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Our Mission

To strengthen the grassroots environmental movement in developing regions by making small grants to groups striving for environmental sustainability.

Our Grants

We make grants of \$500 to \$5,000. In certain circumstances we make both smaller and larger grants (up to \$15,000). Our grants support groups in some of the world's most despoiled and impoverished places where other sources of support often are not available. Our grants support a wide range of needs, including basic expenses.

Our Advisor Network

Our advisor network helps us identify potential grantees and link our grantees and advisors in a community that can share knowledge, viewpoints, strategies and successes.

“Above all, we must support the courage of people working for change at the grassroots.”

Helen Seidler
Somerset Global
Global Greengrants Fund
Board of Directors, Chair



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There is no better way to improve the world than from the ground up.

There is no better investment than supporting passionate people with great ideas.

Our ability to find and fund great grassroots groups—despite the challenges—has recently brought us increased philanthropic support and a growing capacity to do our work efficiently and effectively.

We've had another great year of growth. We've more than doubled our grantmaking and our advisor network, and we hope to continue on this trajectory.

To say that we occupy an important niche is an understatement. We work within a huge void. Support for international grassroots action is virtually nonexistent, and even if Global Greengrants Fund could grow exponentially, we still might not meet the need. Yet, steady growth allows us to lay the groundwork for ever-increasing help to grassroots groups beyond our borders.

And with this growth, our dream of linking a global community of grantees, advisors and philanthropists moved closer to reality this year. Our greatest challenge for the coming year is to find creative ways to make this collaboration as fruitful, meaningful and inclusive as possible.

I hope you are as proud as I am of our tremendous progress, and I hope you can continue to participate in this gratifying work.

Chet Tchozewski, Executive Director





“The great advances we now take for granted in the United States—suffrage, civil rights and cleaner air and water—all started as grassroots movements. The grassroots is where durable change begins.”

Chris Allan
Associate Director
Global Greengrants Fund



Tapping the energy of communities around the world

In 2001, Global Greengrants Fund made 281 small grants to grassroots groups in some of the world's most despoiled places. We helped groups in 59 nations.

We believe that grassroots efforts are key to solving many of the world's environmental problems. Local people are highly aware of environmental degradation around them, and they are usually the ones most vulnerable to its ravages.

Grassroots groups often are in the best position to identify and address root causes of degradation, and their moral authority is key to building broader public involvement and support. Although they almost always lack financial resources, grassroots groups can be a powerful force for environmental and social progress.

An incubator of grassroots initiatives

Every day new leaders—ordinary people with extraordinary energy and commitment—emerge from communities all over the world.

Our grants can be there to support these leaders in the crucial early stages of a project. In a way, Global Greengrants Fund is like an incubator of grassroots initiatives, providing financial support and access to a community of people with expertise and connections. For leaders and groups that might otherwise struggle in obscurity, we can be a springboard to greater things.

And some of our grantees do go on to greater things. We count among our alumni Goldman Environmental Prize winners, several Ashoka Fellows and recipients of major grants from MacArthur and other prestigious foundations.

Yet, many of our grantees will never gain wide recognition. Some may even fail to reach their goals. This, too, is a point of pride with us, because we know that failure can be a sign of reaching too far. Our grantees often work against tremendous odds, and we are proud to stand by them and support their hopes and their initiative. We also are proud to share the risk of failure that so many of our grantees live with day to day.



Return on investment

There's a practical side to our risk taking. Although it may sound crass, grassroots support offers tremendous return on philanthropic investment, and not because it's a good way to stretch a dollar. In truth, it's a strategic imperative for anyone concerned about increased levels of political tension and economic instability in the world today.

Many developing countries are on the brink of economic collapse. Most people in the world do not have access to basic services. In these fragile places, support of grassroots efforts helps ensure that people have the tools to work toward positive change. If transformation is inevitable, let it take the best possible forms. In places less threatened, support of grassroots groups builds a capacity for social and environmental progress in even the most resistant and undemocratic societies.

After September 11th, we all have come to recognize that our world is a more complicated and dangerous place than we once may have believed. But what are the root causes of hatred and conflict? We believe that unjust and profligate resource use, pollution, scarcity and deprivation may be humankind's most pernicious enemies. And we have a very promising model for confronting these enemies.

Grantmaking on a personal scale

Global Greengrants Fund touches the lives of people who often know nothing of the world beyond their village or town. This is grantmaking on a personal scale. For many people, these grants are their first direct evidence that people in wealthy countries want to help. This alone can be a powerful force. In the long run, support of grassroots groups may turn out to be the world's most durable and rewarding form of diplomacy.

Such support also can be an empowering and ennobling way to build a thriving civil society from the ground up. The potential of grassroots work is clear to anyone who has seen how an isolated grassroots initiative can turn into a great collaborative movement with a profound effect on national and international policies, the conduct of global business, and the quality of all our lives.

“If you are serious about supporting positive change, your first responsibility is to engage people at the grassroots and know what they think.”

Ravi Agarwal
Director, Toxics Link
Global Greengrants Fund
India Advisory Board



“I joined this organization because it honors the wisdom of people working at the grassroots. It's easy to just pay lip service to this, but Global Greengrants Fund is creating a model that can ensure honest adherence to the principle.”

Heather Ryan
Associate Director
Global Greengrants Fund

A new model for grantmaking

In a way, we are in the business of hope. Global Greengrants Fund is one of only a few sources of support to grassroots groups around the world. Less than 2 percent of U.S. giving goes to international causes and only a fraction of that goes to support grassroots environmental groups.

The reasons for this are obvious: It is hard for grantmakers to identify grassroots groups in remote areas; it is hard to transfer funds; and it is hard to monitor grantee progress. Combined, these obstacles can make grassroots grantmaking a challenging enterprise.

Global Greengrants Fund has created a highly efficient and reliable system for finding and funding local grassroots environmental groups. By forming an international network of advisory boards for specific regions and environmental issues, we capitalize on the expertise of people who know first hand where the most exciting and promising work is going on.

Beyond consultation: Putting decisions in the right hands

Grantmaking is a form of stewardship, and Global Greengrants Fund identifies the most qualified stewards, invites them to join our advisory boards, and then steps back to let this system work.

Our search for qualified stewards has led us to local scientists and activists, leaders of small networks or coalitions, teachers, journalists, engineers, physicians and international environmental leaders. All grant recommendations come through our advisors. By placing grant decisions in their hands, we leverage local expertise and create a system that puts its confidence in the wisdom of the people closest to the action.

Global Greengrants Fund is dedicated to the proposition that we, as donors, need to let go of more than just our money. The best philanthropy embodies a deeper spirit of generosity. We need to honor and trust the people we identify as worthy recipients of our largess. We need to let go of our preconceptions and our agendas long enough to begin an honest dialogue. And then we need to listen.



Weaving a self-sustaining network

Our advisors help us make philanthropic judgments and create simple grantmaking procedures to eliminate red tape and streamline grant delivery. This system has the added benefit of building a peer community that can provide moral support, mentoring and monitoring. This network is essential for maintaining the quality of our grants and helping us scale up our grantmaking in the coming years. But it is much more than this.

Though still in its infancy, our advisor network already is beginning to take on a life of its own, driven by collaborative energy, great ideas and a shared vision of a healthy planet. Our advisors now actively seek each other out to confer on issues that may cross continents or oceans. Our grantees, too, are learning where to go for help from groups dealing with similar challenges (see “Bringing Techniques of Nonviolence to the Lesotho Highlands” on page 18).

Nurturing the growth of a global grassroots community

As we find new ways to broaden our network and facilitate this collaboration across language and cultural barriers, we can bridge the gulf that often needlessly separates people working toward shared goals. In our work, we have seen the power that this collaboration can have on every participant in our networks.

To tap this power, we hope to encourage the rapid growth of our advisor network and link it seamlessly with our grantees and an entire global grassroots community. Communication technologies can now make this dream practical and relatively inexpensive. Better use of these technologies is our next frontier. We need to know each other, learn from each other and work together.

This is globalization with a heart. And, in fact, this network offers an antidote to the excesses of corporate globalization. The better we can link this community, the better we can reckon with the environmental and social challenges of the twenty-first century.

“Global Greengrants Fund is effective because it understands that environmental problems are more likely to be solved when financial resources are put directly into the hands of grassroots groups.”

Kavita N. Ramdas
President, Global Fund for Women



“I’m drawn to Global Greengrants Fund by its willingness and ability to let those closest to the action participate in grantmaking decisions. This approach sows the seeds for an increasingly capable and sophisticated environmental movement in countries across the globe.”

Jamie Harrison
Global Greengrants Fund
Board of Directors, Vice Chair

Global Advisory Board: Our ear to the ground

We have organized our network of local and international activists into two advisory layers—global and regional—to help us serve the broadest possible range of grassroots environmental groups.

Our first layer, the Global Advisory Board, brings together representatives of five international groups, each with a particular focus. (See map on next page spread for makeup of all our advisory boards.) International Rivers Network, for instance, is in close touch with grassroots and regional activists working to protect communities from ill-considered dam and diversion projects. Pesticide Action Network, another global advisor, helps people reduce use of agricultural toxins and keeps in close touch with consumer, labor, health, environment and agriculture groups.

In the course of their work, these global advisors are frequently presented with opportunities to support fledgling groups, but they do not always have the resources to help directly. By making grant recommendations to Global Greengrants Fund, our global advisors can channel funding to the right places and also facilitate the growth of groups that may later become important members of their own networks.

Members of our Global Advisory Board all share recognition of the value of networks and a commitment to nurturing them. Networks are fundamental elements of their own work, and this makes them natural participants in the broader networks that Global Greengrants Fund works to foster.

Our global advisors allow us to reach parts of the world that are not yet served by regional boards. Global advisors also supplement the work of regional advisors where these two advisory layers overlap, and they help link regional advisors and their grantees to global networks and resources.



Regional advisory boards: Crafting local approaches

Our regional advisory boards bring together local and regional leaders whose on-the-ground presence helps us identify groups that are working effectively on key local challenges and have the potential to make a significant impact.

Regional boards tend to vary in their focus and approach, depending on key issues, local needs and the makeup of the board. The Brazil Advisory Board, for instance, tends to select rural grantees that demonstrate a strong commitment to working collaboratively over large geographic areas. Board members have identified several large water projects, such as the Hidrovía, which will have a profound effect on the people and ecology of the Pantanal, and the board works to link rural communities that want to have a voice in decisions about these projects. (See page 15 for an interview with Brazil advisor, Alcides Faria.)

The Russia Advisory Board, though also focused on strengthening networks, tends to make very small grants designed to empower communities to fill the gap in environmental enforcement that plagues areas like southern Siberia. Because government agencies lack the resources to protect local forests and rivers, students and citizens across the region are mobilizing watchdog groups that are having a tremendous local effect. This new movement actually builds on a tradition of citizen engagement that began during the Soviet era and may now give people the tools to ward off the depredations of unfettered capitalism.

Though the focus of these regional boards will shift and evolve over time (and with new members), their value to Global Greengrants Fund and its supporters is that they allow us to be intimately engaged in supporting locally designed strategies. We help support these strategies but we do not interfere in their formulation.

“Global Greengrants Fund recognizes that sustainability does not arise from the environment alone, but from rights: the right to health, the right to water and clean air, the right to have meaningful living wage jobs and the right to dignity. We must work from within the framework of basic human rights to achieve environmental sustainability.”

Paul Hawken

*Author, **Natural Capitalism***



THE WORLD OF GLOBAL



Grantmaking Advisory Boards

We recently have added three new regional advisory boards. By mid-2002 we will have ten regional advisory boards, and we will continue to add more as funding allows.

