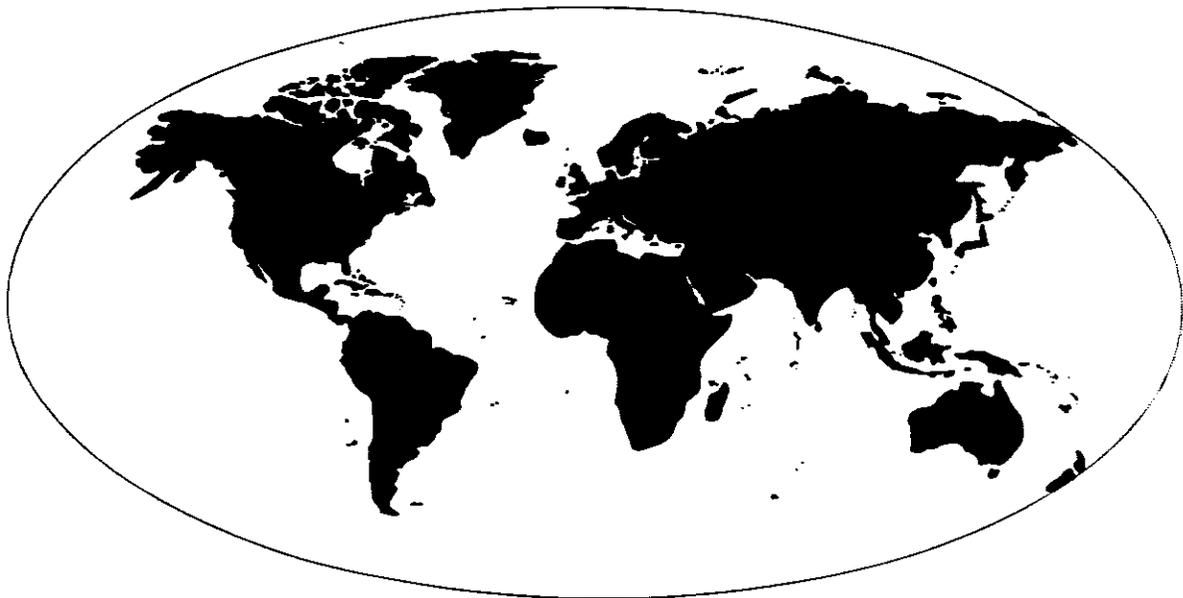


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International Technical Assistance

The U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI) is the nation's principal conservation agency, responsible for the management and protection of its most precious natural, cultural, and historical resources. Established more than 150 years ago, DOI currently has more than 60,000 employees and manages more than 436 million acres of U.S. lands.

With donor funds, DOI can provide training and technical assistance to countries in areas of DOI staff expertise, such as:

Protected area management
Cultural resources management
Environmental education
Endangered species conservation
Visitor services
Recreation management
Fire management
Control of invasive species

Minerals management
Reclamation of abandoned mine lands
Ecotourism
Wildlife law enforcement
Resource interpretation
Park infrastructure
Concessions management
Community outreach

Expertise is drawn from the various DOI bureaus. The bureaus are listed below with a brief description of their responsibilities:

National Park Service: Manages more than 380 sites, including prime natural parks, historic and cultural areas, monuments, battlefields, seashores and lakeshores, and recreation areas. This bureau accommodates and educates more than 275 million visitors per year.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service: Responsible for the protection and conservation of fish, wildlife, and plants. Manages more than 700 field units, including national wildlife refuges, national fish hatcheries, law enforcement and ecological services field stations. Regulatory authority responsible for the international trade of plants and animals and the protection of U.S. endangered species.

Bureau of Land Management: Manages more than 270 million acres of public lands for such diverse uses as energy, minerals, and timber extraction, livestock forage, fish and wildlife habitat, and scenic and recreational uses.

Office of Surface Mining, Reclamation and Enforcement: Responsible for protecting people and the environment during coal mining and restoration, and for restoring mines abandoned before 1977.

U.S. Geological Survey: Responsible for scientific research and applications related to earth processes; natural disasters; and water, biological, energy, and mineral resources.

Bureau of Indian Affairs: For American Indians, Indian tribes and Alaska Natives, provides social services, promotes economic opportunity, and protects and improves trust assets.

Bureau of Reclamation: Manages 58 hydroelectric power plants and is the country's largest wholesale supplier of water.

Minerals Management Service: Manages the mineral resources on the outer continental shelf of the United States in an environmentally sound and safe manner. Provides fiscal accounting and management of the mineral resources both onshore and offshore.

The unique strengths of DOI technical assistance include:

DOI offers technical experts with a depth of applied technical knowledge, international experience, and relevant language skills.

DOI fosters direct, sustained exchanges between U.S. natural resource managers and their host-country counterparts. These are often direct government-to-government partnerships.

All salaries for DOI technical assistance are covered by the U.S. Department of the Interior. In fact, DOI contributes approximately \$25,000 in salaries for each \$50,000 of donor contribution.

With a large internal training staff, DOI can train the trainers to ensure long-term program sustainability.

DOI technical assistance is offered on a reimbursable basis. Donor funds cover the costs of travel and per diem of DOI technical staff, support for field activities, equipment, and program management. DOI covers the salaries of the technical experts on short-term assignments.

Following are descriptions of the progress achieved in the Department of the Interior's current initiatives. New material since the September 2003 Report is indicated in ***bold italics***.

BRAZIL - CITES

SUMMARY OF ASSISTANCE

USAID provided the Department with funds to support the second meeting of the Big Leaf Mahogany Working Group in Belem, Brazil.

FUNDING

\$10,000 from USAID in FY 03

RESULTS TO DATE

The second meeting of the Big Leaf Mahogany Working Group in Belem, Brazil, addressed scientific risk assessment issues concerning mahogany. Specifically, the group addressed the technical foundation for the mandatory "scientific non-detriment finding" for internationally traded mahogany, a novel and centrally important ecological risk assessment methods issue. Funds provided contributed to bringing together stakeholders from the scientific and management communities in range states (Latin America) and importing nations to: (1) share information on criteria and process for making the scientific non-detriment finding; (2) harmonize international risk assessment approaches; and (3) facilitate the process for certification of ecologically sustainable mahogany shipments.

SIGNIFICANT PROBLEMS OR DELAYS

None

MAJOR ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR NEXT REPORTING PERIOD

None

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Reports describing the results of this initiative are available upon request.

CAMBODIA

SUMMARY OF ASSISTANCE

Cambodia is surrounded by several countries that, having hunted their own wildlife to extinction, have turned to Cambodia as a source of skins, bones, internal organs, and other wildlife products. The wildlife crimes perpetrated or abetted by traffickers in these countries have been well documented. Decisive and urgent action is necessary to protect Cambodia's remaining wildlife in the country's long-term economic, social, and environmental interests.

Tough enforcement measures alone may not be feasible due to lack of infrastructure and manpower and may even backfire. Commercial dealers and professional hunters are often responsible for encouraging poor villagers to poach. Currently, law enforcement officials find it difficult to reach the instigators and often end up arresting villagers who hunt for subsistence. Development assistance can provide villagers with economic alternatives, but it will not discourage opportunistic poaching. A combination of law enforcement and community participation is therefore required.

DOI is working in collaboration with Conservation International (CI) and WildAid to provide training for park rangers and protected area managers in areas of DOI expertise, and providing technical assistance to the CITES Secretariat in Phnom Penh.

FUNDING

\$50,000 from EAPEI in FY '02

RESULTS TO DATE

A DOI expert participated in a review team to assess the current state of data and information on the status and condition of Cambodia's forest resources. The DOI expert helped develop guidance and methods for the assessment of the current distribution, status, and value of Cambodia's forests and forest lands (July 2003).

SIGNIFICANT PROBLEMS OR DELAYS

None

MAJOR ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR NEXT REPORTING PERIOD

ITAP is processing a contract with WWF/TRAFFIC to procure needed equipment for the CITES Secretariat.

ITAP will recruit for technical experts to provide needed training and technical assistance to the CITES Secretariat.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Reports describing the results of DOI technical assistance in Cambodia will be available upon request.

CENTRAL AMERICA - Mundo Maya

SUMMARY OF ASSISTANCE

The Mundo Maya (i.e., "Mayan World") region, which encompasses approximately 500,000 square kilometers in Belize, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and southern Mexico, connects the countries and regions that share a common Mayan heritage. This area, containing magnificent archaeological sites and large swaths of intact tropical forests, is facing development pressures from the more than five million Mayan descendants and others who currently reside there. Other ecological and cultural pressures include poaching of both archaeological artifacts and natural resources, and the growing numbers of tourists. In 1993, the Tourism Ministries of each of these five countries created the Mundo Maya Organization (MMO) in an effort to develop a coordinated regional strategy to promote sustainable tourism at the Mayan archaeological sites. The goal of the MMO, using both internal and external funding (e.g., from the InterAmerican Development Bank (IDB)), is to contribute to the sustainable economic and social development of the Mayan region through the establishment of regional circuits that offer cultural, ecological and adventure tourism.

DOI has signed a 5-year Memorandum of Understanding with the MMO to provide technical assistance and training to any of the MMO countries. DOI has provided technical assistance to 12 selected Mayan sites in the areas of: protection and maintenance of the natural and cultural resources; visitor infrastructure, services, and education; capacity-building; and community participation. The DOI staff is working closely with in-country archaeologists, park managers, engineers, economists, and the local communities.

Starting with FY '03, the MMO and IDB will request technical assistance from DOI on a project-by-project basis.

