

2016 WHITLEY AWARDS





PROGRAMME

7.00pm Reception

8.00pm Ceremony

Kate Humble – welcome

Edward Whitley, WFN Founder

Finalist speeches and films

Celebrating 15 years of partnership with WWF-UK

Presentation of awards by HRH The Princess Royal

Introducing the Whitley-Segré Conservation Fund

Presentation of the Whitley Gold Award

HRH The Princess Royal, Patron

9.15pm Drinks and supper

WELCOME TO THE GREEN OSCARS!

DEAR FRIENDS

It is thanks to your most generous and longstanding support that we are here tonight to welcome seven new **Whitley Award finalists** to our growing network of conservation heroes. They join us from Georgia, Ghana, Indonesia, Madagascar, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea and Tanzania. Selected from 127 applicants from 53 countries, they will each receive £35,000 in project funding to support their work over the coming year.

We are also delighted to announce Hotlin Ompusunggu as the winner of the 2016 **Whitley Gold Award**. Worth £50,000 in project funding, the Gold Award is given in

recognition of Hotlin's outstanding work to conserve Borneo's Gunung Palung National Park, home to 10% of the world's orangutans. Through innovative healthcare incentives, Hotlin and her team have reduced illegal logging of critical rainforest habitat with remarkable success since receiving her Whitley Award in 2011.

2016 is a special year as we celebrate longstanding and new partnerships with our donors and winners. Tonight we mark **15 years of partnership with WWF-UK** whose support has been so important to the development of our Awards. During this period

WWF-UK have not only made generous annual donations, but also brought expertise and extensive knowledge to our Judging Panel.

Our commitment to providing additional funding to past winners has also received a tremendous boost. Since 2001 WFN has been offering Continuation Funding and has given nearly £5million in grants to previous winners through this programme. This year we are proud to announce that Fondation Segré has offered to match all donations to this programme up to £600,000 a year. Accordingly we have renamed the programme **The Whitley-Gré Conservation Fund**, which will offer

larger grants over longer periods of time. If WFN is successful in raising £600,000, the **matched funding** total of £1.2million will make a significant difference to our winners and what they will be able to achieve. We now set ourselves the target of reaching this goal.

On behalf of the charity and our winners thank you to all of you, our **valued partners**, for joining us this evening and for your generous donations which allow us to support the conservationists whom we honour here tonight.

Edward Whitley

Edward Whitley OBE
Founder, Whitley Fund for Nature



MISSION

THE WHITLEY FUND FOR NATURE IS A FUNDRAISING AND GRANT-GIVING NATURE CONSERVATION CHARITY OFFERING FUNDING, TRAINING AND RECOGNITION TO SUPPORT THE WORK OF PROVEN GRASSROOTS CONSERVATION LEADERS IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

OBJECTIVES

WFN seeks to:

Find, recognise and financially support the work of proven grassroots conservation leaders in developing countries through the Whitley Awards.

Provide ongoing funding for effective winners.

Enable the sharing of experience and skills between winners, and between winners and conservation organisations globally.

Raise awareness of WFN and communicate the work of our winners.

Continually improve the effectiveness of our grant-making and charitable activities.



5 YEAR SUMMARY

WFN GRANT-GIVING OVER THE PAST FIVE YEARS:

£4,599,546
Total grants given

74
Projects supported

37
Countries

GRANTS BY HABITAT TYPE:



£2,935,269
Terrestrial



£1,007,483
Marine



£656,794
Freshwater

GRANTS BY
REGION:



£480,000
Africa



£1,932,117
Americas



£1,946,929
Asia



£205,500
Europe



£35,000
Oceania



Citizen lawsuits: defending local livelihoods and Sumatra's iconic species in the Leuser Ecosystem

LAW OF THE LAND

Environmental activist and Founder of Yayasan HAKA, Farwiza Farhan is fighting to save Sumatra's Leuser Ecosystem and its biodiversity. Despite legal protection, threats to this unique rainforest are large-scale and imminent. In 2013, the provincial Aceh government proposed a Spatial Plan which failed to recognise the Leuser Ecosystem as a strategic area for conservation. If approved, this would effectively legalise oil palm plantations, logging, mining and road development inside the protected area. While the plan is still being evaluated by central government, such activities continue to occur illegally, causing destruction of forest and triggering a surge in poaching and human-wildlife conflict.