We also have added an International Financial Institutions Advisory Board, which identifies grassroots projects that can help influence trends in international lending practices and financing for public works and other large projects. Like the Global Advisory Board, it is global in scope. It allows us to reach grassroots groups worldwide while bringing additional resources and tools to our regions of focus.

These advisory boards nurture networks that are essential for maintaining the quality of our grants and scaling up our grantmaking, but they are much more than this. They bring people who are rarely heard into the philanthropic process. And they help us build a self-sustaining and scalable international community that can work together across barriers of language and culture to find creative and equitable solutions to the world's environmental and social challenges.

Global Advisory Board

John Knox

Earth Island Institute

Marijke Torfs

Friends of the Earth International

Juliette Majot

International Rivers Network

Monica Moore

Pesticide Action Network

Randy Hayes

Rainforest Action Network

Mexico

Denise Bebbington, *Coordinator*

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Alexandre Araújo

Miriam Prochnow

Renato Cunha

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Sérgio Guimarães

Teresa Urban

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Marcia Ishii-Eiteman

Doug Norlen

Juliette Majot

The Fuller Projection shows the Earth as an archipelago of continents that share a common ocean. Architect Buckminster Fuller unfolded a polyhedron globe to create a flat map that minimizes distortion and avoids splitting landmasses.

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Natalia Kovalenok
Dmitry Lisitsyn
Elena Repetunova
Yurii Shirokov
Svetlana Titova

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Li Hao
Lu Zhi
Hu Kanping

Southeast Asia

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Edtami Mansayagan

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Claude Alvares
Deepika D'Souza
Ravi Agarwal, *Chair*

East and Southern Africa

Chris Albertyn, *Coordinator*
Board to be announced 2002

GRANT RECIPIENTS 2001

Our portfolio of projects allows us to support a variety of approaches in many places around the world.

Who knows where the next great idea or leader will emerge? Who knows what action will have the greatest impact?

This is the wisdom of diversification. Like an incubator of grassroots ventures, we can be there at the beginning as great things begin to happen.

And like a cutting edge mutual fund, Global Greengrants Fund helps ensure that we are making the most of the widest possible range of opportunities.



Argentina

TALLER ECOLOGISTA

To help local people along the Paraná River prevent the continued filling of the reservoir behind Yacyretá Dam and halt the construction of Corpus Dam. \$3,500

Armenia

ARMENIAN WOMEN FOR HEALTH AND HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT

To raise awareness among women, community groups, and health experts in Armenia about the danger of persistent organic pollutants on the reproductive health of women. \$3,010

Australia

ARMSTRONG BEACH & FRESHWATER POINT PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

To prevent degradation to the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park and surrounding communities in Queensland, Australia from large-scale intensive shrimp farms and fish hatcheries. \$1,500

TASMANIAN CONSERVATION TRUST

To help organize a campaign to protect Tasmania's 864,000-acre Tarkine Wilderness by seeking National Park and World Heritage status. \$5,000

Bangladesh

NIJERA KORI

To help a group of farmers in Horinkola conduct a case study of the impact of shrimp farming on the health of the world's largest remaining mangrove forest. \$2,200

UIPOKULIO UNNAYAN SHAOJOGY/COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP

To support the work of an ongoing forum that will bring together communities in the Khulna region to promote protection of the rapidly deteriorating Sundarban Forest Reserve. \$3,000

UTTARON SAMAJ KALYAN SAMITY

To fund a tree-planting program and workshops for 1500 women on installation and use of more efficient wood-burning stoves to conserve woodland resources and improve respiratory health. \$1,500

Brazil

PERMANENT NGO ASSEMBLY FOR ENVIRONMENTAL DEFENCE OF BAHIA (APEDEMA)

To bring together communities and community groups to organize against water diversions from the São Francisco River, and to host meetings, develop a media campaign and publish a brochure about problems associated with the project. \$5,000

ARGONAUTAS ASSOCIAÇÃO AMBIENTALISTA DA AMAZONIA

To fund six months of operation and allow this grassroots group to continue its efforts in environmental education, policy reform and timber industry monitoring. \$3,000

ASSOCIAÇÃO DOS AMIGOS E MORADORES DO BAIRRO DO GUAPIRUVU

To help an Atlantic Forest community build a small community-based facility for processing medicinal herbs, oils, and fruits. \$5,000

ASSOCIAÇÃO DOS SERINGUEIROS KAXINAWA DO RIO JORDÃO

To help this rubber tappers union document progress on protecting human rights, protection of indigenous peoples, and the environment. \$4,000

ASSOCIAÇÃO JOSE VALENTIN CARDOSO

To help an Atlantic Forest community construct an ecotour trail system to provide an economic incentive for forest protection. \$5,000

ASSOCIAÇÃO PERNAMBUCANA DE DEFESA DA NATUREZA

To support this coalition's work in community organizing, education, direct action, activism and research. \$4,500

ASSOCIAÇÃO POTIGUAR AMIGOS DA NATUREZA

To support efforts to preserve local environment and culture and improve this coalition's ability to serve its members. \$2,500

CENTRO DE ESTUDIOS E PEQUISAS JOSUE DE CASTRO

To support efforts to protect estuary ecosystems and local fisheries from industrial and tourism growth. \$2,200



CONSELHO INDIGENA DE RORAIMA (INDIGENOUS COUNCIL OF RORIAMA)

To support an international campaign to demarcate the Raposa Serra do Sol Indigenous Land and monitor the construction of military barracks in Uiramuta. \$5,000

COOPERATIVA AGROFLORESTAL DE BARRA DO TURVO

To help this agroforestry farmers' cooperative gain official recognition, support its efforts to help its members farm sustainably and to communicate its work. \$2,500

FORUM DA AMAZONIA ORIENTAL

To help this consortium of groups publish its second Citizen Watch Report, host meetings and strengthen the Civil Society Committee on Large Projects. \$2,000

FORUM DE LUTAS DAS ENTIDADES DE CACERES

To improve public participation and oversight in decisions about the Upper Paraguai River Basin, indigenous rights, and protection of the Pantanal. \$2,500

FORUM DE MEIO AMBIENTE E DESENVOLVIMENTO SUSTENTAVEL DE MATO GROSSO DO SUL

For a consortium of groups working to improve public participation in policy decisions in Mato Grosso do Sul. \$2,000

FORUM EXTREMO SUL DA BAHIA

To coordinate the efforts of groups working to protect the Atlantic Forest and its indigenous peoples and to publish a how-to book on equitable and sustainable development for communities and policymakers. \$5,000

FORUM MATOGROSSENSE DE MEIO AMBIENTE E DESENVOLVIMENTO

To help this consortium of groups develop a databank to help coordinate its efforts to promote sustainable development in Mato Grosso. \$2,500

KAXINAW INDIGENOUS ASSOCIATION

To provide a video camera to the Kaxinawa people to help them document their culture, homeland and their rubber tapping work. \$1,500

MOVIMENTO DOS ATINGIDOS POR BARRAGENS (MOVEMENT OF DAM-AFFECTED PEOPLE)

To help communities affected by the Cana Brava Dam protect their rights and limit the destructive effects of the project. \$3,500

NUCLEO AMIGO DA TERRA (FRIENDS OF THE EARTH BRAZIL)

To support this network's efforts to halt public funding for harmful development projects through publicity, workshops and participation in key meetings. \$5,000

NUCLEO AMIGO DA TERRA (FRIENDS OF THE EARTH BRAZIL)

To help environmental groups set national priorities by creating "red list" ranking of the most socially and environmentally harmful major infrastructure and resource extraction projects planned or underway in Brazil. \$5,000

ORGANIZAÇÃO DE CIDADANIA, CULTURA E AMBIENTE

To support grassroots opposition to the Paraguay-Paraná River development project which threatens the Pantanal region, one of the world's largest and most important wetlands. \$3,000

OS VERDES - MOVIMENTO DE ECOLOGIA SOCIAL

To fund policy initiatives to preserve the Atlantic Forest and Guanabara Bay and to support operations. \$5,000

SECRETARIA DAS ENTIDADES AMBIENTALISTAS DO NORDESTE

To support this coalition's efforts to coordinate activities against the diversion of water from the São Francisco River for large-scale industrial agriculture. \$5,000

Bulgaria

GREEN JUSTICE ASSOCIATION

To support the creation of a National Agroenvironmental Program for submission to government policymakers. \$3,860

Cameroon

ASSOCIATION FOR THE PROTECTION OF MARINE AND COASTAL ECOSYSTEMS

To help communities share information about mangrove forest conservation by supporting a network of groups working to protect this threatened resource. \$1,500

GLOBAL VILLAGE CAMEROON

To conduct Earth Day events to raise awareness about renewable energy among young people and government authorities in Yaounde, Cameroon. \$1,500

Canada

GRASSY NARROWS ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP

To help this Ojibway group halt clearcutting, resource extraction and pollution on their ancestral lands. \$4,400

RAINFOREST CONSERVATION FOUNDATION

To support efforts to enforce a logging moratorium and permanent protection for the Great Bear Rainforest. \$5,000

QQS (EYES) PROJECT SOCIETY

To help indigenous Heiltsuk communities initiate a volunteer monitoring program to protect the Great Bear Rainforest and their tribal territory. \$5,000

SAVE KEHEWIN LAKE

For a collaborative program to study the impact of planned oil development and explore alternative management strategies for traditional lands. \$5,000

Chile

ALIANZA CALIDAD DE VIDA

To fund legal expenses of nonprofit incorporation and to support the development and distribution of a poster on the dangers of pesticides. \$5,000

COMITE NACIONAL PRO DEFENSA DE LA FAUNA Y FLORA

To help increase public awareness about genetically modified organisms (GMOs) and support efforts to halt their entry into Chile. \$4,250

GRANT RECIPIENTS 2001

Xinjiang: A Trip to the New Territory

BY WEN BO

In October 2001, Wen Bo, Chair of our China Advisory Board, traveled to remote Xinjiang Province in China's northwest to identify candidates for small grants. This region, which borders Russia's Altai Mountains, is a high priority for both our China and Russia advisory boards.

Ma Ming strongly recommended that I go to Hongqilapu. "It is an exciting time and you'll get to see the military tension there," said Ma, a diligent young ornithologist at Xinjiang Ecology and Geography Institute. He was my first environmental contact during my month-long trip to explore environmental problems and identify potential grant candidates in Xinjiang.

Amid the U.S.-Afghanistan war rumors, some of my friends admired me for taking a trip to Xinjiang, an Islamic region of China. Others were more concerned about my safety. I was quite surprised, however, by how peaceful Xinjiang was. Another surprise was the discovery that many of my preconceptions about Xinjiang were not completely accurate.

Xinjiang occupies one-sixth of China's territory and faces tremendous environmental challenges and development pressures. I believed that Xinjiang was not only a dangerous and politically sensitive place to work but that it was a wasteland of environmental awareness and activity. Nevertheless, during my journey I did discover some exceptional and inspiring environmental activists, journalists, government officials, and professors working in small ways to improve environmental quality in Xinjiang.

Li Jun's story was the first that helped shed some light on the challenge of doing green work in Xinjiang. Li Jun, who previously worked for an oil company, was sent to Beijing for a three-month training program in 1999. By chance, she encountered a group of activists handing out environmental publications in downtown Beijing during an Earth Day event. She read the materials and became interested in the environment.

Back in Ürümqi, she decided to do some serious study on the subject at local libraries. Later she quit her job and started to give environmental lectures at schools and industries in her city. Drawing on her own personal savings she has given more than 200 environmental presentations. Some people find it hard to understand why someone would leave a paying job to give environmental talks. Moreover, she does not have many contacts outside her city where she can turn to for information, funding, or institutional support.

