



# Supporting on-the-ground conservation projects

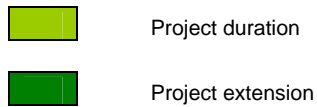
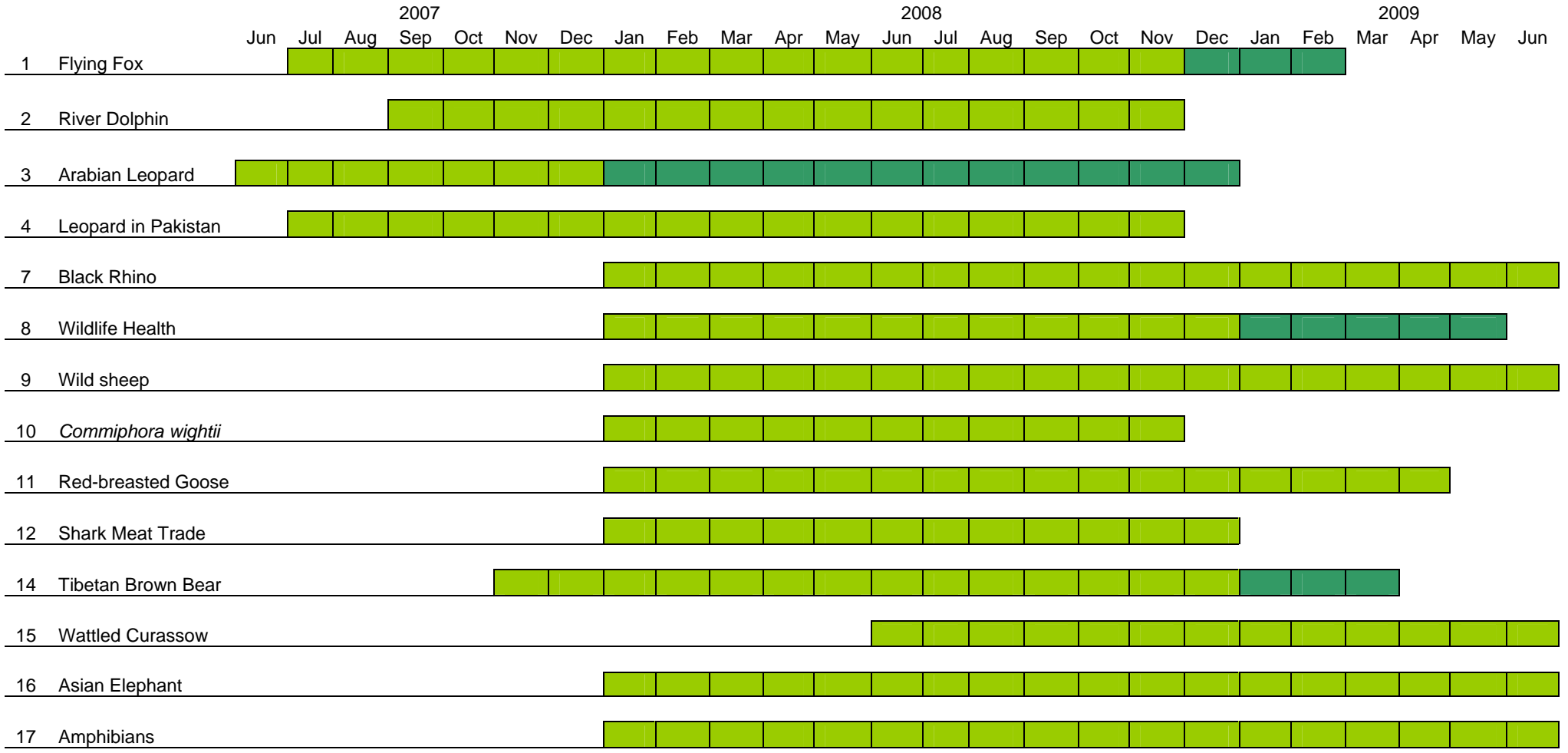
## The Sir Peter Scott Fund

