

Inspiring Change from the Roots Up
2012 Report of Activities



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Executive Summary

The Conservation Leadership Programme (CLP) is a training and capacity building programme with the aim to advance biodiversity conservation globally by building leadership capabilities of early career conservation professionals. The CLP targets individuals from developing countries who are early in their career and demonstrate leadership potential. Drawing on the strengths of four international conservation organizations, the CLP is implemented as a partnership initiative with three main objectives: 1) To identify and engage individuals who demonstrate leadership potential; 2) Invest in their professional development through conservation grants, internships, training courses and networking opportunities; and 3) Position these individuals to multiply their impact.

The following report details the programme's success in delivering its objectives in 2012, with some of the key achievements highlighted below.

Objective I: Individuals who demonstrate leadership potential are identified and engaged

- Twenty-eight project teams from 22 countries were selected to receive CLP Conservation Awards worth a total of \$470,000 and involving 125 individuals.
- 13 interns were selected to work within one of the four CLP partnering organizations for 6-12 month internships; two of these interns were hired by the partner organizations at the conclusion of their internship.
- Approximately 120 new members are incorporated into the CLP Alumni Network

Objective II: Conservation Leaders develop professionally

- A total of 93 people, many of whom are members of the CLP Alumni Network were trained through six different courses held in Canada, the Philippines, China, Panama, Peru and Argentina. 24 travel grants were awarded to alumni to present at international conferences, including the Student Conference for Conservation Science and the 13th Pan-African Ornithological Congress.

Objective III: Conservation Leaders multiply their impact

- Two learning exchange grants were awarded to enable alumni from Brazil, Mexico and the Philippines to learn key skills and share from each other.
- Four Networking Grants were awarded to teams from Bolivia, Colombia, Kenya, and Russia to establish local chapters and support CLP networks at the country level.
- Participants at the CLP's flagship *Conservation Management and Leadership* course were trained to be able to pass on what they have learned and train others.

Results: Conservation Leaders advance biodiversity conservation globally

- Two new salamander species discovered in Tamá Bi-National Park, Colombia – known as the tropical climbing and web-footed salamanders.
- In Uzbekistan, three new *Important Bird Areas* were designated as important conservation sites as a result of data contributed by a 2010 project team.
- A CLP-funded team in Madagascar identified 2,700 individuals from one target palm species in Itremo Protected Area and a previously unknown fragment of 14 mature trees were discovered during fieldwork.
- In the Philippines, a team researching the Critically Endangered Isabela Oriole, a species which was feared to be extinct, encountered seven of these rare birds on their first field trip.

Introduction

The Conservation Leadership Programme (CLP) is a training and capacity building programme that targets individuals from developing countries who are early in their careers in conservation and demonstrate leadership potential. Global conservation challenges are increasing, yet human capacity to implement change is limited – there is a critical need to build capacity, particularly in places where biological diversity is threatened. The CLP fills an important niche by focusing on young people and providing them with training, support and opportunities that are otherwise inaccessible or hard to find. This investment early in careers opens the door to decades of impactful work.

The CLP draws its strength and credibility from four internationally renowned conservation organizations: BirdLife International, Conservation International, Fauna & Flora International, and the Wildlife Conservation Society. These partners are working together to implement the CLP with a common vision to empower conservationists to lead and affect change for a sustainable world and a better future for all life on Earth.

The mission of the Conservation Leadership Programme is to advance biodiversity conservation globally by building the leadership capabilities of early-career conservation professionals working in places with limited capacity to address high-priority conservation issues.

To achieve this mission, the CLP has the following objectives:

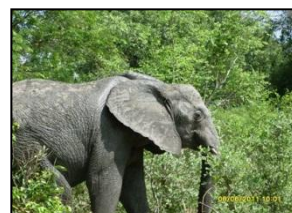
1. Identify and engage individuals from around the world who are early in their career, display a strong commitment to conservation and demonstrate leadership potential.
2. Invest in the professional development of these individuals to expand their capabilities in areas that will make them effective conservation leaders at all stages in their career.
3. Position these individuals to multiply their impact across the conservation sector.