Indeed, there are numerous opportunities to assist environmental initiatives in Xinjiang. I was also thrilled to meet an environmental journalist, Dai Jiangnan, at Dushi Xiaofei Morning Post in Ürümqi City. Despite having been on the environmental beat for more than three years, she had no knowledge about any of the Chinese or international environmental groups crowded in Beijing and Yunnan. When I asked her what assistance she might need, Dai could not immediately name any needs, for she sees herself as a capable journalist. "How about some environmental information?" I asked. "Yes," She replied as if she had suddenly awakened to the depth of her need. I was full of confidence and excited about the opportunity to give some support to Dai Jiangnan, for such people will make a difference in Xinjiang.



COMITE NACIONAL PRO DEFENSA DE LA FLORA Y FAUNA

To support a media campaign to prevent construction of a major highway through the Chile's remaining coastal temperate rainforest. \$5,000

MAPU DOMICHE NEWEN/GRUPO DE ACCIÓN POR EL BIOBIO

To support an indigenous Pehuenche women's group in the Biobio region of southern Chile in its struggle against the Ralco Dam. \$3,000

China

21ST CENTURY SAVE TIGER ACTION INITIATIVE GROUP

To conduct research and promote awareness of the plight of the Siberian tiger, which is now down to fewer than ten individuals in Heilongjiang and Jilin provinces. \$1,500

AUSTRALIAN MEKONG RESOURCE CENTRE

To conduct research on water resource management in the upper Mekong Basin of Yunnan Province and the potential effects of dams and other development. \$5,000

BIRD RESEARCH GROUP / XINJIANG INSTITUTE OF ECOLOGY AND GEOGRAPHY

To support research on the effects of development on bird populations in Xinjiang Province. \$1,000

CHINA ADVISORY COMMITTEE - DISCRETIONARY FUND

To support the GGF China Advisory Board's efforts to identify potential grassroots grantees. \$2,000

CHINA GREEN STUDENT FORUM

To train members of the Green Students Forum, a network of university student environmental groups, in newsletter production and web design. \$2,000

CHINA GREEN STUDENT FORUM

To improve communication among the many groups in this nationwide network linking more than 80 university groups throughout China. \$1,500

CHINESE PRIMATE RESEARCH AND CONSERVATION NEWS

To fund increased circulation of this research and conservation journal in order to increase the organization's visibility and support. \$400

ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT SOCIETY, DALIAN MARITIME UNIVERSITY

To support a Green Sailors program that promotes awareness of marine conservation among sailors in training. \$500



**ENVIRONMENTAL SOCIETY OF DONGBEI
UNIVERSITY OF FINANCE AND ECONOMY**
To conduct student leadership training and help
establish Dalian as a training center for the Green
Student Forum. \$500

**GREEN AMBASSADORS OF NORTHEAST FORESTRY
UNIVERSITY**
To organize teams of students to conduct field studies
in nature reserves in Heilongjiang, China's
northernmost province. \$400

**GREEN ASSOCIATION OF CENTRAL UNIVERSITY
FOR NATIONALITIES**
For university-level environmental education programs
to promote environmental awareness and teach ecology
and resource management. \$1,200

**GREEN HOME VOLUNTEER YOUTH LEAGUE OF
XINJIANG AGRICULTURE UNIVERSITY**
To support environmental outreach and the purchase of
environmental books and journals. \$300

**GREEN PATH OF TONGJI UNIVERSITY & GREEN
WISDOM OF SHANGHAI UNIVERSITY OF
INTERNATIONAL STUDIES**
To study declining bird populations on Chongming
Island at the mouth of the Yangtze River. \$300

GREEN PLATEAU INSTITUTE
To help preserve fragile ecosystems, protect traditional
cultures, and improve the welfare of local communities
in northwest Yunnan, China. \$875

GREEN RIVER
To support the development of the first of four planned
conservation stations at the headwaters of the Yangtze
River to work with local Tibetan communities. \$5,000

GREEN STONE CITY OF NANJING UNIVERSITY
To strengthen this network of student groups, improve
its reach to other groups, and conduct conservation
activities to protect the Luehdorfia Butterfly. \$400

GREEN TEAM OF LANZHOU UNIVERSITY
For a pilot project to reduce poverty by introducing
sustainable development practices to a village in
northwest China. \$400

GREEN ÜRÜMQI VOLUNTEERS
To help this group of 40 activists organize lectures and
purchase books and materials in the remote northwest
China city of Ürümqi. \$200

GREEN WEB
To expand efforts to collect and recycle batteries in
China's schools, offices and subway stations. \$375



GRANT RECIPIENTS 2001

Protecting Human Rights in Peru, Even When It's Inconvenient

The Machiguenga are a semi-nomadic people who share the ecologically rich Lower Urubamba region of Peru with the Nahua and the Kugapakori. To their surprise and dismay, they also now will share their lands with a consortium of companies that have arrived to extract natural gas and build a pipeline.

The Machiguenga have no tradition of private land ownership and yet now face land protection issues that would challenge the most sophisticated experts. A shifting array of consortium members, including Shell, Hunt, Citigroup, and, now, PlusPetrol, an Argentine company with a bleak environmental record, have made limited attempts to consult, inform or negotiate with the Machiguenga. At one point, the consortium unfairly demanded a Machiguenga response to an environmental impact assessment in 15 days.

Public hearings are often held in Cuzco or Lima, far from Machiguenga territory. And while the Machiguenga and other local people have the legal right to be consulted on the project, in reality, this consultation process often takes advantage of the fact that indigenous people do not always understand the complex legal issues at stake, or even the language of the discussion.

Global Greengrants Fund's new Andes Advisory Board has made a grant to the Machiguenga Council of the Urubamba (COMARU) to enable the group to hire an expert to review the consortium's environmental impact assessment. This expert will help check the assessment's accuracy and help the Machiguenga better understand how the project will effect their lives.

GREEN WILDERNESS SOCIETY OF XIAMEN UNIVERSITY

To survey and promote local awareness of the importance of mangrove forests, and to promote better management of the mangrove nature reserve. \$300

GREEN XIYU (WESTERN REGIONS)

To help raise environmental awareness among Xinjiang's Uigur-speaking populations and develop a website on ecological issues in Xinjiang Province. \$600

GUIZHOU ENVIRONMENTAL STUDENT NETWORK INITIATIVE GROUP

To form a network of students and groups in Guizhou Province in southwest China working to promote environmental causes. \$300

ILI RIVER GREEN ORGANIZATION/ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER OF ILI NORMAL UNIVERSITY

To provide books and other materials that will allow three groups to jointly develop an Environmental Education Center and a "green bookshelf" at the university library. \$600

SOURCE OF GREEN, XINJIANG MEDICAL UNIVERSITY

To support the purchase of environmental publications for a Green Bookshelf program and the development of a website. \$400

STUDENT ECOLOGICAL STUDY CLUB OF YINING NO. 3 HIGH SCHOOL

To support the study of waste disposal into the Yiling River, the environmental effects of tourism, and the illegal trade and consumption of the Horsfield tortoise. \$400

SWAN PROTECTION ASSOCIATION

To protect swan populations at China's largest wintering area where illegal hunting is a continuing problem. \$400

TIBETAN REGION ENVIRONMENT & CULTURE CENTER

To produce and distribute environmental materials to schools in Tibet to promote environmental awareness among university and middle school students. \$3,000

TIBETAN ANTELOPE INFORMATION CENTRE

To improve the English version of a Chinese web site that distributes information about poaching of the endangered Tibetan antelope. \$1,000

WILD BIRD SOCIETY OF DALIAN

To fund a survey of bird poaching activities in Dalian and publish a poster on bird conservation. \$2,500





XINJIANG CONSERVATION FUND

To develop and support a conservation and research program for the Kanas Nature Reserve. \$4,500

XINJIANG CONSERVATION FUND

To support research and production of a book on the Tarim Basin by Shen Xiaohui, a renowned environmental writer. \$1500

XINJIANG SALAMANDER CONSERVATION AND RESEARCH GROUP

To fund production of a book and CD about the newly rediscovered and endangered Xinjiang salamander to generate interest in protecting biodiversity in northwest China. \$1,500

XINNING COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL VOLUNTEER ASSOCIATION

To maintain three environmental education programs in local schools and to create and distribute environmental materials for the centers. \$350

YUNNAN ENTOMOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF CHINA

To conduct a baseline survey of pesticide use in Yunnan Province and to develop strategies for reducing pesticides through awareness building and policy change. \$5,000

ZHAOTONG VOLUNTEERS' ASSOCIATION FOR BLACK-NECKED CRANE PROTECTION

To organize village-based public education activities to protect the black-necked crane. \$1,200

Colombia

ASOCIACIÓN DE CABILDOS Y AUTORIDADES TRADICIONALES U'WA

To help the U'wa people continue their struggle against oil drilling on their ancestral lands. \$2,000

CABILDOS MAYORES DEL RIO VERDE Y EL RIO SINU

To help indigenous Embera Katío and other displaced peoples return to the Sinu Basin and begin to restore the land damaged by the Urrea dam project. \$3,000

CENSAT AGUA VIVA

To fund a workshop on community-based sustainable forest management for local farmers and indigenous people. \$3,000

CENSAT AGUA VIVA

To support the development of a network of people affected by dams and create an organization that can empower them to participate in the decision making process. \$5,000

An Interview with Alcides Faria

Biologist Alcides Faria, of Global Greengrants Fund's Brazil Advisory Board, is president of ECOA - Ecology and Action and executive secretary of Rios Vivos. Vanessa Empinotti, a University of Colorado Ph.D. candidate from Poto Alegre, Brazil, spoke to him about his approach to grantmaking.



What is your grantmaking strategy for the Pantanal and Cerrado?

I believe in the power of coalitions, and much of our grantmaking is designed to help grassroots groups work together. We face huge challenges in the Pantanal and Cerrado. Reckless development projects are an almost unstoppable force because pro-development interests carry so much political and financial weight. Our best hope is to bring people together to speak in a unified voice.

What do you look for in a grant candidate?

I look for groups that can work well with other organizations and can help us develop the long term working relationships that are key to our efforts. We want to support groups that focus on action, but we also want to see a commitment to negotiation and consensus.

I look for groups that might bring new skills or approaches to bear. I look for groups that can tap into local and national government as well as the international community. And, of course, I look for groups that represent communities, such as indigenous groups, that have a real stake in preserving a region's ecological health. For me, one of the most powerful aspects of our grantmaking is its ability to strengthen networks by bringing in new voices.

Why are new voices so important?

The greater the participation, the more certain we can be that our work is on the right track. And new voices can have an energizing effect on the entire network.

Although a small grant can be a great help to a group that is struggling to achieve its goals, we see extraordinary benefits when that group also gains a capacity to participate in a network of groups. One of the more practical benefits of a strong network is its ability to protect members from intimidation and persecution. This can be particularly important in the places where we work.

How so?

We support people in communities that often are very isolated, and the work these groups do can further isolate them. It can be risky to speak out against development projects, for example. It helps to know that you speak for a greater community, and it helps remind your opponents that you are not alone.



