitat too.

Working with Nature & Culture International, Ecuador (NCI), WLT has recently funded the purchase of 691 acres (280 ha) of critically threatened forest and in so doing has safeguarded the headwaters of the Nea River, a source of drinking water for 10,000 people living in the city of Zamora and surrounding towns. This purchase will offset greenhouse gas emissions through WLT's Carbon Balanced programme.

28 July, 2011

Byron Swift reports from Ecuador

"I visited the Rio Nea property yesterday with NCI staff. When we arrived there was a flock of White-breasted Parakeets to greet us - they are Threatened and endemic to this region. This was a great start and things only got better as we climbed through the cloud forest, encountering large flocks of brightly



colored tanagers that included the Golden, Orange-eared, Blue-necked, Golden-eared, Palm and Paradise Tanagers, all amazing. We also saw the Golden-collared Honeycreeper, restricted to this fairly narrow lavational belt which was a real treat for us.

"We climbed to a scenic water fall on the property, and although it was mid-day we were treated to great views of the spectacular Andean Cock-of-the-Rock. It was a wonderful day.

"We viewed a number of other land purchase priority areas in the Jambue Valley, including properties that would protect access into the Podocarpus National Park. There are some other properties next to Rio Nea itself that would also greatly benefit from protection."



A rare sight: a long stretch of continuous rainforest. These forests are now protected by the Colonia San Gabriel Arcangel Reserve in Paraguay.

Success for REDD+ project on Paraguay's deforestation frontier

As part of WLT's work to combat climate change, our REDD+ project in Paraguay has been able to turn more threatened habitat in a protected wildlife reserve.

The new reserve, called the Colonia San Gabriel Arcangel, safeguards a vast 11,665 acres (4,721 ha) of highly threatened habitat in the Chaco of Paraguay. Not only is this land purchase a major conservation success in itself, it is also the second component of a much bigger REDD+ project between WLT and our partner, Guyra Paraguay, called the Paraguay Forest Conservation Project. Proposed deforestation plans for the Chaco show that the region surrounding the new San Gabriel Reserve is an important development area for ranching. It was therefore a race against time to purchase this land for wildlife, before the developers moved in.

<http://eco-services.worldlandtrust.org>



Far left : The spectacular Cock-of -the-Rock.
Left: The Golden-collared Honeycreeper.

Two birds whose habitats are safeguarded by the recently purchased Rio Nea Reserve.

"Balancing your carbon emissions with the WLT means that we are able to put even more back into our key objectives – acquiring land for conservation."

Sir David Attenborough, WLT Patron

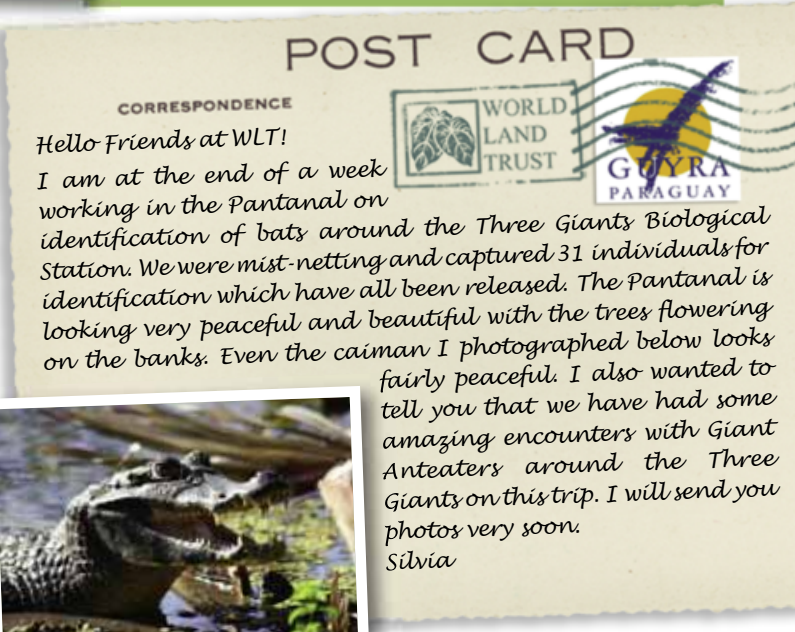
Extending the Rio Canandé Reserve

Thanks to those companies and individuals who have chosen to offset their unavoidable carbon emissions through WLT's Carbon Balanced programme, we have enabled our Ecuadorian partner, Fundación Jocotoco, to expand the Rio Canandé Carbon Balanced project to 378 acres (153 ha). Over the 20 year project period, the programme at Rio Canandé will sequester tens of thousands of tonnes of carbon dioxide, while preserving the Chocó forest, one of the richest and most ecologically diverse habitats on Earth. This reserve protects dozens of endemic bird species, Jaguar, Ocelot and three species of monkey.



