

**The Mitsubishi Corporation Fund for Europe and Africa announces its funding programme for environmental and development charities in 2013**

LONDON (August 2013) – Following its annual meeting of Trustees on 9 July 2013, the Mitsubishi Corporation Fund for Europe and Africa (MCFEA) has announced a program of £297,500 in new grants.

The 2013 funding programme will include continued support to: Bird Life International's "Spring Alive" project, promoting children's interest in nature and conservation through tracking the arrival of migrating birds in spring; Earthwatch Institute (Europe), in support of both their Capacity Development Programme and their Public Events & Conference Programme; Excellent Development's work to provide small scale farming communities in East Africa with access to stable supplies of clean water through innovative sand dam techniques; and FARM-Africa's forest management programme in Tanzania.

The MCFEA has also undertaken to support a number of new projects in 2013 as follows:

**Solar Aid:** The MCFEA is embarking upon a new partnership with Solar Aid, a leading international charity that seeks to provide rural communities in Africa with access to clean affordable solar lights. The MCFEA will be supporting Solar Aid's efforts to enhance their solar light distribution networks in the Rumphi district of Malawi.

**WaterAid:** Having previously worked with WaterAid to improve water access, hygiene and sanitation in numerous urban regions in Maputo in Mozambique, in 2013 the MCFEA will be supporting WaterAid's efforts in Ethiopia to enhance access to safe drinking water for households and schools, while also promoting hygiene, sanitation and effective water management techniques among local communities.

**Wildscreen:** Working globally to promote an appreciation of biodiversity and nature through the power of wildlife imagery, Wildscreen is positioned at the heart of the international wildlife and environmental media industry. Key to their efforts is the ARKive initiative which gathers films and photographs of the world's species into one centralized digital library. In 2013 the MCFEA will be supporting Wildscreen to develop resources related to forest biodiversity on the ARKive website, helping to highlight the different pressures that forests are currently facing globally.

**The University of Cambridge:** The MCFEA has committed to support the Cambridge Conservation Initiative, a strategic collaboration between the University of Cambridge and a variety of leading internationally focused biodiversity conservation organizations which have come together with a view to creating a centre of excellence for conservation which will investigate a wide range of environmental issues.

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**About the Mitsubishi Corporation Fund for Europe and Africa**

The Mitsubishi Corporation Fund for Europe and Africa (MCFEA), a UK registered charity, was established in 1992 to promote environmental conservation, education and research into the environment and poverty alleviation, through funding from Mitsubishi Corporation of Japan, and its U.K.-based subsidiary, Mitsubishi Corporation International (Europe) Plc.

For more information about the Mitsubishi Corporation Fund for Europe and Africa, please visit <http://www.mitsubishicorp.com/gb/en/csr/mcfea.html>

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