

**World Wildlife Fund  
Technical, Educational and Policy Assistance  
For Conservation in the Russian Far East Ecoregion**

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**Quarterly Report  
Second Quarter, FY01  
(January-March 2001)**

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This report describes the activities of World Wildlife Fund's project "Technical, Educational and Policy Assistance for Conservation in the Russian Far East Ecoregion" during the second quarter of fiscal year 2001 (January-March 2001), under Cooperative Agreement #118-A-00-95-00303-00 with USAID. The main objectives of this project are to increase the long-term sustainability of nature conservation in the Russian Far East by:

1. Establishing a Small Grant Program to support biodiversity conservation initiatives.
  2. Building ecotourism capacity in and around nature reserves to increase public support for conservation and generate income for nature protection activities.
  3. Providing assistance to improve fire response capability including:
    - 3.1. Increase public awareness on fire prevention – Design a National Strategy
    - 3.2. Improve interagency cooperation on fire identification and suppression
    - 3.3. Provide technical assistance on purchasing radio communication equipment and fire fighting equipment for mobile forest fire fighting teams
  4. Ensuring the sustainability of the USAID funded project results
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## Highlights of Project Accomplishments during the Second Quarter FY01

### *1. Establishing a Small Grant Program to support biodiversity conservation initiatives*

#### **Major Implementation Accomplished This Quarter:**

##### **I. Program accomplishments:**

For the period reported according to the work plan for 2001, the following activities were implemented:

- Congratulatory and regret letters sent out
- Information letter issued and distributed
- Statistical letter issued and distributed
- Site visits conducted
- CRDF's GAP application forms filled out
- Terms of reference for each grantee agreed upon
- Publication in press made

##### **II. Project Indicators:**

Information letters sent out—294

Consultations provided—7

Intermediate project reports received—8

Final project reports received—7

Site visits conducted—9

Publications in press made—1

#### **Information letter**

Information letters were sent to applicants and environmental organizations on the mailing list in January. The list contains addresses of nature conservation organization that might be interested in the program participation. These organizations are: Russian Far Eastern and non-Far Eastern NGOs, international NGOs, organizations of the Technical Assistance Group (includes all USAID funded programs run in the territory of the Russian Far East), protected areas administrations, academic institutions and high schools, governmental structures, hunting and fishing societies.

184 letters were sent by regular mail and 110 letters were sent by e-mail. Included in the information letter are the total sum of grant money disbursed, the name of the project, the name of the organization-executor and expected project results. All projects are grouped according to the project implementation area.

**Congratulation and regret letters sent out**

Twenty-eight congratulatory and eight-one regret letters were prepared and sent out. Regret letters were of a formal character without any explanations of why the project was rejected. The letter just stated that the project lost the competition and thanked the recipient for their interest and participation.

While preparing letters, the program administration addressed each project individually. All projects had different issues that needed to be addressed. For example, the Advisory Board recommended that some projects be cut. Another suggestion was to enlarge the project area of implementation. Others were encouraged to have an agreement with local governmental structures. Each letter contained the Advisory Board's recommendations and included deadlines.

**Site visits**

Nine site visits were conducted.

*February 25, 2001* – “Development of Information-Reference System for the Komsomolskii State Nature Reserve”, Khabarovsk. Site-visit conclusion – there are no problems in project implementation. Final project report and software will be delivered to WWF in April 2001.

*February 25, 2001* – “Reintroduction Plots as ‘buffer zones’ for Protected Areas”, Khabarovsk. Site-visit conclusion –the whole project has been completed. The reintroduction plot has not yet been agreed upon at the regional level; therefore its final status is not defined.

*February 26, 2001* – “Cycle of TV programs “Art of Traveling”, Khabarovsk Site-visit conclusion – The project is only half completed. A separate TV program “Art of Traveling” was not shown on local TV due to the replacement of the TV-company administration. The TV channel ORT –2 (public Russian television) agreed to show the films produced during the project.

*February 26, 2001*– “The Amurskii Transit”, Birobidjan. Site-visit conclusion – The project developed into a long-term initiative. With the grant money the forester's post was built. The environmental committee for the Jewish Autonomous Oblast will continue to support the monitoring station at its own expense.

*February 26, 2001* – “Development of Methods for Estimation of Damage to Game Species Caused by different Types of Environment Disturbance”, Khabarovsk Site-visit conclusion – Currently the project is considered a success. There are potential problems regarding the timeframe when the documents will be ratified by the regional executive bodies. The document's draft will be discussed at the meeting of Khabarovskii krai-wide commission on biodiversity conservation.

*February 26, 2001* – “Inventory of Protected Areas of Khabarovskii Krai”, Khabarovsk. The site-visit conclusion – project coordinator changed; the project implementation area was enlarged and now covers the southern part of the Russian Far East.

*February 27, 2001* – “Support of the Youth Brigade for Nature Protection”, Khabarovsk. Site-visit conclusion – the project so far has been successful.

*February 27, 2001* – ‘Organization of the Consultation Center for Defense of Indigenous People Rights’, Khabarovsk Site-visit conclusion – the project so far has been successful, but broader press-coverage is needed.

*February, 27, 2001* – “First Line”, Birobidjan. Site-visit conclusion – the project has been successful so far.

CRDF’s GAP application forms filled out

Filling out GAP application forms is an important part of the program. It is filled out by the WWF-RFE program staff and serves as a basis for interaction between sponsor-organization and sub-grantee. The GAP form includes several sections such as project summary, contact information and passport data on each project executor, detailed project budget and the name of the executive organization. While filling out the forms WWF keeps in close contact with sub-grantees and CRDF RFE’s representative Tamara Terekhova. In addition to the GAP forms, CRDF needs the proposals themselves and for a congratulatory letter to be sent. All these materials are copied and mailed to CRDF by Express mail.

### **Terms of references for each grantee agreed upon**

During the reporting period work plans of the winning projects were agreed upon between projects coordinators and projects curators (as you remember curators or supervisors from among WWF-RFE’s staff were assigned to each sub-grantee). In some cases, project activities were defined more clearly. While others were advised to add few activities. Project work plan deadlines for submitting intermediate and final reports were agreed upon. Terms of References were prepared for each of sub-grantees whose reports included an expected results section. (For your information, TOR is inserted into the CRDF’s Award Notice and is considered to be its integral part).

### **Integrated analysis of the program results**

Integrated comparative analysis of three grant rounds results consists of several graphics including: correlation of funded projects according to priority topic areas; correlation of funded projects among regions; correlation of funded projects according to award levels; correlation of funded projects according to organization types; types of results of funded projects (attached). Also, a table presenting comparative data on submitted and financed proposals was prepared (attached) and a map of protected areas of the Far Eastern Ecoregion where some of the projects are being implemented.

A list of projects funded is prepared that combines data of all three grant competitions (attached)

### **Consultations**

For the period reported seven consultations were provided. The three grant competitions have been conducted and the WWF-RFE office stopped receiving proposals. Consultations during this

reporting period covered reporting requirements, the perspective of the program and alternative sources of financing of conservation initiatives.

### **Publications in press**

- One press-release on the program results was published in the “Call of the Taiga” magazine, ? 1, 2001.

### **III. Constrains**

The main obstacle is the constant delays in grant money payments by US CRDF (Civilian Research and Development Foundation). As a result – some of project activities were not completed, lots of projects were prolonged, some of grantees had to borrow money from third party organizations just to meet project deadlines.

As a result the program administration received a lot of reproaches and accusations from our grantees. The non governmental organization “Pilgrim” based in Sakhalinskaya oblast sent us a letter saying that delays in receiving the money are spoiling WWF’s reputation not only within this particular organization but within the whole region.