Objective I: Identify & Engage

The CLP selects top projects from developing countries which are led and implemented by exceptionally talented early-career conservationists. Additionally, the CLP supports internship placements with one of the CLP partnering organizations. In both instances, projects and interns are selected through a rigorous review process. Those supported by the CLP are problem solvers and committed to mitigating conservation threats and improving the status of biological diversity globally.

Conservation Team Awards

The CLP awards project funding to outstanding teams to conduct scientific research and implement practical conservation activities on high-priority issues. Awards are aimed at early- to mid-career professionals from developing countries where there are insufficient resources for conservation and capacity building. The CLP invites new applications for one year projects and also awards larger continuation grants to previously funded teams to expand their projects.



In 2012, the CLP received 238 applications for Conservation Awards, which was a 10% increase on the previous year. Following a thorough eligibility screening, a shortlist of 148 proposals was presented to expert reviewers including members of the IUCN Species Specialist Groups, leading academics, and staff from the CLP partner organizations and other international and national NGOs.

Reviewers submitted a total of 569 reviews – an average of 3.8 reviews per application. Following further prioritization, a panel of judges comprised of CLP partner staff and external experts selected 28 projects to receive awards: 24 Future Conservationists Awards (up to \$15,000 per grant), two Conservation Follow-Up Awards (up to \$25,000 per grant) and two Conservation Leadership Awards (\$50,000 per grant).

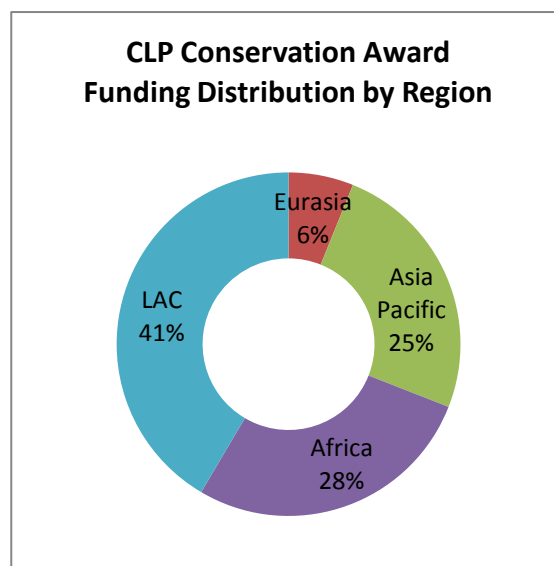


Figure 1. Percentage of Conservation Award funding allocated by region, with a total investment of \$490,500.

Projects were selected based on merit with no preference given to taxonomic group or project location. Projects were awarded across 22 countries with a regional breakdown of nine in Africa with 28% of funding, nine in Latin America and the Caribbean with 41% of funding, eight in Asia-Pacific with 25% of funding and two in Eurasia with 6% of funding (Figure 1). In terms of taxonomic representation, bird projects received the most attention (10) followed by mammals (7), amphibians (5), reptiles (2), plants (2), fish (1) and one project focused on multiple taxa.

Internships

Through the internship programme, the CLP provides early-career conservationists with the opportunity to gain on-the-job experience and exposure to the inner workings of a conservation organization.

In 2012, the CLP awarded \$144,000 in funding to support 13 internships within the CLP partner organizations. Interns were recruited and supervised by each partner across 13 different countries to work on specific activities designed to build the interns' capacity and provide a valuable service to the host organization (Table 1).

Table 1: Thirteen internships were awarded in 2012.

