

ANNUAL REPORT 2024

# 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.



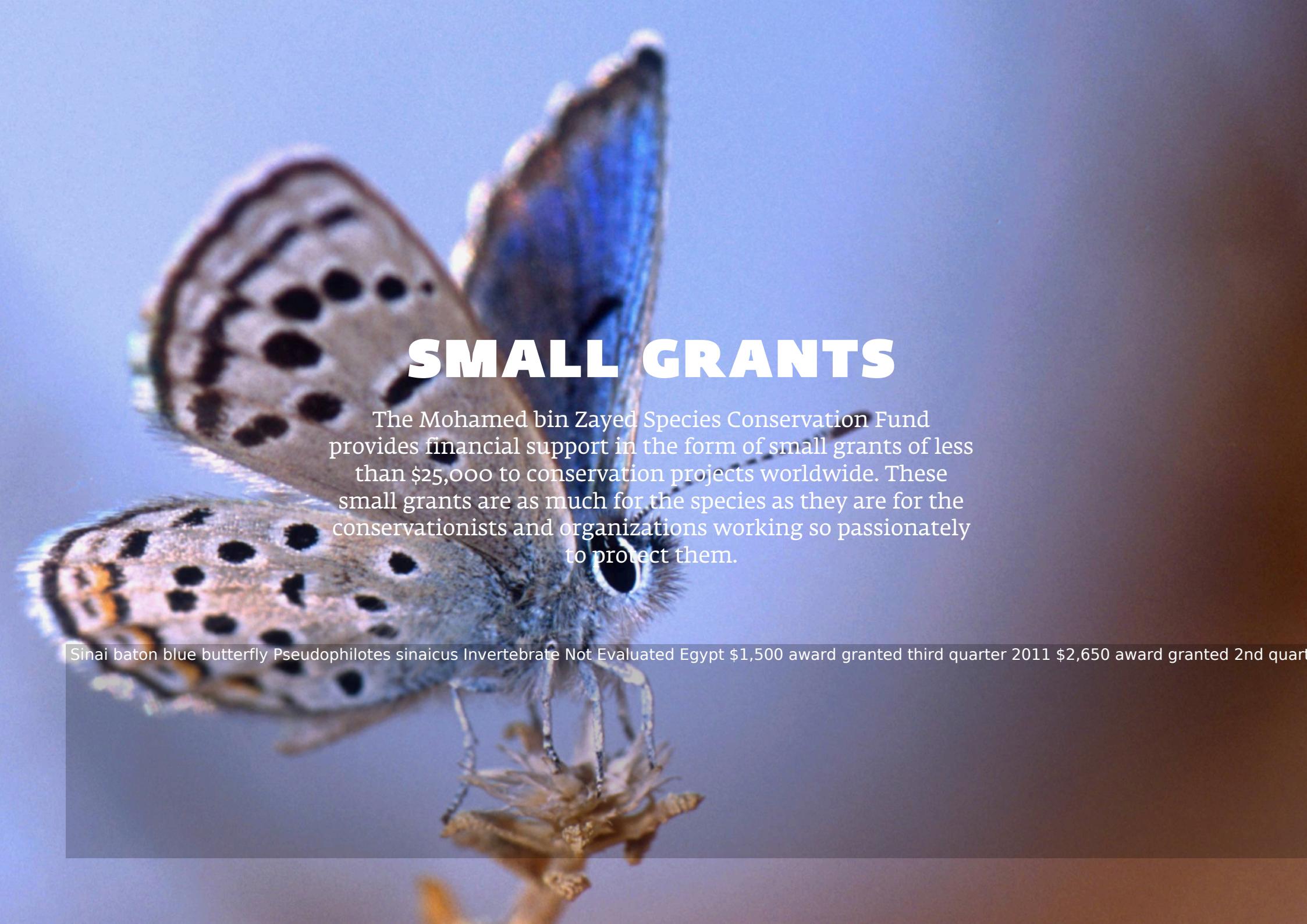
Harlequin toad project in Ecuador



Taking notes on the Pygmy Chameleon in Malawi

Though the situation seems dire, there is still hope. We at the Muhammed 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.