### **IV. Plans for the next quarter**

- Input information into the program Web-site;
- Conduction of site-visits;
- Receiving and processing of interim and final project reports;
- Preparation of a booklet on the program results

### **V. Attachments**

Attachment I: Informational letter on the third grant round results  
Attachment II: Combined list of all projects funded by the program  
Attachment III: Integrated analysis of the program results  
Attachment IV: Map of protected areas of the Far Eastern Ecoregion  
Attachment V: Small Grant Program Results  
Attachment VI: Diagram of types of projects funded

## ***2. Building ecotourism capacity in and around nature reserves to increase public support for conservation and generate income for nature protection activities.***

### **Major Implementation Accomplished This Quarter:**

The USAID-funded ecotourism program made significant progress during the second quarter of 2001. Specific objectives for this quarter included:

- Develop ecotourism infrastructure in and around selected zapovedniks. Provide buildings, toilets, water, electricity, trails, tables, observation towers, etc. for visitors.
- Promote ecotourism and provide marketing support.
- Provide training and educational materials. Integrate local communities in ecotourism activities.

To describe progress meeting these objectives, this quarterly report summarises developments in the following categories:

- 1) Assessment Report
- 2) Infrastructure Development
- 3) Marketing
- 4) Training

### **1. Assessment Report**

Staff completed first draft of “Ecotourism in the Russian Far East: An Assessment Report. Sent to USAID and WWF on 5 April. We will initiate an editorial process that includes review and comment by regional experts. We awarded two specific grants to regional institutes to author and edit portions of text and to prepare maps. These include: Pacific Institute of Geography in Vladivostok and the Institute for Aquatic and Ecological Problems. Expect completed Ecotoursim report by 15 August.

### **2. Infrastructure Development**

The program conducted a proposal review in February to select four new projects for infrastructure development, they include:

- Bolonsky and Komsomolsky
- Ginseng Hiking League
- Samarga River
- Guide training base (w/Utes and Bolshekhektsrky)

In each case, infrastructure investments include small buildings, trails, tables, toilets, and equipment in and around nature reserves.

To monitoring current projects and to complete Initial Environmental Examinations requested by USAID, the program initiated site visits to each infrastructure site in April. We conducted four inspections and scheduled spring inspectors:

- **Utes Center.** Excellent progress; two houses in construction.

- **Bolshekhetskysky zapovednik.** Good progress, material on site.
- **Chuken zakaznik.** Slow progress, no material on site. But ready to go.
- **Khankaisky zapovednik.** Good progress, material on site construction started.

All projects submitted Initial Environmental Examinations (IEEs), site plans, project photographs, and work schedules to complete the projects. All projects should be complete by September 2001.

All received money and face no obstacles.

Projects remaining for first site visit:

- Khingansky (early May).
- Bolonsky.(early May, new project)
- Komsomolsky (early May, new project).
- Lazovsky (late April)
- Gamov Peninsula (late April)
- Samarga River (May) (supplemented project)
- Ginseng tours (April/May) (supplemented project)

### **Task 3: Marketing**

The program conducted diverse projects to promote ecotourism to nature reserves. Specific accomplishments include:

#### **Tourism trade shows.**

Marketing consultant Aaltje van Zoelen attended the Chicago trade show on 17 –19 February. On behalf of WWF, she designed, printed, and exhibited two tourist products for the Russian Far East. These are private tour products endorsed by WWF. They include: Primorsky Birdwatching Crusie and Amur River Cruise. She also prepared brochures and advertisements to promote these products and other travel to the Russian Far East.

#### **Marketing materials.**

To supplement the tourist routes to Primorskysy Birdwatching Trip and Amur River Cruise, we contracted with private Russian tour operators to prepare marketing materials. These include species lists, videos, brochures, and other information about natural resources and nature reserves. Specific grants go to

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#### **Web-site.**

Set up a demonstration WWF ecotourism web-site:

[www.rfe.boom.ru](http://www.rfe.boom.ru)

It contains information about the region, zapovedniks, photographs, and tour routes. Review draft web-site with WWF staff in Vladivostok and Moscow. Plan to discuss development and maintenance strategy and next steps with WWF/RPO.

#### **Publications.**

Printed new brochures for Lazovsky and Marine Reserve zapovedniks. Continued work on book on regional plants with Phoenix Group.

**Demonstration tours.** To supplement the marketing program, the ecotourism program planned

several demonstration tours to the region and to our specific projects. Currently, our summer schedule of WWF sponsored tours include:

- **Amur cruise.** September 5-11. Will include three nature reserves along the Amur River and communities of indigenous peoples. Good progress; Some customers from America, Germany, Japan, and Russia. Marketing material includes brochures and films about zapovedniks.
- **Primorsky cruise.** Designed and marketed a week-long birdwatching cruise for southern Primorski coast. However few international bookings by 1 April, so we cancelled the cruise. We will redesign and reconsider for fall.
- **Ginseng League tours.** Four tours through Primorski krai. Summer.
- **Samarga River.** Good progress with Japanese. Expect May and August trips.
- **Moscow Diving Club.** July trip to Lazovsky and Marine Reserves.
- **Tiger tours.** August 20-30 trip by University of Pennsylvania (Wharton). Work with Tiger Inspection, zapovedniks, and WCS to create good tiger tours.
- **Xor River/Udege holiday.** Possible 14-15 September in Xor/Gvai suge village.

#### **Task 4: Training**

**Professional guide training program.** The program will award a grant to the International Association of Independent Tour Operators (IAITO), or MANDV in Russian. They will establish a professional guide training program and instruct 10 guides this summer in Khabarovsk. Along with WWF, MANDV hopes to set up a course to certify guides. They will cooperate with local universities and the Khabarovsk Emergency Rescue Service. This program will also receive an infrastructure grant to set up bases on Utes, Bolshekhetsersky, and Yarap River Training scheduled for August 2001.

**VGUES student projects.** The program awarded a grant to Vladivostok Government University of Economics and Service (VGIES) to strengthen the curriculum for ecotourism training. The project features practical student projects in ecotourism management and marketing.

**Regional conferences.** Sent two reserve directors (Andrey Kotliar, Ussirisk and Vladimer Anndronov Khingansky) to an ecotourism conference in Karelia. They reviewed other ideas to integrate ecotourism into Russian protected areas.

#### **Chronology:**

13 December. Vladivostok ecotourism workshop.

15 December. Khabarovsk ecotourism workshop.

02-12 January. Nelson at WWF/US. Washington, DC.

23-25 January. WWF/RPO program review. Moscow.

22-24 February. USAID IEE meetings. Moscow.

27 February. WWF advisory board meeting. Khabarovsk.

1-4 March. Staff meet program partners in Khabarovsk

6 March. Select projects for second round funding. .

9-15 April. Site visits to four projects.

20-24 April. USAID site visit. Vladivostok.

