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TOGETHER TOWARDS A BETTER TOMORROW

Baba Dioum said it best: “In the end, we will conserve only what we love; we will love only what we understand, and we will understand only what we are taught.” Collaboration is the key to unlocking impactful conservation, and 2024 stands as a testament to this for the Fund. Through partnerships with government, local organisations, and global allies, we have witnessed the transformative power of working together. These collective efforts are showcased in the 2024 annual report, highlighting significant wins for biodiversity.

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FOREWORD

2024 MBZF Annual Report Foreword. Theme “Together Towards a Better Tomorrow”

Conservation’s greatest achievements emerge when we work together. At the Mohamed bin Zayed Species Conservation Fund, this principle guides everything we do. Each grant we award represents more than funding—it is a partnership with dedicated individuals and organizations on the frontlines of species conservation.

Throughout 2024, our impact has been amplified by an extraordinary network of conservationists, local communities, and partners who share our commitment to protecting the world’s most vulnerable species. Together, we have supported initiatives driven by scientific rigor, enriched by indigenous knowledge, and strengthened through collaborative action.

The projects featured in this report showcase the transformative power of these partnerships. From remote field sites to community-led conservation efforts, each success story demonstrates how collective determination can create lasting change for threatened species and the ecosystems they call home.

As we look toward the future, we remain steadfast in our mission to empower those working tirelessly on the ground. Together, we continue building pathways toward a better tomorrow for all life on Earth.

Razan Khalifa Al Mubarak
Executive Managing Director





ABOUT US

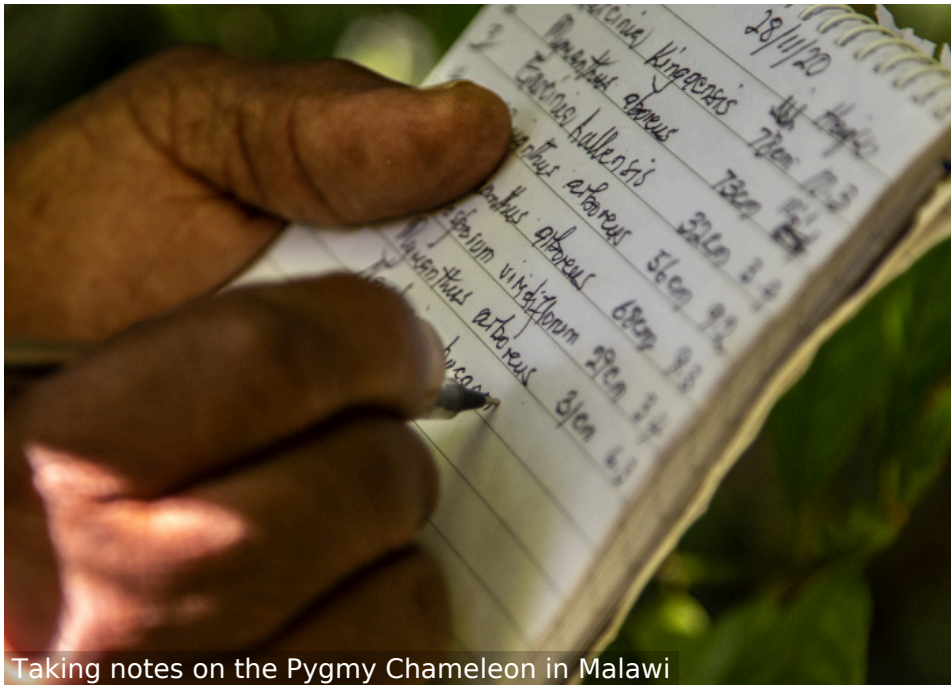
The Mohamed bin Zayed Species Conservation Fund, an Erth Zayed Affiliate, seeks to empower species conservation efforts and programmes globally, embodying the deep-rooted commitment of both the government and the people of Abu Dhabi to preserve our natural heritage.

A sustainable future does not come from the safeguarding of just a few popular animals or keystone species. Nature is a complex and delicate web of coexistence, collaboration, and predation. When one thread of this web is placed at risk, all species suffer.

Human activity is responsible for the rapid deterioration of this web as we exploit the world for financial gain, destroying habitats for the resources within these fragile ecosystems. With an estimated 13-14 million species believed to call earth home, we have managed to only document roughly 14% of which 46,337 are listed as threatened on the IUCN Red List, including 41% of amphibians, 71% of cycads and 27% of mammals.



Harlequin toad project in Ecuador



Taking notes on the Pygmy Chameleon in Malawi

Though the situation seems dire, there is still hope. We at the Muhamed bin Zayed Species Conservation Fund believe that one step, however small, is better than no step at all. This year alone, the Fund has supported 238 projects, across 64 countries, investing \$2,231,317 back into global conservation. This spread-out approach ensures that all species, famous or yet unknown, are given the support they deserve.

The year of 2024 has been one of reconstruction and collaboration for us at the Fund, as we excitedly watch the efforts mount. With each completed project, rediscovered species and reclaimed habitat, our grant recipients are keeping the fire of hope for a sustainable future lit, working around the clock to fold humanity back into the complex web that is our planet's ecology.

A close-up photograph of a Sinai baton blue butterfly (Pseudophilotes sinaicus) perched on a dried flower stem. The butterfly's wings are a mix of blue and brown, with several prominent black spots on the brown areas. The background is a soft, out-of-focus blue.

SMALL GRANTS

The Mohamed bin Zayed Species Conservation Fund provides financial support in the form of small grants of less than \$25,000 to conservation projects worldwide. These small grants are as much for the species as they are for the conservationists and organizations working so passionately to protect them.

Sinai baton blue butterfly *Pseudophilotes sinaicus* Invertebrate Not Evaluated Egypt \$1,500 award granted third quarter 2011 \$2,650 award granted 2nd quarter 2012

CASE STUDIES

While the Mohamed bin Zayed Species Conservation Fund supports a diverse range of species through direct funding and engagement with multi-partner conservation projects around the world, the species coverage and number of conservationists supported each year by its small grants programme is unparalleled.

The Fund is committed to empowering grassroots conservation initiatives that create significant local impact. Through our small grants programme, we prioritize support for less charismatic species, ensuring they receive the attention they deserve.

By engaging with local communities and focusing on species conservation in their natural habitats, we work hand in hand with nature to effect lasting change. Every species matters and plays a vital role in maintaining the delicate balance of our ecosystems. Together, let's protect and celebrate the remarkable diversity of life on our planet.



BATTLE FOR THE BRIGHTEST SHRIMP

Saving the Critically Endangered shrimp, *Caridina dennerli* in Lake Matano

Scientific name: *Caridina dennerli*

Common name: Sulawesi cardinal shrimp

Species type: Invertebrate

Country: Indonesia

Website: <https://reports.speciesconservation.org/ar-case-studies/battle-for-the-brightest-shrimp/>



AI: THE FUTURE OF CONSERVATION SUCCESS

Qualifying fungal conservation: Accelerating the Brazilian Funga conservation and extinction risk assessment through AI-based habitat models and IUCN guidelines

Scientific name: *Bondarwezia loguerciae*

Common name: Bondarwezia loguerciae

Species type: Fungi

Country: Brazil

Website: <https://reports.speciesconservation.org/ar-case-studies/ai-the-future-of-conservation-success/>



PAINTING AUSTRALIA YELLOW WITH THE LOST BUCKETTY BUSH-PEA

Saving the Bucketty Bush-Pea (*Pultenaea renneri*) from extinction in the UNESCO listed Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area.

Scientific name: *Pultenaea renneri*

Common name: Bucketty Bush-pea

Species type: Plant

Country: Australia

Website: [https://reports.speciesconservation.org/ar-case-studies/painting-australia-yellow-with-the-lost-bush-pea/](https://reports.speciesconservation.org/ar-case-studies/painting-australia-yellow-with-the-lost-bucketty-bush-pea/)



BEFRIENDING THE CRITICALLY ENDANGERED NGURU SPINY PYGMY CHAMELEON

Promoting the conservation of the Critically Endangered Nguru Spiny Pygmy Chameleon (*Rhampholeon acuminatus*) through community engagement and education.

Scientific name: *Rhampholeon acuminatus*

Common name: Nguru Spiny Pygmy Chameleon

Species type: Reptile

Country: Tanzania

Website:

<https://reports.speciesconservation.org/ar-case-studies/befriending-the-critically-endangered-nguru-spiny-pygmy-chameleon-rhampholeon-acuminatus/>



CROSS BORDER CONSERVATION COLLABORATION

In situ breeding of Critically endangered Yellow-naped Amazon (*Amazona auropalliata*) in Costa Rica.