SHIFTING THE POWER

By bringing citizen lawsuits against proposed construction plans, issuing of illegal logging permits and the proposed Aceh Spatial Plan, Farwiza is tackling the issues head on. Her NGO is opposing illegal oil palm plantations and restoring deforested areas, tackling poaching and empowering local communities to participate in government land-use planning decisions.



IRREPLACEABLE ECOSYSTEM

The Leuser Ecosystem is recognised as one of the world's most irreplaceable protected areas and at over 35 times the size of Singapore, this ancient ecosystem covers more than 26,000km². It is the last place on earth where the Critically Endangered Sumatran orangutan, tiger, elephant and rhino coexist in the wild. It also provides ecosystem services that are vital for the survival of four million Acehnese people living in the surrounding areas.

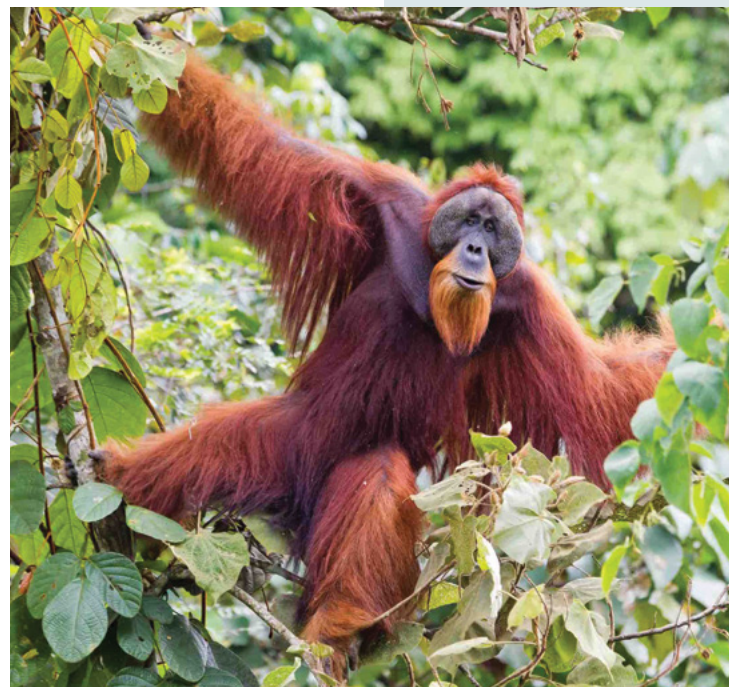


FARWIZA'S PROJECT AIMS TO:

- Pursue a citizen lawsuit to prevent the Spatial Plan from legalising the destruction of the Leuser Ecosystem.
- Ensure community concerns are included in land-use and conservation policies at government level.
- Establish a Community Patrol Team to prevent poaching, logging, illegal land desecration and inform community-led action plans.

WHY IT MATTERS:

- Poor forest governance, weak law enforcement and destructive new policies are currently failing the Leuser Ecosystem.
- Poaching is increasing at unprecedented rates; evidence of tiger presence has dropped by almost 75% in the last five years.
- Oil palm plantations are being established across elephant migration paths, causing a rise in trapping and poisoning of elephants by plantation owners.



GILBERT BAASE ADUM

GHANA

www.savethefrogs.com/ghana

Saving Ghana's frogs: a giant leap forward for biodiversity conservation

DISAPPEARING FROGS

Frogs are in rapid decline across the globe with over one third of all species threatened with extinction, making their group more endangered than birds or mammals. Already 200 known species have been lost worldwide. Frogs provide important services such as pest control and pollination, and form the basis of many mammal and bird food chains.