### **3. Providing assistance to improve fire response capability including:**

- 3.1 Increase public awareness on fire prevention—Design a National Strategy
- 3.2 Improve interagency cooperation on fire identification and suppression
- 3.3 Provide technical assistance on purchasing radio communication equipment and fire fighting equipment for mobile forest fire fighting teams

#### **Major Implementations Accomplished this Quarter**

- All radio communication equipment has been distributed among leskhoses in Khabarovskii Krai. Mobile radio communications are in place in all fire-fighting brigades in Khabarovskii Krai. The radios are used actively and efficiently in forest fire-fighting.
- The Forest Management Department controls the mobile radio communication ensuring its appropriate use and maintenance. All necessary means for maintaining the radio stations were undertaken.
- All the mobile fire-fighting brigades (Khabarovskii Krai-4 and Primorskii Krai-3) are equipped and being actively used in extinguishing forest fires. All equipment is ready for forest fire season. All fire fighting equipment is marked by USAID and WWF logos.
- By assessment of Khabarovsk Forest Management Department, the use of radios for early detection of forest fires together with the fire-fighting equipment has decreased the number of forest fires by 30%.
- The National Strategy has been approved by the Ministry of Natural Resources as the state program. It was disseminated to all concerned organizations and agencies (Forest Management Department of the RF Ministry of Natural Resources, educational and nature conservation) to implement not only in the RFE, but also in other territories of the Russian Federation.

#### **3.3 Targets not attained during the reporting period and why:**

None

#### **3.4 Action(s) taken to overcome constraints and obstacles**

#### **3.5 Prospects for the accomplishment of the project's objectives**

#### **4. Lessons learned during the period under review.**

#### **5. Planned targets and activities for the next reporting period.**

- Continue maintenance and monitoring of the use of mobile radio communication equipment.
- Monitor and disseminate information about mobile fire-fighting brigades' activities during fire season, forest fire development, use of equipment in fire suppression and the brigades' safety.

- Assist the Forest Management of the RF Ministry of Natural Resources in the RFE to prepare proposals within the framework of the WB project on the creation of thirty-six new mobile fire-fighting brigades. They will be modeled on the first 7 brigades created under the current project.
- Introduce the National Strategy on Fire Prevention to organize the fire-fighting campaign in Khabrovskii and Primorskii regions.

### **Major Implementations Accomplished this Quarter**

- Two working meetings with the involved agencies (Aviation Base, Forest Management Department of MNR, Center for Education and Proficiency of Forest Management) on the creation of the Center for Fire-fighting Interagency Cooperation (Cooperation and Cooperation Center) were held in Khabarovsk on January 29 and February 28, 2001.
- On April 20, a workshop discussing the draft bylaws and functions for the Center for Fire-fighting Interagency Cooperation was held in Khabarovsk. Representatives from RF MNR (RFE), RF MNR (Moscow), RFE Aviation Base for Forest Guard, WWF RPO and WWF RFE participated. The draft bylaws were prepared.
- Participants prepared and discussed the list of equipment for the Center for Fire-fighting Interagency Cooperation. It was proposed to house the center in the RFE Aviation Base.
- By WWF's initiative, a workshop on preparing the fire fighting brigades for fire season was held on April 18-19 in Khabarovsk. More than ninety participants from WWF RPO, WWF RFE, RF MNR (Moscow), RF MNR (RFE), the Committee of Natural Resources of Khabarovskii Krai, and the krai's local administrations, directors and specialists of NPAs, forestry officers, research institutes and NGOs, representatives from the Forest Project (USAID) and others took part in the workshop. Twelve journalists from central and regional mass media worked on publicity.
- The first day of the workshop was devoted to the issues of effectiveness of mobile fire-fighting brigades, communications, fire prevention propaganda and coordination of efforts to conserve biodiversity. Thirty-six reports were presented. On the second day, participants watched as thirty fire-fighting units demonstrated practical applications. The units are from Khabarovskii Krai. Manoevers demonstrating
- Another result of the workshop was the Appeal of the Participants on Forest Fire Prevention. This document listed means to coordinate fire-fighting methods.

### **3.3 Targets not attained during the reporting period and why:**

None

### **3.4 Action(s) taken to overcome constraints and obstacles**

### **3.5 Prospects for the accomplishment of the project's objectives**

**4. Lessons learned during the period under review.**

**5. Planned targets and activities for the next reporting period.**

- The Coordination and Co-operation Center, which is now under construction, will join the monitoring of use of the mobile radio stations.
- The Coordination and Co-operation Center for forest fire suppression will also coordinate and record the activities of mobile fire-fighting brigades, develop their working plans, collect and analyze information about the activities of the brigades in protecting the habitats of rare/endangered species. It will also monitor how the fire fighting equipment is used.
- Agreements regulating the activities of the mobile fire-fighting brigades will be concluded with the help of the Coordination and Co-operation Center.
- Bylaws regarding the Center will be drafted and approved. The Center will be promoted in regional and local mass media.
- The Center will be equipped for fire-fighting coordination.
- The Center's activities will be coordinated through Winrock Company which is managing the forest project.

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**“Ecoregion” Small Grant Program  
Information Letter  
Third Grant Round, December 2000**

*The third Advisory Board meeting of the “Ecoregion” Small Grant Program took place on December 22, 2000 in Vladivostok. The program is a joint initiative of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) aimed at biodiversity conservation in the Russian Far East Ecoregion. The Grant Board summarized the results of the third grant round and approved for financing 28 proposals for the total sum of \$243,806.*

**Amurskaya Oblast**

***“Conservation of Nesting Grounds of Rare Birds of the Nora and Selemdja Rivers Basin”***,  
The Norskii State Nature Reserve

Expected Results:

- Research of nesting grounds of rare (listed in the Red data book) birds species is conducted;
- Summary report on the status of rare birds is prepared;
- Zoning of the territory under consideration is conducted and inventory of protected areas is prepared;
- Documents necessary to include the Norskii state nature reserve into the Ramsar list is prepared;
- Monitoring station is organized with local school circles and volunteers involved into the monitoring activities.

***“Protected Areas under the “Snow Leopard” Brigade’s Protection”***, The Amurskii Branch of  
Socio-ecological Union

Expected Results:

- Joint raids in Khanganskii and Norskii state nature reserves are conducted to stop poaching and other types of violations;
- In Norskii state nature reserve a patrolling of migration routs of roe deer is organized;
- Research of Selemdzhinskii district is conducted to create a new forest refuge;
- Professional skills of no less than 40 students are raised through their participation in raids and patrolling activities.

***“Federal Wildlife Refuge “Orlovskii” Begins its Activity”***, Hunting Department for Amurskaya  
Oblast

Expected Results:

- Infrastructure of the refuge is developed through construction of a central base and three guard posts in its territory.

***“Creation of a Model Econet on the Base of the “Khinganskii” State Nature Reserve”***, The  
Khinganskii State Nature Reserve

Expected Results:

- Inventory of nature monuments in Arkharinskii district is conducted;
- Documents allowing to transfer forests of the State Forest Fund to the State Nature Reserve “Khinganskii” are prepared;
- In the territory of Arkharinskii and Bureinskii districts a network of protected areas of different statuses is created.

***“Inventory of Protected Areas of Amurskaya Oblast”***, Environmental Committee for Amurskaya Oblast

Expected Results:

- Inventory of protected areas of Amurskaya oblast is prepared filled with maps, tables, charts;
- Specialists are trained to keep and update the inventory data.

***“Northern Ecosystems Should Be Protected”***, The Amurskii Branch of Socio-ecological Union

Expected Results:

- Campaigns in mass media aimed at conservation of northern ecosystems and support of traditional lifestyle of indigenous people are conducted;
- Field research is conducted and scientific base for creation of a new wildlife refuge in Tyndinskii district is prepared.

### **Khabarovskii krai**

***“Far Eastern Turtle: to Be or not to Be?”***, Ecological Fund “Amur”

Expected results:

- Research of the turtle’s habitats in the lower reaches of the Amur river are conducted;
- Assessment of anthropogenic impact on the turtle’s habitats and the state of the population is done;
- Strategy for Far Eastern Turtle conservation Measures is worked out;
- Documents for inclusion the species into CITES appendix are prepared.