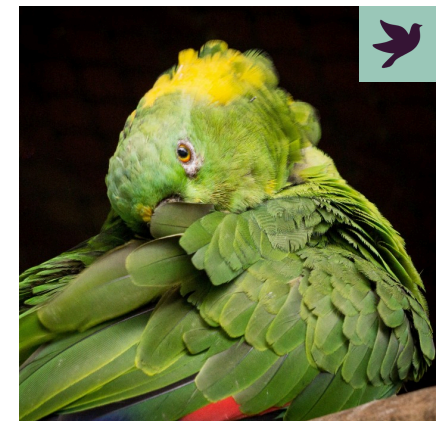
Scientific name: *Amazona auropalliata*

Common name: Yellow-naped Amazon

Species type: Bird

Country: Costa Rica

Website: <https://reports.speciesconservation.org/ar-case-studies/uae-embassy-connecting-the-conservation-dots/>



THE MINDO HARLEQUIN TOAD'S FIRST RESPONSE TEAM

This project aims to save the only known population of the critically endangered Mindo Harlequin Toad, rediscovered after being thought extinct for 30 years.

Scientific name: *Atelopus mindoensis*

Common name: Mindo Harlequin Toad

Species type: Amphibian

Country: Ecuador


Website: <https://reports.speciesconservation.org/ar-case-studies/the-mindo-harlequin-toads-first-response-team/>



SMALL GRANTS SUPPORTED 2024

IUCN RED LIST CLASSIFICATIONS

EX	Extinct	EW	Extinct in the Wild	CR	Critically Endangered
EN	Endangered	VU	Vulnerable	NT	Near Threatened
LC	Least Concern	DD	Data Deficient	NE	Not Evaluated

AMPHIBIAN 						
IUCN	Vernacular Name	Scientific Name	Name	Name of Organization	Country, Continent	Funding
CR	Bearded Salamander	<i>Pseudoeurycea tenchalli</i>	Adán Bautista del Moral	Departamento de Zoología, Instituto de Biología, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México.	Mexico, North America	\$5,855
CR	Bhupathi's Purple Frog	<i>Nasikabatrachus bhupathi</i>	Suchetana Gupta	Laboratory for the Conservation of Endangered Species, Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology	India, Asia	\$5,000
CR	Cameroon Wolterstorff Toad	<i>Wolterstorffina parvipalmata</i>	EVITA LAVERTU DOUNYA NOUMBOUSSI	University of Yaoundé I	Cameroon, Africa	\$6,260
CR	Dehradun Stream Frog	<i>Amolops chakrataensis</i>	Vishal Kumar Prasad	Biodiversity Research and Conservation Foundation	India, Asia	\$4,900
EN	Golden drop toad	<i>Brachycephalus alipioi</i>	Thiago Silva-Soares	Instituto Últimos Refúgios	Brazil, South America	\$5,000
EN	Golden Tree Frog	<i>Phytotriades auratus</i>	Richard Lehtinen	The College of Wooster	Trinidad and Tobago, North America	\$4,940
EN	goliath frogs	<i>Conraua goliath</i>	Marcel Marcel AWE DJONGMA'A	University of Maroua	Cameroon, Africa	\$4,500
EN	Green-Eyed Frog	<i>Lithobates vibicarius</i>	Steven Whitfield	Audubon Nature Institute	Costa Rica, North America	\$16,000
CR	Hansen's warty	<i>Callulina hanseni</i>	JOSEPH MBOYA	TANZANIA RESEARCH CONSERVATION ORGANIZATION	Tanzania, Africa	\$5,685

IUCN	Vernacular Name	Scientific Name	Name	Name of Organization	Country, Continent	Funding
CR	Kanga warty frog	Callulina kanga	Enoka John	Mbeya University of Science and Technology (MUST)	Tanzania, Africa	\$6,060
CR	Kelaart's Starry Shrub frog	Pseudophilautus stellatus	Sanoj Wijayasekara	Post graduate Institute of Science, University of Peradeniya	Sri Lanka, Asia	\$7,500
CR	Leora´s stream salamander	Ambystoma leorae	Felipe Osuna	ECOSUR	Mexico, North America	\$25,000
EN	Long-toed Tree Frog	Leptopelis xenodactylus	Jeanne Tarrant	Anura Africa	South Africa, Africa	\$12,500
CR	Micro Frog	Microbatrachella capensis	Kurt van Wyk	Grootbos Foundation	South Africa, Africa	\$4,960
CR	Mindo Harlequin Toad	Atelopus mindoensis	Alejandro Arteaga	Khamai Foundation	Ecuador, South America	\$10,000
EN	Oriente Dark-bellied Frog	Eleutherodactylus intermedius	relis Bignotte	N/A	Cuba, North America	\$3,000
CR	Pehuenche spiny-chest frog	Alsodes pehuenche	Gabriela Diaz	Universidad Nacional de Cuyo	Argentina, South America	\$4,950
EN	Southern Darwin's frog	Rhinoderma darwinii	Andrés Valenzuela-Sánchez	Asociación Ranita de Darwin	Chile, South America	\$8,000
CR	Spawls boolee	Boulengerula spawlsi	Atubwa Howard	National Museums of Kenya	Kenya, Africa	\$10,000
CR	Starrett´s Treefrog	Isthmohyla tica	Wagner Chaves-Acuña	Museo Argentino de Ciencias Naturales "Bernardino Rivadavia"	Costa Rica, North America	\$25,000
CR	Taylor's Salamander	Ambystoma taylori	Juan Daniel Aguilar Montes	N/A	Mexico, North America	\$7,000
CR	Tiny Squeaker Frog	Arthroleptis kidogo	Eva Johnson	Women in Conservation Organization (WICO)	Tanzania, Africa	\$10,000
DD	Uganda Clawed Frog	Xenopus ruwenzoriensis	Stephen Ssemwaka	Makerere University	Uganda, Africa	\$6,964
EN	Yellow-peppered Salamander	Ambystoma flavipiperatum	Susana Hernández	N/A	Mexico, North America	\$6,000

BIRD



IUCN	Vernacular Name	Scientific Name	Name	Name of Organization	Country, Continent	Funding
CR	Banggai crow	Corvus unicolor	Mochamad Indrawan	Universitas Indonesia - Research Center for Climate Change	Indonesia, Asia	\$7,900
EN	Bermuda petrel	Pterodroma cahow	Jean-Pierre Rouja	The Nonsuch Expeditions	Bermuda, North America	\$25,000
EN	Black-and-chestnut eagle	Spizaetus isidori	Jorge Muñoz	Caquetá Association for Ornithology	Colombia, South America	\$6,500
DD	Black-browed Babbler	Malacocincla perspicillata	R. Arif Alfauzi	Endemic Indonesia Society	Indonesia, Asia	\$7,100
EN	Botha's Lark	Spizocorys fringillaris	Hanneline Smit-Robinson	BirdLife South Africa	South Africa, Africa	\$16,050
CR	Brazilian Merganser	Mergus octosetaceus	Paulo de Tarso Antas	FUNATURA	Brazil, South America	\$20,000
CR	Cherry-throated tanager	Nemosia rourei	Marcelo Renan Santos	Instituto Marcos Daniel	Brazil, South America	\$14,000
VU	Egyptian Vulture	Neophron percnopterus	Michel Sawan	Lebanese Association for Migratory Birds	Lebanon, Asia	\$5,000
EN	Forty-spotted pardalote	Pardalotus quadragintus	Fernanda Alves de Amorim	Australian National University	Australia, Oceania	\$15,000
EN	Ibera Seedeater	Sporophila iberaensis	Miranda Collett	Funndacion Cambyreta para la Naturaleza	Argentina, South America	\$6,600
CR	Juan Fernandez Firecrown	Sephanoides fernandensis	Valentina Colodro	Oikonos Ecosystem Knowledge	Chile, South America	\$25,000
CR	Maleo	Macrocephalon maleo	Fajra S. Djena	Zoological Community of Celebes	Indonesia, Asia	\$9,000
CR	Marsh Antwren	Formicivora paludicola	Alice Reinfeld	SAVE Brasil	Brazil, South America	\$11,000
CR	Night parrot	Pezoporus occidentalis	Bill Bateman	Curtin University	Australia, Oceania	\$14,000
CR	Norfolk Island Green Parrot	Cyanoramphus cookii	Abi Smith	Threatened Species Conservancy	Australia, Oceania	\$19,000
CR	Polynesian ground dove	Alopecoenas erythropterus	Caroline Blanvillain	Société d'Ornithologie de Polynésie 'Association Manu'	French Polynesia, Oceania	\$17,000
CR	Red-fronted Macaw	Ara rubrogenys	Romeo Rojas-Estrada	Asociación Armonía	Bolivia, South America	\$8,000
CR	Silvery Pigeon	Columba argentina	Ahmad Mursyid	MABBI and Zoology Laboratory, Universitas Mahmud Yunus	Indonesia, Asia	\$6,800