FUNDING

\$6,000 from InterAmerican Development Bank in FY '03

\$70,000 from the InterAmerican Development Bank in FY '02

RESULTS TO DATE

DOI Management/Planning

DOI provided the MMO and IDB with a comprehensive report detailing DOI's findings and recommendations for follow-up for each of the 12 MMO sites. These recommendations include descriptions of work that can be completed by DOI, including estimated costs (September 2002).

DOI completed an initial assessment trip, to all of the MMO-selected sites and provided recommendations for technical assistance and training that DOI can provide through December 2002 (February 2002).

Park Planning and Management Technical Assistance

Guatemala: A team consisting of three DOI staff (architect, planner, and educator) provided technical assistance to park staff at the Tikal and Yaxha-Nakum-Naranjo sites in Guatemala in the topics of park planning, visitor services, interpretation and education, and local community outreach (July 2002).

Honduras: A team consisting of three DOI staff (planner, educator, and park manager) provided technical assistance to park staff at the Copan and Rio Amarillo sites in Honduras in the topics of park planning, visitor services, interpretation and education, and local community outreach (June 2002).

Park Infrastructure Evaluation and Planning

Guatemala: A DOI team (one architect and one landscape architect) evaluated and provided recommendations on the siting and design for a visitor center and other necessary structures (e.g., administrative offices and staff dormitory) for the Yaxhá-Nakún-Naranjo Natural Monument. The IDB was funding this construction project through its Sustainable Development of the Petén Program, and wanted to ensure the most effective use of its funds. Based on the DOI recommendations, and with the support of on-site stakeholders, the visitor center was relocated to a more appropriate site and the design was altered to allow for improved visitor flow, safety, and an incorporation of sustainable design principles (i.e., principles of conservation including using energy, water, and other resources more efficiently) (January 2003).

Success Story

When an IDB program manager informally met with a DOI team in Guatemala, he was so impressed by the team that he immediately halted an ongoing visitor center construction project and hired DOI to improve the design and utility of the visitor center. Work on the center has since resumed, following the DOI recommendations.

El Salvador: A team of DOI staff conducted a comprehensive infrastructure evaluation of the natural park complex called "Complejo Los Volcanes" which consists of three relatively small protected area subunits located within a complex of volcanoes. The team provided recommendations that will increase visitor enjoyment and education of the park, including improvements to park interpretation/education services and visitor buildings (September 2002).

SIGNIFICANT PROBLEMS OR DELAYS

None

MAJOR ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR NEXT REPORTING PERIOD

None. Activities are completed as requested by the IDB or MMO.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Reports describing the results of DOI technical assistance on the Mundo Maya project are available upon request.

ECUADOR

SUMMARY OF ASSISTANCE

DOI is providing technical assistance to help the USAID/Ecuador Mission accomplish Strategic Objective 1: Biodiversity conserved in selected protected areas and their buffer zones. DOI is providing technical assistance to The Nature Conservancy and its partners – Fundacion Antisana and Fundacion Ecologica Rumicocha – on key components of The Nature Conservancy’s Project Bioreserva del Condor in five of Ecuador’s high Andean protected areas: Cayambe-Coca Ecological Reserve (403,103 hectares), Antisana Ecological Reserve (120,000 hectares), Cotopaxi National Park (33,393 hectares), Sumaco Galeras National Park (205,249 hectares) and the Cotacachi Cayapas buffer zone. DOI is also providing technical assistance to CARE and its partners – Ecociencia and Jatun Sacha – on the SUBIR project and the Southern Border Development Program, and to Charles Darwin Foundation and Galapagos National Park and Marine Reserve in support of the Galapagos Islands.

FUNDING

\$100,000 from USAID/Ecuador in FY ‘02
\$100,000 from USAID/Ecuador in FY ‘01
\$100,000 from USAID/Ecuador in FY ‘00
\$100,000 from USAID/Ecuador in FY ‘99
\$50,000 from USAID/Ecuador in FY ‘98

RESULTS TO DATE (FY ‘01 TO PRESENT)

Andean Highlands

Training: DOI has provided training and technical assistance to Ecuadorians associated with the Condor Bioreserve Project in:

Condor reintroduction:
Relevant, practical, and effective environmental education techniques:
Interpretation and interpretive planning;
Development of ecotourism activities;
Protected area management;
Biological monitoring;
Aquaculture and the development of recreational fishery opportunities; and
Resource valuation.

Bear Research Project:

DOI sponsored one Ecuadorian spectacled bear researcher to present a paper at the 14th International Conference on Bear Research and Management in Norway (August 2002).

A DOI bear expert reviewed the existing spectacled bear research project. Activities included reviewing and revising statistical modeling procedures (e.g., census protocols) and presenting

a workshop on habitat analysis. Workshop participants included 18 scientists from Colombia, Venezuela, and Ecuador (May 2002).

Visitor Center Development: One DOI interpretive planner traveled to Cotacachi Cayapas Ecological Reserve and the Quito Zoological Park to meet with Ecociencia staff to assist with the planning and design of interpretive centers (July 2002).

DOI Assistance to Fundacion Antisana: Fundacion Antisana is a local NGO working on water resource issues and the protection of Antisana Ecological Reserve, a high Andean protected area located southeast of Quito. A workshop was conducted that focused on regional water resource development issues and financing the protection of environmental services provided by the ecological reserve. Increasing demands for water from Quito and other communities, including proposals to tap into Antisana's water resources, motivated this request for DOI assistance. DOI conducted media interviews with Radio Bolivar and Quito's principal television station, Gamavision, as part of the effort to better inform the public about the issues of water resource development and environmental protection (July 2001).

Environmental Educators' Network: DOI organized a network of environmental educators in the condor bioserve area. This network ties all of the environmental education efforts in the area to common objectives. DOI has provided follow-on technical assistance to the environmental educator's network in: the preparation and presentation of a theme-based program; interpretation for park guards; zoo interpretation; classification and techniques for working with different age groups and audiences; ecological clubs; interpretive planning; and the history, philosophy and theory of environmental education.

Galapagos Islands

Museum Curation: DOI sponsored 3-weeks of intensive museum curation training for Carlos Villon, a Galapagos National Park staff member. The training was located at the California Academy of Sciences in San Francisco which houses the largest collection of Galapagos biological materials outside of the Galapagos. Villon is expected to apply the training to revamp the museum collection on the Galapagos (February 2003).

Isabela Island Ecotourism: DOI provided two experts to assist in the development of an ecotourism plan and an environmental assessment for the Isabela Island unit of the Galapagos Islands National Park. Their work included working with all relevant partners to develop a scope of work and terms of reference for initial program components, which include community organization, a socioeconomic study and the development of an ecotourism plan (March 2002).

DOI worked with staff from USAID/Ecuador and Galapagos National Park to develop Terms of Reference (TORs) for the Isabela Ecotourism development project. The TORs will be used as a basis for contracting this project out to the private sector. DOI's assistance has been requested for certain specialized areas of this project (July 2001).

Interpretation/Exhibits: DOI worked with the Galapagos National Park to design, construct and install interpretive and destination signs at trail heads in newly established trails within the Park and to train personnel in the design, construction, and installation of park signs. DOI also helped

establish a list of equipment needs for future signs. Most of the sign work occurred on the island of Isabela (July/August 2002).

DOI worked with the Charles Darwin Research Station to provide recommendations to upgrade terrestrial and marine exhibits at the Van Straelen Interpretation Center on Puerto Ayora. Recommendations were also provided to the NGO Ecociencia regarding interpretive planning and exhibit development (May 2001).

Success Story

USAID/Ecuador reports that the signs installed with DOI technical assistance are "the best in the Galapagos!"

A DOI representative provided assistance in the design and construction of interpretive panels to be displayed in the new visitor center on Isabela Island, Galapagos National Park (June 2003).

Fisheries Database Assistance:

Follow-up assistance on the fisheries database has included the addition of stock assessment numbers for both sea cucumbers and spiny lobsters at the Charles Darwin Research Station (July 2002).

DOI worked with the Charles Darwin Research Station on the management of their fisheries database. Efforts included cleaning and reinstating the integrity of the database; establishing a security system; and training staff to effectively maintain and utilize this database (June 2001).

Invasive Species Assistance:

A DOI representative provided technical assistance on the eradication of the introduced puddle frog, a nonnative species to the Galapagos which is having a serious adverse impact on Isabela Island's wetlands resources. The control of this invasive species is viewed as an extremely urgent management issue. Followup technical assistance via email has been provided (May 2002).

A DOI representative participated in the Technical Advisory Group for Invasive Species in Galapagos Islands National Park and provided follow-on technical assistance and advice regarding control of invasive amphibians (June 2003).

A DOI representative provided technical assistance in the design and construction of native gardens on Isabela Island, Galapagos National Park (August 2003).

Law Enforcement:

DOI is providing ongoing training in law enforcement to the park guards of Galapagos National Park. DOI provided basic training as well as more advanced law enforcement training on techniques for control and surveillance. The training consisted of classroom time

as well as many practical exercises. In addition, relevant equipment was provided to the park guards, including small tents, sleeping bags, flashlights, Leatherman tools, night vision binoculars, video cameras, digital cameras, GPS portable units, boots, and rain gear. The DOI agents also worked with their counterparts to develop practical law enforcement forms. The law enforcement technical assistance was provided by DOI law enforcement special agents during the initial training period April/May 2000 and in conjunction with the international NGO WildAid during the more advanced training course in September/October 2001.

DOI conducted advanced marine law enforcement training in conjunction with WildAid (August 2003).

Marine Biological Monitoring: DOI led the effort to revise and upgrade the Galapagos Islands biological monitoring program to include the newly designated marine reserve (May-June 2000).

Marine Reserve Plan Development: DOI has provided technical assistance to Ecuadorians working with Galapagos National Park and the Charles Darwin Research Station on the development and implementation of a marine reserve management plan (July 1999).