LAST STRONGHOLD

Found only in West Africa, the giant squeaker frog is a symbol for amphibians throughout Ghana. Rediscovered by Gilbert Adum and his team in 2009, the only recent breeding record for the species is from Ghana's Sui Forest Reserve, part of the Upper Guinean biodiversity hotspot. This habitat also provides water, food and fuel to local communities. However, it is threatened by illegal logging, agricultural encroachment, charcoal production and tree burning to access wild honey.



HUNTER-TURNED-CONSERVATIONIST

Gilbert was born into a hunting tribe. Today, he is one of Africa's leading amphibian conservationists and Co-Founder of 'SAVE THE FROGS Ghana!'. To date he has planted 10,000 native trees to restore habitat, launched 'Save the Giant Squeaker Frogs Day!' to enthuse Ghanaians about conservation, and persuaded illegal farmers and loggers to halt such activities in favour of alternative livelihoods. In doing so, Gilbert is bringing these frogs back from the brink of extinction.

"TIME IS RUNNING OUT TO SAVE THE FROGS BUT IF WE ACT NOW, THERE IS STILL HOPE TO REVERSE THE TREND."



GILBERT'S PROJECT WILL:

- Develop sustainable beekeeping livelihoods for 50 families to reduce reliance on amphibian habitat.
- Inspire the next generation to value frogs through national outreach, school activities and the creation of an Education Centre.
- Build in-country capacity to undertake amphibian conservation through field courses.
- Influence Ghana's policymakers to increase commitment for effective management and protection of amphibian habitat.

WHY IT MATTERS:

- Over 90% of West Africa's rainforests have been destroyed.
- Ghana has at least 25 threatened frog species.
- Protection of Sui Forest will also conserve habitat for western chimpanzees.



KARAU KUNA

PAPUA NEW GUINEA

www.treekangaroo.org

Tree kangaroos as a flagship to protect Papua New Guinea's spectacular wildlife

THREATENED PARADISE

Located on the Huon Peninsula in Papua New Guinea (PNG), the YUS Conservation Area was the first of its kind in the country. Named after the three rivers flowing through it – Yopno, Uruwa and Som – it covers 1,500km² of pristine habitat accessible only by foot, and extends from mountainous peaks to coastal reefs. This remote area supports unparalleled levels of biodiversity including flagship species such as Matschie's tree kangaroo and birds-of-paradise.

INDIGENOUS OWNERSHIP

Over 90% of PNG land is owned by indigenous people, so the support of local communities is vital for protection of the YUS landscape. For over a decade, the Tree Kangaroo Conservation Programme has been working with villages to sustainably manage this landscape and the resources upon which people and wildlife depend. To facilitate this, Karau Kuna has developed Community Land-Use Plans (LUP) with 50 villages to ensure a consensus on resource use that takes into account both people's welfare and conservation priorities.

TAKING THE LEAD

Karau's project benefits 12,000 people living within YUS and has created a positive dialogue between landowners and conservationists. As a result, he has seen a growing number of individuals participating in conservation activities and a decline in illegal activities. Fortunately, 70% of PNG forests remain intact, yet only 4% of land is protected. As the human population grows, sustainable use of natural resources is becoming more important. Furthermore, pressure from logging and mining companies is putting traditional management practices at risk of being discarded in favour of short-term financial gain.



"LONG-TERM WILDLIFE CONSERVATION REQUIRES LOCAL COMMUNITIES TO UNDERSTAND THE DIRECT LINK BETWEEN PROTECTING THEIR FORESTS AND PROTECTING THEIR FUTURE."



WITH HIS AWARD KARAU WILL:

- Strengthen biodiversity protection in the YUS by engaging indigenous landowners and local government in conservation planning and monitoring.
- Support communities to refine Land-Use Plans for the next five years to 2020 to guide resource management, implement conservation actions and enable sustainable land-use zoning.
- Provide local rangers with field equipment and specialised training to increase management capacity, monitor wildlife and respond to threats.

WHY IT MATTERS:

- PNG is one of only three Major Tropical Wilderness Areas on earth.
- The LUP process has been identified as a model for replicating community-based conservation in PNG and has been incorporated into national policy.
- The region is home to more endemic bird and mammal species than any other like-sized area in mainland New Guinea.



