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Training the Next Generation of Turtle Conservationists in Vietnam

By Tim McCormack, Cleveland Metroparks Zoo's Asian Turtle Program, Program Coordinator

In 2007, with support from the MacArthur Foundation, EFN awarded a conservation workshop grant to the Asian Turtle Program (ATP) to train young conservationists in turtle conservation in Vietnam. Collaborating with the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo, their approach included three phases: university presentations to engage local students, a practical field course, and collaborative research projects conducted by the students with guidance from ATP and national park personnel. The field research focused on two endemic and critically endangered turtle species, the Vietnamese Flowerback box turtle (*Cuora bourreti*) and Vietnamese Pond Turtle (*Mauremys annamensis*). The students conducted their research in Quang Nam, Quang Ngai, Binh Dinh, Da Nang and Kon Tum Provinces.

After making several presentations at local universities, ATP conducted a two-week long tortoise and freshwater turtle field skill training course in Cuc Phuong National Park. Twenty students were involved in the training course and learned skills including an introduction to the Asian turtle crisis, turtle ecology, species identification, conducting interview and field survey, map reading, and GPS. The training was conducted at the Turtle Conservation Centre, which keeps over 1,000 individual turtles representing 16 species that were confiscated from illegal wildlife traders.

Six of these training participants went on to complete research projects. Le Thanh Dung from Vinh University conducted field surveys over 22 days in Pu Huong Nature Reserve in Nghe An province and documented five turtle species, including three endangered and one critically endangered species. The most significant outcome of this research was the ability to observe the Indochinese box turtle in the wild, a critically endangered and increasingly rare species threatened by illegal trade.

Tran Thi Anh Huong, a student from Da Nang University, conducted interviews and field surveys in Son Tra Nature Reserve. While studying local markets, she discovered 55

turtles of six species being sold, three of which were critically endangered and endemic Vietnamese pond turtles. Huong and her team captured six turtles within the reserve, most of which are native species, including the endangered elongated tortoise, Chinese stripe necked turtle, and red-eared slider, a North American species common in the pet trade.

Pham Song Hao, also from Da Nang University, conducted a short interview-based survey in the mountainous Ba Na Nature Reserve, uncovering seven turtles, including two critically endangered and the endemic Bourret's box turtles. Bourret's box turtles are a priority species for conservation and the valuable information collected during from this research project helped identify Ba Na as a protected area where turtle conservation efforts need to be implemented.

Two students, Nguyen Thu Thuy from Hanoi National University and Nguyen Van Trong from Xuan Mai Forestry College, undertook an ambitious interview-based survey, covering thousands of kilometers in Binh Dinh and Phu Yen Provinces. They conducted over 170 interviews and observed more than 160 turtles being sold including species protected under national law. Their rapid survey was intended to confirm the presence of two critically endangered and endemic turtle species, the Vietnamese pond turtle and Bourret's box turtle in these provinces. With the information collected, they were able to identify the likely habitat for both species and these sites are now a priority for the conservation of these species.

Three of these students completed their university thesis based on their research findings and three are now involved in additional turtle studies. Due to the collaborative efforts of ATP, universities, national parks, and EFN, Vietnam now has a dedicated and well-trained corps of young conservationists poised to take the lead in turtle conservation well into the future.



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Cong, participant in ATP training, learns about turtle identification

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- be a citizen or legal resident of a participating country
- have a minimum of two year's work experience in conservation
- be enrolled, admitted, or have applied to an institution of higher education
- begin studies within one year from the application deadline for their respective countries

Please note additional criteria will apply for each country.