SUBIR Project

NGO Assistance: DOI conducted road location and timber harvesting short courses with nongovernmental organizations in Quito and at selected field sites. This assistance was a continuation of previous technical assistance on appropriate road development for community forestry under the SUBIR project (September 2001).

Remote Sensing Technology Assistance: DOI is providing technical assistance on remote sensing techniques for sustainable community forestry purposes. A workshop was held focusing on the principles of vegetation inventory using satellite imagery and imagery processing techniques. Protocols were written up and developed into manuals. A formal link was established between the National Science Technology Center in the U.S. and the SUBIR project to facilitate SUBIR's continued access to the most up-to-date technology and promote ongoing training and exchange opportunities. Ongoing technical assistance -- via email -- is being provided on remote sensing issues as they relate to refining photo-interpretation technology for sustainable community forestry (May 2001).

Protected Area Management

Training Program:

Six Ecuadorian protected area managers attended the 3rd annual Wildlands Management in the Tropics training program in Costa Rica, which is managed by the Organization for Tropical Studies. Two of the trainees were from indigenous communities (August-September 2001).

DOI sponsored five Ecuadorians to participate in the 4th annual Wildlands Management in the Tropics course in Costa Rica (August-September 2002).

DOI sent four participants from Ecuador to the 5th annual Wildlands Management in the Tropics course in Costa Rica (October-November 2003).

SIGNIFICANT PROBLEMS OR DELAYS

The ministerial reorganizations resulting from the November 2002 presidential elections have delayed planning for some technical assistance, including the protected areas course.

MAJOR ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR NEXT REPORTING PERIOD

A team of specialists in aerial photography will provide technical assistance to Galapagos National Park staff in early 2004.

DOI will send a team of specialists in low impact forestry extraction trail design and construction to provide technical assistance in the Choco ecoregion of northwestern Ecuador in early 2004.

Marc Weitzel and Karen Clark will travel to Ecuador in early 2004 to meet with USAID/Ecuador and field partners to engage in planning for upcoming technical assistance and a planned protected areas course for the coming year.

A DOI team of experts will help develop/refine resource monitoring protocols in Cotopaxi National Park in early 2004. The team will also train park guards to engage in routine resource monitoring.

DOI is planning for the mayor of Puerto Villamill, Isabela Island, to visit selected U.S. cities to see examples of environmentally sound landscape planning.

DOI is waiting for guidance from USAID/Ecuador before selecting individuals to provide technical assistance to Galapagos National Park on issues that may result from closing an area of the marine reserve to commercial fishing.

DOI is waiting for guidance from USAID/Ecuador before sending a team of underwater photography specialists to provide technical assistance to Galapagos National Park.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Reports describing the results of DOI technical assistance in Ecuador are available upon request.

ECUADOR - Galapagos Islands

SUMMARY OF ASSISTANCE

Galapagos National Park includes one of the largest marine reserves in the world, covering approximately 133,000 square kilometers. As a UNESCO World Heritage Site, Galapagos National Park is recognized internationally as one of the most ecologically important and unique aquatic ecosystems in the world.

Conservation of Galapagos National Park remains a major challenge. Conflicts in recent years between fishermen and local conservation authorities have led to fierce rhetoric and violent action, and pressures from powerful stakeholder groups can dominate decision-making at the expense of conservation and responsible resource management. Endangered species such as sea cucumber and lobster are being exploited to the point of local extinction, and the national government and Galapagos Park authorities are hard-pressed to enforce regulations with limited budgets and capabilities. There are also circumstances of trafficking between the islands and other countries in chemical precursors for drug production. At the same time, this is an economically strategic part of the country, providing a large share of Ecuador's tourism income.

DOI has signed an Interagency Agreement with USAID/Ecuador to provide, on behalf of USAID/Ecuador, technical support for enforcement activities. Under this agreement, DOI is tasked with purchasing specialized equipment to be used in enforcement and monitoring activities in the Galapagos Islands.

FUNDING

\$2,000,000 from USAID/Ecuador in FY '02

RESULTS TO DATE

Assessment and Planning

Procurement Plan: DOI completed a procurement plan which was approved by USAID/Ecuador (December 2002).

Needs Assessment: DOI provided a law enforcement special agent to assess law enforcement equipment needs in the Galapagos and to draft a plan of action for acquiring the equipment and training protected area staff on the use and maintenance of this equipment (April/May 2002).

Equipment Procurement

Seawolf amphibious plane: After extensive research, DOI determined that the Seawolf is the ideal plane for Galapagos law enforcement. The Seawolf is the only single engine, boat hulled, amphibious aircraft in the world that is approved by the Federal Aviation Administration. Unlike any other light aircraft, the Seawolf is especially constructed to be used in the saltwater environment. A contract was awarded in January 2003 to Lake Aircraft to custom-build this plane for Galapagos National Park. *The plane construction was completed and a Galapagos*

National Park pilot and mechanic were trained in the specific use and maintenance of the plane. The plane was delivered to the Park and donated during a ceremony with the U.S. Ambassador to Ecuador (December 2003).

Retrofitting the Guadalupe River: The Guadalupe River is a 100-foot aluminum vessel used by the Galapagos Marine Reserve to conduct short and long term law enforcement patrols, ferry employees and supplies among the many islands of the archipelago and conduct scientific research. This is a crucial piece of equipment to the Galapagos Marine Reserve and its safe and efficient operation is paramount to successful operations there. DOI awarded a contract to Seacraft Shipyard Corporation to repair and retrofit the Guadalupe River in March 2003. The retrofitting is completed and the Guadalupe River has returned to the Galapagos (August 2003).

Field Equipment: DOI has procured six complete sets of camping equipment to enable Park Guards to set up temporary base camps for remote surveillance of protected areas. The equipment was shipped to the Park aboard the Guadalupe River. Two aluminum boats were purchased for the Park and were shipped to the Park aboard the Guadalupe River (August 2003).

SIGNIFICANT PROBLEMS OR DELAYS

None

MAJOR ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR NEXT REPORTING PERIOD

None. All activities are completed.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Reports describing the results of DOI technical assistance in the Galapagos are available upon request.

GEORGIA

SUMMARY OF ASSISTANCE

DOI has established a long-term working relationship with the Republic of Georgia to foster a national system of protected areas in Georgia. The working relationship was formalized in a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) which created a general technical assistance program and a specific sister park relationship.

With funding from USAID/Georgia, DOI has been working to develop Lagodekhi Nature Reserve as a pilot protected area that can serve as a model for conservation, education and interpretation, law enforcement, and search and rescue activities for Georgia's protected area system.

Lagodekhi Nature Reserve is an area of high biodiversity -- combining both relic and endemic plants with rare animal species. The Reserve has significant tourism potential given its natural beauty and proximity to Tbilisi, the nation's capital.

Lagodekhi is considered to be the Yellowstone of Georgia, having been established in 1912 as the first Reserve in the country. The establishment of Lagodekhi signaled the recognition that certain areas of the country should be set aside for preservation. Village residents observed and supported the founding of the Reserve. Today's economic climate, though difficult, has not changed the overall support the Reserve enjoys. Views from around the Reserve vividly illustrate the conditions that might prevail if the Reserve were not protected. Overgrazing and logging, to say nothing of subsistence hunting, would soon consume the small Reserve's resources.

DOI is providing technical assistance on the development of visitor services within the Reserve, including a nature trail and entrance facilities. DOI is also providing technical assistance on law enforcement, to help Lagodekhi staff protect the Reserve's wildlife from poaching.

A new source of funding from the World Bank Global Environmental Facility (\$9.0 million) assists the development of five protected areas in the Republic of Georgia: Lagodekhi Nature Reserve, Vashlovani Proposed National Park and Nature Reserve, David Garegi Proposed Protected Area, Tusheti Proposed National Park and Protected Landscape, and Kolkheti National Park. DOI is currently working with the Global Environmental Facility to develop a plan of technical assistance to support its Protected Areas Development Project.

FUNDING

\$50,000 from USAID/Georgia in FY '00

\$200,000 from USAID/Europe and Eurasia Bureau in FY '99

RESULTS TO DATE

Lagodekhi Nature Reserve: With program funding, DOI has assisted the staff of Lagodekhi to:

Design and construct central entrance facilities. Lavatory facilities have been constructed. A 1.7 km long fence to prevent illegal grazing of livestock has been installed (June 2001).

Perform necessary maintenance on an administration building. The roof has been repaired, with new iron sheeting and rain-gatherers installed (June 2001).

Refurbish buildings. Two buildings near the entrance gate, parking, and other necessary visitation infrastructure at Lagodekhi National Park were refurbished to design specification (June 2001).

Design and construct a 4-km central nature trail to the waterfall. A 14-m long wooden bridge over a small river has been built. Major cleanup and ground works (e.g., excavations, scouring of soil, etc.) on a trail have been completed (November 2000).

Designed a logo and uniform patch for Lagodekhi National Park (December 1999).

Protected Area System

Assessments/Planning:

Paata Shanshiashvili and the new PAD director visited the U.S. for training and participated in planning meetings in Washington, DC (August 2003).

U.S. Forest Service personnel provided preliminary training and technical assistance in landscape-level planning. The Forest Service team developed a detailed workplan for follow on technical assistance over the 5-year life of project (July 2003).

ITAP developed a plan of work for CY '03 to provide technical assistance and training in a variety of key areas, including management planning, law enforcement, central office operations, the development of ecotourism materials, and landscape-level planning (January 2003).

DOI staff prepared a long-term mission statement for Georgia's protected areas management. In addition, they identified changes in legal authorities needed to meet expanded management objectives and drafted a Presidential Decree used to achieve the new organizational structure and mission of the Department (November 1999).