JULIETTE VELOSOA



www.durrell.org

Saving the Critically Endangered side-necked turtle and its freshwater habitat

PREHISTORIC TREASURE

Ancient and Critically Endangered, the Madagascar side-necked turtle, known locally as the rere, is the only endemic freshwater turtle on the island. Once found throughout western Madagascar, the species has experienced a rapid decline throughout its range as a result of overexploitation for food and severe loss of wetland habitat. Only eight stable populations remain.



INTEGRATED ACTION

Juliette Veloso, of Durrell Wildlife Conservation Trust, has led the recovery for the rere across Madagascar since 1998. Her project focuses on two key protected areas for these turtles: Lake Ambondrobe and Ankarafantsika National Park, which provide valuable freshwater resources for communities living nearby. Using the rere as a flagship, Juliette is encouraging community-led resource management and restoration of wetlands using techniques that favour conservation and improve fish stocks. Paired with nest protection and head-starting of over 6,000 young turtles, populations are starting to show signs of recovery.



CRITICAL HABITAT

Wetlands are Madagascar's most threatened ecosystem due to mass conversion, siltation and invasive species. Their exploitation is exacerbated by a lack of understanding of the vital ecosystem services they provide. In 2015, Madagascar declared 83 new protected areas but with no guidelines of how wetlands should be managed, making Juliette's work both timely and urgent.



JULIETTE'S PROJECT AIMS TO:

- Shape and implement locally-led management plans for two key protected areas that take into account ecosystem services and local customs.
- Support villages to sustainably manage resources around these wetlands and establish community patrol teams to monitor and protect wetlands and their wildlife.
- Promote the value of freshwater turtles among stakeholders in all protected areas where they occur.
- Host a national workshop in partnership with government to support sharing of best management practices between protected areas with a view to expanding the project across Madagascar.

WHY IT MATTERS:

- The rere is evolutionarily distinct; its closest relatives are found in South America.
- 75% of Madagascans live below the international poverty line.
- This project will act as a national case study for wetland conservation.
- Exploitation, habitat loss and trade are causing global declines in freshwater turtles.



"RURAL COMMUNITIES PROVIDE THE RERE'S BEST HOPE FOR THE FUTURE."



ALEXANDER RUKHAIA



GEORGIA

www.sabuko.org

Magnificent migrants: safeguarding birds-of-prey negotiating the Batumi Flyway

RAPTOR FLYWAY

Along the mountainous Black Sea coast in the Ajara region of Georgia, lies one of the biggest bottlenecks in the world for raptor migration. Recognised as an Important Bird Area and a hotspot for birdwatchers, the Batumi Bottleneck is the most vital flyway in the Western Palearctic, with more than one million birds-of-prey passing through the region.

BIRDS FALL PREY

Although illegal, the tradition of shooting raptors has long been prevalent in the coastal communities of Ajara. During the migration, there is a mass indiscriminate killing of birds, with up to 18,000 raptors shot for food and leisure. Limited understanding of hunting regulations and a lack of conservation awareness have ensured it remains a respected family activity. Efforts to enforce hunting legislation are minimal, which only exacerbates the issue.

CHANGING TRADITIONS

As a Policy Science graduate, it was only once Alexander volunteered to count migrating birds that he saw the killing first-hand and realised he had to do something. Now Founder and Director of Society for Nature Conservation (SABUKO), Alexander has adopted a holistic approach to put an end to this tradition. Working with authorities and local communities, he is disseminating information about hunting regulations, conducting educational activities and building local capacity to support the development of birdwatching tourism. His efforts have already seen an 80% reduction in the number of birds killed in two villages since 2010.



ALEXANDER AIMS TO:

- Expand the project to six additional hunting villages.
- Increase local awareness of hunting regulations and mobilise government support to enforce them.
- Draw attention to the situation at the local, national and international level and continue to monitor raptor killings to measure project impact on hunting levels.
- Engage communities with conservation and support development of birdwatching tourism.