ORGANIZACIÓN NACIONAL INDIGENA DE COLOMBIA

To support efforts to find and secure the safe release of Kimi, spokesman for the Embera-Katío people, whose kidnapping is believed to be related to his work protecting their rights. \$2,500

Costa Rica

ACCIÓN DE LUCHA ANTI-PETROLERA

To fund legal and media work in opposition to Harken Energy's plans to begin construction of the first offshore oil platform on Costa Rica's Caribbean coast. \$4,000

CENTRO DE DERECHO AMBIENTAL Y DE LOS RECURSOS NATURALES

To support Costa Rica's NGO community in its efforts to participate in the May 2001 Climate Action Network (CAN) Strategy Summit in Indonesia. \$2,000

FEDERACIÓN COSTARRICENSE PARA LA CONSERVACIÓN DEL AMBIENTE

To help local grassroots environmental groups create a central meeting facility for their efforts to organize opposition to hydroelectric projects. \$3,000

OFICINA DEL GRUPO ORGANIZADO DE MUJERES INDIGENAS "ESPIRITU DE LUCHA"

To support the efforts of indigenous communities opposed to the construction of the Boruca Dam, which would destroy the region in which they have lived for 3,500 years. \$5,000

Czech Republic

CENTRE FOR TRANSPORT AND ENERGY

To raise public awareness about the environmental problems created by car traffic in Prague, Czech Republic. \$1,500

CHILDREN OF THE EARTH - FOR CLEAN SOIL, AIR AND WATER OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC

To mobilize NGOs in Central and Eastern Europe to promote the implementation and enforcement of the Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) Treaty. \$5,000

HNUTI DUHA

To support expansion of this energy conservation program and to help promote policies that support renewable energy alternatives. \$4,616

Dominican Republic

FUNDACIÓN AGRICULTURA Y MEDIO AMBIENTE

To help small farmers learn about organic agriculture and alternatives to pesticides. \$1,000



FUNDACIÓN AGRICULTURA Y MEDIO AMBIENTE

To help small organic farmers analyze and improve markets and organize producers' groups and a national network. \$3,250

Ecuador

ASOCIACIÓN DE COMUNIDADES KICHWA DE SARAYACU "TAYJA SARUTA"

For an inter-community gathering of indigenous Kichwa community members in a campaign against destructive oil development. \$4,400

ASOCIACIÓN DE LA NACIONALIDAD ZAPARA DE LA PROVINCIA DE PASTAZA DEL ECUADOR

To help the indigenous Zapara people gain legal title to their ancestral territory. \$5,000

CENTRO DE INVESTIGACIÓN DE LOS BOSQUES TROPICALES

To support an environmental education program for the indigenous peoples of the Huaorani territory, Yasuni National Park and Panacocha. \$5,000

COFAN NATIONAL INDIGENOUS ORGANIZATION

To provide food, medical supplies, and agricultural tools to Cofan people displaced by the indiscriminate herbicide spraying of the U.S. drug war. \$500

COMITE ECOLOGICO DEL LITORAL

To protect the ecosystem of Santay Island and other mangrove forests on the coast of Ecuador that face destruction by shrimp farming companies. \$4,000

CORPORACIÓN ACCIÓN ECOLOGICA

To support community workshops along the proposed path of a gas pipeline from the Amazon to the Pacific. \$5,000

DECOIN

To help halt a new potential gold mine in Imbabura by conducting community workshops on the hazards of gold mining. \$3,000

FRENTE DE DEFENSA DE LA AMAZONIA

To help communities monitor oil industry activities in northeastern Ecuador and inform them of their rights. \$5,000

FUNDACIÓN ACCIÓN AMAZONIA

To help indigenous Huaorani communities join together to protect their lands from oil development and explore ecotourism and other economic alternatives. \$5,000

FUNDACIÓN JATUN SACHA

To reforest 1,000 acres of a degraded buffer zone adjacent to the Jatun Sacha Amazon reserve and to help communities learn traditional Quichua agroforestry techniques. \$2,000

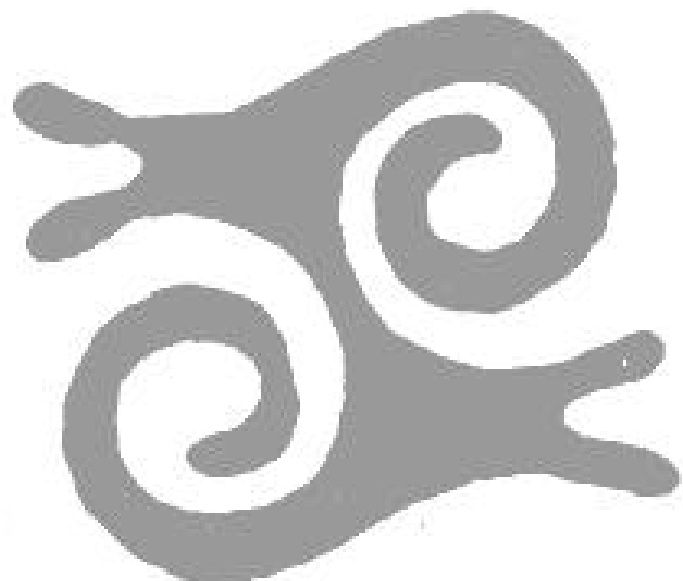
Halting Oil Development on the Costa Rican Coast

Acción de Lucha Antipetrolera, or ADELA, is working to prevent the Texas oil company, Harken Energy, from creating an oil-drilling complex in one of Costa Rica's most treasured coastal areas. Based in Limon, on Costa Rica's Caribbean coast, ADELA has brought villagers, fisherfolk and local business owners into a grassroots coalition that includes local, national and international groups.

The proposed oil complex would be built within a UNESCO World Patrimony site that includes the Cahuita National Park, the Gandoca-Manzanillo National Wildlife Refuge, and the homelands of three indigenous ethnic groups. The environmental harm alone could be disastrous, but the economic and social harm might be even more devastating. Local communities have adopted the practice of sustainable development based on ecotourism, traditional fishing and small-scale agriculture. Oil development would have a profound impact.

ADELA reports that while Harken Energy continued to gain ground and powerful allies through 2001, the coalition against the project is leaving no stone unturned in its effort to bring legal challenges and build broad opposition. ADELA was recognized by the Costa Rican conference of environmental NGOs for its work to inform the public about the implications of oil development and for its activism. By the end of 2001, ADELA was able to report that the environment ministry had held off a key decision about the future of oil exploration.

As of this writing, a February 2002 Costa Rican Supreme Court ruling called into question the country's Hydrocarbons Law, which governs oil exploration. ADELA believes that the ruling may force the government to reassess its contract with Harken and other oil companies. Within two weeks, Harken, citing increased public and political opposition, conceded in a press release that its ability to pursue its goals in Costa Rica was now in doubt.





Bringing Techniques of Nonviolence to the Lesotho Highlands

Transformation Resource Centre (TRC), a Lesotho community development and human rights group, is working to bring the voice of moderation to the controversy over one of the largest dam building projects in the world. They're getting help from an unlikely and very distant source.

The Lesotho Highlands Water Project is now the largest public works project in Sub-Saharan Africa. This six-dam project is designed to provide water to South Africa, and TRC initially believed its benefits to the people of Lesotho would outweigh the harm.

But as the financial, social and environmental costs of the dam have continued to mount, citizens have become increasingly angry. A Global Greengrants Fund grant of \$1,500 to TRC supported its efforts to bring elected officials to meet with people affected by the dams, but this had limited impact. Government leaders proved to be less sympathetic than hoped, and the people were more impatient than expected.

A recent protest brought violence to the region when overzealous police tried to block a peaceful protest and injured three elderly women. Recognizing the need to prevent an escalation of violence, TRC stepped in to help people in the affected communities channel their anger in more productive ways. Members of TRC are working to quickly bring an awareness of the techniques and potential of nonviolent protest, and have begun to work with India's famed Narmada Bachao Andolan, which has organized a highly effective campaign against the construction of dams on the River Narmada in India.

Ryan Hoover of International Rivers Network notes, "TRC has made an exciting cross-cultural and international connection. Despite the great distance, these groups have so much in common, and they can do so much for each other. India is the birthplace of nonviolent protest, and TRC is very smart to tap Narmada's expertise to help Lesotho communities handle this outpouring of anger and frustration."

El Salvador

CENTRO SALVADOREÑO DE TECNOLOGIA APROPIADA

To support a team of scientists working to assess the potential impact of climate change and studying potential mitigation measures. \$5,000

CENTRO SALVADOREÑO DE TECNOLOGIA APROPIADA

To support a program of municipal composting of organic solid wastes by building awareness of the program. \$5,000

Fiji

COUNCIL OF CHURCHES RESEARCH GROUP

To raise public awareness of the environmental and social impact of Asian Development Bank (ADB) policies and to address the negative effects of reform projects in Vanuatu, Fiji and across the Pacific region. \$3,000

Republic of Georgia

AQUAMEDIA OF GEORGIA

To educate farmers and citizens in Georgia about the personal health risks and environmental hazards of pesticide use and to promote low-toxicity alternatives. \$4,770

Ghana

FRIENDS OF THE EARTH GHANA

To support efforts to halt the entry of genetically modified organisms into Ghana through better consumer awareness, policy initiatives, and better coordination of government agencies. \$5,000

FRIENDS OF THE NATION

To conduct a three-day journalist workshop on forestry and conservation issues in Ghana. \$3,400





Guatemala

ASOCIACIÓN CAMPESINA 13 DE MARZO RIO NEGRO RABINAL ACHI

To support legal efforts to seek compensation for the families affected by the Chixoy Dam massacres of the 1980s when hundreds were killed for opposing this World Bank-funded dam project. \$1,000

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ASOCIACIÓN LIGA DEL CONSUMIDOR

To support a public education campaign on the risks of pesticides and genetically modified organisms. \$1,000

CENTRO DO ESTUDIOS Y EDUCACIÓN POPULAR

To help Mayan survivors of the Chixoy Dam massacre obtain reparations and defend against future human rights abuses. \$3,000

Honduras

EDUCACIÓN COMUNITARIA PARA LA SALUD

To support a rural program of pesticide education with improved teaching materials and programs. \$1,000

Hungary

CENTER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES /KORNYEZETTUDUMANYI KOZPONT ALAPITVANY

To support efforts to raise awareness of pesticides and other persistent organic pollutants. \$5,000

India

CITIZEN CONSUMER AND CIVIC ACTION GROUP

To support efforts to introduce better solid waste incineration technologies in Tamil Nadu. \$2,000

CHOTANAGPUR ADIVASI SEVA SAMITI

To organize Earth Day events for school children in the region of Jharkand. \$1,000

DELHI FORUM OF INDIA

To coordinate Earth Day events in India to promote reduction of fossil fuel emissions and the use of sustainable energy alternatives. \$2,000

DIRECT INITIATIVE FOR SOCIAL AND HEALTH ACTION (DISHA)

To support the development of a sewage system and treatment facility in the West Bengal beach resort of Digha, where untreated sewage threatens marine ecosystems and public health. \$2,000

GOA FOUNDATION

To help protect ecologically fragile areas of India's west coast from harmful development through research, litigation and education. \$5,000

GREEN VALLEY EDUCATIONAL TRUST

To support rehabilitation of coastal ecosystems and mangroves in Tamil Nadu, where industrial shrimp farming has made the coast vulnerable to cyclones and threatens local ecosystems. \$1,803

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NAVDANYA TRUST

To support a three-day conference to bring together Indian grassroots groups to discuss the environmental effects of globalization in advance of the Rio + 10 Earth Summit. \$5,000

PRAKRUTI

To protect the tropical forests of Western Ghats in South India from illegal logging and a proposed hydroelectric dam across the Kali river. \$500

SANDHAN FOUNDATION

To support mangrove restoration along the Orissa Coast where major storm damage in 1999 has left the coast vulnerable to further damage. \$2,200

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THANAL CONSERVATION ACTION AND INFORMATION NETWORK

To support medical and educational efforts to protect people in Kerala from continued exposure to endosulfan and other pesticides. \$5,000

THANAL CONSERVATION ACTION AND INFORMATION NETWORK

For a Zero Waste pilot project to address the problem of tourism waste in Kovalam. \$5,000

THANAL CONSERVATION ACTION AND INFORMATION NETWORK

To continue work in India to educate citizens on the negative effects of persistent organic pollutants on public health, the environment and local communities. \$3,250

Indonesia

FEDERASI SERIKAT PETANI INDONESIA

To support efforts to help indigenous people learn about the potential effects of dams planned for the Sumedang region. \$3,000

INDONESIAN FORUM FOR THE ENVIRONMENT (YAYASAN WAHANA LINGKUNGAN HIDUP INDONESIA)

To support a national and global campaign to save Indonesia's remaining tropical forests and promote just and sustainable use of forest resources. \$5,000

LEMBAGA PENGAJIAN PETS DAN KEBIJAKAN PUBLIC

For education and media programs about genetic engineering for farmers and the public. \$5,000

ORANGUTAN FOUNDATION INTERNATIONAL

To support citizen patrols to protect Tanjung Puting National Park from illegal loggers who removed as many as 10,000 logs a month before these patrols began. \$5,000

YAYASAN TANAH MERDEKA

To help communities organize against the Lore Indu Dam through an analysis of land rights and a local workshop. \$5,000

GRANT RECIPIENTS 2001

Report from India's Sikkim Highlands

Gargi Banerji and her Indian group, Pragma, have brought their expertise and creativity to helping high Himalayan and Tibetan Plateau communities in Sikkim reckon with poverty and habitat loss. Increased international demand for the region's highly valued and often endangered medicinal and aromatic plants has devastated the local ecology and threatens to destroy any hope for improving the long term economic health of the region's villages. Pragma's idea is to help communities cultivate many of the plants that are now being harvested unsustainably from the wild.

