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## NEWSLETTER No12

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## 'Community-based biodiversity management'

Find out about the exchanges that took place on June 3rd, initiated by FFEM, Fondation Ensemble, and Conservation Inter -national in our next September/ October issue. 'Special issue: Sharing Experiences'.

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## **TECHNICAL SHEETS**

Developing local agriculture and improving local livelihoods: the CEDAC technical sheet explains the methodology developed in Cambodia. Download it at:

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## AGENDA PROGRAMME FUNDS

To participate in the 2nd 2009 Commission, submit your proposals by September 10 2009 at the latest.

## Dear Readers,

Remember: forty years ago, man walked on the moon! An exceptional achievement, celebrated by declaring 2009 the "Year of Astronomy". An achievement that continues of course to inspire us, as it has pushed the límits of human imagination and creativity.

Yet, at the same time the state of our planet, of its natural resources and of humankind's responsibility - in 50 years, 50% of the planet area has been changed by human use - beg more and more questions. Isn't the future of humankind, that seems designed so remotely, being played in front of our very eyes? Out of 44,838 species on IUCN's Red List, 38% are threatened by extinction and 3,246 are at critical risk of extinction. One out of four mammals is at risk of disappearing!

Does humankind still have the means to reverse the trend? The testimony by Amerina Gublin-Diquélou, vice-president of Awely, invites us to believe so (pp3). Numerous initiatives speak against fatalistic positions. This issue opens the door of the Small Grants Fund, launched by the Foundation one year ago. A fund that has taught us a lot, and brought us many new perspectives. A wealth of energy, of gatherings and sharing... Yes, really, the surpríses are not over!

Enjoy your reading,

Jacqueline Délia Brémond Více-presídent.

**Interview:** 'Each of our actions is a step towards a better World'. Amerina Gublin-Diquélou, vice-president of Awely.



Life of the Foundation: Zooming in on the Animal Biodiversity Fund.



**Micro-report:** They are delivering their first results. Journey in the heart of the seven first completed small grants.



The Awely team participates in relevant scientific and technical work towards Ganges gavial conservation. Nepal.

## INTERVIEW

## 'Each of our actions is a step towards a better World.'

## Amerina Gublin-Diquélou

Vice-president of Awely Member of the College of Experts of the Fondation Ensemble.

Over 6 billion people and natural resources under pressure: our planet is in danger. Species and spaces are directly threatened, and man-animal conflicts are increasingly occurring. Awely shows us how conservation efforts can succeed in reversing this trend...

## Awely places man at the centre of its conservation approach. Why?

Because in regards to the constantly growing human population, the sustainable conservation of ecosystems can only be achieved with the consent of human communities. To be efficient and ethically acceptable, it must offer alternatives that improve the daily livelihoods of humans, thus giving them incentives to walk away for good from those activities that are detrimental to biodiversity.

## You are active in nine countries of the South. How do you chose your areas of activities?

Awely's 'Green Hats' focus on areas where biodiversity is threatened by human activities and that represent habitat for at least one emblematic species; this is for example the case of the Democratic Republic of Congo where the bonobo is hunted for bushmeat. The '*Red Hats*' act in areas of conflicts between man and wildlife, for example In Zambia where crop destruction by elephants is an issue.

## Fondation Ensemble supports your actions for the Ganges gavial, in Nepal. Why are you interested in this particular species?

The gavial programme has been a project led by Antoine Cadi for ten years, and supported by Awely since 2008. The Ganges gavial is the rarest crocodile in the world and is facing a critical risk of extinction. The species was saved already once about 30 years ago, but is now vulnerable again due to the combined effects of pollution and water uptake.

# What specific results do you expect for this species? And in what time-frame?

To contribute to the long-term conservation of this crocodile species, it is urgent to re-launch a dynamic partnership between different Nepalese actors. In parallel, existing wild populations have been strengthened by the introduction of individuals born in captivity. Fifteen have been reintroduced already, and will be followed for one year using a transmitting device.



## What mainly drives you in this effort?

It would be inconceivable to do nothing in the face of this worldwide environmental crisis. Protecting biodiversity is a crucial battle that we must fight for future generations. For Awely, it is a unifying fight, because it integrates biodiversity protection and development. There are no small victories for us. Each of our actions is a step towards a better World.



## MEMENTO



You work in Africa for the protection of biodiversity and the battle against climate change?

Submit your proposal to FFEM's Small Initiatives Programme.

