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Organization Name	Project Title	Project Description	Species	Geographic Region	Country
African Aquatic Conservation Fund	African Manatee Conservation	Identifying and mitigating threats to the African manatee throughout Senegal and their 21-country range, and studying their biology and ecology to better understand and protect the species. Training a collaborative network of African researchers from 19 countries to increase research, initiate grassroots conservation action and reach more than 5,000 people annually through manatee education programs.	African Manatee	Marine	Senegal
African People & Wildlife	Conservation Hero: Neovitus Cassian Sianga	Recognizing Neovitus Cassian Sianga for his dedication to the conservation of lions and their habitats in his community.	African Lion	Africa	Tanzania, United Republic of
African Wildlife Conservation Fund	Promoting Coexistence to Safeguard Wildlife	Promoting human-wildlife coexistence to mitigate conflict and safeguard African lions, elephants and other vulnerable species in and around Gonarezhou National Park in Zimbabwe. Facilitating community engagement workshops, activities and at-home training to minimize conflict, improve channels of communication with local communities, and ensure the persistence of thriving wildlife populations.	African Elephant, African Lion	Africa	Zimbabwe
Arroyos & Foothills Conservancy	Hahamongna to Tujunga Wildlife Corridor	Establishing wildlife corridors to expand mountain lion range, allow animals to move freely among California's San Gabriel Mountains and prevent in-breeding and territorial disputes. Educating and engaging communities to help steward open spaces for wildlife.	Puma	North America	United States of America
Arulagam	Community Based Vulture Conservation	Engaging communities and stakeholders in southern India through conservation programs to raise awareness of the positive impact of vultures for ecosystem health and reduce threats to vultures including vulture-toxic drugs. Announcing the Moyar Valley landscape as a permanent safe zone where toxin-free food sources are available for vultures and engaging communities in conservation activities to protect vulture breeding habitats.	Oriental White-Rumped Vulture	Asia	India
Association of Zoos and Aquariums	Conservation Grants Program	Awarding grants to zoo conservation leaders in six categories including: animal health, animal welfare, conservation education, field conservation, management and/or breeding, and research.	Multiple Species	Global	Global
Atlanta Audubon Society	Project Safe Flight Atlanta	Making Atlanta, Georgia, a more bird-friendly city by implementing solutions that will make a direct impact on the conservation of migrating birds and can be modeled by urban centers across the United States. Building on previous work to monitor sites, collect data and research bird-building collisions. Advocating for bird-friendly designs for new development projects and educating the public, architects, building managers and policy makers on bird-friendly solutions.	Migratory Birds	North America	United States of America
Audubon Canyon Ranch	Living with Lions	Increasing public understanding and appreciation of mountain lions in San Francisco's North Bay. Working to minimize human-wildlife conflict and identify priority mountain lion habitats while collaborating with partners on regional conservation priorities.	Puma	North America	United States of America
Big Life Foundation USA	Innovative Community-Based Predator Protection Program Saving African Lions	Working with Maasai communities to reduce conflict and retaliation toward African lions and increase tolerance and cohabitation in collaboration through a two-pronged Predator Protection Program. Contributing to the dramatic halting of lion killings and also helping shift the mindset of communities toward a broader commitment to wildlife conservation in Kenya.	African Lion	Africa	Kenya
Bishop Museum	Endangered Hawaiian Yellow-Faced Bee Conservation	Raising awareness of Hawaiian yellow-faced bees and engaging Hawaiian communities and visitors in conservation efforts. Training citizen scientists to observe the bees and collect data while hosting virtual field trips and interactive webinars to engage local school groups and museums in the conservation of yellow-faced bees.	Hawaiian Yellow-Faced Bee	North America	United States of America
Bristol Zoological Society	Crayfish Response Action: Yielding Ark-sites, Research & Communication	Protecting the endangered white-clawed crayfish, the United Kingdom's only native freshwater crayfish, by establishing safe habitat sites and leading crayfish captive breeding, and invasive crayfish control efforts. Establishing outreach and public awareness-raising campaigns encouraging the public to practice biosecurity measures to ensure that aquatic habitats are preserved.	White-Clawed Crayfish	Europe/Australia	United Kingdom