***“The Far Eastern Market of Wildlife Medicines”***, Non-governmental organization “Krechet”

Expected results:

- Information on trade in legal wildlife products used in medicine is collected and systematized;
- Recommendations are developed that will help optimize activities aimed at stopping poaching and protection of fauna species used for medicines;
- The recommendations developed are included into nature protection rules and regulations adopted in the territories of the Far Eastern Ecoregion;
- Information brochure is published.

***“We Got Ready for Creation of Econet”***, The "Bureinskii" Nature State Reserve

Expected Results:

- A network of protected areas of different statuses is created at the base of the "Bureinskii" Nature State Reserve.

***“Ecological Security as a Basis for Ecotours Development”***, Non-governmental organization “Wildlife Fund”

Expected Results:

- Development of ecotours in the territory of the wildlife refuge;
- Zoning of the refuge's territory is conducted;
- Probation of eco tours is conducted.

## **Primorskii krai**

***“Development of a Standard Information-Reference System “Foreign Trade of Marine Biological Resources of the Russian Far East” and its Introduction in the Far Eastern Marine Customs”***, The Vladivostok Branch of the Russian Customs Academy

Expected Results:

- Standard information-reference system is developed as a tool for proper declaration and control over legal and illegal transportation across the Russian boarder of marine resources including CITES species;
- The system is used for raising qualification of customs officials;
- 50 copies of diskettes are prepared and distributed among customs and customs posts of the Far Eastern Customs Department.

***“Field Research and Conservation of Rare and Endangered Birds of Wetlands in the Southern Part of Sikhote-Alin Mountain Range”***, The Lazovskii State Nature Reserve

Expected Results:

- Census is conducted and data on modern conditions of rare birds populations inhabiting Lazovskii, Chuguevskii and Olginskii districts are received;
- Data base on birds distribution, number, nests and nesting grounds, accumulation sites is created;
- Inventory of nests and nesting grounds is prepared;
- Documents for establishing of two nature monuments are prepared and submitted to the local Environmental committees for making decisions.

***“Assistance to Natural Forest Regeneration in the Russian Far East”***, Institute of Forestry at the State Agricultural Academy

Expected Results:

- A new technology able to minimize costs and duration of reforestation in forest-free areas;
- Measures on improvement of strain composition in low valuable stands are undertaken.

***“Living Sea”***, Institute for Climatology

Expected Results:

- Quality and quantity characteristics (geological, biological and ecological) for the Expedition Bay are received and combined together with contamination characteristics that come from the land;
- Detailed description of mud (used for medicinal purposes) is made and laboratory research is conducted (sanitary, bacteriological, microbiological, microelement analysis);
- Report on the research is prepared and submitted to Environmental Committee for Primorskii krai;
- Medical mud is put under state control.

***“Organization and Conduction of the International Conference “Biodiversity of North-East Asia”***, Far Eastern Branch of the Russian Academy of Sciences

Expected Results:

- Main problems of biodiversity conservation and nature protection in North-East Asia and adjacent territories are identified;
- Ways of solving the above mentioned problems are worked out;
- Activities for involving China as a full partner into biodiversity conservation activities are proposed.

***“Conduction of a Training for Border Guards to Instruct Them How to Behave When Meet a Tiger or a Leopard”***, Primorskii Krai Society for Nature Protection

Expected Results:

- A training for border guards of three districts of Primorskii krai is conducted;
- Methodological materials with recommendations from biologists are published and distributed among border posts;
- Recommendations of biologists are included into “Course of a young border guard”.

***“This is my Home”***, Environmental Center “My Planet”

Expected Results:

- Permanent information posters containing basic information on reserved territories are established (installed) along roads in Primorskii krai.

***“The Territory and Object Oriented Evaluation of Biodiversity in the Far Eastern Ecoregion”***, Pacific Institute of Geography of Far Eastern Branch of Russian Academy of Science

Expected Results:

- Results of the evaluation of biodiversity on the main biotic groups and territories are prepared;
- Suggestions to improve the activity on creating Econet and further research of biodiversity are made;
- The set of the electronic maps on natural resources, habitats and the objects of biodiversity in the southern Far East is prepared.

***“Training of Watch Dogs to Identify Illegally Harvested Biological Resources”***, State Environmental Committee for Primorskii Krai

Expected Results:

- Two watch dogs are trained how to detect illegally harvested bio resources;
- Cynologist is introduced into the staff of the “Tiger” inspection;
- Enclosure for keeping two trained watch dogs is built.

***“Creation of a Training Center for Studying the Basics of Nature Protection and Nature Use”***, Institute for Sustainable Nature Use

Expected Results:

- Infrastructure for studying the basics of nature protection and nature use by specialists is created;
- Summer tent camp for studying the basics of eco tourism is organized;
- Conditions for effective protection of the Eastern part of Sikhote-Alin are established.

***“Creation of a System to Monitor Nature Protection Legislation Violations”***, Pacific Institute of Geography of Far Eastern Branch of Russian Academy of Science

Expected Results:

- A system to monitor nature protective legislation violations is created;
- Appropriate governmental structures and nature resources users are provided with full-scale and operative information on the status of environment.

***“Environment: Protected Ring of the Russian Far East”***, Non-Commercial Partnership “Eco-Patrol”

Expected Results:

- A cycle of 13 radio programs is created;
- 6 rounds of the “Living Planet” radio competition is conducted dedicated to the issues of rare flora and fauna species.

## **Sakhalinskaya oblast**

***“The Sacred Island”***, The "Kurilskii" State Nature Reserve

Expected Results:

- Environmental visit-center is created; methodological materials in three languages are developed and published;
- Environmental path is organized.

***“Living Book”***, Non-governmental organization “The Sakhalin Environmental Watch”

Expected Results:

- Systematization and processing of video-materials accumulated for several years;
- Regular environmental program “Living Book” is restored on the local oblast-wide TV;
- Regular environmental radio program “Radio of Nature” is organized on the local radio.

## **Jewish Autonomous oblast**

***“Rest Zone”***, Society of Hunters and Fishermen of the Jewish Autonomous oblast

Expected Results:

- Wildlife game refuge is organized in one of the districts of JAO;
- Patrolling of the territory (not less that 12 raids) is conducted;
- 15 posters are installed;
- Census of elk is conducted;
- Mapping of cranes and storks nesting grounds is done.

***“Active Dissemination of Information on Forest Fires among Local Population”***, Non-governmental organization “Bagulnik”

Expected Results:

- Press-center distributing information on forest fires on a regular basis is established;
- TV and radio reels on forest fires prevention activities are prepared and broadcasted on a regular basis;
- 16 parachute jumps in heavily populated areas are conducted using loud-speakers for fire-prevention agitation and leaf letters for distribution among local people;
- 5 posters containing fire prevention information are prepared and installed in Birobidjan (the capital of JAO) and 4 on the main exits from the city.

## **Irkutskaya oblast**

***“Curricular on Biodiversity Conservation”***, Public fund “The Irkutskaya School of Wildlife Biologists”

Expected Results:

- Curricular on biodiversity conservation is developed and adopted on federal level.

## **Moscow**

***“Optimization of the System of Protected Areas in the Far Eastern Leopard Habitats”***, Central Research Expedition for Hunting Management

Expected Results:

- Proposals for optimization of the system of protected areas in the Far Eastern leopard habitats are prepared and adopted on federal and local levels.