Internship Topic	Sponsor
Local Empowerment Programme for Africa, Kenya	BL
Capacity development of the future BirdLife partner in Morocco	BL
Strengthening conservation capacity for the future BirdLife partner in Vietnam	BL
Review and Analysis of Ecosystem Services provided by Reptiles, Amphibians, and Birds in the Neotropics	CI
An examination of an Ecosystem-based Adaptation approach to managing natural tropical ecosystems in Guyana	CI
Support to Cultural Values and Conservation - an approach towards conservation of natural resources in Uganda	FFI
Building capacity for fundraising and communications for conservation in southern Belize	FFI
Develop skills in primate research which support gibbon conservation in Laos	FFI
Research Assistant, Inventory & Monitoring Unit, DRC	WCS
Coordinating a cetacean mortality monitoring network in Bangladesh	WCS
Contribution to the "Adaptive fisheries management in Kenya's coral reefs" Project	WCS
Field Research at the Sikhote-Alin Research Center, Russia	WCS
Improving hand raising techniques of one of the top 25 turtles on death row, Guatemala	WCS



Objective II: Invest in Professional Development

Individuals who receive Conservation Awards and Internships gain ‘hands-on’ experience in designing and implementing successful conservation projects, develop conservation skills and obtain on-the-job training with our world-renowned partner institutions. Additionally, the CLP provides individuals with new skills and knowledge through short training courses focused on topics that build management and leadership skills. Through an Alumni Network, the CLP invests in ongoing professional development and mentoring to further build skills and knowledge, and supports an ever expanding community where conservation leaders connect to learn, share experience and help one another achieve their professional goals.

Training

The aim of the CLP training programme is to build the capacity of individuals by providing them with skills and knowledge that will help them to not only be successful in their CLP-funded projects, but also become future leaders in the conservation sector.

The following results from training courses provide evidence of the importance of this component of the CLP:

- A total of 93 individuals were trained through six different courses held in Canada, the Philippines, China, Panama, Peru and Argentina. Course topics are detailed below.
- The CLP was lead partner in developing teaching materials on the *Links between Biodiversity Conservation, Ecosystem Services & Climate Change* training course, working together with eight other partners including the Cambridge Programme for Sustainable Leadership, Department of Geography (University of Cambridge), The Mediterranean Science Commission, Tropical Biology Association, UNEP World Conservation Monitoring Centre and funded by the Cambridge Conservation Initiative.
- 90% of participants attending the Conservation Management and Leadership course rated it as “Excellent”.

Conservation Management and Leadership

The CLP’s flagship course, *Conservation Management and Leadership*, was held at Barrier Lake Field station near Calgary, Canada from 18 June —2 July 2012. Each of the 28 teams receiving 2012 Conservation Awards was invited to send a representative to the course, and a total of 22 attended.

The training covered leadership (one day), project planning (two days), behaviour change through education and outreach (two days), media and messaging (two days), fundraising (one day) and climate change and ecosystem services (half day). Other activities during the training included oral presentations by participants, cultural activities, a day trip to Banff National Park and one-on-one discussions with facilitators.

Taking participant and staff evaluations of the 2011 training into account, several improvements were made to the workshop. A Conservation Leadership module was added, focusing on individual leadership styles and how the styles influence collaboration and conservation outcomes. A Best



Practices of Training module was also introduced to provide participants with skills and tools they can use as they plan to train their own teams. The post-course evaluation evidenced an overall increase in participation satisfaction as a result of these changes with 90% of the respondents stating that their overall experience of the training was “Excellent,” up from 70% in 2011.

Writing for Conservation Publications

In April, the CLP ran a workshop aimed at increasing skills in writing manuscripts for peer-reviewed scientific journals. The first day was an ‘open invite’ held at the Asian Institute of Management attended by 30 people. The remaining four days were attended by 11 participants comprising 7 CLP alumni, three CLP partner staff, and one staff member from the Philippines Eagle Foundation (replacement for a CLP alumnus). A very positive outcome from two previous CLP writing workshops is that the cover articles for the April and July editions of *Oryx* were drafted at CLP workshops in India (2009) and Colombia (2011).

