

UK: Flagship Species Fund

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Fund Overview

The Fund was launched in November 2001 with the aim of providing practical support for the conservation of endangered species and their habitats in developing countries. It represents a partnership between the UK's Environment Ministry (Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs – Defra), private-sector companies and Fauna and Flora International – a conservation NGO, based in the UK, that manages the Fund.

The Fund focuses on endangered 'flagship' species, concentrating, principally, on primates, turtles and trees. The funds available are not large and the support takes the shape of small-scale grants. Applications for funding are initially considered by Fauna and Flora International and then submitted to Defra for further consideration before a final decision is taken on which to support.

Results and Impacts

In its first five years of operation, FSF provided 92 grants totalling nearly £1m for conservation work within 37 developing or transitional countries. Almost half of the money has been leveraged from the corporate sector. Support has been provided for the conservation of 56 threatened species, including more than 1/5th of the world's most endangered primates. At least 35 threatened species or their habitats have been actively protected and there are indications of population recovery for at least five threatened species as a result of the Fund's support. Twenty four awareness-raising projects have been implemented and communities at more than 15 sites have become directly engaged in conservation activities.

Success and Challenges

Many of the successes are covered above under results and impacts. The main success is the sustainability of the conservation work that has been initiated by the Fund's money. Eighty-five percent of projects funded and all but four of the organisations supported, are still active in conserving flagship species. The direct engagement of local communities at many of the sites has helped to ensure this continues.

As for challenges, the long-term supply of funds will remain the biggest challenge.

Basic Fund Information

Operational since 2002

Total income:

2002:	£280K	(\$560K, using 17 Sept 2007 exchange rate)				
2003:	£200K	(\$400K, “	“	“	“)
2004:	£151K	(\$302K, “	“	“	“)
2005:	£150K	(\$300K, “	“	“	“)
2006:	£168K	(\$336K, “	“	“	“)

Total Expenditure:

2002: £284K (\$567K, “	“	“	“	“	“)
2003: £185K (\$370K, “	“	“	“	“	“)
2004: £137K (\$274K, “	“	“	“	“	“)
2005: £153K (\$306K, “	“	“	“	“	“)
2006: £174K (\$348K, “	“	“	“	“	“)