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Russell E. Train Fellows

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO

Jean Marie Habari—MS international environmental law. Université de Limoges, France. *Thesis-Effectiveness of international legal instruments in the management of protected areas: Case study of Kahuzi-Biega National Park*

Chantal Shalukoma Ndukura—PhD agricultural sciences and biological engineering. Université Libre de Bruxelles, Belgium. *Thesis-Vulnerability of medicinal species used by communities and the importance of these species for veterinary work on gorillas around the Kahuzi-Biega National Park*

Valentin Omasombo Wotoko—MS biology of organisms and ecology. Université de Liège, Belgium. *Thesis-Study of the socio-ecological factors of a community of wild bonobos in order to properly preserve the species*



Valentin Omasombo Wotoko

GABON

Saturnin Ndotit Manguiengha—MS geomatics engineering specializing in geographic information systems. Ecole Nationale des Eaux et Forêts, Gabon. *Thesis-Evaluation and value of ecotourism potential of the Momba people*

Christian Mbina—MS ecology and biodiversity management. Université Montpellier 2, France. *Thesis-National interpretation of the value of conservation in Gabon: Improved guidelines on understanding the high conservation value of forests, including the certification of forest resources by national companies*

PERU

Natividad Quillahuaman Lasteros—MS biodiversity conservation and sustainable development. Instituto de Pesquisas Ecológicas (IPÉ), Brazil. *Thesis-Historical landscape model for the future viability of Pteronura brasiliensis*



Natividad Quillahuaman Lasteros

Professional Development Grants For Women in the Congo Basin

The Congo Basin is a key priority for WWF's conservation work. With generous grants from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Liz Claiborne Art Ortenberg Foundation, EFN supports training for women conservationists in this important region. This year EFN awarded grants to the following women in Democratic Republic of Congo.

CAMEROON

Henriette Elise Bikie—Project Manager, Bushmeat Project in Central Africa, TRAFFIC. Training course on international development and project management, Galilee College, Israel.



Erna Koumu Ikoso

Erna Koumu Ikoso—Socio-economic Research Assistant, Center for Nursery Development and Eru Propagation. Training course on sustainable natural resource use, Omega Center for Management Development, South Africa.

Laurentine Evelyne Mfegue—Manager, Forest Trade, Ministère des Forêts et de la Faune. Diploma in wildlife management, Ecole de Faune de Garoua, Cameroon.

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO

Bernadette Inkula Ebulal—Deputy Chief Clerk, Ministère de L'Environnement, Conservation de la Nature et Tourisme. Project management training, Alain Amghar Consultants, Cote d'Ivoire.

Annie Onotamba Ekuwo—Assistant, Ministère de l'Environnement. Semiology and Mapping with ArcGIS and the ArcGIS Level II training courses, Environmental Systems Research Institute-ESRI, France.

Grace Igerha Kahasha—Teacher, Pole Pole Foundation, MITI Centre. Training course on buffer zones management, Association Burundaise pour la Protection des Oiseaux Burundian, Burundi.

Dady Nsimire Mastaki—Researcher, Centre d'Action pour le Développement Durable. Training course on advanced GIS and watershed management, Makerere University, Uganda.



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Adele Dianda Mputu—Freshwater Ecology and Monitoring Officer, WWF-Carpo/DRC Lac Tumba Project. Training on aquatic monitoring and assessment, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, Sweden.

Chantal Shalukoma Ndukura—Conservation Research Assistant, Institut Congolais pour la Conservation de la Nature Parc Kahuzi-Biega. Economic Tools for Conservation training course, Conservation Strategy Fund, USA.



Chantal Shalukoma Ndukura

Clotilde Disubi Ngalula—Assistant, Ministère de l'Environnement.

Semiology and mapping with ArcGIS and the ArcGIS Level II training course, Environmental Systems Research Institute, France.

Marie Valence Ngasia Lela—Expert and Head of Integrated Water Management, Ministère de L'Environnement, Conservation de la Nature et Tourisme. Economic Tools for Conservation training course, Conservation Strategy Fund, USA.

Sylvie Nshombo Nzigire—Community Outreach Facilitator, APBES UvIRA. Departement D'assainissement de L'environnement. Training course on buffer zone management, Association Burundaise pour la Protection des Oiseaux Burundian, Burundi.