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CR	Sira Curassow	Pauxi koepckeae	Andre Moncrieff	University of Oklahoma	Peru, South America	\$8,800
EN	Sokoke scops owl	Otus ireneae	Ezra Peter Mremi	Sokoine University of Agriculture	Tanzania, Africa	\$16,400
EN	Sokoke Scops Owl	Otus ireneae	Martin Mwema	A Rocha Kenya	Kenya, Africa	\$12,000
CR	Yellow-naped Amazon	Amazona auropalliata	Abraham Hernández Bacca	Toucan Rescue Ranch	Costa Rica, North America	\$4,800

FISH



IUCN	Vernacular Name	Scientific Name	Name	Name of Organization	Country, Continent	Funding
EN	Bamileke Killi	Aphyosemion bamilekorum	Ornella Paceli TUEKENG EVOBA	Hydrobiology and Environment Research Laboratory, University of Yaounde 1	Cameroon, Africa	\$4,850
EN	Bighead striped catfish	Pseudoplatystoma orinocoense	Mailuet Vanessa López Gómez	Association of Fishermen, Marketers and Environmentalist Farmers La Doncella	Colombia, South America	\$17,400
EN	Dayi's Killifish	Aplocheilus dayi	Hiranya Sudasinghe	N/A	Sri Lanka, Asia	\$5,000
DD	Giant freshwater stingrays	Potamotrygon brachyura	Luis Lucifora	Instituto Nacional de Limnología, CONICET, Universidad Nacional del Litoral	Argentina, South America	\$6,610
EN	Heuningnes Galaxias	Galaxias sp. nov. Heuningnes	Erica Brink	Nuwejaars River Nature Reserve	South Africa, Africa	\$24,776
CR	Kampango	Bagrus meridionalis	Gordian Mataba	Nelson Mandela African Institution of Science and Technology	Tanzania, Africa	\$4,830
CR	Largetooth sawfish	Pristis pristis	Andrés Fraiz	MarAlliance	Panama, North America	\$15,000
CR	Licorice Gourami gunawani	Parosphromenus gunawani	Mira Aristawidya	ENVIRO Foundation	Indonesia, Asia	\$9,500
CR	Niger Stingray	Fontitrygon garouaensis	Lotanna Micah Nneji	Howard University, Washington DC	Nigeria, Africa	\$10,000
EN	Orange-Fringed River Bream	Chetia brevis	Roger Bills	South African Institute for Aquatic Biodiversity (SAIAB)	South Africa, Africa	\$21,610
CR	Oryzias soerotoi	Oryzias soerotoi	Abdul Gani	Saangu Adventure	Indonesia, Asia	\$2,030

IUCN	Vernacular Name	Scientific Name	Name	Name of Organization	Country, Continent	Funding
EN	Periyar Barb	Hypselobarbus periyarensis	Smrithy Raj	N/A	India, Asia	\$10,500
CR	Petea Rudd	Scardinius racovitzai	Tamás Müller	Department of Freshwater Fish Ecology, Hungarian University of Agriculture and Life Sciences	Hungary, Europe	\$19,000
EN	Philippine Medaka	Oryzias luzonensis	Faith Tadeo	Don Mariano Marcos Memorial State University	Philippines, Asia	\$7,000
EN	Rono	Oryzias bonneorum	Abdul Gani	ERA Indonesia	Indonesia, Asia	\$4,500
EN	Sarasin's goby	Mugilogobius sarasinorum	Evans Madiyono Labiro	Zoological Community of Celebes	Indonesia, Asia	\$7,500
CR	Scalloped hammerhead shark	Sphyrna lewini	Julio Sánchez	Blue World Foundation – FUNMZ-	Guatemala, North America	\$8,400
CR	Scalloped hammerhead sharks	Sphyrna lewini	Juliana Klein	Stellenbosch University	South Africa, Africa	\$3,000
EN	Spiny Butterfly Ray	Gymnura altavela	Emina Karalic	Sharklab ADRIA: Center for marine and freshwater biology	Albania, Europe	\$11,500
EN	Tiger-tail Seahorse	Hippocampus comes	Amanda Vincent	Project Seahorse Institute for the Oceans and Fisheries, The University of British Columbia	Indonesia, Asia	\$24,977
EN	Timika Mouth Almighty	Glossamia timika	Wisnu Prabowo	Timika Wildlife Learning Community (TWLC)	Indonesia, Asia	\$5,000
EN	Ulúa Killifish	Tlaloc portillorum	Dilenia Eloísa Martínez Durón	Universidad Nacional Autónoma de Honduras en el Valle Sula	Honduras, North America	\$6,100

FUNGI



IUCN	Vernacular Name	Scientific Name	Name	Name of Organization	Country, Continent	Funding
EN	Boletus chilensis	Boletus chilensis	INGRID RUTH SEMPÉRTEGUI ALVEAR	N/A	Chile, South America	\$5,000
CR	Bondarwezia loguerciae	Bondarwezia loguerciae	Elisandro Ricardo Drechsler dos Santos	MIND.Funga Research Group (Federal University of Santa Catarina)	Brazil, South America	\$18,000
CR	Hongo del coco	Phlebopus bruchii	Gerardo Robledo	Universidad Nacional de Córdoba. Facultad de Ciencias Agropecuarias Centro de Transferencia de Bio	Argentina, South America	\$17,000

IUCN	Vernacular Name	Scientific Name	Name	Name of Organization	Country, Continent	Funding
NE	Stinking milk-cap	Lactifluus foetens	Armel Boris Olou	Research Unit "Tropical Mycology and Plants - Soil Fungi Interactions" (UR / MyTIPS)	Togo, Africa	\$5,000
VU	Type of "Cup Fungus"	Nothojafnea thaxteri	Daniela Torres	Fundación Fungi	Chile, South America	\$12,000
EN	Yellow carapicu	Pleurotus magnificus	Nelson Menolli Jr	Federal Institute of São Paulo	Brazil, South America	\$12,000

INVERTEBRATE



IUCN	Vernacular Name	Scientific Name	Name	Name of Organization	Country, Continent	Funding
NE	Almeja de río	Leila blainvilleana	Agustin Basso	BIVAAS (Freshwater Bivalves of South America, from the initials in Spanish or Portuguese)	Argentina, South America	\$5,500
CR	Almeja de río	Leila blainvilleana	Cristhian Clavijo	Vida Silvestre Uruguay	Uruguay, South America	\$4,900
NE	Anthroherpon gueorguievi	Anthroherpon gueorguievi	Iva Njunjic	Taxon Foundation	Montenegro, Europe	\$7,000
EN	Balssi crab	Louisea balssi	Tchietchui Carine Rosine	Cameroon Association for Research on Crustaceans and Other Aquatic Resources	Cameroon, Africa	\$7,500
NE	Caribbean Metalmark	Dianesia carteri ramsdeni	Yosiel Alvarez	Instituto de Ecología y Sistemática	Cuba, North America	\$4,000
NE	Cave tube-worm	Marifugia cavatica	Ana Komerički	Croatian Biospeleological Society	Bosnia and Herzegovina, Europe	\$10,000
NE	Coryphosima danieli	Coryphosima danieli	Tarekegn Fite Duressa	Natural History Museum Karlsruhe	Ethiopia, Africa	\$8,500
DD	Double banded forest damselfly	Drepanosticta sundana	Puji Lestari	Endemic Indonesia Society	Indonesia, Asia	\$5,000
NE	False scorpion	Antillobisium tomasi	René Alberto Barba Díaz	Cuban Zoological Society	Cuba, North America	\$5,000
NE	Fireflies	Lampyridae	Pratistha Shrestha	N/A	Nepal, Asia	\$5,000
NE	Freshwater mussels	Unionida	Alexandra Zieritz	University of Nottingham	Indonesia, Asia	\$10,000
CR	Greek Red Damselfly	Pyrrhosoma elisabethae	Eleana Kazila	Dragonfly Conservation Europe	Greece, Europe	\$23,780

