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Wildlife Conservation and Natural Resource Management in the Gran Chaco

Grant Number: 511-0000-G-00-6031

INITIAL WORKPLAN

Report to USAID/Bolivia

June 1996

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INTRODUCTION



This report presents the initial Workplan for the project: Wildlife Conservation and Natural Resource Management Design/Pilot Activities in the Gran Chaco (Grant Number: 511-0000-G-00-6031). Below the timing, by month, of the various components and subcomponents of the Project are indicated along with details of the responsible organizations and/or individuals for each sub-component or activity.

WORKPLAN-PROJECT COMPONENTS

Seven specific activities comprise Phase II of the Project. A chronology for the implementation of these different activities is attached below. These activities will initiate project implementation and provide critical information for the design of additional components. By January 1997 the results of these activities will be compiled to produce an overall design for the third phase of the project. The activities are as follows:

Institutional Strengthening: This activity will focus on building CABI's institutional capacity to plan, implement and administer natural resource and protected area projects. It will also assess CABI's needs to effectively administer natural resources, including water, in the Izozog Canton. The Fundación *İvi-Iyambae*, which provides technical support to the Capitanía, will be legally established; immediate organizational needs for the Foundation to function effectively will be assessed; and a three-year plan for its staffing, training, and general institutional requirements will be drawn up. In addition, guidelines will be prepared for a management plan for the protected area to be produced in 1997.

Land Titling and Ownership Conflicts: The resolution of land ownership problems is critical for CABI to manage the new protected area as well as natural resources in the buffer zone, and to protect Biodiversity. This component will provide funds for (i) immediate legal assistance to examine and, where possible, resolve land title conflicts in key areas; and (ii) draw up a plan for the long term resolution of land ownership problems in the region.

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Biodiversity and Wildlife Survey Techniques Course: A two-week course in Biodiversity monitoring and wildlife survey techniques will be held in the Izozog for 25 Izoceño park rangers and community members. This course will initiate the process of preparing a cadre of local community wildlife/Biodiversity specialists.

Biodiversity and Wild Game Status Surveys: These surveys will provide essential data for the long term project, and the Chaco Park management plan, on general patterns of Biodiversity and game status in the region. Surveys will be undertaken by a joint team of Izoceño graduates of the survey techniques course and Bolivian biologists, and thus will begin community-based wildlife monitoring.

Community Workshops: A workshop covering the following topics will be held in each of the Izoceño communities: (i) conservation, protected areas and implications for the local people; (ii) wildlife ecology and Ethnobiology; and (iii) needs to effectively manage wildlife and conserve Biodiversity. Interested community members will be encouraged to start monitoring their own wildlife harvest.

Environmental Education and Ethnobiological Recuperation

Component Designs: The goal of this activity is to produce a detailed implementation design for these components in Phase III. Design components will include plans for the establishment of an Environmental and Cultural Information Center and Museum in the Izozog, and for incorporating environmental education, ethnobiological knowledge, and Izoceño cultural history in the curriculum of local schools.

Community Mapping This component of the larger project will provide base line data on existing Izoceño land use patterns, help determine the areas used for subsistence hunting, and provide preliminary information on natural resource use by the communities. This activity is being funded by the Biodiversity Support Program and started in March 1996. It is included here because it is an integral part of the overall project and will provide critical information for the project implementation document to be produced at the end of 1996.



In addition, several presentation by the Izoceños to government officials, USAID, other donors, and NGOs of the results of these activities, combined with a diagnostic of future needs will be undertaken during the course of 1996.

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		Chronology of Activities									
Component	Sub-component	Organization/Individual Responsible	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan. 1997
Project Supervision		Evelio Arambiza, CABI & Andrew Taber, WCS	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Project Administration	WCS-New York	Martha Schwartz	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	In-Country	Antonio Roso, CABI	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Institutional Strengthening	Diagnostic and Implementation of Specific Activities and Recommendations	Mac Chapin, WCS & Evelio Arambiza, CABI	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	Final Legal Establishment of the Fundación Ivi-Iyambae	Evelio Arambiza, CABI					X				
Resolution of Land Tenure Issues, and Diagnostic of Future Needs		Evelio Arambiza, CABI, and Juan Aguirre (Director of the Gran Chaco National Park)				X	X	X	X		
Wildlife/Biodiversity Activities		Andrew Noss, WCS	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	Field Course	Andrew Noss, WCS				X					
	Survey Site 1	Andrew Noss, WCS			X						
	Survey Site 2	Andrew Noss, WCS					X				
	Survey Site 3	Andrew Noss, WCS						X			
	Survey Site 4	Andrew Noss, WCS							X		
	Preliminary Community Wildlife Use Monitoring	Andrew Noss, WCS					X	X	X		
	Biodiversity Guidebook to the Chaco	Andrew Noss, WCS								X	
Parks, Wildlife, Biodiversity Community Workshops		Isabel Combes, CABI					X				



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Environmental Education-Ethnobiology Recuperation Component Design		Jorge Ventocilla, WCS & Isabel Combes, CABI							X			
Presentation of Community Mapping Project and Work in Progress by CABI to Donors, GOB and NGOs.		Mac Chapin, WCS & Evelio Arambiza, CABI					X					
Presentation of Individual Consultants Reports	Design for Institutional Strengthening Component	Mac Chapin, WCS & Evelio Arambiza, CABI							X			
	Design for Community Based Wildlife Management Component	Andrew Noss & Andrew Taber, WCS							X			
	Design for Environmental Education and Ethnobiology Component	Jorge Ventocilla, WCS and Isabel Combes, CABI							X			
	Gran Chaco Protected Area Management Plan Proposal	Evelio Arambiza, CABI; Ing. Jorge Aguirre, Gran Chaco National Park & Andrew Taber, WCS							X			
Phase III Project Design	Preparation of Phase II Project Design	Jody Stallings, WCS & Evelio Arambiza, CABI								X	X	



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	Presentation to USAID/Bolivia of Phase III Draft Project Design Document	Jody Stallings, WCS & Evelio Arambiza, CABI									X	
	Presentation of Draft Design to Donors, GOB and NGOs in La Brecha, Chaco	Jody Stallings and Andrew Taber, WCS & Evelio Arambiza, CABI									X	
	Presentation of Phase III Final Project Design Document to USAID/Bolivia	Jody Stallings and Andrew Taber, WCS & Evelio Arambiza, CABI										X