With World Bank funding, a DOI team conducted an assessment of Kolkheti Wetlands National Park in western Georgia and advised the World Bank project team of the Park's critical needs to protect resources and establish immediate management. Kolkheti is a sister park with Point Reyes National Seashore in California (November 1999).

DOI completed an institutional analysis of the Department of Protected Areas, including a cost assessment of the equipment, facilities and infrastructure improvements for the Department (October 1998).

Training/Outreach:

DOI sent a team to Georgia to concentrate on operationalizing existing management plans at Vashlovani, Tusheti, and Lagodekhi National Parks (October 2003).

DOI sent a team to Georgia to work with the Georgian protected area central office to initiate reorganization of the central office, help finalize position descriptions, encourage hiring of new staff, and complete reorganization charts (October 2003).

A team of DOI specialists from NPS and USFWS provided two-weeks of training to Georgian protected area staff on field-level protected area management, law enforcement, and search and rescue. The DOI team also developed a workplan for followon technical assistance over the 5-year life of project (June 2003).

DOI officials conducted specially designed park management seminars and study tours of U.S. national parks with Georgian park managers and parliamentarians (April 2000).

A DOI team conducted a workshop with Georgian resource managers and other stakeholders to review the proposed reforms and ensure public participation (November 1999).

Sister Parks Network: DOI established a network of sister parks, linking several national parks in the U.S. with ecologically appropriate counterparts in eastern Georgia. The U.S. parks have provided excess trail-building and maintenance tools and uniforms to their Georgian twins (November 1999).

SIGNIFICANT PROBLEMS OR DELAYS

None

MAJOR ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR NEXT REPORTING PERIOD

DOI is working to compile a law enforcement techniques handbook for Georgian rangers.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Reports describing the results of DOI technical assistance in Georgia are available upon request.

GUATEMALA

SUMMARY OF ASSISTANCE

The 1.5 million hectare Mayan Biosphere Reserve, located in the northern Department (state) of El Petén, forms the core of the largest tract of intact tropical forests remaining in Meso-America. This area is one of the most important regions in the world in terms of biological diversity. DOI is working closely with the Guatemalan protected area management agency, Consejo Nacional de Areas Protegidas (CONAP), to strengthen protected area management in the Mayan Biosphere Reserve.

DOI technical assistance in the Reserve is designed to promote and enhance coordination among managing entities within the Reserve and enhance coordination, interaction, and cooperation between U.S. and Guatemalan protected area staff. It is intended that this program of technical assistance in the Mayan Biosphere Reserve will help CONAP develop model strategies that may be extended throughout Guatemala's protected area system.

DOI technical assistance is also planned for other key bio-regions in FY '03: The Volcanoes of Atitlán, located in the western highlands, and the Polochic-Motagua wildlife area, in the eastern lowlands, and the Chisec area in northern Alta Verapaz. The potential for partnerships with local municipalities and the private sector will be explored in these new areas, in addition to assisting the local communities in providing visitor services.

FUNDING

\$100,000 from USAID/Guatemala in FY '03
\$200,000 from USAID/Guatemala in FY '01
\$100,000 from USAID/Guatemala in FY '00

RESULTS TO DATE

Fire Management

Fire Fighting in Macaw Nesting Area: At the request of USAID/Guatemala, DOI contracted, on an emergency basis, a local non-governmental organization, the Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS), to hire and combat extensive wildfires that threatened a sensitive scarlet macaw nesting area, located within the Laguna del Tigre National Park. WCS has been monitoring the reproductive success of the macaws in this area (comprising 80 percent of the macaw nests known in Guatemala) as a key indicator of the ecological integrity of this protected area. As a result, WCS successfully prevented the fires from destroying this area, despite the long and damaging fire season experienced throughout Guatemala this year (June 2003).

Fire Prevention Planning and Educational Materials: Six key mid- to upper-level Guatemalan managers that have a role in fire management for the entire country worked with two DOI fire management staff on developing Guatemala's first fire prevention and education materials to initiate a nationwide fire prevention campaign (June 2001).

Basic Fire Fighting Training: Thirty Guatemalan Mayan Biosphere Reserve fire fighters were trained by DOI fire management experts on the basics of fire suppression and control, and health and safety (March 2001).

Fire Fighting Organization and Emergency Response Training: Fifteen mid-level Guatemalan managers that have a role in fire management within the Mayan Biosphere Reserve were trained on the Incident Command System (ICS). ICS is the system used by the U.S. to properly organize and allocate resources to maximize fire fighting effectiveness and efficiency (March 2001).

Fire Management Study Tour to U.S.: A Fire Management Study Tour was conducted at the U.S. National Interagency Fire Center (NIFC) in Boise, Idaho. The 16 Guatemalan government officials participating in the study tour learned about U.S. approaches to fire management, including organizational, technical, budgetary, educational, and restoration issues (October 2000).

Biological Inventory and Monitoring

At the request of USAID/Guatemala, DOI contracted with the Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) to continue an on-going biological inventorying and monitoring project in the Chisec area, located in the Alta Verapaz Department, just south of the El Peten Department. WCS completed its work in December and drafted its results in the report entitled, "Description and Critical Assessment of Habitat and Connectivity in Municipio Chisec, Evaluating Long-term Viability for Maintaining Populations of Jaguar" (December 2002).

Planning and Design

Follow-up Design Revisions and Finalization: DOI provided on-site assistance to finalize construction designs for park staff housing and ranger stations at the Sierra del Lancandon National Park. DOI expertise was particularly significant in designing low-tech systems for potable water, wastewater management, solid waste disposal, and energy needs in these remote locations, using locally-available materials. The park is currently in the process of constructing and/or rehabilitating the structures designed and specified by the DOI and Guatemalan team (May 2002).

Design of Park Ranger Station and Park Staff Housing: A DOI architect and a DOI engineer worked with Guatemalan architects to plan for and draw designs and specifications for park staff housing and ranger stations at Sierra del Lancandon National Park. The DOI staff continued assisting their Guatemalan counterparts after the trip, providing much technical information, calculations, and further revisions to drawings and specifications (May 2001).

General Park Management

Natural, Cultural and Social Resources: A DOI expert participated in a meeting held in New Mexico to determine how best to manage the natural, cultural, and social resources in and around the El Peru/Waka Mayan archaeological site, located within the Laguna del Tigre National Park in Guatemala. Representatives from various Guatemalan government agencies, U.S. universities, local communities, and non-governmental organizations

gathered at this meeting to develop a long-term multidisciplinary partnership and an action strategy to move forward with "one voice". The meeting identified DOI as an obvious technical partner for assisting with the site's development for sustainable tourism, including management planning, infrastructure and interpretation.

Cave Management: A DOI cave expert provided technical assistance for low-impact and community-based management of a series of caverns in Guatemala's Alta Verapaz region. DOI provided specific recommendations on how tourists should be managed through each cave, interpretation strategies, and health and safety issues. Immediate results include the trail improvement that the community undertook during this trip following DOI's exact specifications. This DOI visit coincided with Guatemala's "First International Symposium on Cave Tourism," where experts were brought in from Italy, Costa Rica, and the U.S. to work with Guatemala's growing geology and cave experts. At the Guatemalan government's request, the DOI cave expert made a presentation on DOI's "Leave No Trace" program (July 2003).

Critical Habitat Assessment: A DOI resource manager provided technical assistance to the Punta de Manabique National Park, a marine park along the Gulf Coast of Guatemala. DOI collaborated with a local non-governmental organization, Fundaparque, successfully mapping key areas of the park that composes critical habitat for the Saltwater Crocodile, an endangered species with very limited range worldwide. DOI also provided Fundaparque recommendations on activities that would improve the survival of this species through the protection of this vulnerable habitat (August 2003).

Park Management Study Tour to U.S.: Nine high- and mid-level Guatemalan park officials completed a study tour of four DOI sites within the U.S. As a result of this study tour, the Mayan Biosphere Reserve is currently in the process of establishing a sister park relationship with Big Cypress National Park (September 2001).

Evaluation of Laguna del Tigre Park Status: DOI assisted a team of USAID/Guatemala staff in assessing whether USAID/Guatemala should continue funding the management of the Laguna del Tigre National Park and, if so, how to do so most effectively. The team recommended that assistance to the park continue, and USAID/Guatemala has continued to provide assistance to the new team of park staff (June 2001).

Long-term Park Management Training to Guatemalan Park Officials: Two CONAP (Guatemalan Park Service) officials from the Mayan Biosphere Reserve completed a 2-month training program for protected area managers entitled Wildland Management in the Tropics. The training was held in Costa Rica and focused on hands-on, practical field training (June 2001).

Policy

Policy Advice to Guatemala's New Ministry of the Environment and Natural Resources: DOI helped the Government of Guatemala map out the roles and responsibilities of the various agencies that deal with the environment and natural resources in Guatemala, including the newly established Ministry of the Environment and Natural Resources (March 2001).

SIGNIFICANT PROBLEMS OR DELAYS

None

MAJOR ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR NEXT REPORTING PERIOD

ITAP will provide technical assistance on the management of tourists in the Lake Atitlán region that will incorporate the local communities in early 2004.

ITAP will provide technical assistance on fire management and law enforcement in early 2004.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Reports describing the results of DOI technical assistance in Guatemala are available upon request.

INDONESIA - Coal Seam Fires

SUMMARY OF ASSISTANCE

The Department of the Interior's Office of Surface Mining is providing technical assistance to:

Build the capacity of the Indonesian Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources to respond quickly to coal seam fires – particularly those that present a threat to human health and safety, the environment, other resources, and infrastructure; and

Assist in establishing a long-term capability within the Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources to respond to coal fires.