Liliane Rwezangabo—Community Outreach Coordinator, Synergie pour la Reconstruction et le Développement. Training course on advanced GIS and watershed management, Makerere University, Uganda.

Andes-Amazon Capacity Building Initiative

Through the continuing partnership between the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation and EFN, the following conservationists received short-term training grants to advance conservation efforts in the region. For more information, please visit www.worldwildlife.org/efn/amazon.



Professional Development Grants in Protected Area Management

These grants aim to build competencies for protected area managers and planners whose work has a direct impact on one or more protected areas in the Andes-Amazon.

BOLIVIA

Marcelo Eduardo Arze Garcia—Director of Ecotourism, Conservation International Foundation - Bolivia. 2009 Economic Tools for Conservation training course, Conservation Strategy Fund, USA.

Gonzalo Pena—Official for Forest Trade, WWF Bolivia. International Course on Capacity Building in Public Management and Local Sustainable Development, Organización para el Desarrollo de América Latina y el Caribe, Bolivia.

Alejandro Pinedo Lomas—Park guard, SERNANP - Pacaya Samiria National Reserve. VI World Congress of Park Guards, Federación Internacional de Guardaparques, Bolivia.

Pamela Rebolledo—Pantanal Program Coordinator, WWF Bolivia. International Course on Capacity Building in Public Management and Local Sustainable Development, Organización para el Desarrollo de América Latina y el Caribe, Bolivia.

COLOMBIA

Pablo Hernan Jamioy Juajibioy—Consultant, Organización Zonal Indígena del Putumayo. 2009 Global Development Marketplace Competition, World Bank Institute, USA.

Silvia Vejarano Rivadeneira—Director, Fundación Biodiversa. Beahrs Environmental Leadership Summer Certificate Program, University of California Berkeley, USA.

PERU

Fidel Manuel Armas Palomo—Consulting Biologist for community management of protected natural areas, Instituto del Bien Común. 10th International Course on basic economics for the management and valuation of environmental goods and services, CATIE, Costa Rica.

Ruben Dominguez Ramos—Park guard, SERNANP - Ampay National Sanctuary. VI World Congress of Park Guards, Federación Internacional de Guardaparques, Bolivia.

Diana Mariella Carmen Leo Luna—Vice President and Project Manager, Asociación Peruana para la Conservación de la Naturaleza. Training course on hydrology of Andean ecosystems, CONDESAN (Consortio para el Desarrollo Sostenible de la Ecorregion Andina), Ecuador.

Jairo Natorce Pacaya—Park guard, SERNANP - Pacaya Samiria National Reserve. VI World Congress of Park Guards, Federación Internacional de Guardaparques, Bolivia.

Marcos Ramirez Zarate—Protected Area Officer, Cordillera Azul. 2009 Course on the management of wildlands and protected areas, Colorado State University, USA.

Piero Emmanuel Rengifo Cardenas—GIS Manager, Pronaturaleza. Virtual course on management and conservation in natural spaces, Fundación Universitaria Iberoamericana, Peru.

Alfredo Rodriguez Zunino—Coordinator for Global Forest & Trade Network, WWF Peru. Value chain management approach to sustainability with economic, social, and environmental, CATIE, Colombia.

Gustavo Adolfo Ruiz Tay—Development Economics Analyst, Asociación para la Conservación del Patrimonio del Cutivireni. 2009 Economic Tools for Conservation training course, Conservation Strategy Fund, USA.

Aldo Bruno Soto Hurtado—Northeast Amazon Program Coordinator, WWF Peru. Economic Tools for Conservation training course, Conservation Strategy Fund, USA.

Rosario Regina Zegarra Quijano—Park guard, Santuario Nacional Tabaconas Namballe. VI World Congress of Park Guards, Federación Internacional de Guardaparques, Bolivia.

