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Message from the President

Dear Friends and Supporters,

2006 was a year of great developments for World Land Trust-US:

- We purchased a number of important areas, including 1,000 acres of endangered Atlantic rainforest in Paraguay, and have raised the money to buy another 1,000 acres of cloud forest in Ecuador as well as a key area of threatened dry forest with many endemic species;
- We formed a partnership with World Land Trust in England and changed our name to World Land Trust-US (formerly World Parks Endowment), which will allow us to share WLT's excellent publications and web experience;
- We have added key staff, with Robert Ridgely, expert on South American birds and author of Birds of South America, as Director of Conservation and Richard Moore as Director of Operations.

And we raised and distributed to critical conservation projects more than twice as much funding as ever before. Our heartfelt thanks go to all who made this possible.

Although there is far more that needs to be done than our funding can cover, we can take heart that we have been able in a small way to help save the diversity of life on earth.

Sincerely,

President & Executive Director
World Land Trust-US





Our Mission:

The mission of World Land Trust-US (WLT-US, formerly World Parks Endowment) is to buy and protect lands that conserve rare or endangered species and representative samples of biodiversity, as economically and efficiently as possible. We work through local conservation organizations and target rainforests in tropical countries. Since our founding in 1989 WLT-US has raised more than \$3 million, of which less than 2% has been used for administrative and fundraising overhead. So far we have saved more than 600,000 acres.



Major historical accomplishments...

ARGENTINA

- ◀ We catalyzed efforts to create a large new park for the Pampa de Achala, a biologically significant grassland with ten endemic species or subspecies of birds.

BELIZE

- ◀ Our endowment of \$100,000 allowed the government to create the Bladen Rainforest Sanctuary, a 97,000-acre reserve protecting high-biodiversity rainforest.

CHILE

- ◀ We funded the purchase of 1,000 acres to create the Cani Araucaria Reserve.

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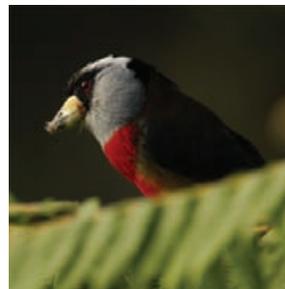
- ◀ We enabled the purchase of land to create many private reserves that protect critically endangered species with Jatun Sacha Foundation, Jocotoco Foundation, and Nature and Culture International; so far we have purchased more than 25,000 acres in sites critical for biodiversity conservation.

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- ◀ Our support over several years to local partner groups led to the successful establishment of a major new protected area of Cordillera de Colán, 160,000 acres in Amazonas, and the 537,500-acre Megantoni Communal Reserve which protects highly diverse rainforest and the lifestyles of indigenous peoples.

GUATEMALA

- ◀ We purchased the initial 11,000 acres of cloud forest (at \$4 per acre) that formed the core of the Sierra de las Minas Biosphere Reserve.



2006 Projects



Mata Balbina Forest, Brazil (\$8,500)

We provided funds to Fundação Biodiversitas in Brazil to develop a land conservation strategy for the critically endangered 1,600-hectare Mata Balbina forest at the northern edge of the endangered Atlantic Forest. This site protects five globally endangered bird species, including the sole surviving populations of the Banded Cotinga and the Stresemann's Bristlefront, as well as seven endangered mammals.

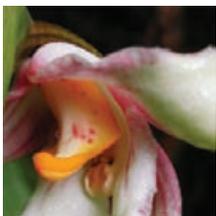


Conserving Endangered Birds with Jocotoco Foundation, Ecuador (\$240,000)

This year we helped the Jocotoco Foundation add seven small properties of Andean forests to the Yanacocha Reserve near Quito, which protects the endemic Black-breasted Puffleg. The city of Quito has adopted the Black-breasted Puffleg as its emblematic bird, and visitation from local Ecuadorians now exceeds that of international birders.

We also provided funding to expand the Yunguilla Reserve, which protects the critically endangered Pale-headed Brush-Finch. Most of the habitat for both species, the brush-finch and the hummingbird, is now found on Jocotoco reserves. The hummingbird's population is stable, and the brush-finch is recovering strongly, from a mere handful of individuals when conservation efforts started to more than 60 breeding pairs today.

WLT-US raised the funds to enable Jocotoco to buy 1,000 acres to expand the new Jorupe Reserve, which protects the threatened tropical dry forests of the Tumbesian ecosystem of southwestern Ecuador. This forest provides habitat for many endemic and rare species of plants and animals; it protects 69 endemic species of birds, including the globally threatened Henna-hooded Foliage-Gleaner, as well as the watershed of the Rio Jorupe, the source of clean drinking water for the nearby community of Macará.