FUNDING

\$462,500 from the East Asia and Pacific Environmental Initiative (EAPEI) in FY '99

\$1,000,000 from EAPEI in FY '98

RESULTS TO DATE

Fire Management

Before the project started in October 1998, no real effort was being made to put out coal fires. DOI has provided extensive training to help the Ministry put out the fires - 79 of which were in East Kalimantan.

Fifty-six of the fires DOI has helped put out were in the Sungai Wain Nature Reserve area that is a release area for rehabilitated orangutans. DOI taught appropriate personnel methods of suppression that would minimize disruption of the habitat.

Indonesian and Malaysian instructors provided direct input into the development of coal seam fire suppression training which would best meet local needs and reflect local conditions. American, Malaysian, and Indonesian instructors jointly taught the courses (February 2002).

The DOI Project Coordinator presented a paper describing the Coal Fire Suppression Project and its results at the ASEAN conference on fire and haze in Malaysia. The Project Director has also advised Malaysian officials on the suppression of peat fires (June 2002).

Policy

The Coal Seam Fire Project contributed directly to establishing linkages between the regional Ministry offices (Kanwils) and the provincial and local governments that have helped identify and locate coal seam fires.

DOI has helped the Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources start and maintain an inventory of active coal fires.

Donor coordination has been promoted through consultations, including the Project Director's presentation of a paper on coal fires in Indonesia and DOI's project at the Second International Symposium on Operationalization of Remote Sensing in Enschede, Netherlands.

Public-private partnerships have been established between a number of East Kalimantan government agencies, Mulwarman University, the TROPENBOS-Kalimantan Research Project funded by the Netherlands, and the Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources.

A permanent source of funding has been identified for coal seam fire suppression from the Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources Coal Royalty program. The Ministry has included a request for Rp24 billion for coal fire suppression in its current budget request, and these funds will likely be obtained from the Royalty account. The Ministry has recently approved additional funding for coal fire suppression.

The East Kalimantan Kanwil was the first to implement decentralized coal fire suppression. The East Kalimantan experience serves as a useful model for the Ministry as it proceeds with its response to the national legislation that mandates the transfer of program responsibilities from Jakarta to regional and local arms of the Ministry and to regional and local government.

Success Story

DOI technical assistance directly prompted a Ministerial Decree on October 7, 1999 (Decree No. 1539 K/20/MPE/1999) that established policy regarding coal fire suppression for the Ministry. The decree clarifies the Ministry's responsibility to extinguish coal fires, assigns the lead for implementing the program to Kanwil offices (regional offices of the Ministry), and authorizes use of the Coal Royalty Fund to support the activities. Because of the new decree and the publicity the project has received locally, coal fires are now being reported in several other provinces and, most important, the Ministry is putting out fires without outside assistance.

Dissemination of Lessons Learned

The Project Director made a presentation on the coal fire project at the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science in Denver, Colorado (February 2003).

SIGNIFICANT PROBLEMS OR DELAYS

None. The project is completed.

MAJOR ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR NEXT REPORTING PERIOD

None. The project is completed.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Program descriptions, activity reports, assessments and press coverage are available upon request.

INDONESIA - Mine Policy

SUMMARY OF ASSISTANCE

The Department of the Interior's Office of Surface Mining (OSM) is providing technical assistance to the Indonesian Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources to support the decentralization process and to build capacity in local governments to manage mineral resource programs at the local level.

In order to support the efforts of The Indonesian Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources to decentralize and to build capacity among Kanwil and Provincial Government Mine Inspectors, the Department of the Interior's Office of Surface Mining (OSM) is providing an intern program and advanced inspector training to appropriate Indonesian professionals.

FUNDING

\$950,000 from USAID/Indonesia in FY '03
\$290,000 from USAID/Indonesia in FY '02
\$250,000 from USAID/Indonesia in FY '02
\$100,000 from USAID/Indonesia in FY '02
\$1,000,000 from USAID/Indonesia in FY '01
\$500,000 from USAID/Indonesia in FY '00
\$225,000 from EAPEI in FY '00
\$120,000 from EAPEI (reprogrammed) in FY '00

RESULTS TO DATE

Long-Term Technical Assistance

A second American joined the project office in Jakarta in October 2003 to focus on curriculum and training development in collaboration with the Center for Minerals and Geology and the Center for Mining and Mineral Development in Bandung.

DOI has trained personnel from mining and environmental offices in East Kalimantan, West Kalimantan, Central Kalimantan, South Kalimantan, Riau, West Sumatra, South Sumatra and Bengkulu on steps required for them to assume the Ministry's natural resource management programs in response to national legislation that mandates the transfer of program responsibilities from Jakarta to regional and local governments.

The Project Coordinator has provided direct assistance to the Ministry's Agency for Education and Training Staff (Badiklat) in practices and procedures for developing a strategic plan. Particular attention was paid to implementation schedules and methods for evaluating program accomplishments, and obtaining customer feedback.

The Project Coordinator provided technical assistance on questionnaire design and survey research to the Badiklat staff. He helped design survey instruments that will be used to develop the training that the Ministry will deliver to local governments over the next 2-years.

DOI provided Training for Trainers, a course aimed at improving course development, organization and presentation skills of the training cadre in the Ministry (June 2002).

The Program Coordinator also provided assistance concerning certification efforts for technical personnel at mine sites (June 2002).

Efforts are underway to develop a proposal for the Ministry that could lead to support from the World Bank for a technical skills certification process in Indonesia that would be managed under the auspices of one or more Ministries. *As part of the effort to refocus its activities under decentralization, the Ministry is undertaking an effort to identify its core responsibilities and competencies (2003).*

Cooperation continues with the Ministry of Forestry on developing criteria for mines approved to operate in protected forests. Protected forests do not have the same absolute prohibitions against mining as conservation forests and parks but access is expected to be limited because of their role in protecting watersheds and valuable habitats. Draft criteria were completed in June 2003.

New effluent standards for coal mining operations are being developed. Discussions with a team from the Ministry of Environment (BAPEDAL) have included an explanation of the U.S. industry-specific standards and why those parameters and numbers were selected. The U.S. standards were compared to Indonesian general industry standards and discussions about why some of them may not be appropriate for mining operations. OSM participated on a small inter-ministry team including industry representatives to draft national effluent standards for coal mining operations. A final draft Ministerial Decree on Effluent Discharge Standards for coal mines and processing facilities was submitted to the Minister of Environment for signature in June 2003 and was approved in July 2003.

Short-Term Technical Assistance

Environmental Assessment: Training on environmental assessment (AMDAL) preparation and review was presented in South Sumatra and East Kalimantan. Two instructors from the U.S. co-instructed this class with BAPEDAL and Mining Ministry instructors (October 2003).

Maximum Economic Recovery—Mineral Production and Royalty Audits: Two DOI experts traveled to Indonesia to conduct meetings and make presentations on issues related to promoting maximum economic recovery of mineral resources. A supervisory auditor in OSM's Abandoned Mine Land Fee Collection Division and a mining engineer in OSM's Appalachian Regional Coordinating Center provided training seminars in production estimation and royalty calculations for coal mines. The seminars included field exercises in a recently mined-out pit in East Kalimantan where calculations of lost royalties were made to demonstrate the financial impacts of poor mining practices (February 2002).

Fine Coal Recovery: Two U.S. experts on fine coal recovery traveled to Indonesia to meet with government officials and companies to discuss plant improvements required for improved fine coal recovery. They conducted seminars on fine coal recovery, preparation plant design and the economic and environmental benefits of enhanced coal recovery. Using

local data collected from local companies, they made presentations to local officials and company managers in Tenggarong, East Kalimantan and in Jakarta on how to recover fine coal and the costs to do it. They were also able to calculate lost profits per company (\$2-4 million/year) and \$250-400,000 in royalties/year/company (April 2002).

Small-Scale Gold Mining: The Chief of Colorado's Division of Geology and Minerals visited Indonesia to lead a half-day discussion with BAPEDALDA and Mining agency officials in N. Sulawesi on regulating small-scale gold miners and processors and the options to replace mercury amalgamation of gold with cyanide vat leach methods for gold extraction (February 2002).

Revision of Mining Law: Two teams traveled to Indonesia to work on revisions to the mining law. The officials were part of a Ministry team tasked with completing a full-scale revision and update of the Mining Law for submission to the parliament. A controversial version was submitted to the parliament in late December 2001 and, technically, remains under consideration. Given the length of time this draft has been sitting without active debate, it is likely to be rescinded and revised by the Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources then resubmitted. No schedule has been proposed.

Advanced Inspector Training. An OSM/State Regulatory Training Team traveled to Indonesia to assist in the presentation of Advanced Inspector Training to local government officials between September 26 and October 16, 2002.

U.S. Based Training

Environmental Assessment Training: In September 2003, one OSM trainer traveled to Indonesia to assist in the presentation of the environmental assessment course that had been developed by a joint Indonesian-US team in 2002. The course was conducted in two sections and the feedback concerning the course was very positive. Students included professional staff from central and local offices of the Mining Ministry, local government mining agencies, and national and local Bapedal offices.

Mine Permitting and Inspection: Improving interagency cooperation is one of the project goals. A mixture of Bapedal-da and Dinas Pertambangan staffs visited Colorado to learn how Colorado uses mine permitting and inspection to reduce or eliminate environmental impacts. The participants first received detailed briefings on the important elements in the mine-specific permit then conducted field visits to those mines that produced construction materials, molybdenum, coal, and gold (August 2002).