To have more complete information on the “Ecoregion Small Grants Program” the tables below show results of the third grant rounds in figures:

### 1. Correlation between Submitted and Financed Proposals in the Regions

For the third round **109** proposals - received and **28** proposals - financed

Region	Number of Submitted Proposals	Number of Financed Proposals, %
Amurskaya oblast	14	6
Primorskii krai	52	12
Khabarovskii krai	21	4
Jewish Autonomous oblast	4	2
Sakhalinskaya oblast	14	2
Irkutskaya oblast	1	1
Moskovskaya oblast	1	1
Kamchatskay oblast	1	-
Chukotka	1	-

### 2. Correlation between Submitted and Financed proposals According to Award Levels

Award levels	Number of Submitted Proposals	Number of Financed Proposals
1 level	82	22
2 level	27	6

### 3. Correlation between Submitted and Financed Proposals According to Priority Topic Areas

Priority Topic Area	Number of Submitted Proposals	Number of Financed Proposals
Optimize the system of protected areas	29	13
Improve natural resources management	28	9
Raise awareness of the local population in nature conservation	52	6

#### 4. Correlation between Submitted and Financed Proposals According to Organizations Types

Type of Organization	Number of Submitted Proposals	Number of Financed Proposals
Non-governmental organizations	45	13
Governmental Academic Institutes	7	1
Scientific organizations	12	5
Nature Reserves	15	5
Other Governmental structures	21	4
Commercial organizations	9	-

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**Small Grants Program “Ecoregion”**  
**Comparative data on the program results**

**Submitted** – 473 proposals

**Funded** – 82 proposals

**Total Sum of Funded projects** - 577,661 USD

**1. Correlation between Submitted and Funded Proposals among the Regions**

<b>Region</b>	<b>Number of proposals submitted, %</b>	<b>Number of proposals funded, %</b>	<b>Total sum, \$</b>
Primorskii krai	242 – 51%	36 – 44%	252,159
Khabarovskii krai	99 – 21%	17 – 21%	118,392
Amurskaya oblast	38 – 8 %	13 – 16%	77,580
Jewish Autonomous oblast	24 – 5%	7 – 9%	39,335
Sakhalinskaya oblast	46 – 10 %	5- 6%	42,682
Irkutskaya oblast	6-1%	2 – 2%	22,768
Moscow	9-2%	2- 2%	24,745
Kamchatskaya oblast	3-1%	-	
Chukotka	1-0%	-	
Magadanskaya oblast	1-0%	-	
Novosibirskaya oblast	2-0%	-	
Yakutia	2- 0%	-	

**2. Correlation between Submitted and Funded Proposals according to Award Levels**

<b>Award Levels</b>	<b>Number of proposals submitted, %</b>	<b>Number of proposals funded, %</b>
<b>The First Level – up to \$7000</b>	349 – 74%	72 – 88%
<b>The Second Level – up to \$25000</b>	124 – 26%	10 - 12%

### 3. Correlation between Submitted and Funded Proposals according to Priority Topic Area

<b>Priority Topic Area</b>	<b>Number of proposals submitted, %</b>	<b>Number of proposals funded, %</b>
Optimize the system of nature protected areas	103 – 22%	30 –37%
Improve natural resources management	178- 38%	28- 34%
Raise awareness of the local population in nature conservation	192 – 40%	24 –29%

### 4. Correlation between Submitted and Funded Proposals according to Organization Types

<b>Organization Type</b>	<b>Number of proposals submitted, %</b>	<b>Number of proposals funded, %</b>
Non-governmental Organizations	174 – 37%	33- 40%
Governmental Structures	99 – 21%	18- 22%
Scientific Institutions	74 – 16%	9 – 11%
Nature Reserves	47- 10%	16 – 20%
Commercial Structures	42 –9%	1 – 1%
High Schools	37 – 8%	5 – 6%

**List of Projects Funded**  
**"Ecoregion" Small Grant Program, October 1999 - September 2001**

No.	No.	Project Title	Applicant Organization	Grant Amount	Project Results
<b>Amurskaya oblast (for the total sum of \$77,580)</b>					
1	1	Conservation of Nesting Grounds of Rare Birds of the Nora and Selemdja Rivers Basin	The "Norskii" State Nature Reserve	6090	Research of nesting grounds of rare (listed in the Red data book) birds species is conducted; summary report on the status of rare birds is prepared; -zoning of the territory under consideration is conducted and inventory of protected areas is prepared; -documents necessary to include the Norskii state nature reserve into the Ramsar list is prepared; -monitoring station is organized with local school circles and volunteers involved into the monitoring activities
2	2	Protected Areas under the "Snow Leopard" Brigade's Protection	The Amurskii Branch of Socio-Ecological Union	6990	Joint raids in Khanganskii and Norskii state nature reserves are conducted to stop poaching and other types of violations; -in Norskii state nature reserve a patrolling of migration routs of roe deer is organized; -research of Selemdzhinskii district is conducted to create a new forest refuge; -professional skills of no less than 40 students is raised through their participation in raids and patrolling activities
3	3	Federal Wildlife Refuge "Orlovskii" Begins its Activity	Hunting Department for Amurskaya Oblast	7000	Infrastructure of the refuge is developed through construction of a central base and three guard posts in its territory
4	4	Creation of a Model Econet on the Base of the "Khinganskii" State Nature Reserve	The "Khinganskii" State Nature Reserve	6750	Inventory of nature monuments in Arkharinskii district is conducted; -documents allowing to transfer forests of the Sate forest fund to the State Nature Reserve "Khinganskii" are prepared; in the territory of Arkharinskii and Bureinskii districts a network of protected areas of different statuses is created
5	5	A Step to the Future of Amursky Region	Non-governmental Institution, Amursky Branch of "Socio-Ecological Union"	6524	Patrolling of the protected territories to prevent poaching, conduction of field research in Zeysky and Selemdzhinsky districts to reveal areas necessary for Black Hazel conservation.
6	6	Aerial Monitoring of Forests and Water Reservoirs of Amurskaya Oblast	Public Aviation Center "Flight" (non-governmental organization)	7000	Daily aerial patrolling of the Amurskaya oblast territory will permit to identify forest fires and poaching and promptly inform relevant state protective agencies. The patrolling will be done by 5 motor hang-gliders.

7	7	Monitoring of the Black Hazel ( <i>Falci pennis falcipennis</i> ) Population and its Habitats	Zeiskii State Reserve	4424	The project will conduct field research to identify the black hazel habitats and its number. The results of census will be compared to the 1975-1977 data and protected measures developed. Also, areas with high density will be announced as nature monuments.
8	8	The "Block" Operation	Hunting Department for Amurskaya Oblast	5979	Regular patrolling of the game reserves is organized; operations aimed at game reserves protection during hunting seasons are organized; protection of places with high concentrations of rare species, migration routs and accumulations of migratory animals is provided
9	9	Development of Unified Regulations for Specially Protected Areas of Regional and Local Level	Association of Municipal Entities of Amurskaya Oblast	3000	Unified regulations for specially protected areas of regional and local level are developed and adopted by the state executive body for Amurskaya oblast; documents necessary for establishing protected territories of different types are prepared; governmental officials of federal and local levels, NGOs' representatives are taught how to use the documents prepared through seminars and consultations
10	10	Return Cranes to the Khasan Wetlands	State Nature Reserve "Khinganskii"	7000	Research of living conditions for crane in the territory of Khasanskii nature park is done; crane pairs are grown and formed to be reintroduced in selected plots; monitoring of accommodation and acclimatization of the birds equipped with radio collars is conducted; employees of Khasanskii nature park are trained to hatch cranes on the base of Station for Reintroduction of Rare Birds Species
11	11	Estimation of the Black Bear ( <i>Ursus Tibetanus</i> ) Population in Jewish Autonomous Oblast	State Nature Reserve "Khinganskii"	4023	General black bear population density is estimated; zoning of the bear habitats is done; proposals on the species conservation and rational use are developed
12	12	Inventory of Protected Areas of Amurskaya Oblast	Environmental Committee for Amurskaya Oblast	6400	Inventory of protected areas of Amurskaya oblast is prepared filled with maps, tables, charts; specialists are trained to keep and update the inventory data
13	13	Northern Ecosystems Should Be Protected	The Amurskii Branch of Socio-ecological Union	6400	Campaigns in mass media aimed at conservation of northern ecosystems and support of traditional lifestyle of indigenous people are conducted; field research is conducted and scientific base for creation of a new wildlife refuge in Tyndinskii district is prepared