Orchid conservation with Ecominga Foundation, Ecuador (\$40,300)

WLT-US provided funds to Ecominga, a new foundation for the protection of orchids. The funds will be used to identify, purchase, and manage critical sites for the conservation of endangered orchids in Ecuador. Priority areas include the Mera forest in central Ecuador, lying between the Andes and the Amazon basin, lying between the Andes and the Amazon basin, which is a rich center of biodiversity with 51 plant species endemic to this very small area.





Congal and other reserves, Ecuador (\$40,000)

WLT-US provided support to the Jatun Sacha Foundation's Congal Mangrove Reserve in Northwest Ecuador, the Tsuruku Reserve in the cloud forests of Pastaza state, and the Lalo Loor Dry Forest site for work to develop private land conservation networks.



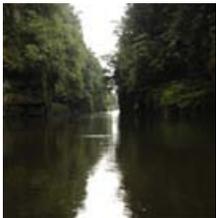
Cosanga Valley area, Ecuador (\$7,500)

WLT-US funded the purchase of 60 acres of species-rich montane forest incorporating at-risk properties in the buffer zone of the spectacular Antisana Reserve. We are working with Cabañas San Isidro and the newly formed Napo Andean Forest Foundation.



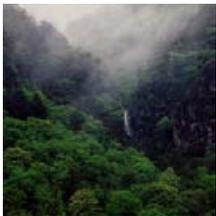
San Rafael Reserve, Paraguay (\$60,000)

WLT-US provided funds for Guyra Paraguay to purchase 1,000 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, along with numerous endemic species of mammals, reptiles and plants.



Matses Communal Reserve, Peru (\$20,000)

For three years, WLT-US in partnership with Nature and Culture International have supported the Center for the Development of the Amazonian Indigenous Peoples to create a Communal Reserve for the Matses indigenous peoples in northern Amazonian Peru. The reserve covers 457,000 hectares of pristine rainforest. In 2006 these efforts were rewarded with the approval of the reserve by INRENA, the government natural resource agency. The initiative now awaits approval by the President.



Laguna Huamanpata, Amazonas, Peru (\$10,000)

Our efforts over the past years to create a protected area for the cloud forests of the watershed of the Laguna de Huamanpata were rewarded in 2006 when the municipal government declared a municipal reserve covering 24,000 hectares of pristine montane forest in Amazonas Province, Peru.



Environmental Education and Nature Clubs, Loreto, Peru (\$33,000)

WLT-US allocated funds to help the local group CANATURA develop a system of Nature Clubs in northern Peru, and provided funds to all major radio stations in Loreto, Peru for programs to promote sustainable development and conservation areas as an alternative to the current extractive economies, such as timbering.

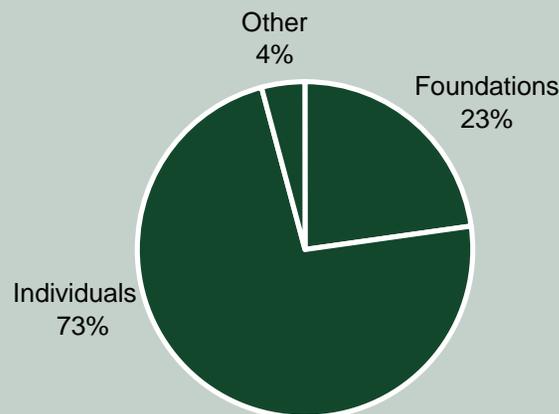
Wilson Biodiversity Program (\$149,000)

WLT-US and the E.O. Wilson Foundation have joined forces in a program designed to undertake public educational, scientific and programmatic activities to educate the public about and conserve biological diversity. The program emphasizes citizen science, and country accords to promote biodiversity conservation and use.

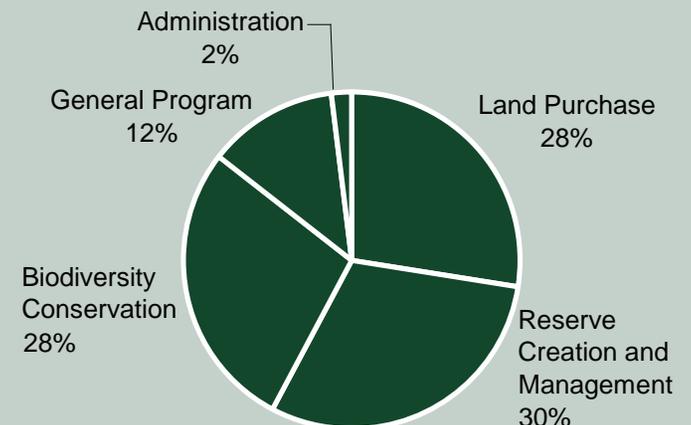
Smaller grants (\$16,000)

Financial Summary

FY 2006 Revenue
Total: \$802,964



FY 2006 Expenditure
Total: \$745,000



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