U.S. Tour of Fine Coal Recovery Technologies: The Project Director accompanied a delegation of central, provincial and local government officials to the U.S. to observe modern fine coal recovery technology in action. The delegation attended a one-day workshop on coal processing then toured three preparation plants in the area around-Pittsburgh, PA, where they saw actual implementation of the recovery technologies. Concerns raised by company officials regarding restrictions on the percentage of fine coal they can include in their shipments were addressed through discussions with coal buyers, company executives and plant designers (March 2002).

Revision of Mining Law: Indonesian officials traveled to the U.S. for specific training on matters relating to the revision of Indonesia's 1967 Mining Law, decentralization, and environmental management under decentralized systems (May 2001).

Intern Training and Advanced Inspector Training

Regional Inspector Training: Indonesian interns with their OSM and State Government mentors created training tailored for regional government mine inspectors. This 2-week inspector training was given in July 2002. The focus of the training was to ensure that participants:

- Understand the technical information necessary to inspect a mine;
- Demonstrate an ability to use procedural checklists;
- Demonstrate an ability to identify situations on the ground or in the records at a mine that violate conditions in the permits, laws, or regulations;
- Demonstrate the ability to investigate and discern a cause-effect relationship;
- Demonstrate an ability to accurately document inspection findings; and
- Demonstrate an ability to communicate documented findings to mine operators and to the inspector's supervisory chain.

Bapedal Training: Seven Indonesian interns were trained during the period May 25-June 26. The main themes of the program were the way different levels of government work together to solve common problems (e.g., Federal and State government information-sharing). Among the activities and accomplishments:

Onsite mine tours were supported by State regulatory program officials who provided detailed tutorials on all aspects of mine planning and mine operations.

A comprehensive briefing was given on programs and operations with special attention devoted to how government agencies work with one another to achieve common objectives. Presentations were made by officials from EPA, the State of Virginia and the Interstate Mining Compact.

A Short Course in regulation drafting was provided by the Environmental Law Institute in Washington, DC.

The group also visited several mines including coal and gold mining operations in West Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Colorado and Washington.

Extensive discussion and tutoring was provided on how a mine plan is developed, important environmental considerations in mine planning, and critical factors for an effective and environmentally sound mine plan.

OSM staff in Denver made a presentation on new technologies for mine planning and mine inspection (GIS, Satellite and low level imaging).

The group made a visit to the Colorado School of Mines and had a meeting with staff members of the school, and made a visit to the Edward Mine, which is an underground training mine maintained by MSHA and CSM for its students.

Dr. Deborah Shields, the team leader for the Mining and Sustainable Minerals Development Project in Fort Collins, Colorado made a presentation on sustainable development.

The group visited the USFWS laboratory in Fort Collins, Colorado, to observe first-hand the type of research that is used to establish water quality standards by EPA and the Fish and Wildlife Service.

A professional staff member with Colorado's Division of Minerals and Geology made a presentation on environmental issues relating to the use of mercury in gold mining

The group met with EPA Region X officials to review issues relating to submarine tailings disposal. (This is a big issue in Indonesia, where two mines are disposing of tailings in the marine environment and other sites are being proposed by mining companies.).

Success Story

Following the regional inspector training, the county administrator swore in his mine inspectors and provided them with new uniforms. They then began conducting their own independent mine inspections.

SIGNIFICANT PROBLEMS OR DELAYS

None

MAJOR ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR NEXT REPORTING PERIOD

A second section on training for trainers has been requested by the Ministry and the project will also offer another section of the Environmental Assessment Course.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Program descriptions, activity reports, assessments and press coverage are available upon request.

JAMAICA

SUMMARY OF ASSISTANCE

The Mines and Geology Division, Ministry of Land and Environment is the government agency with the responsibility for understanding Jamaica's geological resources and directing the orderly development of the country's mineral industry, ensuring that activities proceed in accordance with mining legislation and in harmony with the environment. The Mines and Geology Division functions to license, monitor and regulate all mining and quarrying activities on the island and to carry out investigations and mapping of the country's geological resources.

The Mines and Geology Division relationship with DOI/TAP was initiated with a request for assistance with training of mining inspectors.

FUNDING

Reimbursement for travel and per-diem for two DOI specialists provided by USAID/Jamaica in FY '04.

RESULTS TO DATE

An OSM representative and a Pennsylvania State representative provided a one-week training course, from November 17 – 21, 2004, to twenty Jamaican government personnel in proper use, handling and transportation of explosives and vibration monitoring and analysis, along with strategies to ameliorate various environmental issues relating to quarrying. In attendance were personnel from the Mines and Geology Division of the Ministry of Land and Environment, the National Works Agency, the National Environmental and Planning Agency, and the Jamaica Defense Force. Additionally one participant was from Tobago.

The training was rooted in the OSM Blasting and Inspection class with supplemental information provided on environmental issues based on our observations during the field trip.

Quarry Safety: The Quarry Safety portion of the class was focused on blasting related issues on mining but also was related to blasting practices in the construction industry. The adverse effects of blasting in terms of ground vibrations, airblast and flyrock can now be evaluated by the students in a general sense.

Sedimentation of Stream Channels: Based on field observations of current mining practices at a gypsum mine, a significant amount of erosion from unprotected slopes and subsequent sedimentation of stream channels is occurring near residential areas. In one instance, sedimentation filled the stream channel and caused flooding of the adjacent homes. The erosion is largely coming from mined areas where the slopes are unprotected and waste material is carelessly cast over the hill side. All the mines observed near Kingston are along the coast and sedimentation can easily reach the sea. Offshore impacts could not be observed during this visit.

Environmental Best Practices: During the Environmental Best Practices portion of the class, waste/refuse disposal was discussed as a means of minimizing sedimentation, storm water management as a means of minimizing flooding and revegetation of slopes to minimize erosion. Strategic placement of waste disposal areas and impoundments would result in a significant reduction of down stream and offshore sedimentation. By designing disposal areas, much of the storm water runoff and sedimentation can be contained on-site. Another observation is that better road construction and planning could help reduce erosion and storm water runoff.

Visual Impact: A strong interest was also expressed in reducing the visibility of the quarry activities to the public and tourists. Unfortunately the types of quarries currently operated in Jamaica are difficult to hide because they are excavating a hill side as opposed to excavating a pit. However a positive note to local planning is that the limestone quarries have been limited to only one watershed. This certainly helps minimize the aerial extent of visual impact.

Course Evaluations: All the participants were very engaged during the 5- day class. They particularly liked the practical approach of instruction. The course evaluations reflected strong interest in the subject matter. Many felt that the class was essential in performing their jobs and some expressed a desire for additional training on blasting. Others found the environmental components helpful and want more training on waste/refuse disposal, sedimentation/erosion control and mine/quarry plan preparation, appraisal and evaluation.

SIGNIFICANT PROBLEMS OR DELAYS

None

MAJOR ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR NEXT REPORTING PERIOD

DO/ITAP will submit a proposal to USAID/Jamaica for follow-on activities.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

A report is available upon request.

JORDAN

SUMMARY OF ASSISTANCE

Petra, the ancient capital of the Nabataeans, was inscribed on the World Heritage List in 1985. Petra is an archaeologically fascinating site, world famous for its magnificent building facades carved into beautiful stone canyon walls.

Inhabited since Neolithic times, Petra entered its golden age when the Nabataeans chose this site to be the royal seat of king Aretas in the second century BC. From that time onwards, for several centuries, Petra played a dominant role, flourishing as an economic and religious center and as a sacred funerary city. Petra was once a major crossroads for the caravan routes that led to Sinai, the Red Sea, the Dead Sea, Egypt and Syria.

The integrity and conservation of the site are threatened by an increased flow of tourists to the site and the sideline activities this tourism engenders. The U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI) is providing technical assistance to improve the management of the site.

FUNDING

To be determined

RESULTS TO DATE

The Department and The Kingdom of Jordan have signed a Memorandum of Understanding to facilitate technical support and training to improve the skills, institutional and organizational structure of the Petra Management Unit, and to enhance site management and protect the resources at Petra Archaeological Park and other protected sites in Jordan (January 2003).

SIGNIFICANT PROBLEMS OR DELAYS

The provision of DOI technical assistance has been postponed until the security situation improves.

MAJOR ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR NEXT REPORTING PERIOD

None

NILE BASIN

SUMMARY OF ASSISTANCE

The Nile Equatorial Lakes sub-basin is a region whose water resources include one of the world's great complexes of lakes, wetlands, and rivers. Relationships among various countries have been strained for decades (often over Nile River water-sharing issues). Nearly all the riparian states suffer from domestic conflict and regime instability. The water resources of this region are central to the sustenance of unique natural ecosystems, and to the support of its people, and there is great potential for these resources to underpin strong economic growth in the region.

The 10 states that share the waters of the Nile Basin have created an organization in Entebbe, Uganda, to coordinate their efforts, called the Nile Basin Initiative. They are also establishing sub-basin coordinating bodies and project implementation offices. The staffs of these institutions require training in diverse disciplines and familiarization with the work of similar bodies elsewhere in the world. To that end, DOI will host a study tour to various national and international institutions in the United States for Nile Basin Initiative staff and members.

FUNDING

\$200,000 from State Department, Oceans, Environment and Science Initiative in FY 03

RESULTS TO DATE

DOI has developed a 2-week itinerary for a U.S. based study tour and workshop that addresses: river and dam operations, hydropower, flood control, fisheries, irrigation, invasive species, benefits sharing, and transboundary management.

SIGNIFICANT PROBLEMS OR DELAYS

None

MAJOR ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR NEXT REPORTING PERIOD

DOI and the State Department will work together to finalize logistical preparations for the April/May 2004 study tour and workshop.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Reports describing the results of DOI technical assistance in the Nile Basin will be available upon request.