Conservation Workshop Grants

More than 300 people participated in these conservation workshops. Each organization hosted a workshop on a topic integral to conservation efforts in their communities. For more information on workshop grants, please visit www.worldwildlife.org/efn/workshop.



African Centre of Applied Forestry, Research, and Development (CARFAD), Cameroon—Training workshop on sustainable management of sacred natural areas in Bandjoun.

Corporación para la Investigación y el Ecodesarrollo Regional, Colombia—Workshop on tools for monitoring and breeding wild butterflies.

Groupe d'Intervention et d'Actions Sociales Integrees (GIASI), Democratic Republic of Congo—Awareness training for Maluku women on environmental protection.

Horizon Nature, Democratic Republic of Congo—Training workshop on the use of improved cooking techniques to minimize deforestation in South Kivu.

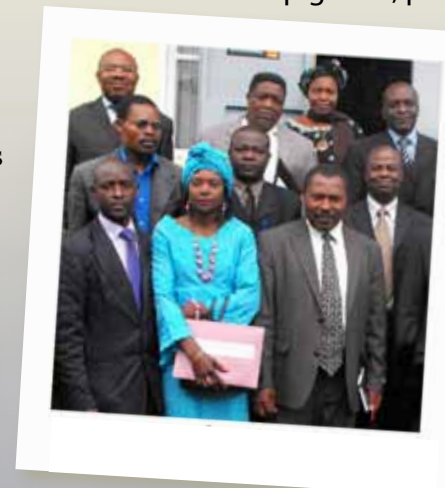
National Directorate for International Environmental Affairs, Timor Leste—training workshop on education and public awareness on conservation issues including land degradation, biological diversity, and climate change.

Oxfam GB Cambodia—Policy debate workshop on community water management best practices and legal procedures in Stung Treng.

The International Centre for Responsible Tourism, Belize—conference registration fees and transportation for 5 grantees (Manolo Romero, Abil Castañeda, Natalie Palacio, Armeid Thompson, and Juliet Neal) to attend the Conference on Responsible Tourism.

Tiger Conservation Society Nepal—Local stakeholder awareness initiative for tiger conservation in Royal Suklaphanta Wildlife Reserve.

WWF Mozambique—Training workshop on geographic information systems in Mozambique.



(Andes-Amazon Capacity Building Initiative continued...)

Park Guard Workshop Grants

EFN continues to support park guard training in the Andes-Amazon region with the support of the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation. These grants have been instrumental in increasing park guard capacity throughout the region.

CIMA Cordillera Azul, Peru—Training course on environmental legislation for park guards in the Northeastern Region of SERNANP.

Fundación Amigos de Madidi, Bolivia—Training course for modernizing and developing capacity for park guards in Madidi National Park and Pilon Lajas Reserve.



Employment Incentive Grants

As part of the initiative, EFN awarded employment incentive grants to increase institutional capacity of two local organizations. These organizations hired Russell E. Train Fellows in key positions to work improving protected area management.

Fundación Erigaie, Colombia—Funding for the employment of **Carlos Luis del Cairo Silva** as a project researcher to undertake a diagnostic analysis of ecological conservation and state action in three Amazonian indigenous reserves in Colombia.

Organización Zonal Indígena del Putumayo Ozip, Colombia—Funding for the employment of **Pablo Hernan Jamioy Juajibioy** as an environmental management advisor to develop a land use plan for the indigenous territories of Putumayo.

Expert Exchange Grants for Current Train Fellows and Andes Alliance Members

These grants enable current Russell E. Train Fellows and Andes Alliance members to foster the exchange of ideas between conservation practitioners in the Andes-Amazon region.

Jose Carlos Silva Macher (Peru)—Expert exchange between Universidad Autónoma de Barcelona, Spain and Pontificia Universidad Católica del Peru to bring Dr. Joan Martinez-Alier to Peru to present and develop an introductory course on ecological economics, in collaboration with Train Fello, Peru.