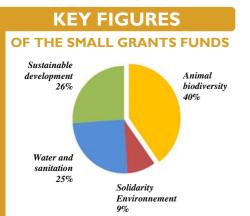
To participate in this first award, send your proposal at **the latest July 15 2009 at 12-noon**. Project selection will take place at the end of September.

> More information : www.ffem.fr

The Ganges Gavial: the rarest crocodile species in the world faces extinction. Souffleurs d'Ecume
 Prevention of collision between
 cetaceans and commercial ships. France.

Aventures Sans Frontières Luth turtles. Gabon. Poh Kao Protecting large felines by improving the livelihoods of local communities. Cambodia.

## LIFE OF THE FOUNDATION



Initiated in 2008, the Small Grants Fund represents 33 partnerships spanning across the three existing areas of activities of the Foundation in addition to animal biodiversity. It amounts to €688,589, and seven small grants that have received first funding have so far been completed.

By creating this new fund, the Foundation sought to open its doors to new actors, ineligible until now.

One year later, thirty-two actors have benefited from this opportunity.

## <u>Zooming in on Animal Biodiversity:</u> First investment area for the Small Grants Fund.

Animal Biodiversity is an area of activity created at the occasion of the launch of the Small Grants Fund.
It represents close to half of the ongoing investments for this fund, i.e. €280 427.



## Focus on the eleven small grants on Animal Biodiversity.

#### **Elephants** Luth turtles Bees Laos Gabon France Preservation of Preventing domesti-Installation of cation, the main driver hatching territories. a collective honey of the extinction of this processing facility. species. **Ganges** Gavial Sharks Lemurs **United Kingdom** Madagascar Nepal Conservation of the Fifty endemic species **Protection through** rarest crocodile species have been identified. prevention of in the world. deforestation. **Whales** Marine Turtles **Penguins** French Guyana Peru France Preservation of Study and monitoring Creation and nesting/hatching management of of the impact of territories. a rescue center. collisions on large cetaceans. **Biodiversity** Tigers A list of all supported Cambodia **Bulgaria** small grants can be downloaded at: Preservation of biodi-Preservation of versity in the South 55.000ha of primary West region. forest; laying the founwww.fondationensemble.org dations for long-term Section Small Grants conservation.



MICRO-REPORTS.

## They deliver their first results! A journey at the heart of the first seven completed small grants.

## Echo Mer / FRANCE

Results: Recycling over 3000 m<sup>2</sup> of ship sails and flags. Thirteen sale outlets.

www.echo-mer.com

## 2 Ishpingo / EQUATEUR

'Here, we have economic needs, and wood is a source of revenues. It's sort of our bank.' Isaac Cerda. President of the Sandhia

Community.

#### **Results**:

Creation of eleven community nurseries, production of 40,000 plants, mainly for woodwork. 224 families gradually find new ways to live from this production.

### WELCOME

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# They have joined us during the April 21st Committee:

On animal biodiversity: Elephantasia, Wild Flora and Fauna Fund, Souffleurs d'Ecume, Ambassades Animales, Poh Kao.

For other areas of activity Binkad, Tchendukua, Tropical Forest Trust, Amis de Bada.

## Colibris / FRANCE

#### 'Let's take back the power of what we can do.' Excerpts at:

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## www.colibris-le mouvement.org Results:

Creation of a 4,500 people database, of a web site, of a contact list of 5,000 actors. 18,000 copies of the 'Manifeste pour la Terre et l'Humanisme' (Manifesto for Earth and Humanism) sold.

Gabo

Tremplins / FRANCE

Green brigades with people in

reinsertion who sell environ-

mental maintenance services

**Over 60 employees covering** 

an area of over 1,200 km<sup>2</sup>,

and 70 towns utilizing these

to individuals and towns.

**Results:** 

services.



#### Results:

République émocratique du Congo

60 farmers mobilized to rehabilitate an irrigated area of 20ha. Compost production, rice culture, and opening of a school with a paid teacher.

Shechen clinic / NEPAL

To reduce water borne

diseases and prevent shortages,

The Technical sheets available on the web site of the Foundation.

Népal

a system with five different filtration systems has been

**Results:** 

developed.

#### <u>Médecine de la Nature /</u> CAMBODIA

**«I believe that all those who tried have been cured"** Testimony by Ta veng Village Chief

Results : 60% of traditional doctors in Ratanakiri. 280 medicianl plants and over 1,000 traditional cures have been identified. Specialized publications have been distributed. A robust work of training and awareness-raising.

The Technical sheets available on the web site of the Foundation.

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