IUCN	Vernacular Name	Scientific Name	Name	Name of Organization	Country, Continent	Funding
NE	Ida's ground beetle	Dicrochile idae	James Tweed	The University of Queensland	Norfolk Island, Oceania	\$5,000
NE	Inotrechusinjaevae	Inotrechusinjaevae	Shalva Barjadze	NGO Georgian Caves Researchers Society	Georgia, Asia	\$5,000
NE	Katydid	Macroscirtus kekeunoui	Simeu Noutchom Alain	University of Yaounde 1	Cameroon, Africa	\$3,000
CR	Macrobrachium purpureamanus	Macrobrachium purpureamanus	Lora Purnamasari	Ekspedisi Riset Akuatik (ERA) Indonesia	Indonesia, Asia	\$4,800
NE	mejillón de río	Haasica balzani	Rebeca Carballo	BIVAAS South American Freshwater mussels, National Museum of Natural History of Paraguay	Paraguay, South America	\$6,500
NE	Mt. Bamboutos Black Grasshopper	Parapterotiltus bamboutos	Charly Oumarou Ngoute	University of Douala, Faculty of Sciences, Cameroon	Cameroon, Africa	\$10,000
DD	Orange-sided Threadtail	Neoneura carnatica	Ana María Hernández Vázquez	Faculty of Biology, University of Havana	Cuba, North America	\$5,000
CR	Pemba Featherleg	Proplatycnemis pembipes	Viola Clausnitzer	Senckenberg	Tanzania, Africa	\$11,000
NE	Poplar hawkmoth	Laothoe philerema	Abdulaziz Davlatov	E.N. Pavlovsky Institute of Zoology and Parasitology, National Academy of sciences of Tajikistan	Tajikistan, Asia	\$3,800
EN	Poso Endemic Mussel	Corbicula possoensis	Wahyuni Wahyuni	Zoological Community of Celebes	Indonesia, Asia	\$3,500
EN	Salem ornamental tarantula	Poecilotheria formosa	Gautam Kadam	N/A	India, Asia	\$4,830
CR	Sulawesi cardinal shrimp	Caridina dennerli	Diky Dwiyanto	Zoological Community of Celebes	Indonesia, Asia	\$5,500
CR	Sundarbans crow	Euploea crameri nicevillei	Md Jahir Rayhan	Entomological Society of Chittagong University-ESCU	Bangladesh, Asia	\$5,116
EN	Synchronous flashing bent-winged firefly	Pteroptyx tener	Wan Faridah Akmal Jusoh	IUCN SSC Firefly Specialist Group	Malaysia, Asia	\$9,000
EN	Togean Damselfly	Rhinocypha togeanensis	Muhammad Amiruddin	Agrotechnology Study Program, PSDKU Tojo Una-Una, Faculty of Agriculture, Tadulako University	Indonesia, Asia	\$4,300
NE	White-tail gorgonian	Menella indica	Ramvilas Ghosh	Independent Researcher	India, Asia	\$5,705

MAMMAL



IUCN	Vernacular Name	Scientific Name	Name	Name of Organization	Country, Continent	Funding
EN	African Elephant	Loxodonta Africana	GLADYS KAMASANYU	Help Afrcian Animals	Uganda, Africa	\$5,000
CR	African forest elephant	Loxodonta cyclotis	Daniela Hedwig	Elephant Listening Project, K. Lisa Yang Center for Conservation Bioacoustics, Cornell University	Central African Republic, Africa	\$12,000
VU	African golden cat	Caracal aurata	Vera Nshemeire	Embaka-Saving the African Golden Cat	Uganda, Africa	\$5,000
VU	African golden cat	Caracal aurata	Isaac Twinomuhangi	Embaka - Saving the African Golden Cat	Uganda, Africa	\$7,000
VU	African golden cat	Caracal aurata	Byron Ssemambo	Embaka-Saving the African Golden Cat	Uganda, Africa	\$6,000
VU	African golden cat	Caracal aurata	Jane Amumpaire	Embaka-Saving the African Golden Cat	Uganda, Africa	\$6,000
VU	African golden cat	Caracal aurata	Franklin Simo Talla	Cameroon Wildlife Conservation Initiative	Cameroon, Africa	\$10,000
VU	African golden cat	Caracal aurata	Imran Ejotre	Muni University, Arua, Uganda	South Sudan, Africa	\$10,000
VU	African golden cat	Caracal aurata	Emanuel Martin	College of African Wildlife Management, Mweka	Tanzania, Africa	\$10,000
VU	African golden cat	Caracal aurata	Emmanuel Akampurira	Embaka-Saving the African Golden Cat	Uganda, Africa	\$9,000
VU	African golden cat	Caracal aurata	Gislain Wilfried EBANG ELLA	Institut de Recherche en Ecologie Tropicale	Gabon, Africa	\$6,000
CR	African wild ass	Equus africanus	Paul Evangelista	Natural Resource Ecology Laboratory, Colorado State University	Somaliland, Africa	\$12,000
EN	Andean cat	Leopardus jacobita	Rodrigo Villalobos	Seeking Andean Wild Cats	Chile, South America	\$10,000
EN	Andean Cat	Leopardus jacobita	Merinia Mendoza Almeida	Quechua Women's Association for the Conservation of Small Cats	Peru, South America	\$8,500
EN	Ashy Red Colobus	Piliocolobus tephrosceles	Michael Stern	New Nature Foundation	Uganda, Africa	\$10,000
CR	Attenborough's Long-beaked Echidna	Zaglossus attenboroughi	Gison Morib	YAYASAN Pelayanan Papua Nenda, YAPPENDA	Indonesia, Asia	\$7,000
CR	Bahamian Hutia	Geocapromys ingrahami	Ros Kennerley	IUCN SSC Small Mammal Specialist Group, based at Durrell Wildlife	Bahamas, North America	\$9,300

IUCN	Vernacular Name	Scientific Name	Name	Conservation Trust Name of Organization	Country, Continent	Funding
EN	Baird's tapir	Tapirus bairdii	Jorge Rojas	Costa Rica Wildlife Foundation (CRWFC)	Costa Rica, North America	\$10,000
EN	Beisa oryx	Oryx beisa	John Sanare	Tanzania Wildlife Research Institute	Tanzania, Africa	\$6,500
CR	Black crested gibbon	Nomascus concolor	Lau A Ky	Center for Nature Conservation and Development	Vietnam, Asia	\$8,800
EN	Bornean Clouded leopard	Neofelis diardi ssp. borneensis	Tomi Ariyanto	Perkumpulan Mandala Katalika Indonesia (Manka)	Indonesia, Asia	\$7,500
EN	Chacoan peccary	Catagonus wagneri	Andrea Mariel Neme	Proyecto Quimilero	Argentina, South America	\$11,200
CR	Chinese Pangolin	Manis pentadactyla	Prativa Kaspal	Women for Conservation	Nepal, Asia	\$4,950
CR	Chinese pangolin	Manis Pentadactyla	Sandeep Shrestha	Biodiversity Conservancy Nepal	Nepal, Asia	\$4,700
VU	Clouded leopard	Neofelis nebulosa	Kshitiz Paudel	Clouded Leopard Working Group	Nepal, Asia	\$6,000
VU	Clouded leopard	Neofelis nebulosa	Ganga Ram Regmi	Clouded Leopard Working Group (CLWG)	Nepal, Asia	\$10,000
VU	Clouded leopard	Neofelis nebulosa	Purna Bahadur Ale	Clouded Leopard Working Group	Nepal, Asia	\$9,500
VU	Clouded Leopard	Neofelis nebulosa	Tashi Dhendup	Nature Conservation Division, Department of Forests and Park Services, Bhutan	Bhutan, Asia	\$8,500
VU	Clouded leopard	Neofelis nebulosa	Dikpal Krishna Karmacharya	Clouded Leopard Working Group (CLWG)	Nepal, Asia	\$8,000
VU	Clouded tiger-cat	Leopardus pardinoides	Catalina Sanchez Lalinde	N/A	Colombia, South America	\$6,000
NT	Colocolo Cat	Leopardus colocola	Carlos Castro	Pampas Cat Working Group	Chile, South America	\$8,500
CR	Delacour's langur	Trachypithecus delacouri	Govinda Lienart	Three Monkeys Wildlife Conservancy (TMWC)	Vietnam, Asia	\$10,000
EN	Flat-headed cat	Prionailurus planiceps	Erwin Wilianto	-	Indonesia, Asia	\$7,285
EN	Francois' langur	Trachypithecus francoisi	Nhung Pham	SEA-FBC Sustainable Forestry Development Joint Stock Company	Vietnam, Asia	\$5,000
EN	Gee Golden langur	Trachypithecus geei	Kuenzang Dorji	Nature Study Center, Ugyen Wangchuck Institute for Conservation and Environment	Bhutan, Asia	\$10,000