Cheetah Conservation Botswana (Wildlife Conservation Network)	Conservation Hero: Cheetah Conservation Botswana Community Outreach Team	Recognizing Morulaganyi Kokole (Community Outreach Coordinator), Phale Seele (Field Camp Coordinator), and Connie Modise (Community Outreach Officer) for their dedication to the conservation of cheetah and their habitats in their community.	Cheetah	Africa	Botswana
Cheetah Conservation Fund (Wildlife Conservation Network)	Future Farmers of Africa - GWL	Implementing human-carnivore conflict mitigation strategies and livelihood development initiatives to enable people and cheetahs to peacefully co-exist in Namibia. Using research to inform conservation and education programs, including Future Farmers of Africa, a training program for rural Namibian farmers in the Greater Waterberg Landscape.	Cheetah	Africa	Namibia
Chicago Zoological Society	Franciscana Interactions with Argentinean Fisheries	Reducing the unsustainable bycatch of Franciscana dolphins, the most endangered cetacean in Argentina. Deploying satellite-linked tags to determine dolphin habitat use relative to fishing where dolphin bycatch rates are highest. Leading a public awareness campaign to protect Franciscana dolphins and promote responsible and sustainable fishing practices in the region.	Franciscana Dolphin	Marine	Argentina
Chicago Zoological Society	Conservation Hero: Pablo Bordino	Recognizing Pablo Bordino posthumously for his dedication to the conservation of dolphins and their habitat in his community.	Franciscana Dolphin	Marine	Argentina

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Conservation Foundation of the Gulf Coast	Conserving Southwest Florida's Coastal Wildlife Corridor	Expanding the connectivity of Florida's Myakka Island Conservation Corridor to conserve habitat for endangered Florida panthers and threatened American woodstorks and expand their populations inside this new viable habitat. Educating communities about land conservation and stewardship through media, public outreach events and nature experiences for local youth.	Florida Panther	North America	United States of America
Conservation Fusion	Creating Conservation Champions, Madagascar	Building conservation leaders and connecting communities in Madagascar to the science of conservation through active participation in conservation education and leadership training. Highlighting tangible benefits of ecotourism and restoring critical lemur habitat by planting 75,000+ trees annually.	Aye-aye, Black and White Ruffed Lemur, Greater Bamboo Lemur, Jolly's Mouse Lemur, Red Fronted Brown Lemur	Africa	Madagascar
Conservation Through Public Health	Integrated Gorilla and Human Health	Expanding a self-sustaining integrated mountain gorilla and human health model to communities neighboring Bwindi Impenetrable National Park in Uganda. Strengthening gorilla health monitoring, promoting livestock and community health and improving conservation attitudes and practices to protect gorilla health and reduce disease and other human related threats to gorillas.	Mountain Gorilla	Africa	Uganda
Coral Restoration Foundation	Diversity = Resilience: Marine Conservation in Urban Schools	Supporting large-scale coral reef restoration efforts by establishing a new coral nursery in Florida that will be maintained as an ark of genetic diversity for key stony coral species. Partnering with a local high school to engage students from diverse socio-economic backgrounds in addressing marine conservation issues.	Elkhorn Coral, Staghorn Coral	Marine	United States of America
Cornell University	Outreach Inspiring Lake Sturgeon Conservation	Using outreach, education, and research to increase awareness and inspire conservation of threatened Lake Sturgeon and their habitat in New York. Addressing statewide recovery actions described in the New York Lake Sturgeon Recovery Plan to reduce habitat degradation and overfishing that threaten this species.	Lake Sturgeon	Marine	United States of America
Denver Zoological Foundation	Engaging Herders in Vulture Conservation	Building upon 13 years of research to assess threats to vultures and expand awareness, support and engagement in vulture conservation among nomadic herder communities in Mongolia. Developing research and community-driven management strategies to conserve vultures at Ikh Nart Nature Reserve, a critical vulture breeding site.	Black Vulture, Eurasian Black Vulture	Asia	Mongolia
Fauna & Flora International USA	Conservation Hero: Ibnu Andrian	Recognizing Ibnu Andrian for his dedication to the conservation of the forests and wildlife in his community.	Forest Habitat, Sumatran Tiger	Asia	Indonesia
Fauna & Flora International USA	Conservation Hero: Tri Kurnia	Recognizing Tri Kurnia for her dedication to the conservation of dugong and the forest and marine habitats in her community.	Dugong, Radjah Shelduck, Red Bird-of-Paradise	Marine	Indonesia