Pragma has brought together Tibetan monks (lamas), practitioners of traditional medicine (amchis) and farm families to learn how to set up kitchen gardens, mini-plantations, greenhouses, irrigation systems and community programs for education and information sharing. Pragma also is helping communities develop appropriate commercial mechanisms that ensure benefits of this homegrown industry remain in these communities.

Late snows hampered progress early in the summer of 2001, but the project rebounded as the year's work began to take off. Pragma and the communities are building test gardens, collecting and preparing seeds and rhizomes, and setting up yield and performance trials to optimize production.

Pragma's thorough and inclusive approach helps ensure the success of this program. By bringing highly motivated local people together with Pragma volunteers with expertise in agronomy and botany, this ambitious project is poised to make a significant difference to the people and ecology of this breathtakingly beautiful place. This grant was recommended by the Tibetan Plateau Project of Earth Island Institute.

Our Ecological Niche

We bridge the gap between those who can offer financial support and grassroots groups who can make efficient use of that support.

We link isolated groups to a diverse global community of people who can offer wisdom, skills, political support and perspective.

We improve the quality and effectiveness of this global community by discovering new groups and leaders.

YAYASAN DUTA AWAM

To educate farmers in Indonesia about the dangers of pesticide use and the benefits of integrated pest management. \$2,167

YAYASAN RIAK BUMI

To support a training program on sustainable harvesting and marketing of forest products such as honey, beeswax, resin and fishery products. \$4,500

Japan

MEKONG WATCH JAPAN

For a program that will bring together activists from the Thai-Burma border to discuss the effects of development on human rights and the environment in Burma. \$4,000

Kazakhstan

KARAGANDA ECOLOGICAL CENTER 'ECOCENTER'

For educational materials designed for both schools and adults, including a children's environmental calendar. \$2,000

NGO-CENTER FOR ECOLOGY-LEGISLATION INITIATIVE

To support environmental education through a seminar series, an improved library of materials and teacher training. \$2,400

Kenya

AFRICAN WATER NETWORK

To support African Water Network activists opposing the Sondu-Miriu Hydro-electric Dam Project in Western Kenya. \$2,000

CENTRE FOR INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE SYSTEMS AND BY-PRODUCTS IN KENYA

To document indigenous women's knowledge of wild vegetables and food crops and disseminate that information. \$2,000

CLIMATE NETWORK AFRICA

To support increased community involvement in planning for decisions on the Sondu-Miriu Dam. \$3,000

Kyrgyzstan

YOUTH ECOLOGICAL MOVEMENT

To support two deep ecology training programs for citizens and local teachers in Bishkek and Kara-Kol, Kyrgyzstan. \$3,000

Lesotho

TRANSFORMATION RESOURCE CENTRE

To bring together communities affected by the Lesotho Highlands Water Project and to bring elected representatives to meet with them. \$1,500

Liberia

SAVE MY FUTURE FOUNDATION

To support a campaign against destructive logging practices in Liberia by training community members to be forest monitors. \$4,000

Madagascar

ASSOCIATION DES TECHNICIENS ENVIRONNEMENTALISTES DE FORT DAUPHIN

To fund creation of a map of the natural resources of southern Madagascar to be used to help local groups set conservation priorities. \$1,500

Malaysia

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DEVELOPMENT CENTER

To fund meetings to bring local indigenous people together to discuss land management and defense of their rights. \$4,000

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DEVELOPMENT CENTER

To support a series of workshops for local indigenous leaders on land management and sustainable development. \$5,000

SAHABAT ALAM MALAYSIA

To hold a regional workshop in Malaysia for Asian organizations promoting environmental and social justice. \$5,000

UMA BAWANG RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

To support expansion of a pilot program for training local people in ecology, intensive wet rice cultivation, watershed restoration and non-timber forest products. \$4,400

Mauritius

MAURITIUS COUNCIL FOR DEVELOPMENT ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES & CONSERVATION

To evaluate the successes and failures of local implementation of the United Nations Agenda 21 agreement for sustainable development, with particular attention to how well the public has been involved in decision-making. \$5,000

Mexico

ASOCIACIÓN MEXICANA DE ARTE Y CULTURA POPULAR, ASOCIACIÓN CIVIL

To support a pesticide outreach campaign for indigenous Huicholes laborers in their own language. \$4,123

CADERNABB DEL PACIFICO NORTE A.C.

To support efforts to preserve and restore Ballenas Bay and promote sustainable forms of economic development. \$4,000





GRANT RECIPIENTS 2001

Supporting Home Grown Initiatives in Mexico

In 2001, Global Greengrants Fund inaugurated its Mexico Advisory Board. Northwest Mexico, the board's initial focus, is a region of contrasts and challenges. Southern California's wealth seems almost within reach, yet most people here can only dream of the comforts Californians take for granted.

Shabby *maquiladoras* dot the landscape. Sewage flows openly, some of it draining from north of the border. Intensive corporate agriculture pollutes and strangles any remaining waterways. And yet the deserts of this region are among the most spectacular on the continent. The Sea of Cortez is often called the aquarium of the world for its clarity and its rich abundance of sea life.

The sparse population of Baja California and northwestern Mexico had long been a blessing for the region's environmental health. But in recent decades, local communities have faced a losing battle against the forces of development, partly because the open landscape and isolation has helped ensure that there are few local people in a position to participate effectively in decision making about development proposals. Much of the work and energy to protect the environment has come from the north.

Denise Humphreys Bebbington, Global Greengrants Fund's Latin America Coordinator, believes that the time has come to support a homegrown environmental movement in northwest Mexico. "We've found great energy here," Denise reports. "Many communities are very well organized, but the greatest hurdle is helping them satisfy the government's strict guidelines for nonprofit organizations. Too few groups have legal status, and the government can make it very tough for them."

To meet this challenge, one of the Mexico Advisory Board's first strategies is to find ways to help community groups gain legal recognition. Denise notes, "In a way, we're in on the ground floor here. Despite the good work of U.S. groups in the past, there's a lot of mistrust. Remarkably little has been done to support the growth of grassroots groups here. Local people want to take action on their own terms and initiative, so I think our greatest gift will be helping them find the resources they need to take the next step."

CECARENA

To support a study of the effects of shrimp farming on the ecology and economy of southern Sonora. \$1,500

CENTRO CAMPESINO PARA EL DESARROLLO SUSTENTABLE, A.C.

To produce a training manual for rural community organizers who promote the sustainable use of natural resources in areas of high biodiversity in Mexico. \$800

CENTRO DE DERECHO AMBIENTAL E INTEGRACIÓN ECONOMICA DEL SUR, A.C.

To support efforts to halt the use of pesticides for fishing in southern Mexico through outreach to fishing communities. \$5,000

COLECTIVO ECOLOGISTA JALISCO, A.C.

To support a meeting on the Free Trade Agreement to bring together grassroots leaders from Latin America. \$5,000

FEDERACIÓN DE COOPERATIVAS PESQUERAS TRES BAHIAS, A.C.

To support local anti-poaching efforts and to fund travel to La Paz, Mexico City and international conferences to promote changes in Mexican laws. \$4,000

MUJERES INDIGENAS TARAHUMARA Y TEPEHUAN A.C.

To help indigenous women defend the boundaries of the Tarahumara community from intrusion by logging companies. \$5,000

ORGANIZACIÓN COMUNITARIA PRO DESARROLLO Y CONSERVACIÓN DE LA LAGUNA DE SAN IGNACIO

To support creation of a community center for education and training in crafts, primarily for women. \$3,764

S.S.S. MUJERES CAMPESINAS LA FE

To help an organization of women farming in the Biosfera El Cielo Reserve in Tamaulipas to promote sustainable development and conduct environmental education. \$2,750





SALVAMENTO AKUMAL DE VITAL ECOLOGICA, A.C. (SOCIETY OF AKUMAL'S VITAL ECOLOGY)

To support an outreach campaign to save the Yucatan coastline where fragile coral reefs and mangroves are threatened by unrestrained development. \$4,000

Nepal

ACTION FOR SOLIDARITY, EQUALITY, ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT IN ASIA (ASEED)

To support efforts of communities of the Indigenous Environmental Network to ensure enforcement of international peace and environmental agreements. \$2,680

ACTION FOR SOLIDARITY, EQUALITY, ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT IN ASIA (ASEED)

To prepare and publish an introductory environmental studies textbook in Nepali script for use in high schools across the country. \$3,282

THE EAST FOUNDATION

To introduce sustainable cultivation of medicinal and aromatic plants in northern Sankhuwasabha. \$4,000

NEPAL FOUNDATION FOR CHANGE

To support participation in regional consultations on water resource development and adoption of the guidelines of the World Commission on Dams final report. \$5,000

SOCIETY FOR LEGAL & ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS & DEVELOPMENT RESEARCH

To organize a series of workshops on transportation alternatives, a student air quality monitoring program and a Car Free Day in Kathmandu. \$1,000

New Caledonia

ACTION BIOSPHERE

To fund the telephone and Internet communications that allow this local group to protect local ecosystems and encourage sustainable development. \$500

Nicaragua

CENTRO HUMBOLDT

To support creation of a campaign to help people protect the ecology and genetic resources of Central America. \$5,000

MOVIMIENTO VERDE ECOLOGISTA DE NICARAGUA

To organize national Earth Day celebrations in Nicaragua to raise environmental awareness and support Nicaragua's nascent environmental movement. \$1,500

Nigeria

AFRICAN NETWORK FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AND ECONOMIC JUSTICE

To support an international conference on dams and water in Nigeria, advocacy activities of the Africa Dams Networks, and to encourage participation of local activists in international events related to freshwater issues. \$3,000

CITIZENS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY

To conduct a five-day training and education program for 50 community development volunteers who will work to strengthen community involvement and improve the management of the Nde-Afi forest. \$4,200

ECO OUTREACH

To fund an NGO conference on mangrove preservation in the Niger Delta and to support the development of an NGO network. \$1,500

ENVIRONMENTAL RIGHTS ACTION

To support efforts to raise awareness of the negative effects of the World Bank Contractor Facility on the environment and people of the Niger Delta. \$2,000