WHY IT MATTERS:

- At least 35 raptor species have been observed at the Batumi Bottleneck.
- Over 100 raptors are shot daily during their migration.
- Following the collapse of the Soviet Union and political unrest in Georgia, unemployment within Ajara remains high so ecotourism will help generate much needed income.



"OUR APPROACH
DELIVERS A WIN-WIN
SITUATION FOR PEOPLE
AND RAPTOR."



MAKALA JASPER

 **TANZANIA**

www.mpingoconservation.org

Forest stewardship: community conservation of coastal forests in the greater Selous Ecosystem

SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT

Half of Tanzania's forests occur on village lands that are home to some of the country's poorest rural communities. Historically, land rights were unclear and people had no incentive to care for forests and the wildlife within them. The Mpingo Conservation & Development Initiative (MCDI), directed by Makala Jasper, is empowering communities to change this through sustainable management of forests and the sale of mpingo. Also known as African Blackwood, this high-value timber is often used for the manufacture of musical instruments.

WORLD HERITAGE SITES

Namatewa village is part of the Coastal Forests of Eastern Africa Biodiversity Hotspot, a mosaic of high conservation value forest. It is situated between two UNESCO World Heritage Sites: the Selous Game Reserve, one of the largest protected areas in Africa, and Kilwa Kisiwani, the 13th century cradle of trade in the Indian Ocean. The Kilwa coastal forests also support an Important Bird Area. Linking this fragmented habitat will support seasonal movements of large mammals such as elephants and lions.

FOREST STEWARDSHIP CERTIFICATION

Since 2006, MCDI has facilitated protection of over 3,000km² of forest in southeastern Tanzania through participatory forest management. In 2009 it became the first organisation in Africa to be awarded Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) status and remains the continent's only certified programme for community managed natural forests. The 35 communities involved have seen the price per log increase 100-fold, boosting local income. At the same time, monitoring of key bird species indicates that populations are increasing.