Florida Atlantic University	Conserving Coastal Sharks and Rays	Developing comprehensive data on the health and ecology of spotted eagle rays, cownose rays, bull sharks and bonnethead sharks inhabiting the Indian River Lagoon in Florida. Determining the impact of environmental and anthropogenic stressors while engaging and inspiring students.	Bonnethead Shark, Bull Shark, Cownose Ray, Spotted Eagle Ray	Marine	United States of America
Florida State University Research Foundation	Recovery of Endangered Smalltooth Sawfish	Understanding habitat use and reproductive patterns of the critically endangered smalltooth sawfish in Florida and The Bahamas. Providing mechanisms to decrease sawfish bycatch in fisheries and educating the public about the plight of sawfish.	Smalltooth Sawfish	Marine	United States of America
Foundation Echo (World Parrot Trust USA)	Taking Root and Spreading Wings	Engaging residents of Bonaire in habitat restoration, monitoring and protection of yellow-shouldered Amazon parrots. Developing sustainable eco-tourism options to benefit people and wildlife.	Yellow-Shouldered Amazon Parrot	Central/South America	Netherlands Antilles
Global Penguin Society (Wildlife Conservation Network)	Penguins, People, and the Planet	Addressing conservation of the emblematic Magellanic penguin in Patagonia through both large-scale conservation and focused local efforts. Tracking penguins at sea to understand habitat use and inform the creation of marine protected areas. Targeting local education efforts at communities and schools near colonies to help the next generation value penguins and transferring information to decision makers to drive conservation action.	Magellanic Penguin	Central/South America	Argentina
Gorilla Rehabilitation and Conservation Education Center	Conservation Hero: Gorilla Rehabilitation and Conservation Education (GRACE) Center Team	Recognizing the GRACE DRC Team for their dedication to the conservation of Grauer's gorilla and their habitats in their community.	Grauer's Gorilla	Africa	Democratic Republic of the Congo
GreaterGood.org	Project Wildcat	Allowing jaguars freedom to roam while bringing environmental education programs to schools within jaguars' range to raise awareness about biodiversity, predator protection and our connection to nature. Introducing efficient livestock breeding practices and encouraging ranchers to sign agreements not to harm jaguars or other big cats in retaliation for conflict with livestock.	Jaguar	North America	Mexico
Greening Australia	Tasmania Island Ark Bushrangers	Reconnecting people with nature by providing significant and practical education and skills to young Tasmanians and local communities in Australia. Drawing on citizen science partnerships and university-led research to drive social awareness, involvement, and ongoing sustainable action to reverse the decline of the Tasmanian devil and other animals in a national biodiversity hotspot.	Tasmanian Devil	Europe/Australia	Australia

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International Animal Rescue US	Orangutan Protection Through Community Development	Reestablishing and protecting an orangutan population in the Bukit Baka Bukit Raya National Park, Indonesia. Investigating the anthropogenic, economic and socio-cultural factors that influence natural resource exploitation and informing implementation of community development and education programs to benefit people and wildlife.	Bornean Orangutan	Asia	Indonesia
International Crane Foundation	Sarus Cranes, Wetlands and Dipterocarp Forests	Protecting wetlands in dry deciduous forests in North Cambodia, the habitat for sarus cranes and other endangered species. Identifying important wetlands for sarus cranes, establishing an agricultural extension service to improve farm productivity and increasing profits through wildlife-friendly farming. Quantifying the values of wetlands to local livelihoods and developing education programs that promote pro-conservation behavior change.	Sarus Crane	Asia	Cambodia
International Crane Foundation	Reverse the Decline: Cranes	Expanding and strengthening efforts for recovery of the Siberian crane and supporting work to monitor and protect the relevant stopover sites along the birds' more-than-three-thousand-mile migration path.	Siberian Crane	Asia	China
International Fund for Animal Welfare	Ensuring Right of Passage	Reducing human-elephant conflict and raising support for elephant conservation around critical elephant corridors in India. Engaging communities in data collection that will inform decision making and protect elephants in the region.	Asian Elephant	Asia	India
International Iguana Foundation	Conserving Jamaica's Rock Iguana	Protecting Jamaican rock iguanas from habitat loss and predation by invasive species through nest site protection, headstarting, and expansion of a managed habitat area to include a buffer zone. Increasing education efforts through social media outreach, community workshops, and student and public efforts to raise awareness of threats to iguanas.	Jamaican Rock Iguana	Central/South America	Jamaica
