

## World Land Trust - US

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### **Annual Report Summary, 2005**

World Land Trust - US acts to buy and protect lands that conserve rare or endangered species, principally rainforests in tropical countries. These lands must be specially priced so that a minimum amount of funds purchase or protect high priority areas. We also help to create tropical parks and protected areas, to ensure that a representative sample of biodiversity is protected. Since its founding in 1989, WLT-US [formerly World Parks] has raised over \$3 million, of which less than 1% has been used for administrative and fundraising overhead, and saved over 656,000 acres. WLT-US is affiliated with World Land Trust in the UK in a program to help save tropical forests and ecosystems.

In 2005, World Land Trust - US conserved a number of key areas:

#### **San Rafael Reserve, Paraguay**

\$110,000

*Land purchase:* WLT-US provided the funds for Guyra Paraguay to purchase 1,500 acres in the San Rafael Reserve in southern Paraguay, considered to be one of the two most important tracts of Atlantic Forest remaining in Paraguay. More than 310 bird species have been recorded here, 11 of which are globally threatened, and numerous endemic species of mammals, reptiles and plants.

#### **Tapichalaca Reserve, Ecuador**

\$83,000

*Land purchase:* We provided funds to the Jocotoco Foundation to purchase three areas at the Tapichalaca Reserve in the Andes of southern Ecuador, in collaboration with World Land Trust. This reserve protects a very wet montane forest with almost all of the known range of the recently discovered Jocotoco Antpitta, together with other vulnerable species such as the Bearded Guan, Golden-plumed Parakeet, and Masked Saltator. It also conserves many rare plant species, including 30 orchids found nowhere else on earth.

#### **Creation of a regional conservation system, Loreto, Peru**

\$45,000

We worked with the Regional Government of Loreto and local institutions to create a regional conservation area system that could protect millions of hectares of Amazon rainforests in the region of Loreto. Areas to be created will conserve rare biodiversity, such as white sand forests, and will help local communities through ecotourism and other sustainable development alternatives.

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<b>Megantoni National Sanctuary, Peru</b>		\$40,000
WLT-US provided most of the first year funding for the Peruvian group CEDIA to manage the newly created Megantoni National Sanctuary in the southern Andes of Peru, protecting 216,005 hectares of species-rich cloud forests on the east slope of the Andes.		
<b>Congal and other reserves, Ecuador</b>		\$35,000
WLT-US provided support to the Jatun Sacha Foundation's Congal Mangrove Reserve in NW Ecuador, the Tsuruku Reserve in the cloud forests of Pastaza state, the Lalo Loor Dry Forest site, and for work to develop private land conservation networks.		
<b>Matses Communal Reserve, Peru</b>		\$20,000
We are supporting the Center for the Development of the Amazonian Indigenous Peoples in working to create a Communal Reserve of 457,000 hectares adjacent to and for the benefit of the Matses indigenous peoples in the rainforest of the NE Peruvian Amazon. In 2005 we supported their efforts to add protection of 50,000 ha of rare white sand forests.		
<b>Cosanga Valley area, Ecuador</b>		\$21,366
<i>Land purchase:</i> WLT-US funded the purchase of a 250 acres of species-rich montane and foothill forest area that adjoin the Antisana and Gran Sumaco Reserves, including species found no-where else. We are working with Carmen Bustamante of Cabanas San Isidro and the newly formed Napo Andean Forest Foundation.		
<b>Santa Marta Mountain, Colombia</b>		\$15,000
<i>Land purchase:</i> WLT-US provided \$15,000 to purchase approximately 250 acres in the last remaining forest tract on the northwest slope of the Santa Marta Mountain, with Proaves and American Bird Conservancy. This protects the only global habitat for the Endangered Santa Marta Parakeet and the Santa Marta Bush-tyrant, in all hosts 18 Santa Marta endemic bird species and four Endangered amphibian species.		
<b>Laguna Huamanpata, Amazonas, Peru</b>		\$12,500
<i>Reserve creation.</i> We funded the Investigation Institute for the Peruvian Amazon (IIAP) to accomplish the field work and scientific and social studies needed to formally designate a protected area for the watershed of the Laguna de Huamanpata, a 24,000 ha. area of pristine montane forest in Amazonas Province, Peru.		
<b>Canande Reserve, Esmeraldas, Ecuador</b>	<i>Land purchase</i>	\$11,000
<b>Jorupe Reserve, Ecuador</b>	<i>Land purchase</i>	\$10,000
<b>Yacuambi Shuar Reserve, Ecuador</b>	<i>Reserve creation</i>	\$10,000
<b>Smaller grants</b>		\$ 9,544
<b>Total project grants in 2005:</b>		\$422,510

*World Land Trust - US wishes to thank all those whose contributions made these projects possible, especially those who contributed through the Combined Federal Campaign.*