Santiago Rafael Espinosa Andrade (Ecuador)—Expert exchange between WWF Peru Proyecto AREAS staff and the grantee, Santiago Rafael Espinosa Andrade to share ideas and experiences with protected area management and practical techniques for the study of jaguars and other species, Peru.

Professional Development Grants

Since January 2009, EFN awarded more than 30 professional development grants to mid-career professionals working in conservation. These grants included EFN's first grants to Timor Leste and Papua New Guinea. For more information, please visit our website www.worldwildlife.org/efn/pdg.

LATIN AMERICA

BRAZIL

Gabriel C. Carrero—Researcher and Project Developer, Institute of Conservation and Sustainable Development of Amazonas. 2009 Economic Tools for Conservation training course, Conservation Strategy Fund, USA.

Camila Horiye

Rodrigues—Project Coordinator, Instituto Centro de Vida. World Congress for Agroforestry 2009, International Centre for Research in Agroforestry, Kenya.



Camila Horiye Rodrigues

ECUADOR

Paulina Guarderas—Research Associate, Nazca Institute for Marine Research. Training course on the biology and conservation of sea turtles, Duke University, USA.

PERU

Raul Dance Sifuentes—Wood Products Marketing Specialist, WWF-LAC. 2009 Conservation Finance Camp, Yale University, USA.

AFRICA

CAMEROON

Christophe Lambert Bene Bene—Project Manager, WWF-CARPO. Training course on project planning and management, 9informatique, Mali.

Guy Patrice Dkamela

Mbeche—REDD facilitator, Network for Environmental and Sustainable Development in Central Africa. International Educators Institute, World Forestry Center, USA.



Guy Patrice Dkamela Mbeche

KENYA

Shivani Bhalla—Director, Ewaso Lion Project. 23rd Annual International Congress for Conservation Biology, Society for Conservation Biology, China.

Elsie Wambui Kariuki—Project Training Officer, Community-based Conservation Films. Wildlife filmmaking course, Wildlife Film Academy, South Africa.



Elsie Wambui Kariuki

Carolyn Lwenya—Research Officer, Kenya Marine and Fisheries Research Institute. 13th World Lake Conference, International Lake Environment Committee, China.

Morine Mukami Ngarari—Assistant Research Officer, Kenya Marine and Fisheries Research Organization. Africa GIS 2009 International Conference, Makerere University, Uganda.

John Wageni Gichuki—Principal Research Officer, Kenya Marine Fisheries Research Institute. 13th World Lake Conference, International Lake Environment Committee, China.

Edwin Wanyonyi—Director of Resource Allocation, Kenya Wildlife Service. 11th General Assembly of RedLAC, RedLAC, Colombia.

ASIA

INDONESIA

Estradivari—Science Program Manager, The Indonesian Coral Reef Foundation. Training course on diseases of corals and other reef organisms, Stillwater Research Group, USA.



Estradivari

Ofri Johan—Researcher, Research Center for Aquaculture. Training course on diseases of corals and other reef organisms, Stillwater Research Group, USA.

Iwan Setiyono—Manager of Fisheries Economics and Coastal Planning, Ministry of Fishery and Coastal Planning. International Ocean Institute Training Program on Ocean Governance: Policy, Law and Management, Dalhousie University, Canada.

M. Yudi Agusrin Syahir—Community Engagement Module Leader, WWF Indonesia. Economic Tools for Conservation training course, Conservation Strategy Fund, USA.

NEPAL

Megh Bahadur Ale—President, Nepal River Conservation Trust. Beahrs Environmental Leadership Summer Certificate Program, University of California Berkeley, USA.

Bhakta Bahadur Karki—Natural Resource Management Officer, Rural Reconstruction Nepal. Advanced Field Course in Ecology and Conservation, Xishuangbanna Tropical Botanical Garden, China.