International Rhino Foundation	Rhino Management in Zimbabwe's Lowveld	Protecting Zimbabwe's critically endangered black rhinos from poachers by translocating rhinos from high-risk areas to safer locations. Working with local communities to prevent poaching while educating school children about the importance of wildlife conservation. Tracking and monitoring rhinos to ensure their safety, treating wounded rhinos and returning them to the wild, and helping authorities pursue, apprehend and prosecute poachers.	Black Rhinoceros	Africa	Zimbabwe
International Rhino Foundation	Reverse the Decline: Rhinos	Addressing the threats of habitat loss and poaching by improving the range and effectiveness of anti-poaching patrols, increasing population numbers through a conservation breeding program, working with local communities to stop forest encroachment, and working with the Indonesian government to implement a national protection strategy.	Sumatran Rhinoceros	Asia	Indonesia
International Rhino Foundation	Conservation Hero: Sumadi Hasmaran	Recognizing Sumadi Hasmaran for his dedication to the conservation Sumatran rhinos and their habitats in his community.	Sumatran Rhinoceros	Asia	Indonesia
Kasiisi Project	Kibale Forest Schools Conservation Project	Addressing threats to endangered chimpanzees of Kibale National Park, Uganda, through education, research and community outreach. Educating 11,000 children and their communities, improving knowledge and attitudes about wildlife and increasing community participation in conservation. Partnering with research teams to reduce chimpanzee snare injuries and track outbreaks diseases potentially harmful to chimpanzees.	Common Chimpanzee	Africa	Uganda
Leatherback Trust	Conservation of Eastern Pacific Leatherback Turtles	Implementing strategies to reduce threats to Eastern Pacific leatherback turtles and other endangered sea turtles through scientific research, habitat protection, community education and advocacy in Costa Rica. Collaborating with local communities and the Costa Rican government to protect sea turtles and their nests from illegal activities and enforcing regulations in Las Baulas National Park.	Leatherback Turtle	Marine	Costa Rica
Los Angeles Audubon Society	Least Tern & Shorebird Conservation	Combining species monitoring and community education to protect and preserve habitat for least terns and other shorebirds across beaches in Los Angeles, California. Focusing on restoring dune and coastal habitats at Venice Beach, training volunteers to support tern colony monitoring and data collection, and engaging students in tern, plover and beach habitat conservation.	California Least Tern	North America	United States of America
Montana State University Foundation	Butterfly Conservation in Greater Yellowstone	Protecting Parnassius mountain meadow butterflies in Grand Teton National Park, Wyoming, through population monitoring and habitat restoration efforts. Developing an outreach program focusing on youth scientists in-training to link butterfly conservation in the U.S. with research and conservation efforts globally.	Mountain Meadow Butterfly	North America	United States of America
Na Koa Manu Conservation	Kiwikiu Habitat Restoration and Reintroduction	Increasing the population of the endangered kiwikiu (Maui parrotbill bird) in Hawaii by restoring the bird's watershed and forest habitats. Educating the community in the classroom, through social media and through a 30 minute television episode to raise awareness of and engagement in conservation efforts.	Maui Parrotbill	North America	United States of America
National Audubon Society	Bahamas Piping Plover Recovery Initiative	Building on previous work to strengthen scientific understanding of piping plovers in The Bahamas and garner local community and government support to protect and manage key coastal habitat sites for these birds. Securing protections for important habitat sites and leading environmental education and outreach at schools and through an ecocamp program to build community awareness and engagement for conservation.	Piping Plover	Central/South America	The Bahamas
Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County	Backyard Bat Survey	Partnering with residents in under-served neighborhoods of L.A. County, California, to track and record bat activities for the first large-scale study of bat habitat usage in urban and suburban habitats. Inspiring Los Angeles residents to become stewards of local environments and gathering scientific data to inform policy and land management decisions for the benefit of conservation.	Greater Mastiff Bat, Pallid Bat, Pocketed Free-Tailed Bat, Silver Haired Bat, Western Red Bat, Western Yellow Bat	North America	United States of America

