

## Oryx 100% Fund Grants

The following Oryx 100% Fund grants were approved at the April Council meeting:

- £350** to the Wau Ecology Institute to help protect Papua New Guinea's Mt Kaindi, which is threatened by gold-mining and slash-and-burn farming;
- £100** to C.R. Lamb to study the grey gibbon *Hylobates muelleri* in Sarawak;
- £100** to Susan Paterson to study the associations between tropical ferns and predating animals;
- £100** to Kenneth J. Robinson to study rodents of the paramo grassland in Ecuador;
- £100** to Andrew B. Taber to study the behavioural ecology of the mara *Dolichotis patagonum*, a large rodent, in Patagonia;
- £100** to Dr Myrna E. Watanabe for a study and survey of the Chinese alligator *Alligator sinensis*;
- £ 50** to Matthew J.C. Barnes to study insect communities in tropical rain forests and the effects of deforestation on them;
- £ 50** to Miss A.G.C. Grandison to study a rare East African toad *Mertensophryne micranotis*;
- £ 50** to David Stubbs to continue his study of the population ecology of Mediterranean tortoises;
- £ 50** to Jane Margaret Wilson to study lemurs and fruit bats in Madagascar;
- £ 50** to John Woodhouse for an impact study of oil developments on Venezuelan wildlife.

### The Biological Aspects of Rare Plant Conservation

Edited by Hugh Synge – Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, England

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