



## FEDERAL SUPPORT FOR INTERNATIONAL CONSERVATION

The following federal programs support international conservation. These programs have a history of bipartisan Congressional support. Sustained funding for these global programs underpins U.S. economic and security interests while also helping to protect wildlife, natural resources, and the communities that depend on them.

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### STATE AND FOREIGN OPERATIONS

#### Development Assistance (DA)

DA is central to U.S. national security interests and global leadership, supporting rule of law and stability, and improving livelihoods and natural resource management worldwide.

*FY17 Enacted: \$2.995B*

*FY18 Enacted: \$3.00B*

#### U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) Biodiversity

Supports USAID programs protecting natural landscapes and natural resources, while enhancing U.S. economic and national security interests.

*FY17 Enacted: \$265M*

*FY18 Enacted: \$269M*

#### State/USAID Wildlife Trafficking

Supports ongoing efforts to combat the estimated \$8-10 billion annual illegal wildlife trade through anti-poaching, anti-trafficking, and demand reduction programs.

*FY17 Enacted: \$90.7M*

*FY18 Enacted: \$90.7M*

#### The Global Environment Facility (GEF)

The GEF is an independently operated international financial facility providing grants to address global environmental issues, including wildlife trafficking, illegal timber trade, and unsustainable fisheries. Half of its funding is directed to biodiversity projects.

*FY17 Enacted: \$146.6M*

*FY18 Enacted: \$139.6M*

#### USAID Central Africa Regional Program for the Environment (CARPE)

Brings six nations and the U.S. together to save elephants and forest gorillas and protect tropical rain forests through anti-poaching, land-use planning, and sustainable development.

*FY17 Enacted: \$39.4M*

*FY18 Enacted: \$39.4M*

#### USAID Sustainable Landscapes

Mitigates drivers of deforestation and forest degradation in the world's largest and most biologically diverse tropical forests.

*FY17 Enacted: \$123.5M*

*FY18 Enacted: \$123.5M*

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#### **USAID Biodiversity, Andean Amazon**

Supports capacity-building for sustainable forest use through the Initiative for Conservation in the Andean Amazon, including implementation of conservation programs in Colombia, Peru, and Ecuador.

*FY17 Enacted: \$20M*

*FY18 Enacted: \$20M*

#### **USAID Biodiversity, Guatemala/Belize**

Supports conservation, governance, and law enforcement in the Maya Biosphere Reserve, including activities to address forest fires, which are often used to cover illegal activities.

*FY17 Enacted: \$3M*

*FY18 Enacted: \$5M*

#### **USAID Biodiversity, Lacey Act**

Supports implementation and enforcement of the Lacey Act and reduces the negative economic impacts of the illegal timber trade on U.S. industry in timber-related markets.

*FY17 Enacted: \$2M*

*FY18 Enacted: \$2.5M*

#### **International Organizations & Programs, International Conservation Programs**

Provides core financial support to international organizations and programs that address global environmental challenges through cooperation, including the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN).

*FY17 Enacted: \$7M*

*FY18 Enacted: \$7M*

#### **U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) (via USAID)—International Species**

Supports international wildlife conservation efforts, including those for great apes, migratory birds, and endangered sea turtles.

*FY17 Enacted: \$9.15M*

*FY18 Enacted: \$9.15M*

#### **U.S. Forest Service (via USAID)—International Forestry**

Provides continued conservation support to protect biodiversity conservation in key wildlife habitats such as forests for tigers in the Russian Far East.

*FY17 Enacted: \$5M*

*FY18 Enacted: \$5M*

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### **INTERIOR AND ENVIRONMENT**

#### **USFWS Multinational Species Conservation Fund**

Provides a critical source of funding for on-the-ground conservation efforts to help wild tigers, African and Asian elephants, rhinos, great apes, and marine turtles.

*FY17 Enacted: \$11.1M*

*FY18 Enacted: \$11.1M*

#### **USFWS International Affairs**

Supports international wildlife conservation efforts, including those to combat wildlife trafficking, and landscape-level wildlife conservation inside and across national boundaries.

*FY17 Enacted: \$15.8M*

*FY18 Enacted: \$15.8M*

#### **USFWS Office of Law Enforcement**

Funds the federal law enforcement agency responsible for conducting wildlife crimes investigations and enforcing wildlife trade laws in the U.S.

*FY17 Enacted: \$75.1M*

*FY18 Enacted: \$77.1M*

#### **U.S. Forest Service International Programs**

Supports Forest Service activities to combat illegal logging outside of the United States that adversely impacts U.S. markets and domestic timber producers and to promote sustainable forestry practices in other countries.

*FY17 Enacted: \$8M*

*FY18 Enacted: \$9M*