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New Jersey Audubon Society	Full Lifecycle Conservation - Semipalmated Sandpiper	Ensuring the long-term survival of semipalmated sandpiper populations and other at-risk migratory shorebirds in the Atlantic Flyway system. Developing a full life-cycle model of the semipalmated sandpiper to provide crucial insight into when and where the species may be experiencing the greatest population pressure and determine causes of population decline in Suriname. Creating and implementing a hunter education program and supporting law enforcement capacity.	Semipalmated Sandpiper	Central/South America	Suriname
Northern Jaguar Project	Conservation Hero: Heracleo "Laqui" Duarte Lopez	Recognizing Laqui for his dedication to the conservation of jaguars and their habitats in his community.	Jaguar	North America	Mexico
Northern Rangelands Trust	Saving the Critically Endangered Hirola	Maintaining the population of hirola antelope, the world's most endangered antelope, in the predator-proof Ishaqbini Community Conservancy in Kenya, which protects more than 25 percent of the global population of this species. Leading conservation education in local schools, supporting anti-poaching patrols and leading rangeland rehabilitation to promote recovery of grasses and ecosystems in Kenya.	Hirola	Africa	Kenya
Oakland Nature Preserve	Sandhill Habitat Restoration	Restoring the endangered sandhill ecosystem for gopher tortoises and other Florida wildlife through vegetation restoration and monitoring of vegetation, butterflies, ground beetles and gopher tortoises. Leading conservation outreach efforts through both citizen-science and child-centered programs.	Gopher Tortoise	North America	United States of America
Painted Dog Conservation (Wildlife Conservation Network)	Assessing Threats in the Mid-Zambezi	Establishing a permanent field base in the Mid-Zambezi Valley in Zimbabwe- home to an estimated 300+ African painted dogs and one of the most valuable populations of the species on earth. Developing interpretive information to educate local people about painted dogs. Improving understanding of the challenges and threats to the painted dog population and causes of escalating poaching in the region.	African Painted Dog	Africa	Zimbabwe
Painted Dog Conservation (Wildlife Conservation Network)	Conservation Hero: Maria Njamba	Recognizing Maria Njamba for her dedication to the conservation of African painted dogs and their habitat in her community.	African Painted Dog	Africa	Zimbabwe
Panthera	Snow Leopard Conservation in India	Educating villagers, children and religious figures about snow leopards and the threats they face in northern India. Building predator-proof corrals to protect livestock, supporting income-diversification and livestock insurance programs and conducting ecological studies to estimate snow leopard population and understand the impact of climate change on habitat use of snow leopard prey species.	Snow Leopard	Asia	India
Perry Institute for Marine Science	Reverse the Decline: Coral Reefs	Collaborating with experts in the Caribbean to protect the shrinking Bahamian reefs through a comprehensive study, training, and actions such as limiting harmful human contact with existing reefs, promoting natural coral reef ecosystem resilience, setting up coral nurseries, and experimenting with reef rehabilitation techniques.	Elkhorn Coral, Staghorn Coral, Star Coral	Marine	The Bahamas
Persatuan Primatologi Malaysia	Primate Conservation Project Peninsular Malaysia	Advancing primate conservation in Malaysia by addressing threats of forest loss and unsustainable hunting. Gathering data to inform conservation strategies, collaborating with local government agencies, and implementing outreach and awareness activities in schools and with the public to bring positive change and better understanding of local wildlife.	Agile Gibbon, Dusky Langur, Long-Tailed Macaque, Siamang, Sunda Slow Loris, Sunda Flying Lemur, White-Handed Gibbon	Asia	Malaysia
Provincetown Center for Coastal Studies	Right Whale Emergency Initiative	Protecting North Atlantic right whales from extinction by locating and monitoring animals, providing management agencies with data to reduce whale mortalities and injuries, expanding mariner slow-down warnings and supporting fishing gear disentanglement efforts. Raising awareness of North Atlantic right whales to build support for right whale protection efforts.	North Atlantic Right Whale	Marine	United States of America
Proyecto Titi (Wildlife Conservation Network)	Reverse the Decline: Monkeys	Supporting efforts in Colombia to protect and expand forest habitat, reduce the illegal wildlife trade, recycle more than three million plastic bags, and create alternative income sources for community members.	Cotton-top Tamarin	Central/South America	Colombia
