

The Last Great Ape Organisation, Cameroon (LAGA) Financial Report January – December 2007

Summary

Over the course of the year LAGA received significant one-off grants from the Rufford Foundation, UNEP – GRASP, and the Arcus Foundation (the second part of a two-year award, received in December 2006). Another significant grant was awarded by the US Fish & Wildlife Service but did not enter the 2007 balance sheet as a delay occurred in the transfer of funds. 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 the Body Shop Foundation, Pro-Wildlife, the International Primate Protection League, the International Fund for Animal Welfare, the David Shepherd Conservation Foundation, the Parrot Trust, Shining World and private donations. UNEP also contributed a donation towards expanding LAGA's work into the Republic of Congo and the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Expenditure was focused on the core activities of Investigations, Operations, Legal and Media, which accounted for \$145,737 or 67% of the total expenditure of \$217,627; 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 \$32,626 or 15%.

LAGA 2007 Accounts: Expenditure by Activity

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| Month | | Jan-07 | Feb-07 | Mar-07 | Apr-07 | May-07 | Jun-07 | Jul-07 | Aug-07 | Sep-07 | Oct-07 | Nov-07 | Dec-07 | Annual |
|--------------------|------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| Start Balance | | \$20,815 | \$36,882 | \$27,144 | \$23,074 | \$22,532 | \$8,381 | -\$2,476 | \$24,938 | \$10,551 | \$54,656 | \$44,124 | \$22,295 | \$20,815 |
| Donations Received | | \$28,881 | \$3,362 | \$12,875 | \$16,149 | \$8,044 | \$3,331 | \$43,650 | \$3,441 | \$63,063 | \$8,360 | \$3,571 | \$6,965 | \$201,690 |
| | Operations | \$1,403 | \$869 | \$1,074 | \$900 | \$1,312 | \$1,478 | \$855 | \$1,419 | \$1,011 | \$817 | \$1,998 | \$1,142 | \$14,277 |
| | Investigations | \$2,904 | \$3,947 | \$4,973 | \$5,418 | \$3,520 | \$1,983 | \$4,489 | \$4,720 | \$5,886 | \$6,084 | \$5,894 | \$3,810 | \$53,627 |
| Expenditure | Legal | \$2,363 | \$2,167 | \$3,069 | \$2,335 | \$3,635 | \$2,095 | \$2,545 | \$2,908 | \$3,629 | \$5,554 | \$5,919 | \$5,556 | \$41,774 |
| split to | Media | \$1,907 | \$1,998 | \$3,286 | \$2,509 | \$3,148 | \$2,197 | \$2,501 | \$3,620 | \$2,937 | \$2,554 | \$6,353 | \$3,050 | \$36,059 |
| activities | Policy/ External | \$371 | \$164 | \$736 | \$552 | \$5,669 | \$2,552 | \$450 | \$595 | \$2,566 | \$216 | \$243 | \$2,034 | \$16,149 |
| | Management | \$2,848 | \$2,907 | \$2,981 | \$3,033 | \$3,284 | \$2,523 | \$2,597 | \$2,938 | \$2,807 | \$2,218 | \$2,384 | \$2,106 | \$32,626 |
| | Office | \$1,381 | \$1,320 | \$1,524 | \$1,708 | \$1,542 | \$1,360 | \$3,310 | \$1,738 | \$1,847 | \$2,888 | \$2,359 | \$2,138 | \$23,114 |
| Total Expenditure | | \$13,178 | \$13,372 | \$17,643 | \$16,456 | \$22,110 | \$14,188 | \$16,746 | \$17,938 | \$20,684 | \$20,331 | \$25,148 | \$19,835 | \$217,627 |
| End Balance | | \$36,517 | \$26,872 | \$22,375 | \$22,767 | \$8,467 | -\$2,476 | \$24,429 | \$10,441 | \$52,930 | \$42,685 | \$22,546 | \$9,426 | \$9,426 |

Narrative

The year started with a balance carried over from December 2006 including the second instalment of the Arcus Foundation grant for 2006 & 2007, received through the dedicated help of IPPL. Two more significant grants were received this year – one in July from UNEP-GRASP, and another in September from the Rufford Foundation with the help of the Born Free Foundation.

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. Further regular funding was provided by the Born Free Foundation – LAGA's longest standing donor supporting our work since 2003 – with quarterly payments.

In January, following completion of reporting, LAGA received the second instalment of the last US FWS grant. A subsequent and larger annual grant was awarded by the USFWS in August, but transfer delays pushed it to the balance sheet of 2008.

LAGA received a grant from the BodyShop Foundation on March with the help of the Born Free Foundation. ProWildlife continued its support with a grant in April month. The International Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW) sponsored international travel for LAGA staff in May and June. Further funding was received by Shining World, the International Primate Protection League (IPPL), and the Parrot Trust Foundation.

Investigations expenditure in September-November was above the monthly average due to successful investigations taking place in remote locations. Legal expenditure in October- December was above the monthly average due to concentration of payments to lawyers. Expenditure on the Policy / External Relations budget line covered activities such as international communication and travel expenses and was raised somewhat in May and June due to overseas trips to the CITES Conference of the Parties.

A private donation by the LAGA director compensating for a negative balance in funds from the World Bank at the end of 2006 represents the large portion of private donors this year. A further substantial amount has been donated by the LAGA director to cover 2007 interest rates' costs in the LAGA account

LAGA Monthly Income by Donor 2007

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| Donor/Month | Jan-07 | Feb-07 | Mar-07 | Apr-07 | May-07 | Jun-07 | Jul-07 | Aug-07 | Sep-07 | Oct-07 | Nov-07 | Dec-07 | Annual |
|--------------------|----------|---------|----------|----------|---------|---------|----------|---------|----------|---------|---------|---------|-----------|
| Born Free | \$5,773 | \$0 | \$0 | \$5,914 | \$0 | \$0 | \$4,746 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$17,955 |
| USFWS | \$9,291 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$10,427 |
| Rufford Foundation | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$59,608 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$62,920 |
| Body Shop | \$0 | \$0 | \$9,531 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$10,484 |
| Arcus | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Shinning World | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$4,907 | \$0 | \$0 | \$5,016 |
| Private donors | \$10,541 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$601 | \$12,430 |
| IFAW | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$4,692 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$5,057 |
| IPPL | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$2,900 | \$2,900 |
| BHC | \$3,276 | \$3,362 | \$3,344 | \$3,402 | \$3,352 | \$3,331 | \$3,370 | \$3,441 | \$3,455 | \$3,453 | \$3,571 | \$3,464 | \$43,468 |
| UNEP - Congos | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$9,490 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$10,334 |
| UNEP - General | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$26,044 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$28,359 |
| Parrot Trust | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| ProWildlife | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$6,833 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$7,288 |
| Total | \$28,881 | \$3,362 | \$12,875 | \$16,149 | \$8,044 | \$3,331 | \$43,650 | \$3,441 | \$63,063 | \$8,360 | \$3,571 | \$6,965 | \$216,639 |

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