## 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 quart

# 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**



**AI: the future of conservation success**



**Painting Australia Yellow with the Lost Bucketty Bush-Pea**



**Befriending the Critically Endangered Nguru Spiny Pygmy Chameleon**



**Cross border conservation collaboration**



**The Mindo Harlequin Toad's first response team**

## 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 logueriae*

**Common name:** Bondarwezia logueriae

**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-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.

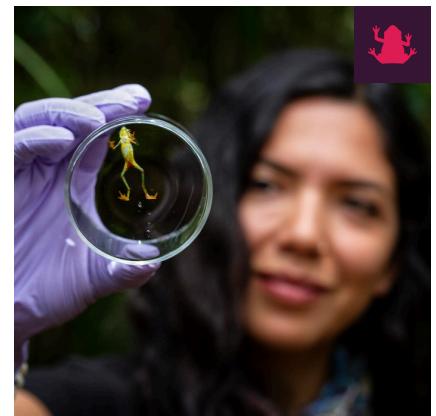
**Scientific name:** *Atelopus mindoensis*

**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  
EN Endangered  
LC Least Concern

EW Extinct in the Wild  
VU Vulnerable  
DD Data Deficient

CR Critically Endangered  
NT Near Threatened  
NE Not Evaluated

AMPHIBIAN						
IUCN	Vernacular Name	Scientific Name	Name	Name of Organization	Country, Continent	Funding
CR	Cameroon Wolterstorff Toad	<i>Wolterstorffina parvipalmata</i>	EVITA LAVERTU DOUNYA NOUMBOUSSI	University of Yaoundé I	Cameroon, Africa	\$6,260
CR	<b>Bearded Salamander</b>	<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	<b>Dehradun Stream Frog</b>	<i>Amolops chakrataensis</i>	Vishal Kumar Prasad	Biodiversity Research and Conservation Foundation	India, Asia	\$4,900
EN	<b>Golden drop toad</b>	<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	<b>goliath frogs</b>	<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	<b>Hansen's warty</b>	<i>Callulina hansenii</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	<i>Callulina kanga</i>	Enoka John	Mbeya University of Science and Technology (MUST)	Tanzania, Africa	\$6,060
CR	Kelaart's Starry Shrub frog	<i>Pseudophilautus stellatus</i>	Sanoj Wijayasekara	Post graduate Institute of Science, University of Peradeniya	Sri Lanka, Asia	\$7,500
CR	Leora's stream salamander	<i>Ambystoma leorae</i>	Felipe Osuna	ECOSUR	Mexico, North America	\$25,000
EN	<b>Long-toed Tree Frog</b>	<i>Leptopelis xenodactylus</i>	Jeanne Tarrant	Anura Africa	South Africa, Africa	\$12,500
CR	<b>Micro Frog</b>	<i>Microbatrachella capensis</i>	Kurt van Wyk	Grootbos Foundation	South Africa, Africa	\$4,960
CR	<b>Mindo Harlequin Toad</b>	<i>Atelopus mindoensis</i>	Alejandro Arteaga	Khamai Foundation	Ecuador, South America	\$10,000
EN	Oriente Dark-bellied Frog	<i>Eleutherodactylus intermediusrelis</i> Bignotte		N/A	Cuba, North America	\$3,000
CR	<b>Pehuenche spiny-chest frog</b>	<i>Alsodes pehuenche</i>	Gabriela Diaz	Universidad Nacional de Cuyo	Argentina, South America	\$4,950
EN	Southern Darwin's frog	<i>Rhinoderma darwinii</i>	Andrés Valenzuela-Sánchez	Asociación Ranita de Darwin	Chile, South America	\$8,000
CR	Spawls boolee	<i>Boulengerula spawlsi</i>	Atubwa Howard	National Museums of Kenya	Kenya, Africa	\$10,000
CR	<b>Starrett's Treefrog</b>	<i>Isthmohyla tica</i>	Wagner Chaves-Acuña	Museo Argentino de Ciencias Naturales "Bernardino Rivadavia"	Costa Rica, North America	\$25,000
CR	<b>Taylor's Salamander</b>	<i>Ambystoma taylori</i>	Juan Daniel Aguilar Montes	N/A	Mexico, North America	\$7,000
CR	<b>Tiny Squeaker Frog</b>	<i>Arthroleptis kidogo</i>	Eva Johnson	Women in Conservation Organization Tanzania, Africa (WICO)		\$10,000
DD	<b>Uganda Clawed Frog</b>	<i>Xenopus ruwenzoriensis</i>	Stephen Ssemwaka	Makerere University	Uganda, Africa	\$6,964
EN	Yellow-peppered Salamander	<i>Ambystoma flavipiperatum</i>	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	<i>Corvus unicolor</i>	Mochamad Indrawan	Universitas Indonesia - Research Center for Climate Change	Indonesia, Asia	\$7,900
EN	Bermuda petrel	<i>Pterodroma cahow</i>	Jean-Pierre Rouja	The Nonsuch Expeditions	Bermuda, North America	\$25,000
EN	Black-and-chestnut eagle	<i>Spizaetus isidori</i>	Jorge Muñoz	Caquetá Association for Ornithology	Colombia, South America	\$6,500
DD	Black-browed Babbler	<i>Malacocincla perspicillata</i>	R. Arif Alfauzi	Endemic Indonesia Society	Indonesia, Asia	\$7,100
EN	Botha's Lark	<i>Spizocorys fringillaris</i>	Hanneline Smit-Robinson	BirdLife South Africa	South Africa, Africa	\$16,050
CR	Brazilian Merganser	<i>Mergus octosetaceus</i>	Paulo de Tarso Antas	FUNATURA	Brazil, South America	\$20,000
CR	Cherry-throated tanager	<i>Nemosia rourei</i>	Marcelo Renan Santos	Instituto Marcos Daniel	Brazil, South America	\$14,000
VU	Egyptian Vulture	<i>Neophron percnopterus</i>	Michel Sawan	Lebanese Association for Migratory Birds	Lebanon, Asia	\$5,000
EN	Forty-spotted pardalote	<i>Pardalotus quadragintus</i>	Fernanda Alves de Amorim	Australian National University	Australia, Oceania	\$15,000
EN	Ibera Seedeater	<i>Sporophila iberaensis</i>	Miranda Collett	Funndacion Cambyreta para la Naturaleza	Argentina, South America	\$6,600
CR	<b>Juan Fernandez Firecrown</b>	<i>Sephanoides fernandensis</i>	Valentina Colodro	Oikonos Ecosystem Knowledge	Chile, South America	\$25,000
CR	Maleo	<i>Macrocephalon maleo</i>	Fajra S. Djena	Zoological Community of Celebes	Indonesia, Asia	\$9,000
CR	Marsh Antwren	<i>Formicivora paludicola</i>	Alice Reisfeld	SAVE Brasil	Brazil, South America	\$11,000
CR	Night parrot	<i>Pezoporus occidentalis</i>	Bill Bateman	Curtin University	Australia, Oceania	\$14,000
CR	Nofolk Island Green Parrot	<i>Cyanoramphus cookii</i>	Abi Smith	Threatened Species Conservancy	Australia, Oceania	\$19,000
CR	Polynesian ground dove	<i>Alopecoenas erythropterus</i>	Caroline Blanvillain	Société d'Ornithologie de Polynésie 'Association Manu'	French Polynesia, Oceania	\$17,000
CR	<b>Red-fronted Macaw</b>	<i>Ara rubrogenys</i>	Romeo Rojas-Estrada	Asociación Armonía	Bolivia, South America	\$8,000
CR	Silvery Pigeon	<i>Columba argentina</i>	Ahmad Mursyid	MABBI and Zoology Laboratory, Universitas Mahmud Yunus	Indonesia, Asia	\$6,800



