

## MITSUBISHI CORPORATION FOUNDATION FOR THE AMERICAS DEDICATES \$1 MILLION TO PROTECT AMAZONIAN WATERSHEDS

NEW YORK (December 15, 2014) –The Board of Directors of the Mitsubishi Corporation Foundation for the Americas (MCFA) have approved a \$1 Million grant over the next 5 years to the [Wildlife Conservation Society](#) for its *Amazon Waters Initiative*, a major participatory watershed and natural resource management initiative in Amazonas State, Brazil, and Loreto Department, Peru. *Amazon Waters* aims to protect fisheries, wildlife, and habitats in two major Amazonian watersheds with the active participation of indigenous and other local Amazonian communities, governmental agencies, and civil society organizations, in the management of these critical resources. The project will also inform and promote adaptation to impacts from development and climate change through the dissemination of scientific information to decision-makers.

MCFA’s Board also approved new grants to: [University of California, Merced](#) to train undergraduate student “Naturalists” to deliver education programs in low-income communities; [EcoAgriculture Partners](#) for integrated landscape management (ILM) interventions in Brazil; [National Environmental Education Foundation \(NEEF\)](#) for its online *Greening STEM Learning Center*, and [International Funders for Indigenous Peoples](#) as general support for its mission of increasing philanthropic investments in indigenous communities worldwide.

Through its new and continuing grants, MCFA supports a variety of conservation, environmental education, and sustainable development projects throughout the Americas.

The Board of Directors also reaffirmed MCFA’s support for mission-relating investing by renewing, for the fifth consecutive year, a \$300K program-related investment in [Root Capital](#), a nonprofit social investment fund that provides vital funding to help grow agricultural businesses in South and Central America.

CAPTION: As the world’s largest river basin with the richest freshwater fish life, Amazonian fisheries provide a critical and renewable resource for rural and urban communities from near the Atlantic Ocean to Andean headwater areas more than 5,000 km upstream.

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The [Mitsubishi Corporation Foundation for the Americas](#), based in New York City, was established 1991 with funding from Mitsubishi Corporation of Japan, and its U.S.-based subsidiary, Mitsubishi International Corporation. Since its establishment, the Foundation has contributed nearly \$9 million to environmental causes throughout the Americas. For more information, please visit <http://www.mcfamericas.org>.

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