

Last Great Ape Organisation, Cameroon (LAGA) Financial Report January – December 2006



Summary

Over the course of the year LAGA received significant one-off grants from the Arcus Foundation (the first part of a two-year award) and the US Fish & Wildlife Service, and also the World Bank. Ongoing support from the British High Commission and the Born Free Foundation was received through the course of the year. Further income was received from Pro-Wildlife, the International Fund for Animal Welfare, the David Shepherd Conservation Foundation and private donations.

Expenditure was focused on the core activities of Investigations, Operations, Legal and Media, which accounted for \$120,929 or 69% of the total expenditure of \$174,877; management costs, including salaries for the Director and Assistant manager and communication and transport costs to control teams around the country, made up a further \$34,676 or 20%. The overall balance of funds was boosted in January and December by donations from the Arcus Foundation, in May by a grant from the World Bank and in September by funds from the USFWS. Expenditure against the USFWS grant began in May when it was awarded, leading to a cash flow discrepancy in July and August prior to these funds being received.

LAGA 2006 Accounts: Expenditure by Activity

NB: US Dollar values are month-by-month conversions from CFA figures, which may give rise to small discrepancies in figures. Original CFA figures are available on request.

Month		Jan-06	Feb-06	Mar-06	Apr-06	May-06	Jun-06	Jul-06	Aug-06	Sep-06	Oct-06	Nov-06	Dec-06	Annual
Start Balance		\$6,174	\$25,715	\$24,637	\$18,184	\$14,373	\$14,598	\$2,690	-\$391	-\$8,388	\$16,358	\$12,089	\$7,712	\$6,174
Donations Received		\$32,267	\$16,491	\$8,992	\$8,191	\$15,709	\$5,520	\$10,450	\$3,151	\$40,246	\$9,792	\$9,681	\$28,497	\$188,985
Expenditure split to activities	Operations	\$1,205	\$3,299	\$2,093	\$1,456	\$2,957	\$3,529	\$784	\$1,390	\$1,574	\$1,240	\$1,418	\$925	\$21,870
	Investigations	\$3,189	\$5,289	\$3,192	\$3,508	\$3,733	\$3,674	\$2,992	\$2,550	\$4,011	\$3,467	\$4,333	\$3,344	\$43,283
	Legal	\$2,945	\$3,650	\$2,989	\$2,085	\$2,640	\$4,151	\$3,506	\$1,887	\$2,261	\$2,038	\$1,913	\$2,511	\$32,575
	Media	\$1,601	\$1,434	\$3,070	\$1,669	\$1,478	\$1,755	\$1,852	\$1,472	\$1,597	\$1,593	\$1,836	\$3,845	\$23,201
	Policy/External	\$0	\$239	\$701	\$280	\$259	\$479	\$189	\$178	\$1,486	\$2,131	\$490	\$368	\$6,800
	Management	\$2,695	\$2,897	\$2,983	\$2,883	\$2,857	\$2,893	\$2,970	\$2,653	\$3,042	\$2,950	\$2,913	\$2,940	\$34,676
	Office	\$443	\$939	\$728	\$658	\$1,293	\$947	\$1,235	\$1,018	\$1,370	\$985	\$1,231	\$1,252	\$12,100
	LAGA Family*	\$173	\$45	\$24	\$0	\$124	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$6	\$0	\$0	\$372
Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Total Expenditure		\$12,250	\$17,792	\$15,779	\$12,539	\$15,342	\$17,428	\$13,527	\$11,148	\$15,341	\$14,409	\$14,135	\$15,186	\$174,877
End Balance		\$26,191	\$24,413	\$17,851	\$13,836	\$14,740	\$2,690	-\$388	-\$8,388	\$16,517	\$11,741	\$7,635	\$21,023	\$21,023

*: Expenditures on staff incentives, team building, etc.

Narrative

In January, through the dedicated help of IPPL, LAGA received a grant from the Arcus Foundation. The grant – the first installment of a two-year award – represented an improvement in LAGA's sustainable funding base. The second installment, for 2007, was received at the end of December.

LAGA's regular grant from the British government through the British High Commission (BHC) in Yaounde continued through the year with monthly payments. This grant is also a positive contribution to sustainable funding, being continued over three years from April 2005. Payments actually began in October 2005 and were paid at double rate for the remainder of the grant year until March 2006, with standard rate payments for 2006/7 commencing in April. Further regular funding was provided by the Born Free Foundation – LAGA's longest standing donor supporting our work since 2003 – with quarterly payments.

By March the USFWS grant from April 2005 was fully exhausted, and the end of grant reporting was submitted. In May a second annual grant was awarded. Spending from this grant began at this time, but for administrative reasons the funds were received in September. This led to a brief cash flow discrepancy resulting in negative cash balances at the end of July and August.

The World Bank grant received in May for independent monitoring activities was exhausted in August as anticipated. Unfortunately the independent monitoring reports were not complete by the end of the year, therefore the grant could not be closed. This situation left a negative balance with the World Bank at the end of the year as the last installment of the grant had not been received although the funds had already been spent.

ProWildlife began supporting LAGA in 2006 with two grants for three months each from March-May and October-December. Private donations were received in February and in December. The International Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW) and the David Shepherd Wildlife Foundation (DSWF) sponsored international travel for LAGA staff in September and October respectively. The remaining funds from the 2005 grants from WSPA and the Animal Welfare Institute contributed to the positive balance at the start of the year and were spent in the first few months of 2006.

Expenditure in February and June was slightly above the monthly average due to successful investigations and operations taking place in remote locations. Due to the cash flow situation explained above, expenditure in August was limited by minimising activities on Investigation, Operation and Legal activities. Expenditure on the Policy / External Relations budget line covered activities such as international communication and travel expenses and was raised somewhat in September and October due to overseas trips to the CITES Standing Committee meeting and CITES Great Ape Task Force meeting funded by IFAW and DSWF.

LAGA Monthly Income by Donor 2006

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Donor / Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
BHC	\$7,168	\$9,527	\$7,039	\$2,999	\$3,097	\$3,112	\$3,126	\$3,151	\$3,200	\$3,824	\$3,278	\$3,300	\$52,821
Arcus	\$25,098	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$24,269	\$49,367
USFWS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$37,047	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$37,047
Born Free	\$0	\$3,478	\$0	\$5,191	\$2,431	\$2,408	\$7,324	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5,674	\$0	\$26,506
World Bank	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10,180	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10,180
ProWildlife	\$0	\$0	\$1,954	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,541	\$0	\$0	\$6,495
Private Donors	\$0	\$3,486	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$927	\$4,413
IFAW	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,427	\$0	\$0	\$1,427
DSF	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$729	\$0	\$729
<i>Total</i>	<i>\$32,267</i>	<i>\$16,491</i>	<i>\$8,992</i>	<i>\$8,191</i>	<i>\$15,709</i>	<i>\$5,520</i>	<i>\$10,450</i>	<i>\$3,151</i>	<i>\$40,246</i>	<i>\$9,792</i>	<i>\$9,681</i>	<i>\$28,497</i>	<i>\$188,987</i>

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