Rainforest Trust	Pickersgill's Reed Frog: Wetland Custodian	Implementing a biodiversity management plan for the endangered Pickersgill's reed frog in South Africa by securing habitat through community-based initiatives and catchment management. Conducting habitat health assessments and species population monitoring, promoting the development of ecotourism activities and skills training opportunities to support sustainable livelihoods and providing experiential learning for local school students.	Pickersgill's Reed Frog	Africa	South Africa
Regents of the University of Michigan	Collaborative Conservation of Endangered Vertebrates	Advancing conservation of Bornean wildlife through capacity building among key stakeholders, collaborative field research, population monitoring and adaptive management. Leading conservation education and engagement to reduce threats to Bornean vertebrates and their habitats.	Bornean Bay Cat, Bornean White-Bearded Gibbon, Bornean Orangutan, Helmeted Hornbill, Sunda Clouded Leopard	Asia	Indonesia
Royal Society for the Protection of Birds	Blue Iguana Recovery Achieves Sustainability	Ensuring survival of blue iguanas in the Cayman Islands through continued conservation, public outreach and threat response efforts. Enhancing the Blue Iguana Recovery Programme facility and Blue Iguana Safari Tour to draw in higher numbers of tourists to experience this iconic species in surroundings that are compatible with the welfare of the iguana.	Blue Iguana	Central/South America	Cayman Islands
Save the Golden Lion Tamarin	Reverse the Decline: Monkeys	Supporting efforts in Brazil to restore enough forest fragments and golden-lion tamarin populations to save the species from extinction.	Golden Lion Tamarin	Central/South America	Brazil

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Science for Nature Foundation	Of Bats and Men	Conserving nine threatened and declining bat species in Bulgaria by enhancing their habitats through creation of foraging sites, fencing cave entrances to protect bat colonies, and reducing habitat disturbance. Mounting and monitoring of 50 bat boxes that will serve as bat roost sites and offer opportunities to engage the community in bat conservation and education.	Bechstein's Bat, Blasius's Horseshoe Bat, Greater Mouse-Eared Bat, Lesser Mouse-Eared Bat, Long-Fingered Bat, Mediterranean Horseshoe Bat, Mehely's Horseshoe Bat, Schreiber's Bent-Winged Bat, Western Barbastelle Bat	Europe/Australia	Bulgaria
Sea Turtle Conservancy	Latin America Conservation Capacity-Building	Protecting the largest green turtle population in the Atlantic and training aspiring conservationists through a research assistantship program in Costa Rica. Expanding conservation capacity in Latin America and the Caribbean while supporting a sustainable ecotourism economy that directly benefits the local community.	Green Turtle, Leatherback Turtle	Marine	Costa Rica
Smithsonian National Zoological Park	Smorgasbords in the Agroforestry Canopy	Supporting bird conservation in the Peruvian Andes by discovering which tree species used in shade coffee best meet the nutritional needs of migrant and resident bird species. Using research data to rank trees and provide recommendations as to which are the best "feeding hubs" for Canada warblers and other birds.	Canada Warbler	Central/South America	Peru
Snow Leopard Conservancy (Wildlife Conservation Network)	Conservation Hero: Tashi Ghale	Recognizing Tashi Ghale for his dedication to the conservation of snow leopards and their habitat in his community.	Snow Leopard	Asia	Nepal
Southern Tanzania Elephant Program	Enhancing Human-Elephant Coexistence in Ruaha-Rungwa	Increasing human-elephant coexistence in one of the most vulnerable regions for elephants and people in Tanzania. Monitoring elephant populations to better understand drivers of crop losses and elephant movement patterns. Building capacity in local communities to increase resilience towards living with elephants and connecting people with elephants to increase awareness of conservation efforts.	African Elephant	Africa	Tanzania, United Republic of
The Chancellor, Masters and Scholars of the University of Oxford (Americans for Oxford)	Empowering Communities to Conserve Large Carnivores	Reducing human-carnivore conflict in Tanzania by reducing livestock depredation, providing local benefits linked to wildlife and providing extensive education and engagement in conservation programs. Improving local livelihoods and awareness of conservation and incentivizing wildlife conservation to reduce losses of carnivores including of lions, cheetahs, leopards, spotted hyenas and African painted dogs.	African Lion, African Painted Dog, Cheetah, Leopard, Spotted Hyena	Africa	Tanzania, United Republic of