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CR	Sira Curassow	<i>Pauxi koepckeae</i>	Andre Moncrieff	Louisiana State University	Peru, South America	\$8,800
EN	<b>Sokoke scops owl</b>	<i>Otus ireneae</i>	Ezra Peter Mremi	Sokoine University of Agriculture	Tanzania, Africa	\$16,400
EN	Sokoke Scops Owl	<i>Otus ireneae</i>	Martin Mwema	A Rocha Kenya	Kenya, Africa	\$12,000
CR	Yellow-naped Amazon	<i>Amazona europalliata</i>	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	<i>Aphyosemion bamilekorum</i>	Ornella Paceli TUEKENG EVOBA	Hydrobiology and Environment Research Laboratory, University of Yaounde 1	Cameroon, Africa	\$4,850
EN	<b>Bighead striped catfish</b>	<i>Pseudoplatystoma orinocoense</i>	Mailuet Vanessa López Gómez	Association of Fishermen, Marketers and Environmentalist Farmers La Doncella	Colombia, South America	\$17,400
EN	Dayi's Killifish	<i>Aplocheilus dayi</i>	Hiranya Sudasinghe	N/A	Sri Lanka, Asia	\$5,000
DD	<b>Giant freshwater stingrays</b>	<i>Potamotrygon brachyura</i>	Luis Lucifora	Instituto Nacional de Limnología, CONICET, Universidad Nacional del Litoral	Argentina, South America	\$6,610
EN	Heuningnes Galaxias	<i>Galaxias</i> sp. nov. Heuningnes	Erica Brink	Nuwejaars River Nature Reserve	South Africa, Africa	\$24,776
CR	<b>Kampango</b>	<i>Bagrus meridionalis</i>	Gordian Mataba	Nelson Mandela African Institution of Science and Technology	Tanzania, Africa	\$4,830
CR	<b>Largetooth sawfish</b>	<i>Pristis pristis</i>	Andrés Fraiz	MarAlliance	Panama, North America	\$15,000
CR	<b>Licorice Gourami gunawani</b>	<i>Parosphromenus gunawani</i>	Mira Aristawidya	ENVIIRO Foundation	Indonesia, Asia	\$9,500
CR	<b>Niger Stingray</b>	<i>Fontitrygon garouaensis</i>	Lotanna Micah Nneji	Howard University, Washington DC	Nigeria, Africa	\$10,000
EN	Orange-Fringed River Bream	<i>Chetia brevis</i>	Roger Bills	South African Institute for Aquatic Biodiversity (SAIAB)	South Africa, Africa	\$21,610
CR	Oryzias soerotoi	<i>Oryzias soerotoi</i>	Abdul Gani	Saangu Adventure	Indonesia, Asia	\$2,030