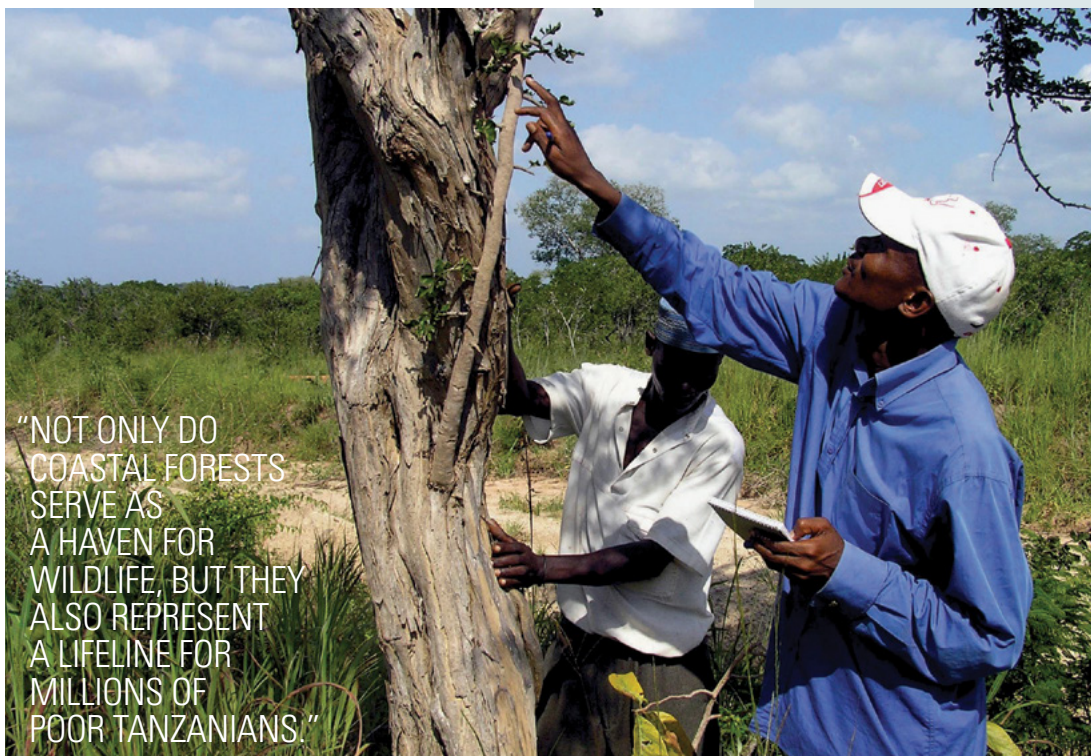


WITH HIS AWARD MAKALA WILL:

- Bring over 5,000km² of unique coastal forest under community protection at the request of villagers.
- Strengthen local ownership and empower sustainable forest management through FSC certification of forest products, benefitting over 2,500 rural Tanzanians.
- Undertake regular monitoring of birds, mammals and other key wildlife to assess project impact on biodiversity.

WHY IT MATTERS:

- Tanzania is losing 1% or 4,800km² of its forests annually.
- Coastal forests harbour exceptionally high levels of endemic plants and 633 bird species.
- Makala's project offers people earning less than US\$1 per day a means to conserve their forest whilst increasing their income.



"NOT ONLY DO COASTAL FORESTS SERVE AS A HAVEN FOR WILDLIFE, BUT THEY ALSO REPRESENT A LIFELINE FOR MILLIONS OF POOR TANZANIANS."

MUHAMMAD ALI NAWAZ



www.slf.org.pk

Snow leopard conservation: a landscape-level approach in the mountains of northern Pakistan

GLOBAL STRATEGY

The creation of the Global Snow Leopard and Ecosystem Protection Programme (GSLEP) in 2013 brought together governments from all 12 snow leopard range countries to agree a comprehensive conservation strategy to ensure the long-term survival of these big cats across their range. This landmark agreement reflects the need for transboundary cooperation and seeks to identify and secure 23 important snow leopard landscapes with the help of local communities by 2020.



HUMAN-WILDLIFE CONFLICT

Within Pakistan, snow leopards are considered critically endangered. Pakistan's current protected area system is not adequate to sustain viable populations of snow leopards, and outside protected areas local communities rely heavily on rangelands and forests for survival. Poaching, habitat degradation and subsequent decline of natural prey species are major threats to snow leopards and have led to increased livestock predation. This loss can amount to the equivalent of a month's salary, and sometimes snow leopards are killed by herders in retaliation.

LANDSCAPE-LEVEL APPROACH

Muhammad Ali Nawaz is Director of the Snow Leopard Foundation. Working in the Pamir-Karakoram mountain complex, one of the priority landscapes identified by the GSLEP, Ali is bringing together people, NGOs and government in a unified effort to develop a management plan for this habitat. Ali is testing possible solutions and replicating successful approaches in the region to enable co-existence of communities and carnivores. Livestock insurance and vaccination programmes to reduce losses and increase tolerance are being introduced alongside increasing vital capacity and research efforts to conserve this elusive species.



"WHITLEY AWARD FUNDING WILL MAKE POSSIBLE LARGE-SCALE ACTIVITIES THAT, UNTIL NOW, WE HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO SUPPORT."



ALI'S PROJECT WILL:

- Establish a multi-stakeholder strategy to ensure survival of snow leopards and their prey in the Pamir-Karakoram landscape covering 25,000km².
- Train 50 wildlife managers to implement, monitor and enforce sustainable landscape management measures.
- Engage 6,000 people through improved husbandry, livestock vaccination and insurance programmes.
- Scale up research into snow leopard abundance and resource use.

WHY IT MATTERS:

- This will be Pakistan's first landscape-level strategy for snow leopard conservation and will be used as a model to guide future conservation planning.
- The project will be one of the initial steps towards achieving the GSLEP's 2020 goal.
- Herding communities lack economic safety nets to protect them against livestock losses, which insurance and vaccination programmes help to buffer against.