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EN	Giant Otter	Pteronura brasiliensis	DIEGO GIMENEZ	S.P.E.C.I.E.S. (Society for the Preservation of Endangered Carnivores and their International Ecolog	Paraguay, South America	\$6,000
EN	Giant pangolin	Smutsia gigantea	Alain Delon MOUAFO TAKOUNE	Agriculture and Bio-conservation Organization for Youth Empowerment and Rural Development	Cameroon, Africa	\$12,000
EN	Golden-rumped sengi	Rhynchocyon chrysopygus	Jessica Carey	Friends of Arabuko-Sokoke Forest	Kenya, Africa	\$12,500
EN	Greater Caribbean Manatee	Trichechus manatus manatus	Anmari Alvarez Aleman	Clearwater Marine Aquarium Research Institute	Cuba, North America	\$12,000
EN	Hairy-nosed otter	Lutra sumatrana	Ferdi Andeska	N/A	Indonesia, Asia	\$5,000
CR	Haremma shrew	Crocidura haremma	Ejigu Alemayehu Worku	N/A	Ethiopia, Africa	\$4,950
EN	Hispid hare	Caprolagus hispidus	Shivish Bhandari	N/A	Nepal, Asia	\$2,700
NE	Insectivorous bat of the Caatinga	Molossops sp.	FRANGER JESÚS GARCIA ALVAREZ	Universidad Estadual de Santa Cruz	Brazil, South America	\$5,000
CR	Jamaican Greater Funnel-eared Bat	Natalus jamaicensis	Santiago Burneo	Red Latinoamericana y del Caribe para la Conservación de los Murciélagos	Ecuador, South America	\$12,500
DD	Lariang tarsier	Tarsius Lariang	Ongky Ongky	N/A	Indonesia, Asia	\$5,000
NT	Margay	Leopardus wiedii	Mariam Weston Flores	Ocelot Working Group	Mexico, North America	\$8,500
NT	Margay	Leopardus wiedii	Andrea Molina	Colectivo Ichankuat	El Salvador, North America	\$5,000
NT	Margay	Leopardus wiedii	Marvin Vladimir Giron Recinos	N/A	El Salvador, North America	\$5,000
NT	Margay	Leopardus wiedii	Alba Estefania Maya vazquez	N/A	Mexico, North America	\$5,500
EN	Mauritius Free-tailed bat	Mormopterus acetabulosus	Bunsy Yogishah	Nature Yetu	Mauritius, Africa	\$7,000
EN	Mountain tapir	Tapirus pinchaque	Omar Landázuri	Fundación Sur Silvestre	Ecuador, South America	\$5,000
CR	Namdapha flying squirrel	Biswamoyopterus biswasi	Dailu Pilot Dovih	Ashoka University	India, Asia	\$5,000
VU	Northern tiger-cat	Leopardus tigrinus	João Mendonça	Tiger Cats Conservation Initiative	Brazil, South America	\$6,230

IUCN	Vernacular Name	Scientific Name	Name	Name of Organization	Country, Continent	Funding
VU	Northern tiger-cat	Leopardus tigrinus	Gitana Cavalcanti	Tiger Cats Conservation Initiative	Brazil, South America	\$6,000
CR	Northern White-cheeked Gibbon	Nomascus leucogenys	Nguyen Trinh Le	People and Nature Reconciliation	Vietnam, Asia	\$12,500
CR	Nubian giraffe	Giraffa camelopardalis camelopardalis	Mengistu Wale Molalign	Ethiopian Biodiversity Institute	Ethiopia, Africa	\$15,000
EN	Okapi	Okapia johnstoni	Berce Nsafuansa	Okapi Conservation Project	Congo, Democratic Republic of (Congo-Kinshasa), Africa	\$20,000
LC	Pallas's cat	Otocolobus manul	Vadim Kirilyuk	Wildlife Science and Conservation Centre of Mongolia (WSCC)	Mongolia, Asia	\$5,000
NT	Pampas Cat	Leopardus colocolo	María Lina Rinaldi García	N/A	Argentina, South America	\$5,000
CR	Pampas Cat	Leopardus Munoai	Santiago Turcatti Oviedo	Pampas Cat Working Group	Uruguay, South America	\$8,500
NT	Pampas Cat	Leopardus garleppi	Zoila Vega- Guarderas	Centro de Investigación Biodiversidad Sostenible BioS	Peru, South America	\$8,000
CR	Pig-Tailed Snub-nosed Langur	Simias concolor	Sepriyoga Virdana	N/A	Indonesia, Asia	\$7,400
CR	Red-bellied Monkey.	Cercopithecus erythrogaster erythrogaster	Akovognon Jérôme DOHOU	NGO ACT FOR SUSTAINABLE ACTIONS	Benin, Africa	\$9,800
NT	Rusty-spotted cat	Prionailurus rubiginosus	Ramjan Chaudhary	Rusty-spotted Cat Working Group (RSCWG)	Nepal, Asia	\$8,000
NT	Rusty-spotted cat	Prionailurus rubiginosus	Vikram Tiwari	Rusty Spotted Cat Working Group	India, Asia	\$8,000
EN	Sangihe Tarsier	Tarsius sangirensis	Dahri Kisman	Tadulako Ecology and Conservation (TANGKASI)	Indonesia, Asia	\$5,000
EN	Seram Bandicoot	Rhynchomeles prattorum	Todd Elliott	University of New England	Indonesia, Asia	\$7,200
EN	Small-toothed Fruit Bat	Neopteryx frosti	Alfath Fanidya	Zoological Community of Celebes	Indonesia, Asia	\$5,000
VU	Southern tiger cat	Leopardus guttulus	Mauricio Santos	Instituto Pro-Carnívoros	Brazil, South America	\$6,400
VU	Southern tiger cat	Leopardus guttulus	Vinicius de Morais	Pro-Carnívoros Institute	Brazil, South America	\$10,500
EN	Southern tuco-tuco	Ctenomys australis	Andrés Julián Lozano Flórez	Population Ecology and Genetics of Mammals (PEGM, IIMyC-CONICET, UNMdP)	Argentina, South America	\$9,500

IUCN	Vernacular Name	Scientific Name	Name	Name of Organization	Country, Continent	Funding
CR	Sumatran rhinoceros	Dicerorhinus sumatrensis	Adam Oswell	Wildlife 1 Conservancy	Myanmar (Burma), Asia	\$12,500
CR	Sumatran rhinoceros	Dicerorhinus sumatrensis	Adam Oswell	Wildlife 1 Conservancy	Myanmar (Burma), Asia	\$25,000
CR	Sunda Pangolin	Manis javanica	Darryl Sweetland	Thailand Wild	Thailand, Asia	\$5,000
CR	Tana River red colobus	Ptilocolobus rufomitratu	Fred Obiya	Northern Rangelands Trust-NRT	Kenya, Africa	\$11,000
VU	tiger cat	Leopardus tigrinus	Viviana Albarracin	Pampas cat working group	Bolivia, South America	\$4,500
EN	Tres Marías Island cottontail	Sylvilagus graysoni	Consuelo Lorenzo	El Colegio de la Frontera Sur (ECOSUR)	Mexico, North America	\$10,000
CR	Uruguayan pampas cat	Leopardus munoai or L. fasciatus	Nadia Bou	Departamento de Biodiversidad y Genética, Instituto de Investigaciones Biológicas Clemente Estable	Uruguay, South America	\$5,000
EN	Weber's Sulawesi Dwarf Squirrel	Prosciurillus weberi	Isal Isal	Yayasan Aksi Konservasi Celebica / Celebica Conservation Action	Indonesia, Asia	\$5,000
CR	Western lowland gorilla	Gorilla gorilla gorilla	Bionick Andrey Mokoke	The Jane Goodall Institute	Congo, Republic of (Congo-Brazzaville), Africa	\$18,000
EN	White-bellied pangolin	Phataginus tripiscus	Esong Ebong	Foundation for Restoration and Environmental Conservation (FReECo)	Cameroon, Africa	\$9,000
DD	Wolffsohn's viscacha	Lagidium wolffsohni	Fernando Novoa	Pontifical Catholic University of Chile	Chile, South America	\$11,000
EN	Woolly Flying Squirrel	Eupetaurus cinereus	Ameena Rahman	Pakistan Environment Trust	Pakistan, Asia	\$6,200
EN	Yellow-handed Mitered Langur	Presbytis Melalophos	Fatimah fatimah	Sumatra Langur Working Group	Indonesia, Asia	\$5,000

