



10th Duke of Rutland Memorial Conservation Trust

Who are we?

We provide emergency funding to complete or give crucial support to an established project.

Our purpose

To promote, aid and support – for the public benefit – the protection and welfare of rare and endangered species of wildlife and the preservation of their natural habitats in Great Britain and worldwide.

Previous grants have included:



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Indonesia Tiger Project in Eastern Sumatra and ZSL is enabling him to study for his PhD on solutions to tiger-human conflict. Dolly's contribution to wildlife conservation is inspirational for younger Indonesian biologists. So far we have supported him with travel funds to America for training and for the university fees for his PhD.

- To the work of **top vet John Lewis** in Jambi Province, Indonesia, during the main tiger collaring period.
- To **Dolly Priatna** (left), an Indonesian conservationist with an MA in conservation biology. Dolly is a Country Coordinator with the Zoological Society of London (ZSL)



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also piloting an exciting project to produce "tiger-friendly carbon credits" to provide sustainable funding for Berbak National Park. This is a forest full of tigers and other endangered animals, giving the government a clear financial incentive to protect it in the future. As part of this work, ZSL have started the first Wildlife Crime Unit for Jambi Province, based in

- To the **ZSL Indonesia Tiger Programme in eastern Sumatra**. ZSL's innovative programme is working with the palm oil, gas and timber industries in Indonesia, and with the palm oil industry in general, to provide information needed to reduce the impact of oil palm on wildlife. They are

the park and focusing on stopping the trade in tiger parts and protecting wild tigers from poaching.

- To the **Cambridge University Lepidoptery Expedition to Ecuador 2010**. We provided last minute funding to help this expedition go ahead.
- To the **Vale Barn Owl Conservation Group**. This group was formed in 2008 to promote barn owl conservation primarily in the Vale of Belvoir in Leicestershire. Working closely with farmers, gamekeepers, landowners and other individuals, the group provides nest boxes, habitat advice and monitors breeding success.

Future grants will also include:

- Supporting **ZSL's work in the Russian Far East**. With only about 30 Amur leopards and 400 Amur tigers left in the wild, these are two of the most endangered big cats on earth. ZSL is working in Lazovsky National Park to protect and monitor the tigers there, to investigate the possibility of reintroducing Amur leopards to the park and to support the career of team member and wildlife vet, Misha Goncharuk.



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- Supporting the **Amur Leopard and Tiger Alliance (ALTA)** Anti poaching teams. ALTA partner the Phoenix Fund has set up two teams in Amur Leopard habitat to tackle the poaching of this most endangered large cat on earth. So far the teams have drawn up more than 1000 citations including 500 for violations of hunting regulations, confiscated more than 400 firearms and initiated nearly 40 criminal proceedings. With a total population of only 30-35 Amur leopards existing in the wild, these teams make an invaluable contribution to the survival of the species.

Getting the money to where it is needed

Why give to us?

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Tiger 'Slamet' after collaring and with his protective eye covering removed, his welfare was monitored throughout the collaring process

- We keep our overheads to an absolute minimum.
- We allocate funding to where it is most effective; each grant is ring fenced, i.e. designated to a specific area of a project.
- As part of the terms of the grant the recipient is required to provide full accountability for those funds received.
- We have expert advice from our trustees;
ASHLEY LEIMAN OBE of the Orangutan Foundation, an orangutan specialist and recognised worldwide as one of the truly great conservationists of our time.
DR JOHN CHIPMAN, Director of the International Institute for Strategic Studies, a leading international affairs expert.
Also from SARAH CHRISTIE, a conservation programme manager at the Zoological Society of London and an expert on tiger conservation.

We are currently only awarding grants to other charities working in the field, however this does not limit us in the future. With increased funding and with a growing trustee body, we may indeed become 'operational' in conservation/preservation projects.

Is it only about wildlife?



Almost all conservation projects now have 'Outreach' programmes which include local communities. It is critically important to involve local people in order to inspire a sense of ownership of a project and therefore a desire for it to succeed. Moreover, the ultimate goal, for any charity, is eventually to relinquish control of the project to the inhabitants of the country and for them to take it on into the future. Charities and NGOs also provide employment opportunities for local people as well as school programmes for education and awareness.

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Whatever may happen in the future, what is certain is that the economic abundance of the modern world depends on the health of its air, soil and water. What is equally certain is that without our wildlife diversity, we will lose our unique quality of life forever.

Wildlife conservation is all about people

Aren't you just another charity?

The answer is both 'yes' and 'no'; 'no', because with Ashley Leiman and John Chipman as trustees and working closely with Sarah Christie, (Programme Manager, Conservation Programmes, Zoological Society of London) we have an extraordinary combination of expertise. With their guidance and with next to no overheads our grants have specific and tangible results. The answer is also 'yes', we are just another charity and we are proud to be so. We join with the many other organisations and individuals in the cumulative and collective task of preserving the planet for both man and beast.

Please join us

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My father devoted his life to the conservation and preservation of the English countryside. Through his dedication, hard work and passion he left an enduring heritage. He was always optimistic and when challenged with a negative view (often mine) would gently remind me "it might not be so bad, you know". I want to pass on this optimism for the future of our world to our two sons, Ivor and Warwick, who will inherit custodianship of the charity.



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