Postcard from Paraguay

Silvia Centron, ornithologist with Guyra Paraguay, has been working at the WLT-funded Chaco-Pantanal Reserve. We are looking forward to hearing more about the Giant Anteaters she encountered at the Three Giants and will feature the story in the next issue of WLT News.



Hello Friends at WLT!

I am at the end of a week working in the Pantanal on identification of bats around the Three Giants Biological Station. We were mist-netting and captured 31 individuals for identification which have all been released. The Pantanal is looking very peaceful and beautiful with the trees flowering on the banks. Even the caiman I photographed below looks fairly peaceful. I also wanted to tell you that we have had some amazing encounters with Giant Anteaters around the Three Giants on this trip. I will send you photos very soon.
Silvia



Discoveries new to science on WLT-funded reserves



Orchid species new to science are being discovered near the Cerro Candelaria reserve in Ecuador (pictured above). Two have now been officially named in recognition of supporters who contributed significantly to the conservation of their habitat; *T.puroana* after WLT corporate supporter PURO Coffee and *T.barbeliana* (pictured left) in honour of our Trustee, Albertino Abela, who dedicated it to his mother, Barbel.

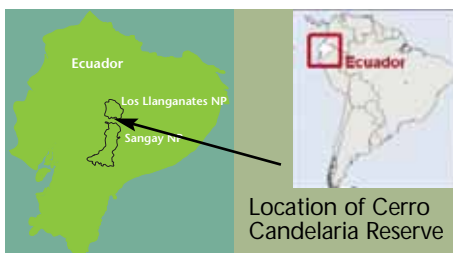
Orchid species new to science

Latin America is recognised as the world centre of plant diversity but rather than being concentrated in the Amazon as many people imagine, it is in the Andes Mountains. Much of this flora does not exist anywhere else on Earth.

Botanist Lou Jost, from our partner organisation Fundación EcoMinga, has been working for over a decade in the challenging terrain of the Pastaza watershed on the Andes Mountains. These 'islands in the sky' provide the perfect conditions for endemic plants to evolve. Lou is mapping the orchid distribution to learn more about why they occur where they do and to better understand the evolutionary process of new species.

It is on these remote mountains that he recently discovered two rare species of orchids near the Cerro Candelaria Reserve, funded by WLT. Lou said: "In what are now the EcoMinga reserves, my colleagues and I have discovered dozens of new orchid species over the last 14 years, along with several tree species and other new plants. We can be sure that there are still many other new species of plants and animals as yet undiscovered in these special places."

WLT is currently supporting Fundación EcoMinga and Fundación Jocotoco in Ecuador through the **Keepers of the Wild** appeal (page 4-5) and our Carbon Balanced programme.



Location of Cerro Candelaria Reserve

Both orchid species, *T.barbeliana* and *T.puroana*, are from the *Teagueia* genus; before 2000 only six species of *Teagueia* were known to exist in the world – three species found in Colombia and three in Ecuador. Thanks to the work of Lou and his colleagues, a total of 28 species have been discovered in the Andes. Large tracts of this region are still unexplored, making it vital to protect this land before it's too late.

Rare wild palm discovered on Danjungan Island reserve



A new population of a rare wild palm has been found growing on Danjungan Island, saved from devastating development by WLT more than ten years ago.

The discovery of *Adonidia merrillii*, commonly known as the Christmas Palm or Manila Palm has surprised scientists as related populations are mainly found east of the Wallace Line (a natural boundary that separates ecozones of Asia and Australasia); the Philippines lie west of the Wallace Line.

The lush forests of Danjungan Island provide a refuge for migratory birds in the southern hemisphere and the marine reserve protects two species of marine turtle, both Endangered: the Hawksbill and Green Turtle.