PERU

SUMMARY OF ASSISTANCE

Peru contains 73 million hectares of forest, making it second only to Brazil in the amount of forested land in Latin America. Historically, Peru's management of its forests has been plagued by illegal and poorly controlled timber cutting, inefficient harvest practices that waste forest resources, widespread poverty that fosters slash and burn agriculture and other unsustainable land uses, land clearing for coca production, and a harvest economy that provides few benefits to local loggers or communities or value-added revenues to Peru. During the past 40 years Peru has lost more than 9.5 million hectares of forest while the revenue generated from forest exploitation remained well below the average for nations in Latin America.

In April 2001 Peru approved the Forestry and Wildlife Law No. 27308 that established 24.5 million hectares of permanent production forests (about 34 percent of all forestlands in Peru). The permanent production forests are to be managed for the sustainable production of timber and other forest products. By international standards the law is progressive and Peru's Ministry of Agriculture, primarily through its Instituto Nacional de Recursos Naturales (INRENA), is making a serious attempt to implement it.

DOI is providing technical assistance to USAID/Peru to support INRENA. DOI is providing technical assistance in two broad areas: protected area management and forestry.

FUNDING

\$50,000 from USAID/Peru in FY '02

\$50,000 from USAID/Peru in FY '03

RESULTS TO DATE

A DOI team traveled to Peru to assess the current state of INRENA management activities as well as the economic and sociocultural impediments to managing animal and plant communities in Peru's protected areas. This information was used to compile a 4-year technical assistance plan considering the scope of land use and resource issues in terms of what DOI and its' partners could provide to Peru (November 2002).

A multi-disciplinary team of DOI and USFS (an expert in each: economic natural resource cost-benefits analyses, natural resource law enforcement, and general park and forestry management) provided technical assistance at the headquarters level of the Peru's Instituto Nacional de Recursos Naturales (INRENA) in October-November 2003. The team developed a CY2004 workplan and recommendations for technical assistance through CY2006.

DOI sent one participant from Peru to the 5th annual Wildlands Management in the Tropics course in Costa Rica (October-November 2003).

SIGNIFICANT PROBLEMS OR DELAYS

Reorganization at INRENA has hampered progress on implementation.

MAJOR ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR NEXT REPORTING PERIOD

ITAP is recruiting for all technical assistance to be provided in CY2004.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

An assessment report is available upon request.

PHILIPPINES

SUMMARY OF ASSISTANCE

DOI is providing training in coral reef and marine protected area management to resource professionals in East Asia. The training complements the World Wildlife Fund program in the Sulu-Sulawesi Eco-Region. The Sulu Sea contains the most biologically diverse coral resource in the world.

FUNDING

\$46,250 from EAPEI in FY '99

RESULTS TO DATE

Marine Law Enforcement

Marine Law Enforcement Assessment: A DOI team completed a needs assessment and curriculum design assignment in the Philippines, to prepare for skills training in marine law enforcement for Philippine governmental agencies and non governmental organizations with jurisdiction and responsibility in protecting the marine environment (December 1999).

Training: A DOI team of two marine law enforcement specialists conducted a 2-week training in basic marine boating and law enforcement skills in Batangas Province, Philippines. The training included participants from local "Bantay Dagats," or local marine patrols, and NGO representatives who have responsibilities in marine law enforcement in the Philippines near shore waters and marine protected areas. In addition to the DOI experts, experts from several Philippine government agencies and NGOs taught sessions of the training. The sessions included training in basic patrol and arrest techniques, fish identification, local marine law, interagency coordination and basic boating and safety (February - March 2000).

Success Story
The World Wildlife Fund in the Philippines reported that the local Bantay Dagat (sea watch patrol teams), were very pleased with the DOI training in 2000:

"The training has greatly helped in improving the capacities of the local Bantay Dagat ... They spoke highly of the hands-on training (activities) such as those on board and search, charting and navigation, and apprehension. One key highlight of the Bantay Dagat operations in Mabini and Tingloy... is that there are no more commercial vessels encroaching in the municipal waters of Mabini and Tingloy. As a result, the municipal fishermen are able to catch more fish (both in terms of quantity and species of fish) and ... do not need to fish too far."

SIGNIFICANT PROBLEMS OR DELAYS

Security concerns have caused major delays to project completion.

MAJOR ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR NEXT REPORTING PERIOD

DOI plans on conducting a follow-up law enforcement training in February 2004. The trainees will be drawn from several local and national jurisdictions and the training will focus on marine law enforcement.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

More detailed reports describing the results of DOI technical assistance in the Philippines are available upon request.

RUSSIA

SUMMARY OF ASSISTANCE

Recently, DOI has been asked to work with the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) to provide technical assistance to selected protected areas in the Kamchatka Peninsula, Russia. The Kamchatka Peninsula is globally recognized for its significant biodiversity resources and extensive intact wilderness ecosystems. The 1,500 km long peninsula is home to over 2,000 species of plants and animals, including numerous species of salmon, trout and char, rare Steller sea eagles, endangered Steller sea lions, and approximately 10,000 Kamchatka brown bears (the largest bear known). Additionally, the region hosts a wealth of geothermal wonders, including 29 active volcanoes in a volcanic 'spine' that includes Kluchevsky Volcano, the largest active volcano in Eurasia and one of the largest in the world.

Historically, Kamchatka was protected by its remoteness, rugged landscape, and later by its strategic military importance. During the past 10 years of economic reform and societal upheaval, however, the situation has worsened dramatically. With local populations experiencing economic hardships, and protected area budgets sharply declining, there are significant and increasing threats to Kamchatka's biodiversity and protected areas. Now that the region is more accessible and open to visitation, it is increasingly threatened by organized poaching, uncontrolled access and unmanaged uses, and unsustainable resource exploitation by local populations.

UNDP is engaging in a multi-million dollar joint effort to provide training and technical assistance to Kamchatka to address these problems. In spring 2003, UNDP developed a needs assessment based on consultations and a workshop with stakeholders. Among the recommendations was to provide training in concessions contracting for protected areas. DOI was asked to provide this training.

FUNDING

Reimbursement of air fares and per diems for DOI experts.

RESULTS TO DATE

A DOI team traveled to Kamchatka to conduct a training workshop on concessions contracting for protected area managers and staff in the Kamchatka region. The training included: determining necessary and appropriate concessions, developing a commercial services plan, designing solicitations, receiving and evaluating proposals, awarding contracts, preparing contract documents and permitting, establishing operational guidelines, setting accountability mechanisms, and collecting fees. The team also provided technical assistance to protected area managers on developing and finalizing financial plans for four protected areas: Kronotsky State Biosphere Reserve, South Kamchatka State Sanctuary, Nalychevo Nature Park, and Bystrinsky Nature Park. As part of the planning process, the team provided guidance on revenue generation activities as well as public-private partnerships (September 2003).

SIGNIFICANT PROBLEMS OR DELAYS

None

MAJOR ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR NEXT REPORTING PERIOD

ITAP is in the process of drafting a Memorandum of Agreement with UNDP to provide follow-on technical assistance.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

An assessment report is available upon request.

TANZANIA

SUMMARY OF ASSISTANCE

Since 1997, DOI has provided technical assistance to the Tanzania National Parks Authority (TANAPA) to improve management in the Tarangire-Lake Manyara Complex (Tarangire and Lake Manyara National Parks and adjacent lands).

DOI's work is targeted at the management of the two national parks in the Complex – Tarangire National Park and Lake Manyara National Park. Tarangire National Park, at 260,000 hectares, is the fourth largest park in Tanzania with one of the highest densities of elephants of any park in the country. Lake Manyara National Park is an international Biosphere Reserve. Its 32 hectares consist of distinctive vegetation zones, extensive marshland along the rift valley walls and parklands, scattered with acacia trees. It hosts tree-climbing lions, greater Flamingo, and Pelicans.

The DOI technical assistance in these two parks has focused on critical field operations, including wildlife anti-poaching, roads, fire, park infrastructure, and general protected area management.

FUNDING

\$125,000 from USAID/Tanzania in FY '03
\$175,000 from USAID/Tanzania in FY '01
No new funding from USAID/Tanzania in FY '99 or FY '00
\$500,000 from USAID/Tanzania in FY '98
\$400,000 from USAID/Tanzania in FY '97

RESULTS TO DATE

Marine Protected Areas Management

Resource Management:

DOI completed a 1-week evaluation of the marine resources at select Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) near Dar Es Salaam during the month of June 2003. Based on needs and interest expressed, DOI recommends that the Tanzanian government adopt an embedment anchor buoy system technology to install replacement demarcation buoys at Mafia Island while conducting an on-the-job training for various Marine Protected Area staff. Another major recommendation is that the government increases its efforts to eliminate drag net fishing that is very destructive to coral reefs (June 2003).

Law Enforcement:

Three DOI staff completed a 2-week law enforcement training to multi-jurisdictional marine protected areas staff in Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania, the first of its kind. USAID/Tanzania and its partners indicated that this is the start of a long term protection program for Tanzania's Coastal Resources (June 2003).

Success Story

As part of the June 2003 marine law enforcement training, the DOI trainers and Tanzanian trainees conducted surprise inspections of three local seashell dealers and seized over 150 kilos of illegal sea coral and parts of five sea turtles. It was reported in the local news as the largest seizure of illegal marine products in Tanzania's history.

Anti-Poaching (Law Enforcement)

Ugalla Game Reserve:

Thirty-five Tanzanian Wildlife Division game scouts were trained by five DOI law enforcement experts on anti-poaching techniques, case preparation, personal safety and emergency response, use of compasses and Global Positioning System devices, among other topics through a combination of classwork and field exercises. This effort represents the first major training event provided strictly to the Wildlife Division, and it was completed at the Ugalla Game Reserve, a Wildlife Division managed protected area in the central region of the country (September-October 2002).