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EN	Periyar Barb	<i>Hypselobarbus periyarensis</i>	Smrithy Raj	N/A	India, Asia	\$10,500
CR	Petea Rudd	<i>Scardinus racovitzai</i>	Tamás Müller	Department of Freshwater Fish Ecology, Hungarian University of Agriculture and Life Sciences	Hungary, Europe	\$19,000
EN	Philippine Medaka	<i>Oryzias luzonensis</i>	Faith Tadeo	Don Mariano Marcos Memorial State University	Philippines, Asia	\$7,000
EN	<b>Rono</b>	<i>Oryzias bonneorum</i>	Abdul Gani	ERA Indonesia	Indonesia, Asia	\$4,500
EN	<b>Sarasin's goby</b>	<i>Mugilogobius sarasinorum</i>	Evans Madiyono Labiro	Zoological Community of Celebes	Indonesia, Asia	\$7,500
CR	Scalloped hammerhead shark	<i>Sphyrna lewini</i>	Julio Sánchez	Blue World Foundation - FUNMZ-	Guatemala, North America	\$8,400
CR	Scalloped hammerhead sharks	<i>Sphyrna lewini</i>	Juliana Klein	Stellenbosch University	South Africa, Africa	\$3,000
EN	Spiny Butterfly Ray	<i>Gymnura altavela</i>	Emina Karalic	Sharklab ADRIA: Center for marine and freshwater biology	Albania, Europe	\$11,500
EN	Tiger-tail Seahorse	<i>Hippocampus comes</i>	Amanda Vincent	Project Seahorse   Institute for the Oceans and Fisheries, The University of British Columbia	Indonesia, Asia	\$24,977
EN	<b>Timika Mouth Almighty</b>	<i>Glossamia timika</i>	Wisnu Prabowo	Timika Wildlife Learning Community (TWLC)	Indonesia, Asia	\$5,000
EN	Ulúa Killifish	<i>Tlaloc portillorum</i>	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	<b>Boletus chilensis</b>	<i>Boletus chilensis</i>	INGRID RUTH SEMPÉRTEGUI ALVEAR	N/A	Chile, South America	\$5,000
CR	<b>Bondarwezia logueriae</b>	<i>Bondarwezia logueriae</i>	Elisandro Ricardo Drechsler dos Santos	MIND.Funga Research Group (Federal University of Santa Catarina)	Brazil, South America	\$18,000
CR	<b>Hongo del coco</b>	<i>Phlebopus bruchii</i>	Gerardo Robledo	Universidad Nacional de Córdoba. Facultad de Ciencias Agropecuarias Centro de Transferencia de Bioi	Argentina, South America	\$17,000