PLANT



IUCN	Vernacular Name	Scientific Name	Name	Name of Organization	Country, Continent	Funding
EN	Adimundan	Humboldtia bourdillonii	JITHU K JOSE	Hyderabad University, India	India, Asia	\$5,000
CR	Albanian Tulip	Tulipa albanica	Mihallaq Qirjo	The Resource Environmental Center Albania - REC Albania	Albania, Europe	\$10,000

IUCN	Vernacular Name	Scientific Name	Name	Name of Organization	Country, Continent	Funding
EN	Aloe ankoberensis	Aloe ankoberensis	Solomon Getahun	Gullele Botanic Garden	Ethiopia, Africa	\$5,000
CR	Aloe ghibensis	Aloe ghibensis	Tibebu Bekerie	Jimma University	Ethiopia, Africa	\$5,000
EN	Bankoualé palm	Livistona carinensis	Ahmed Awale	Candlelight for Environment, Education & Health	Somaliland, Africa	\$14,000
NE	Bucketty Bush-pea	Pultenaea renneri	Lindsey and Matthew Gray and Renner	University of Sydney and Botanic Gardens of Sydney	Australia, Oceania	\$2,248
CR	Cedar iris	Iris cedreti	Rhea Kahale	Biodiversity Conservation Initiative	Lebanon, Asia	\$24,700
VU	Cochlospermum tetraporum	Cochlospermum tetraporum	Axel Lautaro Gualdoni Becerra	University of Gottingen	Argentina, South America	\$15,000
EN	Cordeauxia edulis	Cordeauxia edulis	Francis Evans	The Yeheb Project	Ethiopia, Africa	\$8,000
EN	Encephalartos macrostrobilus	Encephalartos macrostrobilus	Samuel OJELEL	Makerere University	Uganda, Africa	\$14,000
EN	Fautea	Lebronnecia kokoioides	Seana Walsh	National Tropical Botanical Garden	French Polynesia, Oceania	\$20,000
NE	Giant leafless Vanilla	Vanilla atsinananensis	Vincent Droissart	Institut de Recherche pour le Développement	Madagascar, Africa	\$19,000
CR	Grierson's Onosma	Onosma griersonii	Phub Gyeltshen	National Biodiversity Centre	Bhutan, Asia	\$5,000
EN	Ire habesha	Aloe adigratana	Daniel Hagos Berhe	Adigrat University	Ethiopia, Africa	\$5,000
EW	Kalimantan mango	Mangifera casturi	Range Harnata Palodang	The Ethnobiological Society of Indonesia	Indonesia, Asia	\$10,000
CR	Memecylon incisilobum	Memecylon incisilobum	Mário Machunguene Jr	Department of Biological Sciences, Eduardo Mondlane University	Mozambique, Africa	\$15,000
CR	NA	Encephalartos delucanus Malaisse, Sclavo & Crosiers	Quentin Luke	EAPRLA	Kenya, Africa	\$25,000
NE	Niue flowering plants	Various 200 indigenous flowering plants	Peter Heenan	Manaaki Whenua Landcare Research	Niue, Oceania	\$20,000
CR	Nymphoides macrospermum	Nymphoides macrospermum	Pradeep N.S	KSCSTE- Malabar Botanical Garden & Institute for Plant Sciences	India, Asia	\$17,000
EN	Operculicarya pachypus	Operculicarya pachypus	Princy Rajaonarivelo Andrianina	Kew Madagascar / Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew	Madagascar, Africa	\$12,000

IUCN	Vernacular Name	Scientific Name	Name	Name of Organization	Country, Continent	Funding
CR	Pinanga leonardcoi	Pinanga leonardcoi	Jiro Adorador	Plant Biology Division, Institute of Biological Sciences, University of the Philippines Los Baños	Philippines, Asia	\$6,500
CR	Portuguese Swamp Daisy	Leucanthemum lacustre	Paulo Lemos	N/A	Portugal, Europe	\$4,150
EX	Sándalo	Santalum fernandezianum	Ben Nyberg	National Tropical Botanical Garden	Chile, South America	\$19,000
CR	Sang's Paphiopedilum	Paphiopedilum sangii	Muhammad Fajri Ramadhan	Celebica Conservation Action	Indonesia, Asia	\$3,605
NE	Siphonochilus aethiopicus	Siphonochilus aethiopicus	Patricia Carmichael	Eswatini Institute for Research in Traditional Medicine, Medicinal and Indigenous Food Plants	Eswatini, Africa	\$19,000
CR	Supard's paphiopedilum	Paphiopedilum supardii	Zainudin Zainudin	Yayasan Tumbuhan Asli Nusantara	Indonesia, Asia	\$2,500
EN	Yuquilla de ratón	Zamia pygmaea	Enrique. González Pendás	Botanical Garden of Pinar del Río	Cuba, North America	\$5,000

REPTILE



IUCN	Vernacular Name	Scientific Name	Name	Name of Organization	Country, Continent	Funding
NE	Agumbe dwarf shieldtail	Teretrurus agumbensis	Akshay Lakshminarayan	Kalinga foundation	India, Asia	\$3,500
CR	Anzuetoi arboreal alligator lizard	Abronia anzuetoi	Marcelo Serrano	Bios Media Guatemala	Guatemala, North America	\$12,400
CR	Asian giant softshell turtle	Pelochelys cantorii	Akshay Moti	Digital University Kerala	India, Asia	\$4,997
CR	Black Softshell Turtle	Nilssonina nigricans	Shahriar Rahman	Turtle Survival Alliance	Bangladesh, Asia	\$13,500
CR	Black Softshell turtle	Nilssonina nigricans	Sushmita Kar	TSA Foundation India	India, Asia	\$13,500
CR	Bolson Tortoise	Gopherus flavomarginatus	Ross Kiester	Turtle Conservancy	Mexico, North America	\$9,500
CR	Campell's alligator lizard	Abronia campbelli	Monica Torres	FUNDESGUA	Guatemala, North America	\$10,000
EN	Cantor's pitviper	Trimeresurus cantori	Naveen R S	The Madras Crocodile Bank Trust & Centre for Herpetology	India, Asia	\$4,550
CR	Cora Mud Turtle	Kinosternon cora	JESUS ALBERTO LOC BARRAGAN	CICODEC A.C.	Mexico, North America	\$14,100