WINNER SELECTION 2016

We received 127 Whitley Award applications from 53 countries following our call for proposals. We would like to thank our Judging Panel and Application Screeners, who offer their expertise voluntarily during the four stages of assessment to reach the final shortlist.

JUDGING PANEL

- Edward Whitley**
Chairman & Trustee, WFN
- Marianne Carter**
Director, Conservation Capacity & Leadership, FFI
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Whitley Gold Award winner 2016
- Danni Parks**
Acting Director, WFN
- Francis Sullivan**
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APPLICATION SCREENERS

- Dr. Heather Koldewey**
Head of Global Conservation Programmes, ZSL
- Dr. Rodrigo Medellin**
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Whitley Gold Award winner 2012
- Prof. E.J. Milner-Gulland**
Tasso Leventis Professor of Biodiversity, University of Oxford
- Dr. Charudutt Mishra**
Acting Executive Director, Snow Leopard Trust; Whitley Gold Award winner 2005
- Danni Parks**
Acting Director, WFN

AWARDS WEEK TIMETABLE

- SUNDAY**
Arrivals; meet and greet
- MONDAY**
Interviews with the WFN Judging Panel; reception with the Friends of WFN
- TUESDAY**
Media training sponsored by HSBC in print, radio and TV
- WEDNESDAY**
Professional speech training; press conference; Whitley Awards Ceremony
- THURSDAY**
Media interviews; NGO Networking reception
- FRIDAY**
Signing of contracts; farewell lunch; departures

APPLICATION ORIGINS FOR THE WHITLEY AWARDS 2016

Africa	43%	54
Asia	34%	43
Americas	18%	23
Europe	2%	3
Oceania	3%	4
Total		127





THE WHITLEY-SEGRÉ CONSERVATION FUND

"IT IS NOW MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER TO
INVEST IN THOSE WHO ARE WORKING TO PROTECT
OUR PLANET. HELP US REACH OUR MATCHED
FUNDING GOAL AND ENABLE OUR WINNERS TO
REALISE THEIR POTENTIAL".

Sir David Attenborough, WFN Trustee.

WFN  WHITLEY
FUND FOR NATURE

EVERY £ DOUBLED

INVESTING IN INDIVIDUALS

Since 2001, WFN has been investing in its most successful Whitley Award winners through Continuation Funding. Thanks to the generous support of our donors, the charity has given nearly £5million in further funding to enable winners to scale up their conservation work and realise their ambitious goals.

DOUBLE YOUR DONATION

We are delighted to announce a landmark partnership between WFN and Fondation Segré that will allow us to considerably increase the level of support offered to our winners. Replacing the role of Continuation Funding, the new Whitley-Segré Conservation Fund (WSCF) is a matched-funding initiative, which for the first time offers WFN supporters the chance to double their donation.

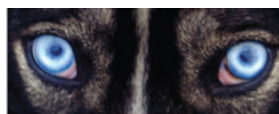
Every pound given to the WSCF programme will be matched by Fondation Segré, up to £600,000 per year. The resulting £1.2million will enable WFN to award twice as much in funding to previous winners. We now set ourselves the goal of reaching this target.

MAXIMISE YOUR IMPACT

The WSCF will support some of the world's most dynamic grassroots conservation leaders working in developing countries. The programme will offer high-level grants up to £200,000 to WFN alumni over a period of one to three years, with the first winners announced in October 2016.

THE WSCF ANNUAL TIMELINE

Mar	Deadline for project concept notes
Jun	Deadline for draft applications
Jun	All donations to WSCF received to unlock matched funds
Aug	Deadline for final applications
Sep	Executive Panel decision on winners
Oct	Winners announced



FONDATION SEGRÉ

WHITLEY GOLD AWARD WINNER 2016

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Each year a member of our alumni network is selected to receive the Whitley Gold Award, a profile and PR prize worth £50,000 in project funding, awarded in recognition of their outstanding contribution to conservation.