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NE	Stinking milk-cap	<i>Lactifluus foetens</i>	Armel Boris Olou	Research Unit "Tropical Mycology and Togo, Africa Plants - Soil Fungi Interactions" (UR / MyTIPS)		\$5,000
VU	Type of "Cup Fungus"	<i>Nothojafnea thaxteri</i>	Daniela Torres	Fundación Fungi	Chile, South America	\$12,000
EN	<b>Yellow carapicu</b>	<i>Pleurotus magnificus</i>	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
CR	<b>Macrobrachium purpureamanus</b>	<i>Macrobrachium purpureamanus</i>	Lora Purnamasari	Ekspedisi Riset Akuatik (ERA) Indonesia	Indonesia, Asia	\$4,800
NE	Almeja de rio	<i>Leila blainvilleana</i>	Agustin Basso	BIVAAS (Freshwater Bivalves of South America, from the initials in Spanish or Portuguese)	Argentina, South America	\$5,500
CR	Almeja de río	<i>Leila blainvilleana</i>	Cristhian Clavijo	Vida Silvestre Uruguay	Uruguay, South America	\$4,900
NE	Anthroherpon gueorguievii	<i>Anthroherpon gueorguievii</i>	Iva Njunjic	Taxon Foundation	Montenegro, Europe	\$7,000
EN	Balssi crab	<i>Louisea balssi</i>	Tchietchui Carine Rosine	Cameroon Association for Research of Crustaceans and Other Aquatic Resources	Cameroon, Africa	\$7,500
NE	Caribbean Metalmark	<i>Dianesia carteri ramsdeni</i>	Yosiel Alvarez	Instituto de Ecología y Sistemática	Cuba, North America	\$4,000
NE	Cave tube-worm	<i>Marifugia cavatica</i>	Ana Komercík	Croatian Biospeleological Society	Bosnia and Herzegovina, Europe	\$10,000
NE	Coryphosima danieli	<i>Coryphosima danieli</i>	Tarekegn Fite Duressa	Natural History Museum Karlsruhe	Ethiopia, Africa	\$8,500
DD	<b>Double banded forest damselfly</b>	<i>Drepanosticta sundana</i>	Puji Lestari	Endemic Indonesia Society	Indonesia, Asia	\$5,000
NE	False scorpion	<i>Antilllobisium tomasi</i>	René Alberto Barba Díaz	Cuban Zoological Society	Cuba, North America	\$5,000
NE	Fireflies	<i>Lampyridae</i>	Pratistha Shrestha	N/A	Nepal, Asia	\$5,000
NE	Freshwater mussels	<i>Unionida</i>	Alexandra Zieritz	University of Nottingham	Indonesia, Asia	\$10,000

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CR	Greek Red Damselfly	<i>Pyrrhosoma elisabethae</i>	Eleana Kazila	Dragonfly Conservation Europe	Greece, Europe	\$23,780
NE	Ida's ground beetle	<i>Dicrochile idae</i>	James Tweed	The University of Queensland	Norfolk Island, Oceania	\$5,000
NE	<i>Inotrechus injaevae</i>	<i>Inotrechus injaevae</i>	Shalva Barjadze	NGO Georgian Caves Researchers Society	Georgia, Asia	\$5,000
NE	<b>Katydid</b>	<i>Macroscirtus kekeunoui</i>	Simeu Noutchom Alain	University of Yaounde 1	Cameroon, Africa	\$3,000
NE	mejillón de río	<i>Haasica balzani</i>	Rebeca Carballo	BIVAAS South American Freshwater mussels, National Museum of Natural History of Paraguay	Paraguay, South America	\$6,500
NE	Mt. Bamboutos Black Grasshopper	<i>Parapterotiltus bamboutos</i>	Charly Oumarou Ngoute	University of Douala, Faculty of Sciencies, Cameroon	Cameroon, Africa	\$10,000
DD	<b>Orange-sided Threadtail</b>	<i>Neoneura carnatica</i>	Ana María Hernández Vázquez	Faculty of Biology, University of Havana	Cuba, North America	\$5,000
CR	Pemba Featherleg	<i>Proplatycnemis pembipes</i>	Viola Clausnitzer	Senckenberg	Tanzania, Africa	\$11,000
NE	Poplar hawkmoth	<i>Laothoe philerema</i>	Abdulaziz Davlatov	E.N. Pavlovsky Institute of Zoology and Parasitology, National Academy of sciences of Tajikistan	Tajikistan, Asia	\$3,800
EN	<b>Poso Endemic Mussel</b>	<i>Corbicula possoensis</i>	Wahyuni Wahyuni	Zoological Community of Celebes	Indonesia, Asia	\$3,500
EN	Salem ornamental tarantula	<i>Poecilotheria formosa</i>	Gautam Kadam	N/A	India, Asia	\$4,830
CR	<b>Sulawesi cardinal shrimp</b>	<i>Caridina dennerli</i>	Diky Dwiyanto	Zoological Community of Celebes	Indonesia, Asia	\$5,500
CR	<b>Sundarbans crow</b>	<i>Euploea crameri nicevillei</i>	Md Jahir Rayhan	Entomological Society of Chittagong University-ESCU	Bangladesh, Asia	\$5,116
EN	Synchronous flashing bent-winged firefly	<i>Pteroptyx tener</i>	Wan Faridah Akmal Jusoh	IUCN SSC Firefly Specialist Group	Malaysia, Asia	\$9,000
EN	<b>Togean Damselfly</b>	<i>Rhinocypha togeanensis</i>	Muhammad Amiruddin	Agrotechnology Study Program, PSDKU Tojo Una-Una, Faculty of Agriculture, Tadulako University	Indonesia, Asia	\$4,300
NE	<b>White-tail gorgonian</b>	<i>Menella indica</i>	Ramvilas Ghosh	Independent Researcher	India, Asia	\$5,705