Linking Biodiversity Conservation with Ecosystem Services & Climate Change

A new training course module on *Linking Biodiversity Conservation with Ecosystem Services & Climate Change* was implemented in 2012. The course was held in Kunming, China and brought together 16 alumni and young conservationists from different parts of China to learn and share knowledge on how biodiversity conservation is impacted by climate change. This was the first time that this module was delivered by the CLP – the module was designed to continue CLP’s support of alumni in addressing the most significant conservation issues of our time. Participants learned how to assess the vulnerability of target species and plan adaptation measures. As a result of the workshop, participants were able to develop action plans to put their learning into immediate effect.

Project Development, Proposal Writing and Fundraising

Two back-to-back courses on project development and proposal writing were held in 2012 – first in Gamboa, Panama (15 participants) and then in Lima, Peru (14 participants). The aim of the course was to increase capacity within the region to obtain funding for conservation and raise the quality of applications to the CLP and other small grant programmes. An additional session was taught on project sustainability and Payment for Ecosystem Services (PES) schemes, including Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Degradation (REDD), as alternative sources for financing. As a result of the workshop, 13 participants submitted the proposals developed during the course to small grant donors worth a total of \$195,000.

Statistics and Experimental Design for Biological Monitoring and Conservation

This eight-day training was held in San Lorenzo, Argentina and taught in Spanish – the first time that the CLP coordinated a course in a language other than English. There were 14 Argentines and one Venezuelan on the course including 12 CLP alumni, two CLP partner staff members and one non-alumna. The course had four primary components: lectures to introduce new material, practical sessions to implement new concepts, group experimental design and analysis, and troubleshooting individual research questions.

Mentoring

The CLP is committed to mentoring participants over the course of the application process, through project implementation, and beyond by helping alumni find opportunities to address further capacity

needs. The CLP prides itself on the personal attention it gives to applicants and award winners, and we believe it is an important part of ensuring programme success.

In November, the Technical Director for the Tropical Ecology and Assessment Network (TEAM) at Conservation International hosted a CLP alumnus from Brazil at CI's office in Arlington, Virginia to build his capacity in statistical analysis suitable for long term ecological monitoring programmes. The main objectives of the visit were to provide training to perform sophisticated data analysis and plan a research programme to estimate occupancy from camera trap data. As a follow up to the mentoring project, the mentee plans to submit a manuscript for publication in 2013. Also planned is an informal workshop for his colleagues at NGO Biotrópicos in which he will show the required format for the data, how to run the occupancy analysis and how to use GenPres software to design future studies.

Networking

The CLP has a well established Alumni Network with over 3,500 individuals who have been supported since the programme's inception in 1985. Many of these individuals are now in senior-level positions within international NGOs, governments, or managing their own national NGOs. The goal of the Alumni Network is to position alumni to multiply their impact across the global conservation sector.

NING Professional Network

As part of our ongoing effort to enhance the CLP Alumni Network, CLP launched a professional networking site for the programme in June 2011 using the NING platform. NING is one of many tools used by companies and organizations to create an online community of users. The purpose of creating a NING space for the CLP is to have a centralized location where alumni can interact directly with one another regardless of their experience, the year that they joined the Alumni Network or in what region they work. Once alumni join NING, they are instantly connected to all of the other CLP NING users, can have live chats, share resources, and begin building stronger local networks. The two feature activities on NING in 2012 were the blog series and photo contest. CLP alumni are also being encouraged to use the site to organize alumni gatherings at conferences. In November, eight CLP alumni attending the Pan-African Ornithological Conference in Tanzania used NING to organize meetings before and after the conference. Alumni are also using NING to form groups at the country level, most notably in Kenya—where alumni organized a local CLP chapter—and in Colombia—where they met at a regional conference, supported with a NING Networking grant (see below).

Alumni Grants

Alumni Travel Grants worth \$1,250 each are offered to CLP alumni to attend international conferences, workshops or short-term training courses to enhance conservation in the regions where alumni are working. In 2012, the CLP provided 24 travel grants to alumni from 18 different countries where they were able to present the results of their work through poster and oral presentations and network with peers, donors and leading conservation experts. Alumni attended various trainings and conferences, including the Student Conference for Conservation Science in Cambridge, UK, as well as the World Congress of Herpetology in Vancouver, Canada and 24th Congress of the International Primatological Society in Cancun, Mexico.