Tarangire and Lake Manyara National Parks:

DOI law enforcement experts have provided a series of law enforcement training sessions at Tarangire and Lake Manyara National Parks. The topics have included: investigation and arrest methods, land navigation using compass and GPS, incident report writing, and basic patrol design. DOI teams helped design standardized reporting forms for anti-poaching teams. Each successive training builds on the results and findings of the previous training (October 1998, February 1999, February 2000, March 2002).

Equipment:

DOI has delivered law-enforcement related equipment for rangers in Tarangire and Lake Manyara National Parks and Ugalla Game Reserve. The equipment has included camping gear, binoculars, compasses, maps, and GPS units. During repeat visits to the sites, the DOI teams assess the use and maintenance of the equipment.

Roads

Training

A DOI team worked with TANAPA road staff to complete the design and construction of a new access road and parking lot to newly constructed visitor centers at both Tarangire and Lake Manyara National Parks. The DOI team combined this task with on-the-job training for park staff, emphasizing the environmental impact component of these tasks. The DOI team also provided the park staff with inexpensive surveying equipment that was formerly unavailable, significantly improving their construction capabilities (June 2003).

A series of DOI teams have trained TANAPA staff on road construction and repair and the operation and maintenance of roads equipment. Skills trained include grading, crowning of roads, establishment of shoulders, sensitivity to water passage, and use of equipment in different soil types. Through field exercises critical sections of the roads in Tarangire National Park have been repaired (February/March 1998, June 2000, January 2001, February/March 2002).

Assessments of Road Conditions:

A DOI team performed an assessment of the road program in Serengeti National Park and provided recommendations for improvement of that program (February/March 2002).

A DOI roads engineer participated with a team of USAID contractors and specialists in drafting a programmatic environmental assessment of proposed roads projects in Tarangire and Lake Manyara National Parks. The DOI engineer worked intensively for one month with a team of experts, and at the beginning of March 2000, produced a draft project environmental assessment for review by USAID and the Tanzanian government (February 2000).

The road conditions at Tarangire National Park were comprehensively assessed in light of damage due to heavy rains (February/March 1998).

Fire

Fire Management Planning: A team of DOI fire management experts worked with TANAPA staff to produce a fire management plan for Tarangire National Park (October 1999, March 2002).

Success Story

A DOI fire management team worked with TANAPA management specialists to draft the first Fire Management Plan for Tarangire National Park. TANAPA has indicated to DOI that this plan has been incorporated into the General Management Plan for both Tarangire and Lake Manyara National Parks.

Training

Based on the DOI assessment of the capacity of Tarangire and Lake Manyara National Parks to suppress wildfires and manage fire in the Parks for ecological objectives, multi-bureau DOI fire management teams have conducted training for Tarangire and Lake Manyara staff in fire suppression skills. DOI contributed basic fire fighting tools to the parks, and the training incorporated both lecture and field exercise components, to build capacity in the parks both to fight wildfires and to manage controlled burns (January 1999, September 1999, March 2002).

Park Infrastructure

Signs: DOI provided Tarangire and Lake Manyara National Parks technical assistance on the design and development of park signage (October 2003).

Facility Design Assistance: A design for the Lake Manyara visitor center has been developed (July-August 1999).

Interpretation Workshop: A DOI team consisting of an architect, landscape architect, and interpretive specialist, worked with TANAPA in an AWF-sponsored workshop on designs for visitor services in Tarangire and Lake Manyara National Parks. The workshop focused on establishing criteria for approving design concepts for a new visitor center, signage in the parks, and other park infrastructure ideas needed to improve the "park experience" for visitors (July-August 1999).

Protected Area Management

Study Tour to Four DOI Sites: At the request of USAID Tanzania and with full funding from the Tanzanian government, DOI led three Tanzanian Park Superintendents and the Ecology Chief for the Tanzania government on a 2-week study tour to three U.S. national parks and one wildlife refuge: Lava Beds National Monument, Yellowstone National Park, and Sequoia-Kings Canyon National Park, and Tulelake National Wildlife Refuge. The Tanzanians learned about how the U.S. addresses a variety of challenges and overall visitor management.

Park Management: A group of Tanzanian resource managers, including the Chief Park Wardens of Tarangire and Lake Manyara National Parks, participated in a U.S. study tour designed to highlight management approaches in relevant ecosystems (October 1998).

Marine Protected Area Training: A multi-agency group of Tanzanians associated with Tanzanian marine protected areas participated in a study tour to the U.S., where they were trained on marine protected area management. The participants included officials from the newly formed Mafia Island marine reserve, the Bureau of Fisheries, and the University of Dar Es Salaam. Participants were introduced to a variety of marine protected area management issues and practices, including visitor services, conservation program management, budgeting, law enforcement and facilities management. Participants were encouraged to discuss links where practices in the U.S. could be adopted for Tanzanian programs (July-August 1999).

SIGNIFICANT PROBLEMS OR DELAYS

DOI had originally scheduled the delivery of a boat to Lake Manyara to be used for anti-poaching and provide training in conducting water patrols and in the use and maintenance of the boat. However, current conditions at the lake have required a re-evaluation of this task; DOI is currently reassessing the necessary specifications of a boat that would function year-round at Lake Manyara.

MAJOR ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR NEXT REPORTING PERIOD

DOI will send a radio communications expert to Ugalla Game Reserve in early 2004 to determine the appropriate specifications for a radio communications system in the Reserve.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

More detailed reports describing the results of DOI technical assistance in Tanzania are available upon request.

UGANDA

SUMMARY OF ASSISTANCE

Mgahinga and Bwindi National Parks, in southwestern Uganda, are home to the remaining 600 or so mountain gorillas left in the world. The mountain gorillas are the rarest of the three subspecies of gorillas. In addition to the gorillas, both parks have a surprising variety of animal and plant life and both offer some excellent hiking in spectacular scenery. Mgahinga is the smaller of the two parks but is also part of a much larger ecosystem, the Virunga Conservation Area which includes adjacent parklands in Rwanda and the Congo. Bwindi is about ten times the size of Mgahinga and is a dense, luxuriant forest covering wet rugged hills cut into steep ravines. Both parks are pockets of wilderness surrounded by densely populated farmlands. Most conservation problems are a result of conflicts over the use of resources -- the community and wildland interface. Seeing gorillas in the wild is the primary attraction that draws international tourists to these two parks.

DOI has been asked by African Wildlife Foundation (AWF) to provide selected technical assistance on their projects in Mgahinga and Bwindi National Parks.

FUNDING

AWF provides reimbursement of transportation and per diem costs for DOI technical assistance.

RESULTS TO DATE

A DOI representative worked with the staff of the International Gorilla Conservation Programme as well as the staff of Mgahinga Gorilla National Park (MGNP) to refine development concepts for a new visitor center and exhibits at MGNP; and help to facilitate an African Wildlife Foundation (AWF)-sponsored workshop on structures design and interpretation for Mgahinga Gorilla National Park (May 2003).

DOI fielded a team of fire management experts to train Mgahinga and Bwindi National Park staff in fire suppression techniques, and to help develop a basic fire management plan (October-November 2003).

SIGNIFICANT PROBLEMS OR DELAYS

None

MAJOR ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR NEXT REPORTING PERIOD

ITAP will draft a Memorandum of Agreement with Uganda Wildlife Authority to provide additional technical assistance.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Trip reports available upon request.

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expenditures through December 15, 2003

PASA 520-P-00-03-00099-00

Country	Total Budgeted	Expended	Remaining
Guatemala	\$100,000	\$18,841	\$81,159

PAPA 623-P-00-03-00006-00

Country	Total Budgeted	Expended	Remaining
Tanzania	\$125,000	\$31,521	\$93,479

IAA 518-P-00-02-00122-00

Country	Total Budgeted	Expended	Remaining
Ecuador	\$100,000	\$0	\$100,000

ENV-P-00-97-00002-00

Country	Total Budgeted	Expended	Remaining
Ecuador	\$350,000	\$342,519	\$7,481
Tanzania	\$900,000	\$900,000	\$0

IAA ENV-P-00-00-0004-00

Country	Total Budgeted	Expended	Remaining
Guatemala	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$0
Tanzania	\$175,000	\$175,000	\$0

ENV-P-00-00-0003-00

Country	Total Budgeted	Expended	Remaining
Indo Decentralization (Mission)	\$3,090,000	\$2,429,719	\$660,281
Indo Mine Inspector Training	\$225,000	\$225,000	\$0
Indo Decentralization (EAPEI)	\$120,000	\$120,000	\$0
Bangladesh Arsenic	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$0
Cambodia	\$50,000	\$26,850	\$23,150
Brazil - CITES	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0

ENV-P-98-0001-00

Country	Total Budgeted	Expended	Remaining
Indonesia Mining - Coal Seam Fires	\$1,462,500	\$1,462,500	\$0
Philippines	\$46,250	\$26,770	\$19,480
South Africa Reclamation	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$0

ENI-P-00-99-00005-0

Country	Total Budgeted	Expended	Remaining
Georgia	\$250,000	\$220,359	\$29,641

IAA 518-P-00-02-00122-00

Country	Total Budgeted	Expended	Remaining
Ecuador	\$2,000,000	\$1,985,059	\$14,941

527-P-00-02-00-220-00

Country	Total Budgeted	Expended	Remaining
Peru	\$100,000	\$42,440	\$57,560

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Country	Total Budgeted	Expended	Remaining
Nile Basin	\$200,000	\$0	\$200,000

MOUs

Country	Total Budgeted	Expended	Remaining
Mundo Maya	\$76,000	\$76,000	\$0