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

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

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

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

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

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

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EN	Aloe ankoberensis	Aloe ankoberensis	Solomon Getahun	Gullele Botanic Garden	Ethiopia, Africa	\$5,000
CR	<b>Aloe ghibensis</b>	Aloe ghibensis	Tibebu Bekerie	Jimma University	Ethiopia, Africa	\$5,000
EN	<b>Bankoualé palm</b>	Livistona carinensis	Ahmed Awale	Candlelight for Environment, Education & Health	Somaliland, Africa	\$14,000
NE	<b>Bucketty Bush-pea</b>	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 OJEEL	Makerere University	Uganda, Africa	\$14,000
EN	Fautea	Lebronnecia kokioides	Seana Walsh	National Tropical Botanical Garden	French Polynesia, Oceania	\$20,000
NE	<b>Giant leafless Vanilla</b>	Vanilla atsinananensis	Vincent Droissart	Institut de Recherche pour le Développement	Madagascar, Africa	\$19,000
CR	<b>Grierson's Onosma</b>	Onosma griersonii	Phub Gyeltshen	National Biodiversity Centre	Bhutan, Asia	\$5,000
EN	<b>Ire habesha</b>	Aloe adigratana	Daniel Hagos Berhe	Adigrat University	Ethiopia, Africa	\$5,000
EW	<b>Kalimantan mango</b>	Mangifera casturi	Range Harnata Palodang	The Ethnobiological Society of Indonesia	Indonesia, Asia	\$10,000
CR	<b>Memecylon incisilobum</b>	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	200 Indigenous flowering plants	Peter Heenan	Manaki 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	<b>Operculicarya pachypus</b>	Operculicarya pachypus	Princy Rajaonarivelo Andrianina	Kew Madagascar / Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew	Madagascar, Africa	\$12,000

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CR	<b>Pinanga leonardcoi</b>	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	<b>Siphonochilus aethiopicus</b>	Siphonochilus aethiopicus	Patricia Carmichael	Eswatini Institute for Research in Traditional Medicine, Medicinal and Indigenous Food Plants	Eswatini, Africa	\$19,000
CR	<b>Supard's paphiopedilum</b>	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	<b>Anzuetoi arboreal alligator lizard</b>	Abronia anzuetoii	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	Nilssonia nigricans	Shahriar Rahman	Turtle Survival Alliance	Bangladesh, Asia	\$13,500
CR	Black Softshell turtle	Nilssonia 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	<b>Cora Mud Turtle</b>	Kinosternon cora	JESUS ALBERTO LOC BARRAGAN	CICODEC A.C.	Mexico, North America	\$14,100