Objective III: Multiply Impact

The CLP makes a significant investment in young conservationists who show real potential for leadership in the conservation sector. To position them to multiply their impact and give back to their communities and colleagues, the CLP provides opportunities for individuals to engage with the broader conservation community. The CLP supports these individuals in mentoring their peers and other young leaders, and provides tools for individuals to establish local learning networks.

Peer to Peer Mentoring

The CLP announced an application deadline to support peer-to-peer alumni learning exchanges late in the year. Eight expressions of interest were received from which two were asked to submit full proposals for consideration of support in 2013. These projects include:

- An exchange trip by a Mexican alumnus to visit two separate projects in Brazil to: 1) Learn community-based resource management skills to reconcile nature conservation and the social development in Juruá; and 2) promote habitat recovery for the Grey-breasted parakeet and the Araripe Manakin in Ceará.
- Alumni from the Philippines will conduct a national learning exchange to maximize the use of free and open source GIS software for biodiversity conservation.

Networking Grants

In 2012, CLP launched a new granting scheme to promote local networking amongst alumni working in the same country. These new networking grants promoted the use of CLP's social networking site on the NING platform as a way for alumni to connect, build relationships, and support one another achieve conservation goals. Having resources to keep alumni engaged has been essential to building a successful network.

Table 2: NING Networking Grant recipients

Networking Grant	Original CLP Project
The Kenya Conservation Leadership Programme Network	2002, 2005: Kikuyu Escarpment Forest Integration Conservation Project
Training: Analytical methods to evaluate ecosystem services from water catchments	2011: Conservation of a threatened <i>Polylepis</i> forest to maintain ecosystem services in Bolivia
Conference: Conservation of biodiversity in North-eastern Colombia: A multidisciplinary approach	2009: Conservation Assessment of Amphibians in Tama Bi-National Park, Colombia-Venezuela
Training: Basic principles of Biostatistics, Terney, Russia	2007: CLP Intern with Wildlife Conservation Society Russia

Outreach & Communications

Newsletter

An e-newsletter is distributed to more than 3,000 contacts, including partners, CLP alumni and others who are interested in conservation and sustainability issues. Each issue contains updates on project activities, outcomes and links to final reports received. Award winners are asked to contribute to the newsletter by providing project updates, sharing results and recommendations and also post scientific journal articles which they have authored. The issues published in 2012 include the following: [Issue 30. April 2012](#); [Issue 31. August 2012](#); [Issue 32. November 2012](#).

Online Publications and Tools

In addition to the CLP's website, the programme is proactively using its [Facebook page](#) to disseminate news about capacity building initiatives and conservation activities. The number of 'likes' increased from 2,037 at the beginning of 2012 to 3,398 by the end of the year. The most popular posts related to CLP award deadlines and local training modules demonstrating the importance of Facebook in disseminating programme information. The programme has also experimented with [video interviews](#) to capture and promote components of the programme and will continue to do this in the future.

The programme continues to provide news and resources through the CLP website and CLP partner websites. This includes breaking news from CLP-supported project teams, resources for alumni and applicants, and training materials for alumni. For a full list of news stories published online and in other media outlets in 2012, see Appendix III.

Advancing Biodiversity Conservation Globally

For nearly 30 years, the CLP has played an instrumental role in the career development of more than 3,500 young conservationists in over 100 countries. The CLP has a solid record of transforming funds invested in its programmes into measurable and observable positive impacts – both in terms of leadership development outcomes and longer-term conservation impacts. In 2012, the following outcomes were reported:

Conservation Awards

- In **Madagascar**, using Google Earth, a project team identified 2,700 individuals from one target palm species in Itremo Protected Area and a previously unknown fragment of 14 mature trees were discovered during fieldwork.
- In the **Philippines**, a project team is establishing baseline data for the conservation of the Critically Endangered Isabela Oriole (*Oriolus Isabellae*). The local population of the species was feared to be extinct due to habitat loss. However, during the team's first field visit they encountered seven individuals.
- In **Cuba**, the Cuban Plant Conservation Initiative signed an agreement with the American Museum of Natural History to collaborate on Cuban plant conservation courses.

