

MITSUBISHI CORPORATION FOUNDATION FOR THE AMERICAS DEDICATES NEARLY \$1.2 MILLION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL CAUSES

NEW YORK (November 26, 2012) – At its annual meeting held on November 2, 2012, the Board of Directors of the Mitsubishi Corporation Foundation for the Americas (MCFA) approved an aggregate of \$1,195,000 in additional support for environmental causes throughout the Americas, in the form of new grants and a continuation of mission-related investing.

The new grants will support: the launch of Japanese and Spanish language editions of the award-winning book *Sustaining Life: How Human Health Depends on Biodiversity* (edited by Eric Chivian, M.D. and Aaron Bernstein, M.D., M.P.H.), and related education and outreach about the health impacts of global environmental change by [The Center for Health and the Global Environment](#) at the Harvard School of Public Health; sustainable development and conservation of critical bird habitats on Chiloe Island, Chile by the [National Audubon Society](#); projects promoting sustainable small-scale fisheries in Chile, Peru, and Ecuador, and sustainable fishing practices in Mexico, led by [National Fish and Wildlife Foundation \(NFWF\)](#); research funding alternatives to support socio-environmental monitoring related to infrastructure projects in Bolivia by [FUNDESNA](#)¹; the use of novel acoustic sensor devices to support research on coral reef vulnerability to fishing, by the [Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution](#); community-based environmental education for indigenous pueblos affected by mining in Chihuahua, Mexico by [Tierra Nativa](#); and sponsorship of the 2013 Strategies for Ecology Education, Diversity and Sustainability (SEEDS) Leadership Development program of the [Ecological Society of America](#). Also, included are general support grants to the [Environmental Grantmakers Association \(EGA\)](#) and to [International Funders for Indigenous Peoples \(IFIP\)](#), both of which MCFA has been an active member of for many years.

The MCFA board also ratified continuing grants to: [Indian Law Resource Center](#) for their work securing indigenous rights as a basis for facilitating REDD+ projects; [Island Conservation](#) to protect biodiversity on the Juan Fernandez islands of Chile; [Rainforest Alliance](#) for their Sustainable Tourism Program in Brazil; [New York Botanical Garden](#) for the refurbishment of the *Mitsubishi Wild Wetland Trail*; [Amazon Conservation Association](#) for the promotion of ecotourism in the Manu Cloud Forest in Peru; [Wildlife Conservation Society](#), for their Patagonian coastal marine conservation in Argentina; and the [Wild Salmon Center](#) for support of the Olympic Peninsula Salmon Stronghold Partnership.

A renewal of the \$300,000 interest-free loan to [Root Capital](#), initially made in 2009 as a program-related investment, will provide financing for rural businesses engaged in sustainable development in Latin America, and represents MCFA's continued commitment to mission-related investing.

¹ Foundation for the Development of the National System of Protected Areas, a Bolivian private, non-profit foundation whose mission is to raise, channel and administer financial and non-financial resources for the development of the country's national protected areas system.

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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 dedicated more than \$7.2 million to environmental causes throughout the Americas. For more information, please visit <http://www.mcfamericas.org>.

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