the Jane Goodall Institute	Reverse the Decline: African Apes	Working with communities in the Democratic Republic of Congo to reduce hunting, and explore strategies to reintroduce rehabilitated apes (Grauer's gorillas and Eastern chimpanzees) to the wild. Increasing protection of great apes by local communities, and funding analysis and implementation of additional conservation strategies.	Eastern Chimpanzee, Grauer's Gorilla	Africa	Democratic Republic of the Congo
The Manta Trust (Action for Mantas)	Manta Conservation and Capacity Building	Working directly with communities and managers in Pacific Mexico to protect a local population of the oceanic manta ray by reducing impacts on marine ecosystems and developing sustainable fishing practices. Building local research and conservation capacity to improve the understanding and management of artisanal fisheries and their effects on sharks and rays in this region.	Oceanic Manta Ray	Marine	Mexico
The Marine Mammal Center	Hawaiian Monk Seal Conservation and Education	Promoting the recovery of endangered Hawaiian monk seals through science-based rehabilitation, highly trained volunteer stranding response, education and coordinated partnerships and outreach. Reducing threats of habitat loss, marine debris and negative human interactions and inspiring the local community to ensure the future of Hawaiian monk seals.	Hawaiian Monk Seal	Marine	United States of America
The Purple Martin Conservation Association	Migratory Songbird Conservation in Brazil	Determining habitat requirements, risks to survival and the importance of overnight roost sites for purple martin songbirds that overwinter in Brazil. Launching a companion public education initiative to promote the value of purple martins and migratory songbirds.	Purple Martin	Central/South America	Brazil
Turtle Survival Alliance Foundation	Community-Based River Turtle Conservation Program	Leading a community-based conservation program to implement priority activities to protect critically endangered Magdalena river turtles in Colombia. Rescuing nests from floods, improving population monitoring and reinforcing environmental education to prevent turtle consumption. Launching an economic strategy to attain sustainability and promote community development through conservation.	Magdalena River Turtle	Central/South America	Colombia
University of Central Florida Research Foundation	Wading Birds and Oyster Reefs	Understanding the impact of oyster restoration on threatened and endangered wading and aquatic bird species in the Indian River Lagoon, Florida. Training community members as citizen scientists to gather data and images from oyster reefs. Partnering with the STEM Learning Center at Nemours Children's Hospital in Orlando, Florida to engage in-residence children in data analysis and inspire conservation passion.	Aquatic Birds, Eastern Oyster, Wading Birds	Marine	United States of America
University of Florida Foundation	Reverse the Decline: Butterflies	Identifying the numerous at-risk butterfly species in Florida and California and to develop tailored conservation strategies for the most critical groups, including habitat restoration, captive breeding, and reintroduction programs.	Butterflies	North America	United States of America
University of Florida Foundation	Reverse the Decline: Sea Turtles	Combating the many threats to sea turtles by increasing public awareness, monitoring populations, and restoring marine habitat and beach nesting areas.	Sea Turtles	Marine	United States of America
University of Hawaii Foundation	Vocal Culture of Hawaiian Crow	Establishing a self-sustaining wild population of Alala (Hawaiian crow), a species once found throughout forests in Hawaii but extinct in the wild since 2002. Evaluating whether captive-reared Alala whether captive reared birds have or can acquire the social behaviors necessary for survival in the wild. Increasing community engagement by partnering with existing outreach programs, engaging a diversity of local schools and communities and highlighting conservation and science through the story of the Alala and their vocal culture.	Hawaiian Crow	North America	United States of America

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Wildfowl & Wetlands Trust	Saving the World's Rarest Duck	Establishing a new population of Madagascar pochard birds in Lake Sofia, Madagascar, and restoring the site to a healthy, flourishing wetland. Supporting both the pochard and, through the development of sustainable livelihoods, benefitting 10,000 people in the surrounding communities who rely on the lake for water, food and other resources.	Madagascar Pochard	Africa	Madagascar
Wildlife ACT Fund Trust	Conserving Vultures Through Community Ambassadors	Protecting three species of tree nesting vultures from decline through research and monitoring, and providing experiential conservation education to rural communities bordering game reserves. Expanding an existing education program to build conservation leaders and ambassadors and ultimately reduce the demand for vulture parts and pressure on the species.	Black Rhinoceros, Lappet Faced Vulture, White Backed Vulture, White Headed Vulture, White Rhinoceros	Africa	South Africa