Internships

- The FFI intern in Uganda is finalizing the Musambwa Islands General Management Plan and took the lead in training sessions on culture and conservation for Ugandan Wildlife Authority staff.
- Having completed an internship during which she identified gaps in understanding related to ecosystem services provided by reptiles, the CI intern was hired by CI.
- Data collected by the WCS intern on fish and amphibians in the Democratic Republic of Congo has improved understanding of species present in study sites and will be used to inform future research on how human activities impact these populations. His internship resulted in an employment contract with WCS.
- In Vietnam, most qualified field ecologists are reaching retirement age so the Birdlife internship represents a big hope - to both the intern and to the BirdLife Vietnam programme, which is in the process of transforming into a national NGO.



CLP Alumni Achievements

- A total of 31 **scientific papers published** in 2012 by CLP alumni, 20 of which were peer-reviewed.
- **Two new salamander species discovered** in Tamá Bi-National Park, Colombia. They belong to the genus *Bolitoglossa* – known as the tropical climbing or web-footed salamanders.
- The elusive **Brazilian bush dog finally caught on camera** (camera trap) by a CLP alumnus who has continued to research the species long after the 2007 CLP project finished: <http://www.facebook.com/photo.php?v=446878762030162>
- Alumnus Anirban Dutta Gupta, a 2010 grantee, **awarded the prestigious Panda Award** for his documentary film *Ganga: Ribbon of Life* at the 2012 Wildscreen Festival – internationally renowned as one of the most influential events in the wildlife and environmental film-making industry.
- Alumna Patricia Davis (UK) and Joanne Alfaro Shigueto (Peru) received the **Future for Nature Award and Whitley Award** for their outstanding contributions to biodiversity conservation.
- In Uzbekistan, three new **Important Bird Areas** were designated important sites for conservation as a result of data contributed by a 2010 project team.

Conclusion

The CLP partnering organizations are grateful for the on-going support of BP plc, which has funded all CLP activities in 2012. Acknowledgement and thanks are also due to the many reviewers, collaborators and advisors who have donated their time and expertise to the CLP and its alumni throughout the year. As a result of this support, the program continues to deepen its impact and is giving rise to a new generation of conservation leaders across the globe.