HOTLIN OMPUSUNGGU INDONESIA

Dentistry and reforestation: scaling up models to protect orangutans and improve health, Borneo

"IF YOU GIVE PEOPLE ALTERNATIVES AND SUSTAINABLE WAYS OF LIVING THEY CAN LIVE ALONGSIDE THE FOREST."

Hotlin is not a typical conservation leader. A Doctor of Dental Surgery, Hotlin co-founded the NGO Alam Sehat Lestari (ASRI) in 2007 with a mission to protect Gunung Palung National Park in southwestern Borneo whilst improving the health of communities surrounding it. Spanning 1,100km², Gunung Palung's rainforest represents some of the most intact lowland forests left in Indonesia. It is home to endangered species including hornbills, gibbons, clouded leopards and 10% of the global population of orangutans – an ape gravely threatened by habitat loss.

Poverty and poor health are important drivers of deforestation,

with communities often turning to logging to pay for basic yet vital things such as healthcare. Hotlin is working to change this. Through healthcare incentives, ASRI is applying innovative solutions to reduce the need for people to exploit the forest whilst improving access to healthcare for villagers. Families who stop logging receive extra discounts of up to 70% on medical care. No-one is turned away; those who cannot afford treatment can pay using non-cash means by participating in reforestation activities or alternative livelihoods programmes including organic farming.



A WHITLEY AWARD
WINNER IN 2011
AND A RECIPIENT OF
FURTHER FUNDING IN
2013 AND 2014.
WITH THE SUPPORT
OF WFN HOTLIN'S
PROJECT HAS:

- Significantly decreased illegal logging in 18 villages.
- Reduced the number of households involved with illegal logging from 1,350 to 450.
- Set up teams of local Forest Guardians in all 34 sub-villages bordering the Park and 40 sub-villages that are part of the Park's greater periphery. These Guardians monitor illegal logging and teach others about the importance of healthy forest ecosystems.
- Trained 591 people in organic farming as an alternative to illegal logging.
- Treated over 24,000 patients in ASRI's medical and mobile clinics.
- Improved local health: since 2007 infant deaths have fallen by two thirds and child immunisation rates have increased by 25% with statistically significant reductions in rates of common illnesses.
- Reached more than 1,000 people through outreach programmes to raise awareness of the importance of tropical forest.
- Planted over 100,000 native seedlings to restore the Park.
- Evidenced the return of orangutans to ASRI's reforestation site.
- Developed a joint work plan with the National Park Bureau (BTN) which facilitates collaboration between researchers, park rangers, Forest Guardians and the police to protect the Park.

WITH HER WHITLEY GOLD AWARD HOTLIN AND HER TEAM WILL:

- Implement activities outlined in the joint work plan between ASRI and BTN to increase law enforcement, combat forest fires and improve relations between communities and the park authorities.
- Map and gazette the Park boundary and make people aware of multi-use zones to reduce land-use conflicts.
- Establish Indonesia's first 'Conservation Hospital' to serve as a first class medical facility and environmental education centre.
- Support healthcare subsidies for communities protecting forests and biodiversity.
- Reach 200 children from six schools through ASRI's education programme and field trips to the Park.
- Conduct community-based monitoring of orangutans and other wildlife.
- Strengthen ASRI's long-term sustainability by pursuing fundraising opportunities in Indonesia's capital, Jakarta.
- Evaluate ASRI's impact through quantitative and qualitative assessment and adapt conservation approaches in response to socio-economic change involving 1,200 households.
- Explore the expansion of this model to other sites in Indonesia including Sumatra, Sulawesi and Papua.



Photo by Endro Nugawan

THANK YOU

We are so grateful for the wonderful and most generous support of all our major donors, sponsors and Friends, including those who choose to remain anonymous. We are a charity that is completely reliant on donations so the more money we raise, the bigger the difference we can make for wildlife and people living across the developing world.

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The donations we receive from our Friends are the lifeblood of the charity and this year are supporting both the Whitley Gold Award given to Hotlin Ompusunggu and the matched Whitley-Segré Conservation Fund, which supports previous Whitley Award winners.

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11th April 2015 and 18th April 2016

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