MANGROVE FOREST CONSERVATION SOCIETY OF NIGERIA

To support efforts to encourage polluters and developers to restore degraded mangrove systems. \$1,500

NGO COALITION FOR ENVIRONMENT

To support the efforts of Odigha Odigha and his NGO Coalition for the Environment to promote protection of Cross River National Park. \$1,426

NGO COALITION FOR ENVIRONMENT

To support the campaign to protect the forests of Cross River State and Cross River National Park. \$5,800

NIGER DELTA PROJECT FOR ENVIRONMENT, HUMAN RIGHTS & DEVELOPMENT

To support better collaboration among grassroots groups and the development of a central meeting and resource center. \$3,000

NIGER DELTA HUMAN & ENVIRONMENTAL RESCUE ORGANIZATION

To fund two workshops on conservation of the Niger Delta that will bring together citizen groups, community leaders, government officials and the press. \$3,000

NGO COALITION FOR ENVIRONMENT

To support forest protection in Cross River State by helping communities develop income alternatives. \$4,400

Pakistan

CREED ALLIANCE

To raise public awareness of environmental and social impacts of Asian Development Bank policies and to pressure government and bank officials to address the negative effects of projects in Pakistan. \$2,500

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF OCEANOGRAPHY OF PAKISTAN

To study the levels and impacts of persistent organic pollutants in Pakistan's coastal marine environment and find ways to reduce them. \$5,000





RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CONSULTANTS OF PAKISTAN

To support research and outreach designed to reduce exposure to harmful pesticides that are often unlabeled and unregulated and effect thousands of farmers and female cotton pickers. \$5,000

Papua New Guinea

CENTER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL LAW AND COMMUNITY RIGHTS

To support efforts to encourage the World Bank Inspection Panel to investigate violation of rules on forestry loans in light of ongoing illegal and unsustainable logging. \$3,000

Paraguay

SOBREVIVENCIA

To fund the first strategy session for South and Central American community activists working to reform the development practices of export credit agencies. \$3,000

Peru

ASOCIACIÓN CIVIL LABOR

To fund review of the environmental impact assessment of a proposed mine to ensure its accuracy and explore potential design alternatives. \$3500

ASOCIACIÓN PARA LA CONSERVACIÓN DEL PATRIMONIO DE CUTIVIRENI

To draft a management plan for the communal forests of five Ashaninka native communities living along the Ambo and Ene Rivers. \$4,000

INSTITUTO ANDINO Y AMAZONICO DE DERECHO AMBIENTAL

To support Peru's NGO community in its efforts to participate in the May 2001 Climate Action Network (CAN) Strategy Summit in Indonesia. \$2,000

FEDERACIÓN DE RONDAS CAMPESINAS FEMININAS DEL NORTE DEL PERU

To support a safe forum for communities near the Yanacocha gold mine to express concerns, articulate demands and negotiate with the company operating the mine. \$5,000

Philippines

AURORA SUPPORT NETWORK

To support efforts to limit the social and environmental impact of shrimp farming and protect remaining mangroves. \$2200



CITIZENS ALLIANCE UNIFIED FOR SECTORAL EMPOWERMENT

To document the health and environmental effects of aerial spraying of pesticides on the banana plantation communities of Kamukhaan, Digos, and Davao del Sur, Philippines. \$5,000

CORDILLERA WOMEN'S EDUCATION AND RESOURCE CENTER

To help the Cordillera Women's Education and Resource Center help organize and participate in national and regional workshops on dams. \$3,500

GLOBAL ALLIANCE FOR INCINERATOR ALTERNATIVES

To establish a global alliance of individuals, community groups, and non-governmental organizations to end waste incineration and to promote alternative waste prevention and management practices. \$3,000

KALIKISAN - PEOPLE'S NETWORK FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

To support this network's participation in planning for the World Summit on Sustainable Development (Rio+10) to help ensure a voice for local grassroots and community groups. \$4,400

KIBALAGON, KISANDAY, NAROKDOCAN, MANOBO TALAANDIG TRIBES ASSOCIATION

To help indigenous communities protect their ancestral lands from unsustainable development through a public awareness campaign. \$5,000

LANUZA, SURIGAO DEL SUR THROUGH LANUZA BANTAYAN GAYUD, INC.

To support efforts of the Lanuza community to prevent further degradation of local forest ecosystems through research and education. \$5,000

LEGAL RIGHTS AND NATURAL RESOURCES CENTER - KASAMA SA KALIKASAN

To support policy initiatives, legal research and advocacy to help local and indigenous people protect the natural resources they depend upon. \$5,000

LIHOK-WAO

To support efforts to establish a logging ban and protect the remaining forests and watersheds in Wao, Lanao del Sur. \$5,000

TAGBANWA FOUNDATION OF CORON ISLAND

To support a visitor center operated by the Tagbanwa people and designed to give them control of tourism activities and maximum economic benefit. \$4,000

Back from the Brink in the Russian Far East

A little over a year ago Irina Bogdan seriously considered the possibility that she would have to close ECODAL's offices. Although ECODAL is the only group in the Khabarovsk region with a focus on public interest law, funding for the organization's legal and scientific work had become difficult to sustain.

At a time when threats to Russia's Far East boreal forests, or taiga, are rapidly increasing, Irina found that she had exhausted local sources of support.

Fortunately, ECODAL's work had begun to attract the attention of regional and international activists, and it impressed members of Global Greengrants Fund's Russia Advisory Board. The advisory board stepped in with a grant of \$1,000 to sustain ECODAL. This support allowed the group to hang on, and its perseverance has since paid off when funding from the Turner Foundation and the Rockefeller Brothers Fund picked up where our grant left off.

This quick turnaround means that ECODAL now has the chance to grow from a skin-of-the-teeth volunteer organization to a group with international credibility and the professional resources to pursue its goals well into the future.

ECODAL works to gain protected area designation for critical lands, provides legal help to local environmental groups, and prods the government to enforce environmental regulations. ECODAL has successfully forced companies to perform environmental impact assessments and comply with laws that they otherwise would flout.

With the help of law students and other volunteers, ECODAL also works to develop legal strategies to support the rights of indigenous communities throughout the Russian Far East.

"ECODAL is a great success story for the Russian Taiga and Global Greengrants Fund," notes David Gordon of Pacific Environment, our Russia coordinator. "It shows how a grant of a thousand dollars or less can mean the survival of a group with potential to have a profound effect on an entire region."



GRANT RECIPIENTS 2001



TUNAY NA ALYANSA NG BAYAN ALAY SA KATUTUBO
For an advocacy campaign to raise public awareness about displacement of indigenous Aeta communities. \$3,000

Russia

ARKHARA DISTRICT CHILDREN'S PUBLIC ORGANIZATION "ARGO" AMUR REGION
To identify young environmental leaders from seven Russian villages and to train them in environmental conservation and natural resource management. \$1,500

BAIKAL CENTER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL EXPERTISE
To support a public interest environmental impact assessment of exploratory drilling for uranium in the Lake Baikal region. \$4,000

BAIKAL CENTER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL EXPERTISE
To support continued work on a public interest environmental impact assessment of exploratory drilling for uranium in the Lake Baikal region. \$4,200

BAIKAL ENVIRONMENTAL WAVE
To fund the purchase of a small boat and support expansion of a citizen program to monitor compliance with environmental regulations on Lake Baikal. \$4,000

BOREAS INITIATIVE GROUP
To bring together 50 students from Altai, Tuva, and Khakassia for seminars and practical courses about protecting nature through tourism and activism. \$1,500

CHILDREN'S ECOLOGICAL GROUP
To fund a volunteer effort to restore Green Park, Village Undino's only safe open space due to local mining of radioactive thorium. \$946

CHITA VOLUNTEER CENTER
To fund a student-led program to improve the condition of local rivers, lakes and springs in the Chita region. \$1,575

CLUB "ON THE EDGE OF THE OIKUMENA"
To support a school-based program to protect the Baliaga River by monitoring water quality and publicizing the results. \$1,800

ECODAL
To fund ongoing legal assistance from this environmental law clinic to environmental groups in the Khabarovsk Region of the Russian Far East. \$1,000

ECOLOGICAL LEGAL CENTER (KEMEROVO)
To support efforts to provide legal help to the indigenous Shor people whose rights are often ignored by extractive industries and developers. \$1964

ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVE GROUP "CEDAR"
To support the creation of a park to protect a 280-acre cedar forest that is threatened by dam construction. \$1,100

ENVIRONMENTAL INSPECTORS AT LAKE BAIKAL / BAIKAL WAVE
To protect the musk deer around Lake Baikal from poachers who sell the musk deer glands on the black market. \$2,000

FOR ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY OF SPACE ACTIVITIES
To support efforts to gain government help for four villages and surrounding ecosystems affected by debris from space program launches. \$1,100

*Since we were little kids my father had told us about the place – about a big river, the fish, the animals, the trees...
because of the oil companies. I was wondering what must have happened to the spirits my ancestors used to communicate with.*



GREEN WORLD

To support efforts to build awareness of ecological and energy conservation issues in the Gulf of Finland and Baltic regions. \$2,000

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' SOCIETY ALTYN SHOR

To help the indigenous Shor people in Russia pursue their rights to self-determination, sustainable development and spiritual regeneration through the Tugan-Cher Legal Information Center. \$1,500

INITIATIVE GROUP OF THE CENTER FOR ECOLOGICAL INITIATIVES ANIVA

To fund environmental outreach in the Aniva district of Sakhalin Island through a regular public exhibit and a series of articles in the local and regional press. \$500

INITIATIVE GROUP "ECOTON" ALTAI

To support a citizen initiative to evaluate the condition of several wildlife refuges and wetlands and to develop recommendations to government. \$500

INITIATIVE GROUP NATURE PRESERVE (CHITA)

To support efforts to protect wild populations of Dzeren (*Procapra guttorosa*), an ungulate that is heavily poached and endangered. \$2,000

INITIATIVE GROUP "SLEDOPYT" KEMEROVO

To fund a citizen monitoring program to protect sensitive watersheds and enforce compliance with hunting regulations and wildlife management laws. \$1,000

INITIATIVE GROUP STUDENT ENVIRONMENTAL CLUB "KEDR" (NOVOSIBIRSK)

To support protection of rare plants and animals in the Barsuuk caves region through education, networking with other groups and citizen monitoring. \$1,000

INITIATIVE GROUP OF STUDENTS OF NATURAL GEOGRAPHY IN THE TRANSBAIKAL PEDAGOGICAL INSTITUTE, CHITA

To support a university student initiative to teach younger students about wetland and riparian restoration and involve them in cleaning up the Ingoda River. \$500

INITIATIVE GROUP ZHERDII AND SHABALINA (NOVOSIBIRSK)

To support efforts to protect the water quality and in-stream flows of the Kamenka River through research, monitoring and outreach. \$1,614

INITIATIVE JOURNALIST GROUP "LIVING REGION" KHABAROVSK

To fund the development and implementation of a coordinated approach to focusing media attention on key environmental issues in the region. \$1,000

IRKUTSK REGIONAL COUNCIL OF THE ALL-RUSSIAN SOCIETY FOR NATURE PROTECTION

For a public awareness campaign and support of citizen inspectors working to identify and prevent air and water pollution from illegal sources. \$1,500

IRKUTSK YOUTH ORGANIZATION "PUBLIC GUARD FOR NATURE CONSERVATION AND RULE OF LAW"

To restore and protect the lakes and wetlands at the mouth of the Irkutsk River and to create a pollution watch, build interpretive trails and conduct outreach. \$500

KRIK NATURE GUARD / MAGADAN CENTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

For environmental outreach by the youth group, Krik Nature Guard, which includes monitoring pollution, hosting a telephone hotline, and writing articles for the local press. \$500