IUCN	Vernacular Name	Scientific Name	Name	Name of Organization	Country, Continent	Funding
EN	Globe-horned chameleon	Calumma globifer	Jacques Rakotondranary	Wildlife Madagascar	Madagascar, Africa	\$6,000
EN	Green pygmy chameleon	Rhampholeon viridis	ELISHEBA NDIDY	mbeya university of science and technology	Tanzania, Africa	\$10,000
CR	Hoge's Side-necked Turtle	Ranacephala hoguei	Luiza Passos	Rede Eco-Diversa para Conservação da Biodiversidade	Brazil, South America	\$15,000
CR	Home's hinge-back tortoise	Kinixys homeana	Fabio Petrozzi	N/A	Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast), Africa	\$10,000
EN	Leatherback sea turtle	Dermochelys coriacea	Jorge Tobajas	Institute for Game and Wildlife Research	Costa Rica, North America	\$10,000
CR	Namoroka leaf chameleon	Brookesia bonsi	Timothy Eppley	Wildlife Madagascar	Madagascar, Africa	\$7,000
CR	Nguru Spiny Pygmy Chameleon	Rhampholeon acuminatus	Hudson Laizer	Nelson Mandela African Institution of Science and Technology	Tanzania, Africa	\$4,940
NT	Pacific Coast Musk Turtle	Staurotypus salvinii	Eduardo Reyes Grajales	Turtle Survival Alliance	Mexico, North America	\$14,100
CR	Radiated Tortoise	Astrochelys radiata	Hery Lova Razafimamonjiraibe	Turtle Survival Alliance	Madagascar, Africa	\$9,000
CR	Siamese Crocodile	Crocodylus siamensis	Robert van Zalinge	Wildlife Conservation Society - Laos	Laos, Asia	\$24,970
CR	Slender-snouted crocodile	Mecistops cataphractus	Ayékotchami Jacques Calver DOSSOU	Equilibre d'Afrique NGO	Benin, Africa	\$8,500
EN	Talaud mangrove monitor	Varanus lurungensis	Auni Ade Putri	Zoological Community of Celebes	Indonesia, Asia	\$9,736
CR	Utila Spiny-tailed Iguana	Ctenosaura bakeri	Tom W. Brown	Kanahau Wildlife Conservation Organization	Honduras, North America	\$19,500
CR	Vallarta mud turtle	Kinosternon vogti	Taggart Butterfield	Estudiantes Conservando la Naturaleza A.C.	Mexico, North America	\$24,647

A large manatee is swimming in a dark blue tank filled with many small fish. The manatee is the central focus, swimming towards the right. The water is dark blue, and the fish are small and numerous, creating a dense background. The lighting is dramatic, highlighting the manatee's body against the dark water.

PARTNER PROJECTS

The Mohamed bin Zayed Species Conservation Fund manages larger projects on behalf of caring corporates. These projects focus on specific geographical areas or species taxa and are supported by contributions from partners with philanthropic or impact-driven interests.

MUBADALA ALLIANCE



MUBADALA

In 2024, we entered the final year and a half of the phase one of our partnership with Mubadala, an Abu Dhabi owned sovereign wealth Fund. The three-year partnership covered a vast geographical area, spanning across five countries and four continents. With eleven projects across Colombia, Thailand, Guinea, Indonesia and Canada, our efforts focussed on species conservation, habitat restoration, community engagement and environmental education.

The initiative supported flagship species like the Sumatran tiger in Indonesia, as well as lesser-known but critically endangered species like the Lynch tree frog in Colombia. Habitat restoration was a priority, ranging from coral and seagrass restoration in the Makassar Strait to enhancing the natural habitat of the sage grouse in Canada. Capacity building was also a key focus, evidenced by the training of 18 manatee fellows in Guinea. All projects incorporated extensive community engagement and outreach campaigns, with Colombia even introducing an educational school bus to reach rural communities.

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DOLPHIN ENERGY PARTNERSHIP



Dolphin Energy partnered with the Fund for two years, with the collaboration kicking off in 2024. Their contribution of \$100,000 per annum supports our Chairman's Awards. These projects are nominated by the Advisory Board and assessed based on their impact, scalability, species program contributions, and career development support. The projects are also selected not only for their conservation objectives but also for their demonstration of soft conservation skills, including community engagement, stakeholder collaboration, and sustainable management practices.

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THE NATIONAL AQUARIUM COLLABORATION



During an Iftar in 2024, The Mohamed bin Zayed Species Conservation Fund unveiled a partnership with the National Aquarium to support the African Aquatic Conservation Fund. The main objective of this unique collaboration was to protect African manatees in their natural habitats.

The National Aquarium in Abu Dhabi is home to two African manatees, providing a groundbreaking approach to conservation. Researching manatees in the murky waters of West Africa is near impossible, but this partnership offers invaluable insights into these fascinating and elusive creatures. For the first time, scientists and marine biologists can observe their behaviours, diets, and social interactions in a controlled and very visible environment. These observations are then relayed to researchers in West Africa, where the knowledge gained can directly benefit their wild counterparts.

Proceeds from the aquariums manatee souvenir shop contribute to capacity building, which is essential for the project's success. To date, 15 African manatee fellows have been trained in best practices for manatee conservation.

This initiative highlights the power of cross-border collaboration in species conservation, demonstrating how innovative partnerships can drive meaningful change.

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GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT FACILITY (GEF) AGREEMENT



At the Mohamed bin Zayed Species Conservation Fund, we take immense pride in our commitment to supporting early-career or budding conservationists, many of whom are just beginning their conservation journeys. It's no surprise that 63% of our grantees are first-time recipients, representing the next generation of conservation leaders. This focus on nurturing fresh talent aligns perfectly with our partnership with the Global Environment Facility (GEF).

In 2023, GEF launched the Gustavo Fonseca Youth Leadership Program to honor the late GEF Director of Programs, Gustavo Fonseca. This program aims to cultivate a pipeline of young professionals in GEF countries by offering conservation fellowships, grants for biodiversity fieldwork, awards for participation in international conservation events, and a recurring global conservation symposium that unites young environmental leaders.

In 2024, the Mohamed bin Zayed Fund proudly signed a three-year partnership with GEF, committing an additional \$500,000 per year to support young conservationists from developing countries. This initiative places particular emphasis on IUCN Red List threatened species, building capacity and empowering youth to enhance species conservation efforts.

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PHILANTHROPY

The MBZ Fund manages a portfolio of Abu Dhabi's philanthropic interests related to species conservation that extends across the world and different species.

PANTHERA



The Global Alliance for Wild Cats is an international coalition of the world's leading environmental philanthropists who share an extraordinary vision to preserve global wildlife habitat and biodiversity by protecting the world's wild cats.

Panthera, is creating a world where wild cats thrive in healthy, natural and developed landscapes that sustain people and biodiversity. Through cutting-edge scientific research, strategic species recovery, habitat restoration and collaboration with communities and partners, we're protecting the world's 40 species of wild cats and helping ensure a future for us all.

In partnership with Panthera, the Mohamed bin Zayed Species Conservation Fund on behalf of the Global Alliance for Wild Cats is developing and managing a customized small-grants mechanism, designed to engage with Indigenous organizations to protect biocultural diversity in critical landscapes, and participate actively in the protection of wild cat conservation.

Accomplishments include:

- Developed a comprehensive strategy to study and conserve all 33 species of small wild cats.
- Prioritized **6 million square kilometers** of habitat for protection through the Jaguar Corridor Initiative.
- Established **seven Counter-Wildlife Crime information hubs** across the globe.
- Deployed over **30,000 PantheraCam camera traps** to monitor and protect wild cats.



Tiger (Russia) © John Goodrich/Panthera

- Taught **2,145 children** about the importance of jaguar conservation through Panthera's Jaguar School.
- Built and implemented the **Tigers Forever Protocol**, helping tiger populations rebound in key sites across India and Nepal, and disrupting poaching networks in Southeast Asia.
- Forged a groundbreaking alliance between **six Indigenous tribes** and state/national agencies to preserve pumas in Washington State.
- Maintain representation in **18 entities** around the world, advancing global wild cat conservation

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FINANCIALS

The financial reporting of the Mohamed bin Zayed Species Conservation Fund focuses on the performance of its endowment, as well as the reporting of an independent auditor who ensures compliance with financial standards set by the government of Abu Dhabi.

ENDOWMENT

The endowment

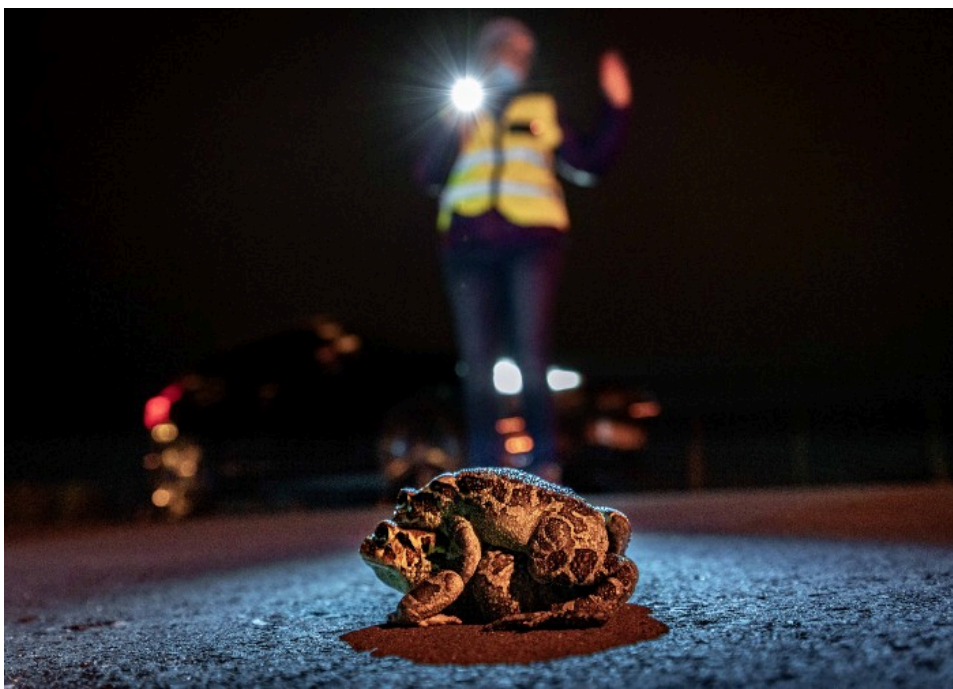
The Mohamed bin Zayed Species Conservation Fund's endowment was established in April 2009 with an initial allocation of \$27.5 million and has since been managed to ensure the financial sustainability of its small grants program in perpetuity.