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- Ecuador, with Nature & Culture International
- Guatemala, with FUNDAECO
- Mexico, with GESG

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Over a century lost, the Red-crested Tree Rat is rediscovered on ProAves reserve in Colombia



Thought to be extinct, the Red-crested Tree Rat was rediscovered after 131 years alive and well and living in the El Dorado Reserve, owned and protected by WLT's partner in Colombia, ProAves. This guinea-pig sized mammal has soft brown fur, turning fiery red on its head and has a fuzzy black and white tail.

Lizzie Noble and Simon McKeown, two volunteers from the UK working on an endangered amphibian project with ProAves, were delighted to photograph it up close before it went calmly back into the forest.

For more information on these and more sightings, visit www.worldlandtrust.org

Save it with a Scarf: WLT teams up with Liberty and young designers from Winchester School of Art

LIBERTY



Above: The five winning designs (L-r) India, Borneo, Misiones (Argentina) Keepers of the Wild and Paraguay.

Left: At the launch in Liberty Scarf Hall (L-r): Phoebe Farrell (Misiones design), Rebecca Absalom, WLT's Senior Conservation Programmes Officer, runner-up design student and Freya Perrett (Keepers of the Wild design).



Above: In readiness for the launch, a Liberty sales assistant has the Paraguay scarf tied; she is wearing the Indian design around her shoulders. Lily Cole, in the background, generously gave her time free of charge to model the scarves.

Liberty's launch party for **Save it with a Scarf**, in their wonderful Scarf Hall, created great excitement on 10 May, raising funds and awareness for WLT's projects.

The five exclusive scarf designs were chosen from the two hundred entries submitted by Final Year Textile Design students at Southampton University's Winchester School of Art. Lollie Dunbar, Phoebe Farrell, Evelyn Males-Echeverria and Freya Perrett were thrilled to have their designs printed exclusively by Liberty on bamboo silk. Liberty has donated

15 per cent from the sale of each scarf to the WLT for the five projects represented.

Lollie Dunbar, designer of the India and Borneo scarves, said: "Designing these scarves for Liberty and World Land Trust has been a fantastic experience and I just can't believe I'm here! I have learned so many different things, not only about conservation but also how fashion can work alongside environmental projects. It's completely opened my eyes to the charity and I am surprised at how driven I have become to make people more aware of conservation issues."

Dear WLT:

The questionnaire and what you said about WLT News

I like the feeling of optimism in supporting your work and receiving WLT News. (Mrs G C Hardman)

It's perfect, don't alter it. (A Richards)

There is good and adequate information in WLT News. I can't cope with any more email info! (N Dunnington-Jefferson)

I would like more pages because it is so interesting. Have you considered paid advertising? (Brian Westerman)

Could you make it more detailed, but twice a year? (Dominic Belfield)

While I know it is environmentally better to get info electronically I do appreciate WLT's printed newsletter and how it looks. I do also get the eBulletin. (Beth Nuttall)

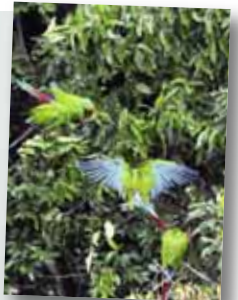
Good to read positive news about so many wild places, with local involvement. (Rosemary Ward)

There was almost unanimous praise from our supporters for **WLT News** and the only criticisms came from the use of paper with a few people saying 'Why don't you put the funds to conservation instead and just send out information electronically?' The answer to this is that the returned questionnaires told us that some of our supporters do not use computers and the majority of those that do said they had 'too much to read' and enjoyed 'sitting down with a cup of tea to read WLT News'. Also please note that the paper used is donated by Howard Smith Paper Group and is Carbon Balanced and **WLT News** is sponsored by Enterprise Plants.


We will be answering specific questions raised through the questionnaire in the Winter issue of **WLT News**. Thank you again for your responses.

Cover picture

Roberto Pedraza, Technical Officer of WLT's partner organisation, Grupo Ecologico Sierra Gorda (GESG) in Mexico sends us wonderful images of



the wildlife he has photographed in the hugely diverse habitats protected by the Sierra Gorda Reserve. Roberto wrote: "We just found these Military Macaws only an hour away from our office in Jalpan. We heard their shouts and calls as they fed on acorns, nuts and sweetgum spiny balls."

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