Progress report December 2008



The IUCN Species Programme





#### **PSF 2007 – 01**

##### **'A framework for community-based conservation of Flying Fox (*Pteropus rufus*) roosts'**

**Funds committed:** CHF 18,980

**Funds paid:** CHF 15,200

**Technical reporting:** Interim and final reports received (extension requested)

**Financial reporting:** Received

**Communications material:** Received

##### **Reason for extension:**

"The timeframe of the original project ended in December 2008 but we've had to delay the implementation of the final part of the project for two reasons. The first is that we obtained additional funding to support this grant but the additional activities were very demanding on our personnel resources. Secondly, some of the communities have been slower to respond than others, and whilst we could just reward those that have met their targets, in the interest of long term conservation we think that we should wait a little longer for the others to catch up." Rich Harris, project leader

**Attachment:** Final Report

#### **PSF 2007 – 02**

##### **'Protection of the endangered Ganges River Dolphin (*Platanista gangetica gangetica*) in the Brahmaputra River, Assam'**

**Funds committed:** CHF 23,961

**Funds paid:** CHF 19,180

**Technical reporting:** Interim report received, final report pending (due end 2008)

**Financial reporting:** Pending (due)

**Communications material:** Photos received

**Attachment:** Interim Report

#### **PSF 2007 – 03**

##### **'Assessment of the situation of the Arabian Leopard (*Panthera pardus nimr*) and initiation of a capacity building programme'**

**Funds committed:** CHF 10,000

**Funds paid:** CHF 8,000

**Technical reporting:** Interim report received, final report pending (due 2009)

**Financial reporting:** Pending (due 2009)

**Communications material:** Photos received

##### **Reason for extension:**

"Two Belgian tourists and their Yemeni guides were ambushed and killed in Hadhramaut (one of the project field areas), in the spring of 2008. A follow-up visit to Wada'a (where we visited in December 2007), by a local team, had their camera trap stolen and were turned back by armed men. The insurrection in North Yemen has become worse and the government has conscripted some local people from this area, leading to bad feeling. We avoid the two summer months because it is the rainy season and in the autumn there was a mortar attack on the Italian Embassy in Sana'a, followed by a mortar and machine gun assault on the US embassy killing 10 people. We have been in regular contact throughout the year with the University, ministry and local NGO, including development of a national leopard survey strategy. Local colleagues advise that things have calmed down now, hence the planned visit for 28<sup>th</sup> December – 7<sup>th</sup> January." David Mallon, project leader.

**Attachment:** Interim Report

#### **PSF 2007 – 04**

##### **'Common Leopard (*Panthera pardus*) conservation in Pakistan'**

**Funds committed:** CHF 23,500

**Funds paid:** CHF 18,800

**Technical reporting:** Interim report received, final report pending (due end 2008)

**Financial reporting:** Pending (due)

**Communications material:** Received

**Attachment:** Interim Report

#### **PSF 2008 – 07**

##### **'A community-based approach to the management of introduced Black Rhinoceros (*Diceros bicornis*) in Liwonde National Park'**

**Funds committed:** CHF 23,500

**Funds paid:** CHF 9,000

**Technical reporting:** Interim report received, final report pending (due June 2009)

**Financial reporting:** Interim due **Communications material:** Received

**PSF 2008 – 08**

**'Domestic animal management and wildlife health in the Takana Indigenous Communal Land and Apolobamba National Integral Management Natural Area'**