LAKE DEFENDERS CLUB, ALTAI

To conduct five video expeditions to the Altai Nature Preserve and other protected areas within this World Heritage Site to encourage greater government commitment to protection. \$1,500

LOWER AMUR ECOLOGICAL INSPECTION (AMUR REGION)

To fund a citizen monitoring program to supplement government efforts to protect nature preserves in the Khabarovsk region. \$1,500

NATURE CONSERVATION GROUP "BERKUT" (BIROBIDZHAN)

To support the creation of a student environmental research, education and monitoring organization in the Jewish Autonomous Region. \$1,000

NATURE CONSERVATION GROUP "USURIISK BEAR" (PRIMORSKIY REGION)

To support a citizen monitoring program that protects the Ussuriisk Nature preserve in cooperation with government officials. \$1,600

NONCOMMERCIAL PARTNERSHIP "ECOLOGICAL COMMITTEE" (OMSK)

To support efforts to reintroduce the endangered Bustard (*Otis Tarda*), a bird that was once common to southern Siberia. \$1,500

NOVOKUZNETSK SOCIETY FOR PROTECTION OF NATURE, KEMEROVO

To train and support ten new citizen inspectors to conduct environmental monitoring of manufacturing facilities and fishing operations in Novokuznetsk. \$1,500

*Getting there, I was sad remembering how my father used to talk about it, and from seeing the river Manjari black and contaminated
There are hardly any crocodiles anymore or other animals like the river turtle.*

—Bartolo Ushigua of the Zapara people describing his visit to the Tigre River. (Reported and translated by Steve Rudnick)

GRANT RECIPIENTS 2001



Netizens to the Rescue

Wen Bo, Chair of Global Greengrants Fund's China Advisory Board, likes to call the activists of Green Web of Beijing the "netizen brigade." Using the Internet, this organization has linked students, journalists and citizens in a web of information sharing that has helped expose plans for a project that threatens the largest wetland on the Beijing plain.

Although China has abandoned its longstanding campaign to reclaim wetlands for agriculture, a government-owned development company has plans to build an amusement park and golf course complex on a major wetland near Beijing.

A journalist in touch with Green Web of Beijing broke the story, and its membership quickly rallied to the defense of the wetland. By getting the news out quickly and creating an online petition, Green Web hopes to force the developer to perform an environmental impact assessment before construction begins. The group believes such an assessment would almost certainly stop the project.

"In China we are in the unique position of having decent environmental laws and a high degree of environmental awareness at the top levels of government," says Wen Bo. "But it's in the details where we run into problems. Local governments and businesses have other priorities, and Chinese citizens do not have a tradition of making their voices heard."

Environmental action in China is often driven by local reaction to local problems, such as pollution from a single factory. Our strategy in supporting networks is to bring people together to be more systematic and collaborative and not limited to one small battle at a time.

It's a universal challenge for environmentalists everywhere, and in China, networks of citizens and students present an opportunity to change the way businesses and governments make decisions.

"Networks can help open up the process and loosen the flow of information," Wen Bo says. "For instance, we've had great luck engaging journalists who are looking for stories and can help us get the word out to a broader audience. And this network model allows groups to work together effectively yet remain small and unthreatening to government. In China, a group that calls too much attention to itself runs the risk of being less effective in the long run."

NOVOSIBIRSK CITY PUBLIC ORGANIZATION VIZART (NOVOSIBIRSK)

To fund an arts and environment program for schoolchildren who will take nature field trips and create short animated films. \$1,572

NOVOSIBIRSK PUBLIC NATURE CONSERVATION GUARD "TAIGA"

To establish an environmental leadership school for students from Novosibirsk State University who want to become citizen environmental inspectors to help understaffed local authorities monitor hunting and fishing activities in protected territories. \$1,150

PHOENIX ECOLOGICAL CLUB

For environmental education and action and the publication of a how-to book to help citizens find information on local ecology, environmental laws and polluters. \$500

PILGRIM (SAKHALIN)

To support the creation of a collaborative network of Sakhalin environmental groups and to improve coordination and strategic planning. \$400

PUBLIC ORGANIZATION "BAGULNIK" (JEWISH AUTONOMOUS REGION)

To fund environmental education and outreach and a forest ranger training program for ten students pursuing careers in forestry. \$1,500

PUBLIC ORGANIZATION "NOVOSIBIRSK REGIONAL COMMITTEE TO PROTECT WATER RESOURCES"

To fund the study of Novosibirsk's shrinking aquifer, organize activities to call attention to the problem and identify potential solutions. \$2,000

PUBLIC ORGANIZATION "RAKETA" KAMCHATKA

To fund volunteer efforts to restore Kirpichiki Creek, monitor ongoing compliance with environmental laws and conduct outreach. \$500

REGIONAL STUDY CLUB "PILGRIM" SAKHALIN REGION

To identify active student environmental groups in the Sakhalin Region, provide training, and link a regional network of environmental educators and activists. \$1,500





REGIONAL PUBLIC ORGANIZATION "PORONAISKII ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER"

To support student efforts to clean up beaches in Sakhalin Island's only nature preserve and restore sturgeon spawning areas in the Uchur River. \$1,766

SOURCE SOCIETY

To support the Source Society, a group of five science teachers and 50 high school children working to attract public and government attention to the dire condition of the Tom' River. \$1,500

STERKH NATURE GUARD

To conduct regular citizen monitoring of proposed protected areas in the Primorsky region, in cooperation with government organizations and other NGOs. \$500

TASHTANGOL STUDENT GROUP "OLENG" (KEMEROVO)

To support a student-led cleanup and monitoring program for several tributaries of the Kondoma River. \$809

TRANSBAIKAL REGIONAL BRANCH OF THE RUSSIAN ECOLOGICAL ACADEMY

To train teachers in new methods of environmental education in 30 local schools and to publish and distribute resource and curricular materials. \$500

ULDIS KNAKIS FIGHTING YOUTH NATURE CONSERVATION GUARD

To help citizens enforce restrictions on poaching of spawning fish and game species in the Irkutsk region of Siberia, particularly during critical breeding seasons. \$2,200

VOLUNTEER CENTER "AK-SUU"

For an interregional conference on the environmental and public health damage caused by Russian test-rockets that have been launched in the Altai region. \$575

YOUTH GROUP "DEBUT" (NOVOSIBIRSK)

To support an ecological research and monitoring program that will focus on the rivers and lakes of the Novosibirsk region. \$1,000

ZOV ARSHANA

To support the creation of a center to monitor planning and development of an oil pipeline through Tunka National Park. \$2,200

Answering the Call for Safe Energy Alternatives in Russia

Working in the shadows of Chernobyl, Ludmila Zhirina and Igor Prokofiev have literally written the book on introducing energy alternatives to Russian communities. Their book (available in both printed and electronic form) is a compendium of everything a Russian energy activist, teacher and leader needs to know about solar, wind and biomass energy production. Their grassroots group, VIOLA, promotes renewable energy alternatives and has developed an impressive program on a shoestring budget. VIOLA volunteers work with community groups, scientists, teachers, students, and public officials to cover all bases in its attempt to move Russia to a greater awareness of energy alternatives.

In this region where people still live with radioactive soils contaminated by the world's most notorious nuclear accident, VIOLA has found widespread enthusiasm for clean and safe energy sources. Through a series of trainings, seminars and other events, VIOLA has reached the most important audiences for renewable energy and now hopes to move rapidly toward introducing new technologies.

With help from a \$3,000 Global Greengrants Fund grant, VIOLA produced its book and successfully united more than 34 local groups in a network that continues to gain support from public officials. VIOLA's leaders believe that this region's recent history may give energy activists here greater leverage and allow them to make the region a safe energy leader for the whole of Russia. This grant was recommended by Earth Island Institute's Center for Safe Energy.





GRANT RECIPIENTS 2001

Rescuing Mangroves in Indonesia

The rapidly expanding shrimp aquaculture industry now poses the gravest threat to the world's remaining mangrove ecosystems. Thousands of hectares of lush mangrove forests have been cleared to make room for the artificial shrimp ponds of this boom and bust export industry. Throughout the islands of Indonesia, mangrove forests are being destroyed at a rapid pace, and the Indonesian government has plans for another 34,000 hectares of shrimp farms.



Persatuan Perempuan Sama, the Women's Union for Equality, has developed an innovative method for farming shrimp and restoring mangroves. With the help of a Global Greengrants Fund grant for \$1,000 (recommended by the Mangrove Action Project of Earth Island Institute) the group is working with women near degraded mangrove ecosystems to organize workshops on *empang parit*, their technique for rehabilitating degraded mangrove systems.

Empang parit creates systems of ditches that allow the reintroduction of mangroves into coastal lowlands. The greatest benefit of this is that it restores ecological diversity, allowing a greater range of species to flourish. Mangroves provide rich nursery and breeding grounds for the fisheries that coastal dwellers (and commercial fisheries) depend upon. They help protect coastlines from erosion, storm damage and wave action, and they have more economic value overall than an equal area of industrial aquaculture. *Empang parit* has the potential to strike a balance between the needs of commercial shrimp producers and the need for the ecosystem services and other benefits that mangrove forests provide. *Empang parit* may help shrimp growers reduce use of antibiotics and chemicals that are beginning to have a serious effect on coastal environments. It also has the potential to address some of the social problems that large-scale aquaculture has introduced.

Traditionally, mangrove forests often have been managed sustainably by local people for the production of food, medicines, tannins, fuel wood and construction materials. But industrial shrimp production in Indonesia has usually meant complete destruction of mangroves along with state-sponsored resettlement of new workers from crowded cities. Indigenous residents have borne a dual burden as they have lost this rich resource and also found themselves displaced by new workers.

Since 1996, Persatuan Perempuan Sama has sponsored a 20-hectare demonstration plot in a devastated Southeast Sulawesi mangrove ecosystem. Working with local indigenous women, the group has proven the value of *empang parit* for balancing shrimp production with other needs. Because this system is less disruptive to coastal people and encourages greater stewardship and long term ecosystem health, it may also offer an economically viable alternative to Indonesia's current practice of sweeping aside the land rights of coastal people. This practice is as socially unsustainable as clearing mangroves is ecologically unsustainable.

Persatuan Perempuan Sama continues to refine its techniques and find ways to encourage broader use of this very promising alternative to conventional shrimp aquaculture.

St. Vincent

WALLILABOU DIVE EXPERIENCE

For Earth Day 2001 events with local youth and civic service groups to remove garbage and waste from dive sites and beaches along the north coast. \$500

Senegal

AGIR AUTREMENT POUR LE DÉVELOPPEMENT EN AFRIQUE

To fund prenatal and infant nutrition workshops and training in the cultivation and processing of *Moringa oleifera* grains as a food supplement. \$1,500

AMELIORATION DES PROGRAMMES A LA BASE PRODUCTION

To support a mangrove awareness and restoration program and facilitate collaboration among mangrove nurseries and shrimp and ostrich growers. \$1,500

INTERVENIR POUR LE DÉVELOPPEMENT ECOLOGIQUE DE L'ENVIRONNEMENT EN CASAMANCE

To establish a Center for Environmental Education in Ziguinchor to raise awareness of environmental issues in local villages. \$1,500

MOUGNE TAKKY LIGGEYE

To support training and demonstration projects in integrated pest management for okra and tomato growers. \$2,500

YAKKAR

To support training and demonstration projects in integrated pest management for okra and tomato farmers. \$2,500

Somalia

SIFA VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATION

For Earth Day events in Mogadishu to focus attention on the human rights implications of environmental destruction. \$2,000

South Africa

ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING GROUP TRUST

To support grassroots and rural community participation in the Southern African Symposium on the World Commission on Dams report. \$2,500

ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING GROUP TRUST

To support efforts to work with groups in Mozambique to stop the Mepanda Uncua Dam and gain reparations for people affected by the Cahora Bass Dam. \$1,500



GARIEP AND VAN DER KLOOF DAMS, COMMUNITY, WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL NETWORKING OF SOUTH AFRICA

To support efforts to gain reparations for people affected by large dams and to help communities gain access to water resources. \$1,500

WILDLIFE AND ENVIRONMENT SOCIETY OF SOUTH AFRICA: WESTERN CAPE REGION

To fund a collaborative effort with the Skuifraam Action Group to publicize the negative social and environmental impact of dam building. \$2,500

Sri Lanka

ENVIRONMENTAL FOUNDATION LTD.