Appendix I: 2012 CLP Conservation Award Winners

FUTURE CONSERVATIONIST AWARDS			
Project Title	Country	Project Lead	Award
Conserving Bañados Del Quirquincho: A key area for threatened species in Argentina	Argentina	Patricia Beatriz Puechagut	\$15,000
Building Bridges Between Rainforest Conservation and Livestock Grazing in Mexico	Mexico	Marinés de la Peña Domene	\$14,500
Assessing the Conservation Status and Economic Importance of Kenya's Marlin Fisheries	Kenya	Nelly .I. Kadagi	\$14,500
Conservation of the Grey-Breasted Parakeet, Brazil	Brazil	Fábio de Paiva Nunes	\$15,000
Changing Attitudes of Youth in Amur Tiger Habitat, Russia	Russia	Anna Mukhacheva	\$15,000
Study of Predation and Anthropogenic Threats to Loggerhead and Nile Softshelled Turtles in Turkey	Turkey	Meryem Tekin	\$15,000
Building Marine Conservation Capacity of Fishing Communities in Fiji	Fiji	Akosita Rokomate	\$15,000
Ameliorating Threats to the Manatee in the Heart of Belize	Belize	Mr. Jamal Galves	\$15,000
Conservation of Savannah Elephants in Yankari Game Reserve, Nigeria	Nigeria	Adetutu Ojomo	\$12,000
Sea Turtle Conservation: A participatory approach in Muni-Pomadze Ramsar Site, Ghana	Ghana	Prosper Kwame Antwi	\$14,700
Community-based Conservation of Cycad in Mayuge District, Uganda	Uganda	Dennis Kamoga	\$15,000
Population Trends and Conservation Status of Marca's Marmoset in the Brazilian Amazon	Brazil	Felipe Ennes Silva	\$14,100
Rugezi Wetland Conservation Project, Rwanda	Rwanda	Ndimukaga Marc	\$14,700
Conservation of Green Peafowl in the Proposed 'A Yun Pa' Nature Reserve, Vietnam	Vietnam	Thinh Vu	\$12,500
Monitoring Otter Populations and Combating Poaching Through Stakeholder Participation in India	India	Nisarg Prakash	\$14,600
Ecology and Conservation of Pearly Tree Frog at Mt. Ungaran, Indonesia	Indonesia	Lutfian Nazar	\$10,000
Palm Species Conservation in Itremo Protected Area, Madagascar	Madagascar	Mijoro Rakotoarinivo	\$10,800
Mitigating Biodiversity Extinctions in Ghana: The case of the endemic Bobiri reed frog	Ghana	Amaning Kwarteng David	\$13,400
Conserving the Endangered Himalayan Grey Langur in India's Chamba Valley	India	Martina Anandam	\$15,000
Conservation of Threatened Amphibians in Barbas-Bremen Natural Regional Park, Colombia	Colombia	Carlos Alberto Soto Garzón	\$15,000
Establishing Baseline Data for the Conservation of the Critically Endangered Isabela Oriole, Philippines	Philippines	Joni T. Acay	\$15,000
Building Capacity for Conservation in Bokor National Park, Cambodia	Cambodia	Chhin Sophea	\$15,000
Action for Primate Conservation in Korup National Park, Cameroon	Cameroon	Orume Robinson Diotoh	\$15,000

Pirarucu Management in Lower Jurua Extractive Reserve, Central-West Brazilian Amazon	Brazil	Paula Soares Pinheiro	\$15,000
CONSERVATION FOLLOW-UP AWARDS			
Project Title	Country	Project Lead	Award
Improving Survival Chance of the Liben Lark, Ethiopia	Ethiopia	Alazar Daka Ruffo	\$25,000
Greater Adjutant Conservation Through Community Participation in Assam, India	India	Purnima Devi Barman	\$24,700
CONSERVATION LEADERSHIP AWARDS			
Project Title	Country	Project Lead	Award
The Cuban Plant Conservation Initiative	Cuba	Luis Roberto Gonzalez Torres	\$50,000
Safeguarding Suitable Habitats for Niceforo's Wren and Chestnut-Bellied Hummingbird in Colombia	Colombia	Marcela Beltran	\$50,000

Appendix II: CLP 'In the News'

CLP Website Articles

January 9 - CLP's Learning Exchange Programme

Last year, the CLP funded a [learning exchange between two Latin American marine biologists](#) which could result in the first standard protocols for the continued study and monitoring of goliath groupers in Colombia's Pacific waters.

February 2 - Protecting wetlands in Uzbekistan's arid climate

Work by young conservationists has led to the creation of [three new Important Bird Areas](#) around lakes in Uzbekistan.

April 5 - CLP's 2012 Team Conservation Awards Announced!

We are pleased to announce the [winners of the 2012 conservation awards!](#) This year, 28 projects worth a total of \$492,250 have been selected from 22 countries. Further information about each project will soon be available on the project pages of this website.

June 5 - Two CLP alumni honoured with esteemed Conservation Awards

Patricia Davis and Joanne Alfaro Shigueto have recently been recognised by the Future for Nature Foundation and Whitley Fund for Nature for their outstanding contributions to biodiversity conservation. [Read more...](#)

July 19 - CLP Fundraising Workshop in Panama

The CLP will be running a proposal writing workshop in Panama from 17th to 21st September at the Gamboa Field Station in Panama. If you are a national of Panama, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Honduras, El Salvador, Belize, Guatemala, or Mexico and are interested in applying [click here](#).