**Funds committed:** CHF 15,000

**Funds paid:** CHF 6,000

**Technical reporting:** Interim report received, final report pending (due May 2009)

**Financial reporting:** Interim received

**Communications material:** Received

**Reason for extension:**

Replacement of project leader

**Attachment:** Interim Report

**PSF 2008 – 09**

**'Status of the least understood wild sheep, the endangered Northern Chinese Argali (*Ovis ammon jubata*)'**

**Funds committed:** CHF 13,570

**Funds paid:** CHF 6,000

**Technical reporting:** Interim received, final report pending (due June 2009)

**Financial reporting:** Interim received

**Communications material:** Photos received

**Attachment:** Interim Report

**PSF 2008 – 10**

**'In-situ conservation of *Commiphora wightii*: a red-listed medicinal plant species of Rajasthan state'**

**Funds committed:** CHF 8,500

**Funds paid:** CHF 4,000

**Technical reporting:** Final report pending (due end of 2008)

**Financial reporting:** Pending

**Communications material:** Received

**Attachment:** Interim Report

**PSF 2008 – 11**

**'Safeguarding wintering feeding grounds for the Red-breasted Goose (*Branta ruficollis*), by ensuring access of farmers to financial support under the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD)'**

**Funds committed:** CHF 23,966

**Funds paid:** CHF 9,000

**Technical reporting:** Interim report received, final report pending (due April 2009)

**Financial reporting:** Interim received

**Communications material:** Photos received

**Attachment:** Interim Report

**PSF 2008 – 12**

**'Re-training women formerly involved in shark meat processing in West Africa towards the small pelagic markets'**

**Funds committed:** CHF 24,000

**Funds paid:** CHF 18,000

**Technical reporting:** Interim report received, final report received but resubmission requested

**Financial reporting:** Resubmission requested

**Communications material:** Received and posted to website

**Attachment:** Interim Report

**PSF 2008 – 14**

**'Protecting the threatened Tibetan Brown Bear (*Ursus arctos pruinosus*) through the reduction of human-bear conflict in the Chang-Tang region of the Tibet Autonomous People's Republic of China'**

**Funds committed:** CHF 22,000

**Funds paid:** CHF 9,000

**Technical reporting:** Interim report pending (due end 2008) final report pending (extension requested to March 2009)

**Financial reporting:** Pending

**Communications material:** Photos received

**Reason for extension:**

“The delay of implementing IUCN project activities is due mostly to four events that have happened in China and specially in Tibet this year.

1) The major obstacle is the Tibetan political protest against the Chinese government. This event started in Lhasa on March 14th and quickly spread across all Tibetan areas. Lasting for more than two months, it caused a tremendous social instability and turbulence in Tibet with military control and restriction of all social activities.

2) The Wenchuan earthquake happened in Sichuan on May 12<sup>th</sup>. During this period, the government focused their efforts on the rescue and re-establishment of afflicted areas but continued the same measures of military control in Tibet.

3) For China, the Beijing Olympic Games is an important political event. At that time, the government said that Tibetan protestors would try to disturb and disrupt the games. To prevent this, they continued to adopt the same restrictive measures in Tibet. 4) The earthquake in Damshung happened in October. It is located 130km away from Lhasa and close to the project areas. For security and avoiding unpredictable disasters, the government as well as our major partner in Tibet -The Tibet Forestry Bureau - required us not to leave Lhasa to undertake field activities.

Because of the above mentioned reasons, all the field activities of the project ceased. The situation in Tibet is gradually getting better and stable now, allowing us to resume our field work.” Dawa Tsering, project leader.

**PSF 2008 – 15****‘Monitoring the Wattled Curassow (*Crax globulosa*)’**

**Funds committed:** CHF 8,260

**Funds paid:** CHF 3,000

**Technical reporting:** Interim report pending (due end 2008), final report pending (due June 2009)

**Financial reporting:** Pending

**Communications material:** Photos received

**PSF 2008 – 16****‘Participatory Asian elephant (*Elephas maximus*) monitoring in the Community Lands, Garo Hills Elephant Reserve, Meghalaya, North-East India’**

**Funds committed:** CHF 15,023

**Funds paid:** CHF 6,000

**Technical reporting:** Interim report pending (due end 2008), final report pending (due June 2009)

**Financial reporting:** Pending

**Communications material:** Received

**PSF 2008 – 17****‘The amphibian diversity of the Western Ghats’**

**Funds committed:** CHF 17,000

**Funds paid:** CHF 6,500

**Technical reporting:** Interim report pending (due end 2008), final report pending (due June 2009)

**Financial reporting:** Pending

**Communications material:** Received