**Khabarovskii krai (for the total sum of \$118,392)**

14	1	Far Eastern Turtle: to Be or not to Be?	Ecological Fund "Amur"	7000	Research of the turtle's habitats in the lower reaches of the Amur river are conducted; · Assessment of anthropogenic impact on the turtle's habitats and the state of the population is done; · Measures for the species protection are developed (creation of protected areas in the research areas)
15	2	The Far Eastern Market of Wildlife Medicines	NGO "Krechet"	12100	Information on trade in legal wildlife products used in medicine is collected and systematized; ·recommendations are developed that will help optimize activities aimed at stopping poaching and protection of fauna species used for medicines; ·the recommendations developed are included into nature protection rules and regulations adopted in the territories of the Far Eastern ecoregion; ·information brochure is published
16	3	Development of Information-Reference System for the Komsomolskii State Reserve	The Komsomolsk-na-Amure State Technical University	4375	Development and systematization of data base on the reserve's nature objects will improve management of its territory and contribute to sustainable nature use.
17	4	Reintroduction Plots as "Buffer Zones" for Protected Areas	NGO "Krechet"	6878	Establishing of a protected area which belongs to the NGO with its further inclusion into the List of protected areas of Khabarovskii krai
18	5	The Cycle of TV Programs " The Art of Travelling"	TV-company "Telekon-TV"	6696	The project will create films dedicated to the issues of ecotourism development in Khabarovskii krai.
19	6	Improvement of Protection System in the "Sikhote-Alinskii" Nature Monument's Territory	Fund for Biodiversity Conservation and Rehabilitation of Wild Animals "Cliff"	6520	Regular protection of nature monument by the state nature protection agencies' staff is organized; feeding grounds, salt licks are organized; excursions in the rehabilitaiton center are conducted
20	7	Support of the Youth Brigade for Nature Protection	State Nature Reserve "Komsomolsky"	6519	Brigade consisting of 20 young people is formed to improve protection of nature reserves in Khabarovskii krai; leaf-letters on nature protection issues are published
21	8	Organization of the Consultation Center for Defense of Indigenous Peoples Rights	Non - governmental Organization "Ecodal"	5000	Support to indigenious people in cases of their rights violations are provided; students are taught to lead practical juridical work
22	9	Development of Methods for Estimation of Damage to Game Species Caused by Different Types of Environment Disturbance	Far Eastern Branch of Hunting Management Institute of the Russian Academy of Agricultural Sciences	5298	Methods for estimation of damage to game species caused by different types of environment disturbance are prepared ready to be adopted by the head of Khabarovskii krai administration

23	10	Let's Protect Nature Together	Non-commercial Organization "Green House"	7000	Data base on the local population resources that could be used by the reserve "Bol'shekhehtzirsii" in its ecotourism activity is created; 500 friends and supporters of the reserve are attracted eager to participate in biodiversity conservation and ecotourism activities; a booklet containing information on ecotours in the reserve and adjacent territories is published; 220 tours to the reserve are distributed
24	11	Eco-tourism in Reserve	State Nature Reserve "Komsomolskii"	12440	Visit-centers in two forest guards's posts are repaired; existing routes are equipped with benches, wooden carved animals, view areas; ethnography area is established (the indigenous house is built)
25	12	Information Support of Eco-tourism and Measures towards Nature Conservation through Internet in Khabarovskii Krai	Committee for Economics for the Khabarovskii Krai Administration	6968	Data base on the Far Eastern ecoregion's nature objects is formed; free access to Internet for tourist companies of Khabarovskii kraii is provided
26	13	Inventory of Protected Territories of Khabarovskii Krai	State Environmental Committee for Khabarovskii Krai	7000	Inventory of protected territories of Khabarovskii kraii is created; new jobs are created; specialists for inventory updating are taught and trained
27	14	We Take Care of What We Know and Value	State Reserve "Bureinsky"	6754	The project is aimed at raising awareness of the local population in nature conservation through creation of a museum at the "Bureinsky" State Reserve.
28	15	Nature is All of Us	Ecological Fund "Amur"	5000	12 radio programs "The Voices of the Taiga" are prepared and broadcasted
29	16	We Got Ready for Creation of Econet	The "Bureinskii" Nature State Reserve	5950	A network of protected areas of different statuses is created at the base of the "Bureinskii" Nature State Reserve
30	17	Ecological Security as a Basis for Ecotours Development	NGO "Wildlife Fund"	6894	Development of eco tours in the territory of the wildlife refuge; zoning of the refuge's territory is conducted; probation of eco tours is conducted

**Primorski Krai (for the total sum of \$252,159)**

31	1	The Sacred Land	Joint Stock Company "Vladivostok-News"	9310	The project suggests issuing monthly color attachment to the "Vladivostok-news" newspaper describing situation in the local protected areas and problems they face.
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32	2	Conservation of Chinese Wax Bee, <i>Apis cerana cerana</i> F. in the South Primorye	Biology and Soil Institute, Far Eastern Branch of the Russian Academy of Science	6433	The project is supposed to conduct field research and estimate the real number of the species and to develop Chinese Wax Bee conservation plan. Another project goal – establishing research field stationary at the “Kedrovaya Pad” state reserve.
33	3	Teaching Children to Take Care of the House Where We Live	The Arsenev State Museum	3255	Restoration of expositions and showcases in environmental compartment of the state museum.
34	4	Nature Park “Askold”	Non-governmental Fund “Phoenix”	3240	The project suggests elaboration of technical and economical basis for the organization of the regional nature park “Askold”; preparation of documents and receiving an approval from the local authorities
35	5	Creation of the Ecoregion Protected Territories Inventory	Pacific Institute of Geography, Far Eastern Branch of the Russian Academy of Science	6170	Based on MS/ACCESS a unified protected territories (PT) inventory for the southern part of Primorskii krai will be developed and tested on a model area with different types of PTs. In future such inventory could be applied to any PT with similar nature conditions regardless of their status.
36	6	Information Support of the Rationalization of Nature Use in the Far Eastern Ecoregion by Means of Internet	Far Eastern Branch of the All-Russia Research Institute for Nature Protection	5264	The project will create official information source that will combine information resources of major nature protective organizations. Such Website will allow more intensive exchange of information and contribute to development a nature resource management strategy to be used by the local ecoregional state agencies.
37	7	The Lake	Non-governmental Fund of Childhood and Young People Support “Optima-Trust”	6600	The project implies restoration of the landscape on the urbanized territory of Vladivostok and creation of rest zone for people and the center of environmental education.
38	8	The Coastal Pearl	Club of Divers-Amateurs “East Bosfor”	7000	The project is aimed at the detailed analysis of the underwater conditions in the territory of the Peter the Great bay; underwater shooting of main biological objects, issuing of TV programs “The coastal pearl” describing underwater life.
39	9	Realization of Ging-seng Conservation Strategy in Primorskii Krai: Restoration of Spasskaya Population	Biology and Soil Institute, Far Eastern Branch of the Russian Academy of Science	11440	On the base of developed ging-seng conservation strategy goals and methods for restoration of Spasskaya population were identified. One of such methods – establishment of a ging-seng farm and creation of a nursery of 150 wild ging-seng roots.