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

# 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 aquarium's 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

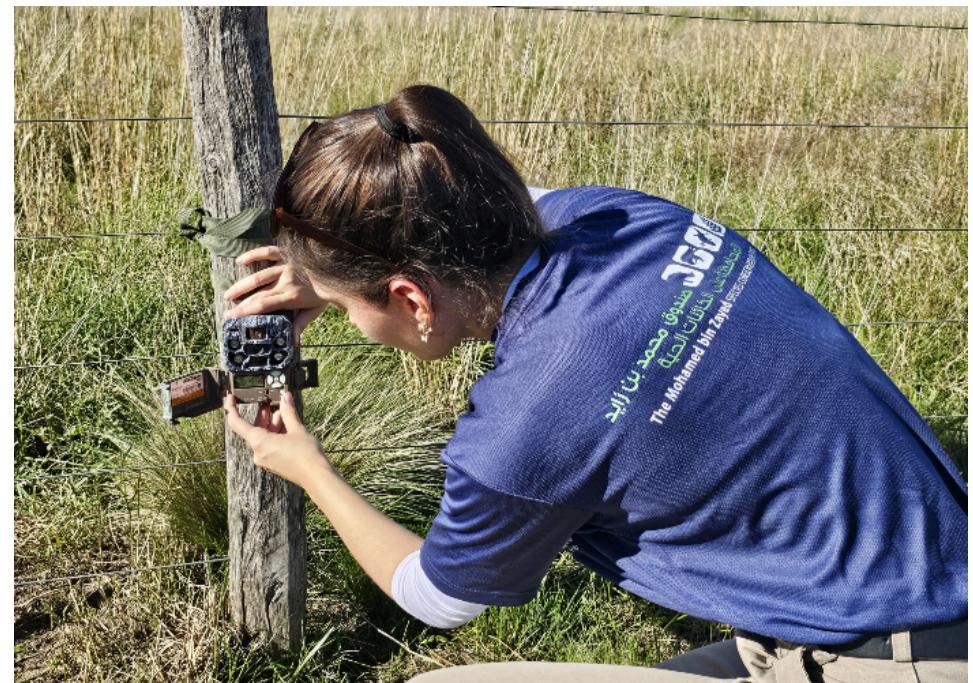


At the Mohamed bin Zayed Species Conservation Fund, we take immense pride in our commitment to supporting early-career or budding conservationists, many of whom are just beginning their conservation journeys. It's no surprise that 63% of our grantees are first-time recipients, representing the next generation 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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Female Puma Charlotte (United States) © Mark Elbroch/Panthera

# 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

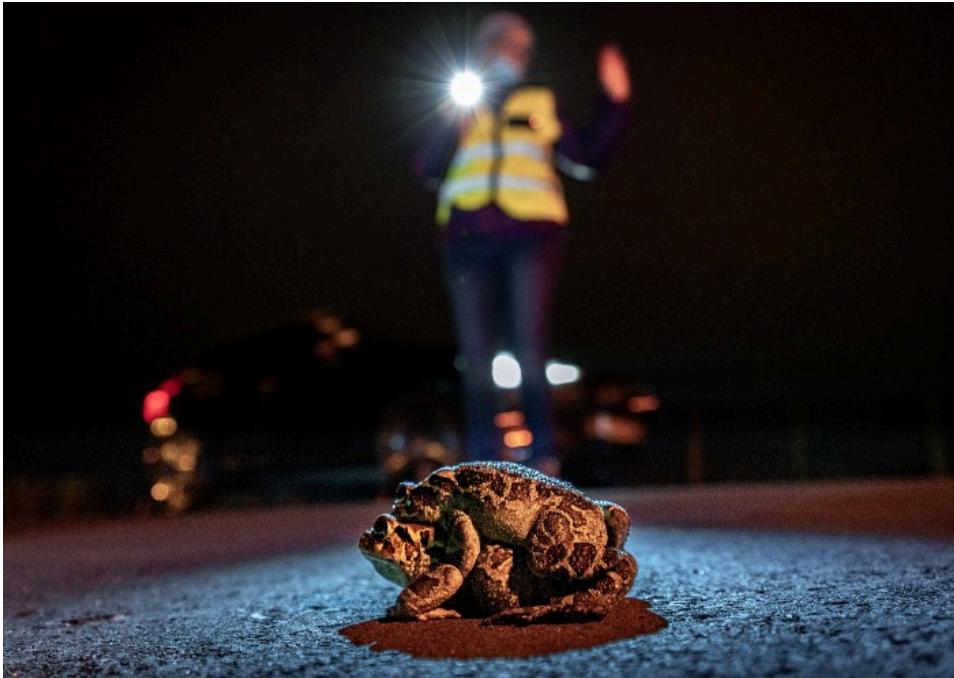
The Mohamed bin Zayed Species Conservation Fund's endowment was established in April 2009 with an initial allocation of \$27.5 million and has since been managed to ensure the financial sustainability of its small grants program in perpetuity.