Wildlife Conservation Society	Reverse the Decline: Sharks and Rays	Supporting the recovery of sharks and rays by supporting the scientific management of fisheries, reducing the demand for shark and ray products, and advancing research to secure protected status for threatened species.	Sharks and Rays	Marine	Global
Wildlife Conservation Society	Reverse the Decline: Tigers	Improving the conservation status of Sumatran tigers by protecting habitat, reducing poaching, combatting illegal trade, strengthening protected area management and engaging local communities. Increasing Sumatran tiger populations by 25% by securing source populations within key tiger conservation landscapes and enhancing connectivity between populations.	Sumatran Tiger	Asia	Indonesia
Wildlife Conservation Society	Reverse the Decline: Elephants	Supporting work that addresses both poaching and human-elephant conflict, protects elephant habitat, promotes conservation legislation and helps train local conservationists in Kenya.	African Elephant	Africa	Kenya
Wildlife Conservation Society	Conservation Hero: Tasrif Kartawijaya	Recognizing Tasrif Kartawijaya for his dedication to the conservation coral reefs and marine habitats in his community.	Coral Reefs, Marine Habitat	Asia	Indonesia
Wildlife Conservation Society	Conservation Hero: Kris Inman	Recognizing Kris Inman for her dedication to the conservation of grizzly bears, wolves, and their habitats in her community.	Black Bear, Gray Wolf, Grizzly Bear, Wolverine	North America	United States of America
World Parrot Trust USA	Backyard Conservation for Tasman Parakeets	Enabling population growth of critically endangered Tasman parakeets by creating conditions for breeding pairs to safely nest and fledge chicks within and outside of Norfolk Island National Park. Working with local landowners to install predator-proof nests and surveillance cameras to monitor nest development. Collaborating with local people, government and organizations to establish "parakeet friendly zones" with fruiting trees to ensure food sources for parakeets.	Tasman Parakeet	Europe/Australia	Norfolk Island
Xerces Society	Bring Back the Pollinators	Engaging farmers, gardeners, land managers, businesses, government agencies, and everyday people in conserving vital pollinators across the United States. Protecting endangered bees, butterflies and the habitats they depend on and translating best available science into practical, on-the-ground conservation. Spreading awareness about the importance of pollinators and the steps everyone can take to protect these essential creatures.	Bumble Bee, Monarch Butterfly	North America	United States of America
Ya'axche Conservation Trust	Conserving Jaguars in Southern Belize	Improving conservation of jaguars and their habitat in southern Belize by empowering local stakeholders to adopt jaguar-friendly practices and help reduce retaliation against jaguars. Building relationships with local livestock owners and local communities. Engaging community members of all ages through activities that raise awareness and encourage the protection of jaguars and respect for nature.	Jaguar	Central/South America	Belize
Zoo Conservation Outreach Group	Anteaters & Highways	Monitoring giant anteater mortalities and movement barriers in the Brazilian Cerrado to understand the impact of roads on anteater population densities, structure and health. Using data to inform specific management guidelines to reduce the negative impact of roads on giant anteaters and help prevent local population extinctions. Creating targeted educational materials that will be distributed to local organizations, community centers and schools.	Giant Anteater	Central/South America	Brazil
Zoological Society of London (ZSL America)	Conservation Hero: MINFOF Ecogardes	Recognizing the MINFOF Ecogardes from the Djoum Southern Antenne of Dja Biosphere Reserve for their dedication to the conservation of wildlife and their habitats in their community.	Multiple Species	Africa	Cameroon
Zoological Society of London (ZSL America)	Conservation of the Douala-Edea Landscape	Engaging communities, local government and wildlife agencies to establish a holistic and sustainable freshwater biodiversity management program. Expanding conservation activities to two additional key biodiversity areas to protect mangroves and critical habitat for manatees.	African Manatee, Dwarf Crocodile, Elasmobranchs (Sharks and Rays), Giant Central African Softshell Turtle	Marine	Cameroon
Zoological Society of London (ZSL America)	Conserving the Pygmy Sloth	Developing a participatory conservation management plan for the pygmy three-toed sloth in Panama. Working with stakeholders to raise awareness, encourage sustainable resource use and monitor the sloth population.	Pygmy Three-Toed Sloth	Central/South America	Panama