40	10	An Emerald World	Primorsky Students Ecological Biological Center	6262	The project suggests cooperation of teachers of the local schools, leaders of "green movement", members of non-governmental ecological organizations, scientists and nature preserve institutions aimed at preservation and breeding of disappearing plants; regeneration of young foresters clubs in Primorsii krai.
41	11	Training Center for Customers	Vladivostok Branch of Russian Customs Academy	5420	Development of curricular for customs officials aimed at perfecting their skills in preventing illegal transportation of wildlife products across the Russian boarder.
42	12	Improvement of the Ecological Center' s Infrastructure	Ussuriiskii State Reserve	6230	Repair and reconstruction of the Ecological Center's hotel will attract broader public - kids, teachers - for solving environmental education issues.
43	13	An Ecological Monthly Newspaper for the Inhabitants of Terneyskii District	Non-governmental organization "Taiga. Ternei. Tiger"	1506	The project suggests drawing attention of local population to the problems of natural resource management and biodiversity conservation of Ussuriysky taiga by issuing local ecological monthly newspaper.
44	14	Development of a Standard Information-Reference System "Foreign Trade of Marine Biological Resources of the Russian Far East" and its Introduction in the Far Eastern Marine Customs	The Vladivostok Branch of the Russian Customs Academy	7000	Standard information-reference system is developed as a tool for proper declaration and control over legal and illegal transportation across the Russian boarder of marine resources including CITES species. The system will also be used for raising qualification of customs officials; - 50 copies of diskettes are prepared and distributed among customs and customs posts of the Far Eastern Customs Department
45	15	Field Research and Conservation of Rare and Endangered Birds of Wetlands in the Southern Part of Sikhote-Alin Mountain Range	The Lazovskii State Nature Reserve	2500	Census is conducted and data on modern conditions of rare birds populations inhabiting Lazovskii, Chuguevskii and Olginskii districts are received; -data base on birds distribution, number, nests and nesting grounds, accumulation sites is created; inventory of nests and nesting grounds is prepared; -documents for establishing of two nature monuments are prepared and submitted to the local Environmental committees for making decisions
46	16	Assistance to Natural Forest Regeneration in the Russian Far East	Institute of Forestry at the State Agricultural Academy	6650	A new technology able to minimize costs and duration of reforestation in forest-free areas; -measures on improvement of strain composition in low valuable stands are undertaken

47	17	Living Sea	Institute for Climatology	7000	Quality and quantity characteristics (geological, biological and ecological) for the Expedition Bay are received and combined together with contamination characteristics that come from the land; ·detailed description of muds (used for medicinal purposes) is made and laboratory research is conducted (sanitary, bacteriological, microbiological, microelement analysis); ·report on the research is prepared and submitted to Environmental Committee for Primorskii krai; ·medical mud is put under state control
48	18	Organization and Conduction of the International Conference “Biodiversity of North-East Asia	Far Eastern Branch of the Russian Academy of Sciences	6900	Main problems of biodiversity conservation and nature protection in North East Asia and adjacent territories are identified; ·ways of solving the above mentioned problems are worked out; ·activities for involving China as a full partner into biodiversity conservation activities are proposed
48	19	Conduction of a Training for Border Guards to Instruct Them How to Behave When Meet a Tiger or a Leopard	Primorskii Krai Society for Nature Protection	6048	A training for border guards of three districts of Primorskii krai is conducted; methodological materials with recommendations from biologists are published and distributed among border posts;·recommendations of biologists are included into “Course of a young border guard”
50	20	This is my Home	Environmental Center “My Planet”	6986	Permanent information posters containing basic information on reserved territories are established (installed) along roads in Primorskii krai
51	21	The Territory and Object Oriented Evaluation of Biodiversity in the Far Eastern Ecoregion	Pacific Institute of Geography of Far Eastern Branch of Russian Academy of Science	7000	Results of the evaluation of biodiversity on the main biotic groups and territories are prepared; · Suggestions to improve the activity on creating Econet and further research of biodiversity are made; · The set of the electronic maps on natural resources, habitats and the objects of biodiversity in the southern Far East is prepared
52	22	Training of Watch Dogs to Identify Illegally Harvested Biological Resources	State Environmental Committee for Primorskii Krai	5000	Two watch dogs are trained how to detect illegally harvested bio resources; cynologist is introduced into the staff of the “Tiger” inspection; enclosure for keeping two trained watch dogs is built
53	23	Creation of a Training Center for Studying the Basics of Nature Protection and Nature Use	Institute for Sustainable Nature Use	20840	Infrastructure for studying the basics of nature protection and nature use by specialists is created; summer tent camp for studying the basics of eco tourism is organized; conditions for effective protection of the Eastern part of Sikhote-Alin are established

54	24	Creation of a System to Monitor Nature Protection Legislation Violations	Pacific Institute of Geography of Far Eastern Branch of Russian Academy of Science	15000	A system to monitor nature protective legislation violations is created; appropriate governmental structures and nature resources users are provided with full-scale and operative information on the status of environment
55	25	Environment: Protected Ring of the Russian Far East	Non-Commercial Partnership "Eco-Patrol"	6271	A cycle of 13 radio programs is created; · 6 rounds of the "Living Planet" radio competition is conducted dedicated to the issues of rare flora and fauna species
56	26	Protection of Marine Biological Resources and Coastal Line of the Sea of Japan	The "Tiger" Inspection, State Environmental Committee for Primorskii Krai	10600	Sea brigade consisting of three rangers is created; systematic protection of coastal line within 4 districts is organized; collection of information on legal and illegal use of marine biological resources is done
57	27	The Path to Pedan	Non-governmental Fund for Support of Education and Creative Work	5090	Environmental expertise of the district is made; documents necessary for creation of the ecological path is prepared and adopted by the local forest management department; control over the path and campings is established by the local people
58	28	Monitoring of Rare Birds Population in Prikhankayskaya Lowland	State Nature Reserve "Khankaiskii"	1500	Waterfowl census is conducted
59	29	Work With Local Population Aimed at Biodiversity Conservation in Ussuriiskii district	State Nature Reserve "Ussuriiskii"	6700	Leaf-letters on environmental problems of Ussuriiskii district are published and distributed among local people; environmental events "The Day of the City" and "The March of Parks" in Ussuriisk are organized; mass questioning of the local population on the issues of biodiversity conservation is organized
60	30	The Taiga. Let's survive together	Ecological Group "Taiga"	4354	Monthly environmental section "Green Leaf" is opened in the local newspaper "Sikhote-Alin"; consultation center on small business development is organized; public hearings on the activity and infrastructure of the planned national park are conducted
61	31	"Life in Fresh Water"	Vladivostok Resource Center of Environmental Education	6996	Exposition "Rare and Disappearing Fish of the Amur River Basin" is created; environmental program consisting of 5 lessons for the local oceanarium's visitors is worked out; about 500 students and 150 adults are taught according to the program etc.
62	32	Ecoregion-wide Education Program "Biodiversity"	Primorskii Teachers In-Service Training Institute	16697	The ecoregion-wide educational program (curricular) "Biodiversity" is worked out; educational methodical complexes are developed and adopted in the model territories

63	33	The Revival of Students Public Movement for Nature Conservation in Primorskii Krai	Youth Environmental Educational Center "My Planet"	6998	The team of public inspectors is formed for regular patrolling of Primorskii krai nature areas including protected ones; members of the team are taught legal aspects and practical basics of inspector's work
64	34	Nature Park of Artem Water-Engineering System: Preparation and Adoption of Documents	Regional State Water-Engineering System for the Southern Primorye	6260	Documents, ecological and economic grounds for the nature park creation are prepared and adopted on the Primorskii krai level
65	35	Technical Assistance to Ecological Center	State Nature Reserve "Sikhote-Alinskii"	6639	Technical assistance to Ecological center at Sikhote-Alinskii State Nature Reserve
66	36	School-based Young Foresters' Club	Lazovskii Leskhoz	5000	Nature room is decorated and equipped; fur plantation is formed; a net of ecological paths is created; lectures on forestry basics are conducted for students; collection of rare flora species seeds is formed etc.