The long-term objective of the endowment, as outlined in its Investment Policy Statement is:

1. to make annual distributions for the benefit of species conservation, in accordance with the MBZ Fund's spending rule;
2. to preserve the capital in US dollars over a 10-year time horizon;
3. and, to the extent that the two objectives above are reached, to grow the capital, by having financial returns in excess of the distributions made.

The endowment's capital has increased from \$27.5 million at its inception to \$40.7 million by the end of 2024*, while \$22.8 million have been distributed in grants during this period**, successfully achieving all three of its goals.





In Q2-2024, the Investment Policy was revised. The long-term net return remains 4.5%, measured in USD and using a total return approach, over approximately 8-10 years. The risk tolerance has been set at a threshold of a 15% loss over one year, measured using an Expected Shortfall with a 95% confidence interval.

Since inception, the annualised net performance of the MBZF portfolio has been +4.99%, exceeding the target, while the last five years have seen a +5.54% annual return.

The endowment is managed through discretionary mandates by Goldman Sachs (Investment Grade Fixed Income) and Banque Pictet (Private Equity, Hedge Funds), along with two self-directed investments in Equities and High Yield (BlackRock), two in Core/Core+ Real Estate (PGIM, Blackstone) and one in Hedge Funds (Aurum Millenium).

** This amount includes an additional capital injection of \$10m, made in April 2024.*

*** Additional distributions to the benefit of species conservation were made outside of the endowment (directly from donations), to the tune of \$4.2m, bringing the total to \$27.0m.*

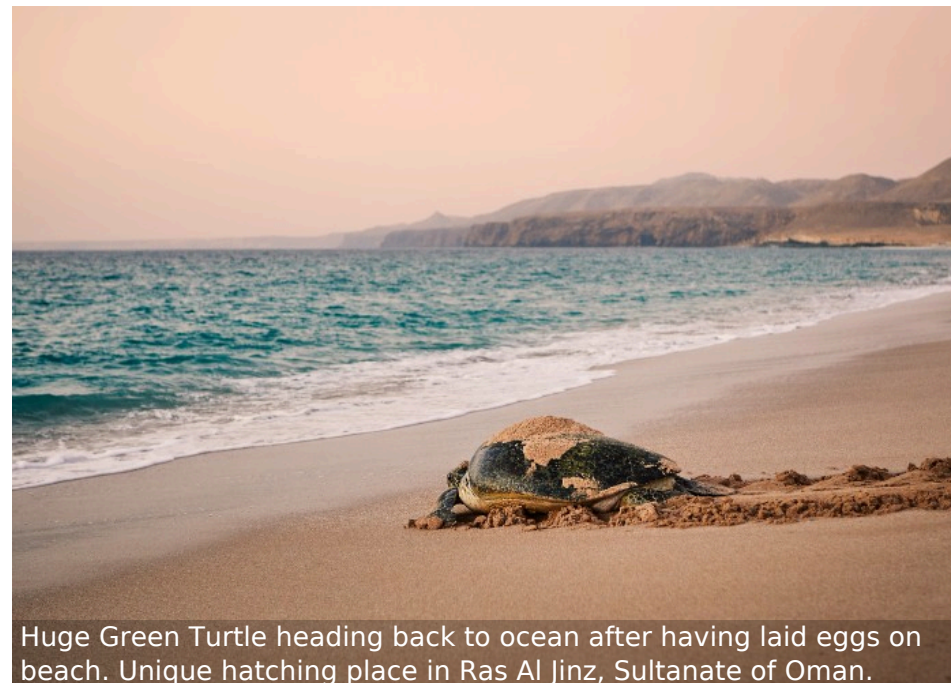
Markets and performance in 2024

2024 was another strong year for financial assets, as economic growth surprised on the upside and central banks finally began to cut rates. Equities had a stellar year, especially in the US, with the S&P 500 index posting a total return of +25%, marking the first time since the late-1990s where it has achieved back-to-back annual returns above 20%. The index was powered by further gains for the Magnificent 7, which were up +67%, and other risk assets did very well too (credit spreads tightened further). Moreover, the US exceptionalism narrative helped push the US Dollar to its strongest annual close since 2001.

Yet despite the generally upbeat performance, there were plenty of bumps along the way. Rate cuts took longer than many expected, meaning that sovereign bonds struggled to gain traction. In fact, the 10yr US Treasury yield rose for a 4th consecutive year, which is the first time that has happened since the 1980s.

Political developments also caused several wobbles, particularly around April as tensions in the Middle East escalated. Over in France, the country's assets underperformed amidst the political uncertainty. And there was huge (albeit brief) market turmoil in the summer, as weak US data and a BoJ rate hike led to the unwinding of the yen carry trade. So with quite a few concerns still in the background, gold prices posted their strongest annual gain since 2010. In this context, the MBZF portfolio achieved a +6.44% return, translating to an annualized 5.54% over the past five years, significantly outperforming the average balanced USD portfolio's +3.58% return[1].

[1] Source: ARC US Dollar Balanced Asset PCI. The ARC US Dollar Balanced Asset PCI benchmarks the average performance of discretionary managers running portfolios with historic risk levels of 40–60% of global equity markets, based on anonymized data from over 300'000 client portfolios managed.



Huge Green Turtle heading back to ocean after having laid eggs on beach. Unique hatching place in Ras Al Jinz, Sultanate of Oman.



Beyond 2024

In Q2 2024, the IPS was revised due to a significant capital injection from the Presidential Court, consisting of a \$40 million donation pledge spread over four years. This substantial increase in the endowment size will enable the SCF to award more grants in the future while also allowing for greater diversification, and thus more resilience, within the endowment portfolio.

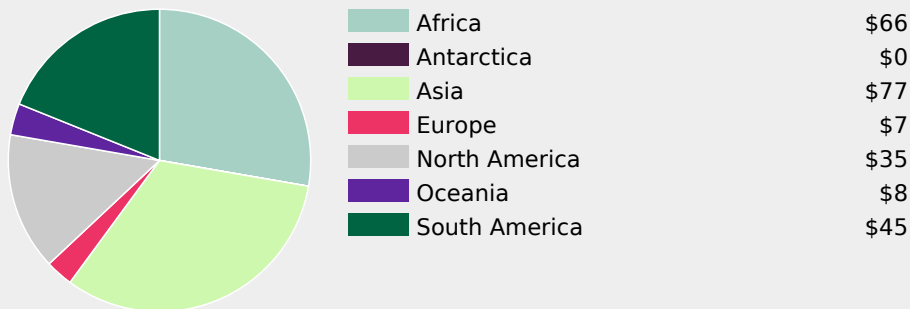
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The year 2024 was truly one of significant collaboration. The Fund established three new partnerships with The National Aquarium, Abu Dhabi, GEF, and Dolphin Energy, with the latter two contributing to our small grants program, which achieved remarkable results. Over the course of the year, we invested \$2,231,318 into species conservation efforts, reaching 67 countries across all seven continents. With the generous support of GEF, Dolphin Energy, and the Small Wild Cat Conservation Foundation (SWCCF), we successfully funded 238 grants, with an average grant size of \$9,375.29. This collaborative effort allowed us to fund an additional 59 projects compared to the previous year, showing that by working together, we can enhance our impact and create richer biodiversity for a healthier planet.

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