PAPUA NEW GUINEA

John Nilles Kolio—Communications Officer, Center for Environmental Laws and Community Rights. Video editing training course, Telapak, Indonesia.

One of the Esmos village fish ponds, Kenya.
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PHILIPPINES

Jose Alfred Cantos—Project Manager, WWF Philippines. International Marine Conservation Congress, Society for Conservation Biology, USA.



Jose Alfred Cantos

TIMOR LESTE

Lucio Soares Babo—Technical Officer for Biological Diversity, National Directorate for the International Environmental Affairs. Training course on mangrove rehabilitation, Mangrove Information Center, Indonesia.

Jorge Borges—Documentation and Information Management Officer, National Directorate for the International Environmental Affairs. Training course on coastal resource management, Mangrove Information Center, Indonesia.

Leovigildo dos Santos—Technical Officer, Ministry of Economy and Development. Environmental Economics training course, Universitas Gadjah Mada, Indonesia.

Salustiano dos Santos Carvalho—Director General, Ministry of Economy and Development. Introduction to Environmental Impact Assessment for Executives & Legislators training course, Universitas Gadjah Mada, Indonesia.

Bernardo Figueiredo—Professional Laboratory Technician on Pollution Control, National Directorate of Environment. Training course on water and air quality testing, Environmental Health Laboratory, Indonesia.

Beniquina Maria Lurdes Fernandes—Technical Officer, National Directorate for the International Environmental Affairs. Training course on watershed and integrated management of coastal areas, Mangrove Information Center, Indonesia.



Yunnan Baimaxueshan Nature Reserve Workshop Participants

Wildlife Conservation Office of Yunnan Forestry Department—Workshop on wetland management in the Lancang River Watershed.

WWF China—2009 Annual Conference of Central and Lower Yangtze Wetland Network and Senior Workshop of Wetland and Climate Change Adaptation.

Conservation Workshop Grants in China



Alcoa Foundation continues to support organizations in China working on many different topics from wetland management to corporate environmental responsibility. These workshops trained about 400 participants and are an important tool in spreading conservation knowledge and action.

Yunnan Baimaxueshan Nature Reserve—Workshop on reducing crop and livestock losses to local villagers caused by wildlife in the Guilong River Basin of Baimaxueshan Nature Reserve; Workshop on exchanging knowledge on natural resource management with the Tibetan nature reserves.

Yunnan Center for Environment, Protection, Education & Communication—Training workshop on corporate environmental responsibility in Yunnan Province.

Yunnan Green Environment Development Foundation—Workshop on forest and climate change in Yunnan Province.

Notes from the Field

Farai Dondofema, Zimbabwe. Professional Development Grant (2005)

In 2005, EFN funded Farai to attend the Environmental Systems Research Institute-ESRI Society for Conservation GIS training. Shortly after completing the course, he began his master's degree in integrated water resource management at the University of



Farai Dondofema

Zimbabwe. After completing his degree, he began work for the City of Tshwane in South Africa as a GIS technician and, in 2007, was hired by Strategic Environmental Focus as a terrestrial ecologist doing ecological and impact assessments. This year, Farai began work for M-Tec Holdings, working as a senior ecologist and GIS specialist. He received an IUCN Professional Development Fellowship to attend a training on conducting impact assessments in Namibia at the Southern African Institute for Environmental Assessment. He is currently working on an environmental assessment of the mining sector in northern Ghana.