**Sakhalinskaya oblast (for the total sum of \$42,682)**

67	1	The Sacred Island	The "Kurilskii" State Nature Reserve	21116	Environmental visit-center is created; methodological materials in three languages are developed and published; environmental path is organized
68	2	Preparation of Summary Report on the Population of Sakhalin Hucho perryi (Brevoort) and Taking Conservation Measures	South Kurilsky branch of Special Marine Inspection, State Environmental Committee for Sakhalin oblast	7000	The project suggests reduction of anthropogenic influence on the population of Sakhalin Hucho perryi (Brevoort) inhabiting Kunashir island, including this species into the Red Book of Russian Federation, organization of the nature monument in the species habitats.
69	3	Nature Monuments in the South of Sakhalinskaya Oblast – Protection of Rare Flora Species	Environmental Committee for Sakhalinskaya oblast	2420	The project's objective is conservation of the unique flora diversity of the south Sakhalin by means of inventory of existing nature monuments. Recommendations for protection of each specific nature object will be developed.
70	4	Sakhalin Hucho Perryi (Brevoort) in the 21st Century	Sakhalin Department of Fish Resources Conservation	5150	Strategy for conservation and reproduction of the species is developed; analytical reviews on the species population are prepared; recommendations on protection and regulation of the species harvesting are worked out; documents for the possible changes in the Fishing Rules are developed; list of rare species to be included into the Red Book of Sakhalinskaya oblast is compiled; exposition of the "Museum of One Exhibit" is created

71	5	Trillium	Non-governmental Organization "Pilgrim"	6996	Center supplied with materials on environmental education is created; 35 methods of ecological monitoring are worked out and put into practice with further introducing into secondary school curricular; 5 ecotourism routs around Sakhalin are developed to control biodiversity state and regional environmental conditions; 10 expeditions are conducted
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**Jewish Autonomous Oblast (for the total sum of \$39,335)**

72	1	Rest Zone	Society of Hunters and Fishermen of the Jewish Autonomous oblast	6998	Wildlife game refuge is organized in one if the districts of JAO; patrolling of the territory (not less that 12 raids) is conducted; 15 posters are installed; census of elk is conducted; mapping of cranes and storks nesting grounds is done
73	2	Active Dissemination of Information on Forest Fires among Local Population	NGO "Bagulnik"	3610	Press-center distributing information on forest fires on a regular basis is established; TV and radio reels on forest fires prevention activities are prepared and broadcasted on a regular basis; 16 parachute jumps in heavily populated areas are conducted using loud-speakers for fire-prevention agitation and leaf letters for distribution among local people; 5 posters containing fire prevention information are prepared and installed in Birobidjan (the capital of JAO), and 4 on the main exits from the city
74	3	The Block	State Reserve "Bastak"	4771	The project suggests sociological research of the local inhabitants' attitude to creation and function of Special Protected Nature Areas, activity on the population awareness of the goals and function of Special Protected Nature Areas, prevention of poaching in protected nature areas.
75	4	Eco-summer 2000	Non-government Fund "Culture of 21 Century"	6326	The project is aimed at raising awareness of the local population in nature conservation through creation of summer camp fpr kids on the basis of young naturalists station
76	5	The Amursky Transit	State Environmental Committee for Jewish Autonomous Oblast	6940	Creation of station for monitoring of migrating birds on the basis of "Zabelovsky" state nature game reserve, development of rare species conservation plan.
77	6	Nature Park "Kuldur". Stakes are Done.	Public Fund "Spring"	6280	Nature park "Kuldur" is established; zoning of the territory is done; regular patrolling of the protected territory is organized

78	7	First Line	Hunting Department for Jewish Autonomous Oblast	4410	Educational seminars for the local boarder guards are conducted; joint raids of state inspectors from nature conservation agencies and boarder guards are conducted to prevent poaching
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**Irkutskaya Oblast (for the total sum of \$22,768)**

79	1	Curricular on Biodiversity Conservation	Public fund "The Irkutskaya School of Wildlife Biologists"	15768	Curricular on biodiversity conservation is developed and adopted on federal level
80	2	Strategy for Snow Sheep Conservation in Amurskaya Oblast	Irkutsk State Agriculture Academy	7000	The species distribution and number is identified; conservation strategy is worked out

**Moscow Oblast (for the total sum of \$24,745)**

81	1	Development of Methods for Organization of Marine Protected Areas System (the Net) in the Russian Far Eastern Ecoregion	Coordination Center for Marine Research	4200	Materials and data necessary for successful feasibility study are prepared; criteria for selecting protected marine nature areas are worked out; program of the seminar on the protected marine areas is prepared for the staff of the regional governmental environmental committees and municipal entities of the Far Eastern ecoregion; chapters of draft manual on organization of the protected marine nature areas are prepared; draft plan for prospective development of the Net and conceptions of the protected marine areas are developed
82	2	Optimization of the System of Protected Areas in the Far Eastern Leopard Habitats	Central Research Expedition for Hunting Management	20545	Proposals for optimization of the system of protected areas in the Far Eastern leopard habitats are prepared and adopted on federal and local levels

**TOTAL:**

**577.661**





## “Ecoregion”

*Small Grants Program of the World Wide Fund for Nature and the United States Agency for International Development*



**One of programs to implement WWF’s goals and philosophy is the “Ecoregion” small grant program aimed at biodiversity conservation. The program provides financial support of the projects aimed at optimization of the system of protected areas; improvement of natural resource management and raising awareness of the local population in nature conservation.**

**During the project life three grant rounds were conducted, 82 projects totaling \$557,661.00 were supported. These are projects of environmental NGOs, nature reserves, scientific institutions, state agencies involved in nature conservation activities, commercial structures of Primorskii and Khabarovskii krai, Amurskaya, Sakhalinskaya and Jewish Autonomous regions.**

**The spectrum of financed projects is pretty broad. For instance, the “Snow Leopard” students brigade for nature conservation works very active in Amurskaya oblast, formation of similar divisions has been supported in “Komsomolskii” state nature reserve in Khabarovskii krai and in Primorye on the base of the Far Eastern State University. For grant money curricular for the customs officers is developed aimed at perfecting their skills in stopping illegal transportation through the Russian boarder of wildlife products; sociological research conducted and measures developed on how to prevent violations in protected areas; research conducted and conservation plans developed for rare snow sheep, Chinese wax bee, wild ging-seng; and lots of other activities that will help to conserve diversity of life.**

**Decisions on project financing are done by the independent experts corps and Advisory Board comprised of representatives from administrations for Primorskii and Khabarovskii krai, WWF-Russia and WWF-US, governmental institutions involved in nature conservation, far Eastern NGOs, scientists.**

Information on the program and results of projects funded is open for those interested and available at

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## Types of Results of Funded Projects

