



Conservation Leadership Programme announces 2014 conservation awards

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The [Conservation Leadership Programme](#) (CLP) has announced this year's conservation team awards. Twenty six grants have been awarded in 16 different countries worth a total of \$450,000.

This year's projects form another extremely diverse group ranging from conservation of Slender-snouted Crocodile in Gabon, to surveying and assessing three Red Listed tree species in the Western Ghats of India. This year, for the first time, the CLP will be supporting a project from Antigua and Barbuda.

"These awards have identified 110 young conservation leaders from developing countries early in their careers. They join a global network of more than 2,500 conservationists in the CLP alumni. These people are committed to conservation and improving the state of nature globally", said Kiragu Mwangi, BirdLife's CLP Programme Manager.

Bird species that will be the focus of some of this year's projects include the Critically Endangered [Blue-throated Macaw](#), [Sociable Lapwing](#), [Black-breasted Puffleg](#) and [Siberian Crane](#). A further two projects will focus on the [Serra do Urubu](#) Important Bird and Biodiversity Area in north-eastern Brazil and the Inter-Andean Slopes and Chocó Endemic Bird Areas in Colombia.

In addition to funding all participating team members will get the chance to access a wealth of conservation expertise and receive training from within the CLP Partnership.

All award-winning team members will become part of the CLP alumni network that supports approximately 2,500 conservation leaders. The Alumni Network provides ongoing professional development to our emerging leaders and positions them to multiply their impact in the conservation sector.

"Through this programme, we invest in ongoing professional development and mentoring to further build skills and knowledge", said Kiragu.

Alumni members also receive access to additional grants, mentoring from CLP staff and training. A representative from each award-winning team will also take part in CLP's two-week

Conservation Leadership & Management Training Workshop in June 2014 at a remote ecological research station in the foothills of the Canadian Rockies.

Four of the 2014 award winning teams will be mentored by BirdLife Partners - [Asociacion Armonia](#) (Bolivia), [SAVE Brasil](#) (Brazil), [Aves y Conservación](#) (Ecuador) and [Nigerian Conservation Foundation](#).

The CLP has supported over 554 projects since the programme's start in 1985.

The CLP is a unique partnership between BirdLife International, Conservation International, Fauna & Flora International and Wildlife Conservation Society. The mission of the CLP 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.

Full Project List

Future Conservationist Awards (up to \$15,000)

- Assessing Extinction Risk of Kenya's Exploited Coral Reef Fish
- Conservation Assessment of Ibadan Malimbe in South-Western Nigeria
- Combining Research and Local Community Involvement to Save Lemur in Madagascar
- Conservation Beyond Breeding Grounds: Tracking Sociable Lapwing in Eritrea
- Conservation of Slender-Snouted Crocodile in the Lake Region of Gabon
- Toward Sustainable Logging in São Tomé, São Tomé and Príncipe
- Conserving Endangered Silvery-Brown Tamarin in Highly Degraded Forests, Colombia
- Monitoring Harlequin Frogs in Sierra Nevada, Colombia
- Conservation Status Assessment of Salamanders in Santander, Colombia
- Unravelling the Occupancy Patterns of Guiana Dolphin in Southeastern Brazil
- River Dolphin Population Assessment in Yarinacocha Lagoon, Peru
- Promoting Local Participation in Habitat Conservation of Black-breasted Puffleg, Ecuador
- Status Surveys of Focal Species in the Magdalena Medio, Colombia
- Baird's Tapir Conservation in Nombre De Dios National Park, Honduras
- Conserving West Indian Whistling Duck on Antigua and Barbuda's Offshore-Islands
- Preventing Extinction of the Critically Endangered Blue-Throated Macaw, Bolivia
- Tackling Invasive Alien Species in the Western Ghats Hotspot, India
- Conservation of Otter Habitat Through Stakeholder Participation, India
- Survey and Assessment of Threatened Trees in Western Ghats, India
- Effect of Landscape Change on Mammals in Eastern Ghats, India
- Protecting Horseshoe Bats of Romania

Follow-up Awards (\$25,000)

- Promoting Conservation of Threatened Birds in Western Colombia
- Promoting Conservation Through Ecotourism and Education in Serra Do Urubu Important Bird Area, Brazil
- Conserving Siberian Cranes in China Through Sustainable Water Management
- Conserving Livelihoods and *Semnopithecus Ajax*: Resolving Conflicts Around Khajjar-

- Kalatop Sanctuary-Chamba

Leadership Awards (\$50,000)

- Dugongs for Life: Engaging Malagasy Communities in Marine Ecosystem Stewardship