Hantanirina Rasamimanana, Madagascar. Russell E. Train Fellowship (2003)

Hantaniri completed her doctoral degree in eco-anthropology at the Museum National d'Histoire Naturelle, Paris, France in 2004 with the support of a Russell E. Train Fellowship. After graduating, she returned to her work as a lecturer, researcher, and project coordinator for Ecole Normale Supérieure of Antananarivo. Since returning to Madagascar, she received a Wildlife Preservation Trust Grant for her work on primate behavior and conservation. In 2008, the

Groupe d'Etudes et de Recherches en Primatologie, a Malagasy primatological association she founded in 1994 with 5 other primatologists, won a MacArthur Foundation small grant to develop educational materials and a teacher support system and then use those tools to train primary school teachers in two regions of Madagascar. She recently was promoted to be the local manager of a project to develop a joint international master's program on sustainable

biodiversity management and conservation to be implemented at the Mahajanga University and the Comoros University in partnership with the Torino University, Italy.

Isabela Figueroa Sabbadini, Ecuador. Russell E. Train Fellowship (2007)

In 2007, Isabela received a fellowship to pursue her LLM in natural resources, energy, and environmental law at the University of Calgary in Canada. She developed a thesis on *The Right to Say No: When the state faces indigenous people's limits to a non-renewable resource exploration project*. In 2009, her thesis was recognized by the university with the Chancellor's Graduate Medal. Her research was supported by the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation. Isabela is currently working for the Confederación Ecuatoriana de Nacionalidades Indígenas del Ecuador as the advisor for issues related to extractive industries including mining and oil.



Isabela Figueroa Sabbadini

Tamrini Ali Said, Tanzania. Professional Development Grant (2001)

Tamrini attended the Participatory & Project Planning & Community Conservation Course at the College of African Wildlife Management with the support of EFN in 2001. Since then, he received an Alcoa Practitioner Fellowship working with an EFN mentor to complete his research on the impact of integrated conservation and development projects on the local community livelihoods around Jozani National Park and Ngezi-Vumawimbi Nature Reserve. In August 2009, he received a grant from Mohammed bin Zayed Species Conservation Funds to support conservation efforts for the Ader's duiker and Pemba blue duiker. He was recently appointed to be a forest protected areas manager for Unguja Island.

Santi Saypanya, Laos. Professional Development Grant (2006)

Santi received a professional development grant to attend the North American Association for Environmental Education 35th Annual Conference. The conference enabled her to expand her knowledge about different environmental education tools and she is now the Education & Outreach Manager for WCS Laos. She is also pursuing her master's in communication through the RARE program in collaboration with the University of Texas at El Paso and the Georgetown University McDonough School of Business. Through this program, she is helping launch a RARE Campaign to reduce hunting of tigers and their prey for commercial consumption and to build support for tiger conservation among 50 surrounding communities.

Opportunities

2010 Kinship Conservation Fellows

22 June–23 July 2010

Deadline: 18 January 2010

Kinship Conservation Fellows is a groundbreaking environmental leadership program. Each year they select 18 Fellows from hundreds of applicants around the world to receive a \$6,000 award and join a dynamic fellowship of conservation leaders. Fellows take part in an intensive, month-long program that combines conservation leadership training with business and economic tools in the context of real life project work.

For more information visit www.kinshipfellows.org.

The Kathryn Fuller Science for Nature Fund - Doctoral and Postdoctoral Fellowships

Deadline: 31 January 2010

The Fuller Fund will support doctoral and postdoctoral research in the following 3 areas:

- ecosystem services
- measuring/monitoring carbon stocks in forests
- climate change impacts on & adaptation of freshwater resources

Applicants must propose research in one of the three topics listed above that has direct implications for conservation in one of the WWF-US priority places.

For more information visit www.worldwildlife.org/fuller or contact fullerfund@wwfus.org.

2010 International Climate Change Adaptation Conference

29 June – 1st July 2010

The 2010 International Climate Change Adaptation Conference will showcase leading impacts and adaptation research from around the world. The conference will bring together the international community of researchers in climate change impacts, adaptation and vulnerability. It is an opportunity for professionals seeking to present and discuss the latest science developments in climate impacts and adaptation with representatives of government, business, industry and researchers in similar fields.

For more information about the conference please see the conference website: <http://www.nccarf.edu.au/conference2010>