For Earth Day activities to promote energy efficiency and sustainable alternatives to fossil fuels. \$2,000

Suriname

MOIWANA '86

For an awareness campaign to promote the human and environmental rights of the people of Suriname. \$3,000

Taiwan

TAINAN ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION UNION

To support a public education campaign on the importance of wetlands to the Black-faced Spoonbill and other migratory birds. \$5,000

Tanzania

CEEST FOUNDATION FOR ENERGY, ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT

To support the participation of Tanzanian grassroots leaders in the May 2001 Climate Action Network (CAN) Strategy Summit in Indonesia. \$2,000

KILIMANJARO ENVIRONMENT FACILITY

For an Earth Day demonstration in Moshi, Tanzania called "Fight Against Global Warming - Help Protect the Snows of Kilimanjaro." \$500

Thailand

NATURE AND ENVIRONMENT CONSERVATION GROUP OF BAN KROOD AND LOCAL CARE GROUP OF BO NOK

For a campaign against two proposed coal-fired power plants in Bo Nok and Hin Krut. \$4,300

NETWORK OF 38 THAI PEOPLE ORGANIZATIONS AGAINST THE ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK

To coordinate a campaign against Asian Development Bank (ADB) projects in Thailand that are creating social and environmental problems. \$2,500

NGO COORDINATING COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT

To enable villagers from Klong Daan and Soon Klong Thailand to attend the May 2001 Asian Development Bank (ADB) annual meeting to raise public awareness about a new wastewater management project that threatens an extensive mangrove forest. \$5,000

SPIRIT IN EDUCATION MOVEMENT, SANTI PRACHA DHAMMA INSTITUTE

To fund a training program for Kachin community leaders in northern Burma to conduct environmental assessments in areas threatened by development. \$2,000

Togo

LES AMIS DE LA TERRE-TOGO

To halt the entry of genetically modified organisms and to help farmers utilize traditional sustainable farming methods. \$3,000

UNITED YOUTH FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION IN TOGO

For an Earth Day 2001 campaign on sustainable forest use in partnership with Friends of the Earth Togo in Kpalime. \$500

Uganda

CLIMATE AND DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES

To organize an East African regional workshop on pesticides for farmers and grassroots and community groups. \$5,000

CLIMATE AND DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES

To fund travel expenses for key participants who wish to attend an East African regional workshop on pesticides. \$5,000

CLIMATE AND DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES

To fund publication of a collaborative newsletter on pesticides for farmer and environmental groups. \$4,608

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL ENVIRONMENTALISTS IN UGANDA

For a media campaign to educate citizens, government officials and corporations about the potential negative impacts of the proposed Bujagali Falls Dam on the Nile River. \$5,000

Ukraine

CITY ECOLOGICAL PUBLIC ORGANIZATION GREEN MOVEMENT

To fund an education campaign and materials to promote energy efficiency for homes and businesses. \$2,000

CRIMEAN REPUBLICAN ASSOCIATION FOR ECOLOGY AND PEACE

To hold three days of Earth Day events in the Ukrainian state of Crimea to promote the sustainable energy and develop a Clean Energy Plan for the region. \$2,000

ECOCLUB

To educate the public about current energy problems in the Ukraine and implement a long-term campaign to promote renewable energy alternatives. \$1,000

NATIONAL ECOLOGICAL CENTER OF UKRAINE

For a coordinated national educational campaign about climate change issues and solutions in Ukraine. \$2,000

Uruguay

WORLD RAINFOREST MOVEMENT

To fund creation of Portuguese and French versions of a video on the social and environmental impact of monoculture tree plantations. \$3,000

UNION DE TRABAJADORES AZUCAREROS DE ARTIGAS

To support a program to help people in this sugar-producing region create organic gardens for income and subsistence. \$5,000

Venezuela

AMAZONIAN PROJECT, INC.

To support a program of handicraft production by indigenous peoples to create income opportunities and build public awareness of environmental and cultural threats. \$3,000

ASOCIACIÓN CIVIL CENTINELA

To help halt entry of genetically modified organisms by working with policy makers and organizing workshops and seminars. \$1,000

ASOCIACIÓN CIVIL CENTINELA

To support a petition campaign for a moratorium on production and import of genetically modified organisms and to produce pamphlets and posters. \$5,000

Zambia

CITIZENS FOR A BETTER ENVIRONMENT OF ZAMBIA

To organize Earth Day 2001 activities, promote clean energy and cleanup of the Kafubu River, and to work to change laws that protect mine owners from prosecution. \$1,500

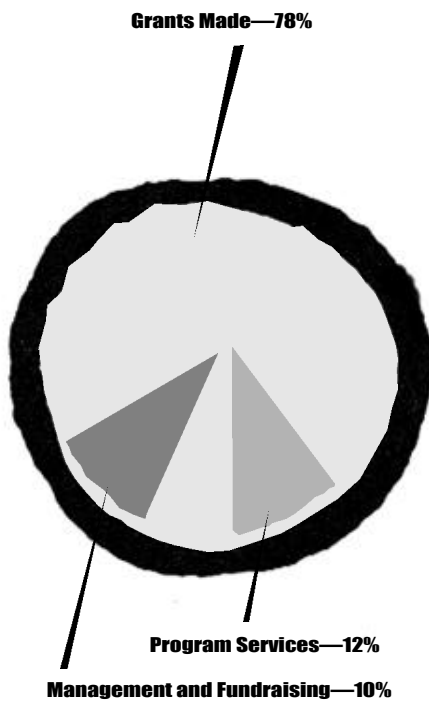


2001 Financial Highlights

We more than doubled our income and grantmaking in 2001, and we expect similar growth in 2002. We recently secured several new funding commitments, including a \$150,000 grant from the David and Lucile Packard Foundation and a \$600,000 two-year commitment from the Richard and Rhoda Goldman Fund.

As hoped, our increased funding levels have helped us increase our efficiencies and further reduce our overhead ratio. Our goal is to continue to keep fundraising and administrative expenses as low as possible, even as we rapidly expand our grantmaking. Our highly scalable advisory network is one reason that we can do this. It allows us to identify and serve grantees efficiently, and it becomes more efficient as the network grows.

2001 Expenses



Financial Summary

	2000	2001
Income:		
Contributions and Grants Received	\$632,972.00	\$1,144,470.00
Donor Advised Funds (Grants Received)*	\$65,000.00	\$396,358.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$697,972.00	\$1,540,828.00
Expenses:		
PROGRAM		
Grants Made	\$501,963.00	\$813,818.00
Donor Advised Grants Made*	\$35,000.00	\$405,805.00
Program Services**	\$125,014.00	\$180,921.00
TOTAL PROGRAM EXPENSES	\$661,977.00	\$1,400,544.00
MANAGEMENT & FUNDRAISING		
Management & Fundraising	95,925.00	\$148,716.00
TOTAL MANAGEMENT & FUNDRAISING	95,925.00	148,716.00
TOTAL PROGRAM, MANAGEMENT & FUNDRAISING EXPENSES	\$757,902.00	\$1,549,260.00

* Donor advised grants were not included in the financial section of our 2000 Annual Report.
 ** Program services are our direct costs of assessing grant recommendations, processing grants, transferring funds and providing services to and monitoring grantees.



We Are Now an Independent Nonprofit

December 2001 marked the end of an era for Global Greengrants Fund. We recently took the first steps toward independence from Tides Foundation, which has been our fiscal sponsor since our founding.

Tides Foundation has nurtured our growth and provided much-needed services that allowed us to focus on our work. As we have grown and become more capable of handling our own administrative details, our need for this help has steadily diminished.

In 2002, Global Greengrants Fund will complete the separation from Tides. We now have our own tax-exempt 501(c)(3) status as a public charity, and we have taken on most of our own administrative duties.

It is bittersweet in many ways. We hope that this will not mean the end of our collaboration with the wonderful people at Tides Foundation. But we also know that this is an important step for us, and that it will allow us to create much better administrative efficiencies. This will translate directly into lower overhead and more money for grassroots initiatives.





“We consider the support of an organization like Global Greengrants Fund essential for jumpstarting grassroots movements that address critical issues of environmental health, justice and sustainability.”

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Investors in the Calvert Giving Fund have a choice of 12 socially screened mutual funds. Calvert Giving Fund's thorough and helpful website (www.calvertgiving.org) features a service called Giving Folios. Designed to mirror the management of investment portfolios, the site offers screening of non-profits for high performance.

Global Greengrants Fund has the honor of being selected as a Calvert Giving Fund portfolio manager for global environmental sustainability. Please visit this informative site and consider creating a personal charitable fund. Bear in mind, also, that other financial services companies, such as Vanguard, Charles Schwab and Fidelity Investments, offer charitable gift funds as well.

For help with these programs or for any other questions, please contact Heather Ryan at 303.939.9866 or heather@greengrants.org.





Giving to Global Greengrants Fund

To support grassroots work around the world, we rely on your generous help. Contributions to Global Greengrants Fund are fully deductible under section 501(c)(3) of the US Internal Revenue Code. To donate, you may:

- Write a check made payable to Global Greengrants Fund.
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To discuss a gift to Global Greengrants Fund, or for more information about wire transfers, stock transfers or other contributions, contact Heather Ryan at 303.939.9866 or heather@greengrants.org.

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May We Trade a Jade?

Our graphic designer loves rocks. This has been much to our advantage. For several years, **Michelle Lundquist**, graphic designer *extraordinaire*, has produced our annual report *pro bono*. At first she showed interest in Roy Young's offer of compensation in fine geodes, crystals and other stones that Roy's company, Nature's Own, sells online and in its Colorado stores.

For the last few annual reports Michelle has enjoyed with us the running joke about her gem collection. The truth is, there is no collection. Early on, she gathered up a few choice specimens, but Michelle is not greedy. And who has room for the rockpile it would take to match her gift to us? She has generously continued with the pretext of a fair trade, but, Michelle, we've been on to you for a while. Thanks. And thanks for your beautiful work.

A New Office Thanks to Our Great Friends

Our new Boulder office puts us in a new league. A few short months ago, every phone conversation was like a conference call, and we never had to move from our chairs for meetings. We just swung around, tapped a shoulder and started in.

We're stretching our legs a bit more now, and we have space for a few private offices, a conference area, and workstations for many interns. And the best part is...it's still free.

Andy and Wendy Cookler are donating the lease of a 2,000 square foot office in a very pleasant office park.

Roy Young, whose generous past support includes footing the bill for our original home, paid for the entire build-out of the new space into offices that meet our needs.

Finally, a generous gift of ergonomically correct office furnishings from **Level 3 Communications, Inc.** completely filled our gaping space and will mean that even our interns, who we rely upon more and more, are able to work in comfort.

It's a great feeling to be supported here at home by our friends, but what this also means is that we can continue to put our financial resources to work where they are most needed—at the grassroots in countries around the world.

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“I believe that we have the power to protect the health of the planet for all people everywhere. We need only find within our souls the commitment to work together toward common goals.”

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