August 24 - Eligibility Criteria for CLP project funding

In advance of the call for applications which will shortly be announced for CLP project funding, find out whether your project is eligible by reading the [eligibility criteria](#).

September 11 - CALL FOR APPLICATIONS - CLP TEAM AWARDS

The application process for 2013 CLP Team Awards is now open. For more information on eligibility, guidelines and application forms visit the [Apply now](#) section of the website.

November 1 - Deadline for funding is fast approaching!

If you want to apply for a \$15,000 CLP Future Conservationist Award you should register, read the guidelines and submit your application on-line at:

<http://awards.conservationleadershipprogramme.org>

November 23 - Panda Award for Ganga Film

CLP alumnus Anirban Dutta Gupta wins prestigious Panda Award for his film Ganga: Ribbon of Life at this year's Wildscreen Festival – one of the most influential events in the environmental film-making industry.

December 18 - Elusive Brazilian bush dog finally caught on camera!

After a seven year quest, CLP alumnus Guilherme Ferreira has succeeded in getting video footage of a wild bush dog in Minas Gerais, south-east Brazil.

Other Articles

January 14 - Conservationists decry disappearance of chimpanzee from Africa, The Punch, Nigeria

January 19 – Alarm over chimpanzee extinction, The Nation, Nigeria

February 2 - Protecting wetlands in Uzbekistan's arid climate

<http://www.fauna-flora.org/news/protecting-wetlands-in-uzbekistans-arid-climate/>

February 10 - Coffee Farmers become citizen scientists in southern Mexico

March 8 - Celebrating amazing women in conservation: spotlight on Madagascar
<http://www.fauna-flora.org/news/celebrating-amazing-women-in-conservation-spotlight-on-madagascar/>

April 7 - Egypt's Gebel Elba dragon tree, The Egypt Independent
<http://www.egyptindependent.com/news/endangered-species-gebel-elba%E2%80%99s-dragon-tree>

April 12 - Scientists discover new species of round-leaf bat in Vietnam
<http://www.fauna-flora.org/news/scientists-discover-new-species-of-roundleaf-bat-in-vietnam/>

May 28 - Conservation Leadership Programme announces 2012 award winners
<http://www.fauna-flora.org/news/conservation-leadership-programme-announces-2012-award-winners/>

May 29 - Local reptile gets Lacoste support, [BusinessWorld Online](#)

May 29 - Tracking down new conservation heroes
<http://www.fauna-flora.org/unveiling-new-conservation-heroes/>

June 8 - Youth: the next wave for change?
<http://www.fauna-flora.org/youth-the-next-wave-for-change/>

June 21 - CLP award winners announced
<http://www.wcs.org/press/press-releases/conservation-leadership-programme-award-winners-announced.aspx>

July 4 - Jamal Galves wins CLP award, Channel 5, Belize

July 20 - Protecting Fiji's waters: Q&A with a conservation leader
<http://blog.conservation.org/2012/07/protecting-fijis-waters-qa-with-a-conservation-leader/>

September 6 - Rescued kestrel released after close call with illegal hunters
<http://www.fauna-flora.org/news/rescued-kestrel-released-after-close-call-with-hunters/>

September 17 - Calling all budding conservationists
<http://www.fauna-flora.org/news/calling-all-conservation-leaders/>

September 26 - Dugongs, mermaids of the sea, The Hindu, India

September 30 - Nuestros amigos los lucachis, La Razón, Bolivia

October 7 - Assam village made famous by a bird, India Tribune

October 11 - A lone ranger on his Eastern Ghats mission, The New Indian Express

October 12 - Awareness Programme Boosts Knowledge, The Fiji Times Online

November 7 - 2013 Conservation Leadership Programme Awards Seeking Next Generation of Conservation Leaders
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