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.*

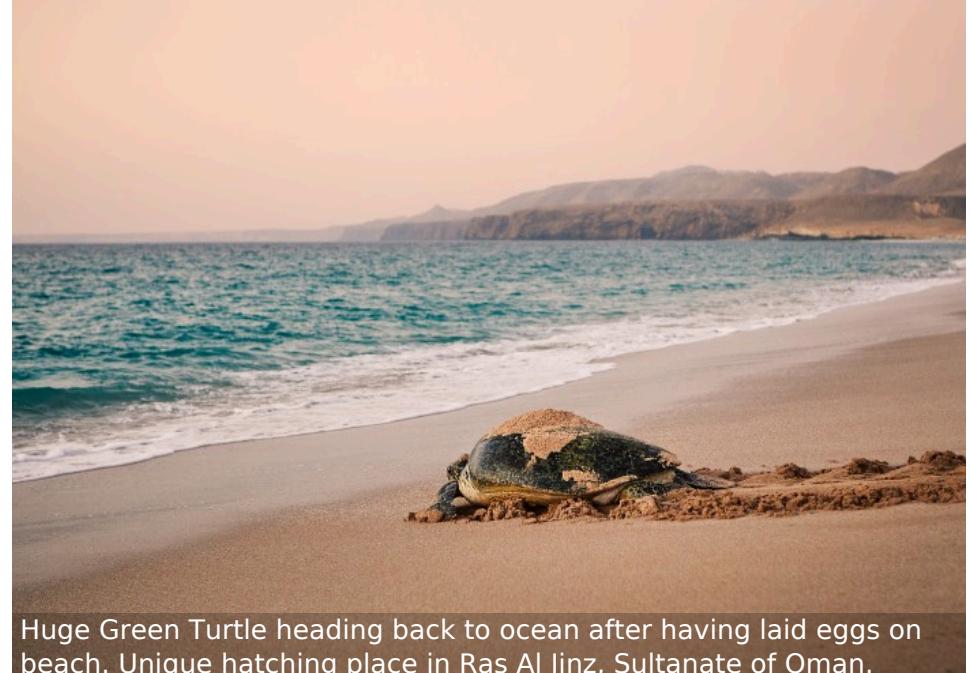
## Markets and performance in 2024

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 4<sup>th</sup> 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<sup>[1]</sup>.

[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.



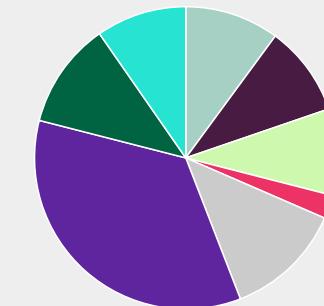
## Beyond 2024

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.

# DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS

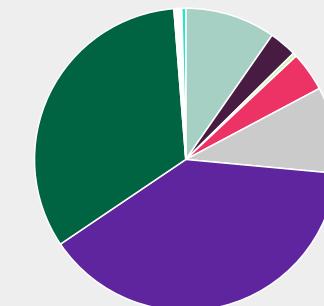
The year 2024 was truly one of significant collaboration. The Fund established three new partnerships with The National Aquarium, Abu Dhabi, GEF, and Dolphin Energy, with the latter two contributing to our small grants program, which achieved remarkable results. Over the course of the year, we invested \$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.

## DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS BY SPECIES TYPE



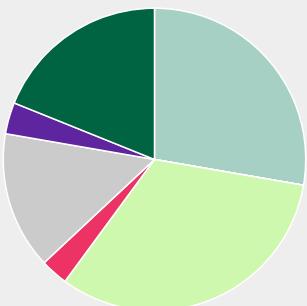
Amphibian	\$24
Bird	\$23
Fish	\$22
Fungus	\$6
Invertebrate	\$30
Mammal	\$83
Plant	\$27
Reptile	\$23

## DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS BY IUCN RED LIST



Not Evaluated	\$23
Data Deficient	\$7
Least Concern	\$1
Near Threatened	\$10
Vulnerable	\$22
Critically Endangered	\$93
Endangered	\$79
Extinct in the Wild	\$2
Extinct	\$1

## DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS BY CONTINENT



Africa	\$66
Antarctica	\$0
Asia	\$77
Europe	\$7
North America	\$35
Oceania	\$8
South America	\$45

**The Mohamed bin Zayed Species Conservation Fund remains dedicated to fulfilling the vision of His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan to support species conservation efforts in all their forms across the globe. Inspired by this vision, and the dedication of the many conservationists, researchers and scientists working in the field to assess and protect our most vulnerable flora and fauna, the Fund is committed to preserving the extraordinary biodiversity of Earth for generations to come.**

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