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Global 500 2005 Updates

Update From CUBASOLAR (2001 Laureate)

Sabemos todo lo que el PNUMA realiza en defensa del medio ambiente y por un verdadero desarrollo sostenible. Por eso les felicitamos doblemente: por el nuevo año y por todo lo que hacen por el bienestar del mundo y especialmente por Cuba, como parte del mundo. Les informo que estamos trabajando en muchas cosas, pero principalmente en dos programas que les van a gustar. Como sabes, nuestro objetivo principal es la cultura sobre el desarrollo sostenible, basado en el uso de las energías renovables y la defensa del medio ambiente. Por ello damos conferencias, impartimos cursos a diferentes niveles, formamos círculos de interés en diferentes escuelas, apoyamos las investigaciones, publicamos revistas científicas y populares, tratamos de unir fuerzas entre diferentes organizaciones tanto nacionales como extranjeras e internacionales y hacemos proyectos demostrativos, como una de las mejores formas de enseñar con ejemplos prácticos. Los dos programas priorizados son: 1-Electricidad, 2-Agua. 1- Electricidad. En Cuba hemos podido electrificar a casi 96% de la población, pero nos queda todavía sin electrificar a casi 500 mil personas o cerca de 100 mil hogares, en lugares de difícil acceso, principalmente en las montañas. Los servicios de salud y educación llegan a 100% de los cubanos, independientemente de donde vivan. Este año terminamos de electrificar todos los consultorios médicos o casas del médico de la familia en las montañas. También se electrificaron la totalidad de las escuelas del país y se construyeron, también en lugares de difícil acceso, más de 2000 salas de televisión y video, electrificadas también con energía solar. Estos dos últimos programas con financiamiento total por el estado cubano. En estos momentos hemos priorizado la electrificación de las 100 mil casas de campesinos, que viven principalmente en las montañas y lugares de difícil acceso. Este programa tiene varios objetivos. El primero es la elevación de la cultura y el nivel de vida de todos los cubanos, independientemente de donde vivan. Junto con la electrificación, se le está instalando en cada casa un televisor y una radio-casetera. Como sabes, en nuestro país la televisión es eminentemente cultural, educativa e informativa. Después existen los objetivos secundarios que dependen de cada lugar, por ejemplo: la lucha contra la desertificación, el ordenamiento de cuencas, la descontaminación ambiental, la protección de bosques y parques naturales, el aumento de la producción ecológica de café y otros productos, etc. 2- Agua. El agua es también un problema mundial, tanto por su calidad como por su suministro en el lugar necesario. En este programa estamos trabajando en dos vertientes: la primera, es en la calidad, en la lucha contra los focos



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de contaminación, en muchos casos, con el tratamiento de los residuales y uso de los subproductos de este tratamiento como el biogás y los abonos. La segunda vertiente es el suministro de agua al consumidor, ya sea para regadío, procesos industriales o para consumo humano, por medio de fuentes renovables de energía. Damos prioridad a las posibilidades del uso de la gravedad, ya sea directa o a través del uso de sifones. También al uso de arietes hidráulicos, molinos de viento y al bombeo fotovoltaico. En algunos casos es posible el uso de este agua en la generación de electricidad con minihidroeléctricas y microhidroeléctricas para la electrificación de lugares aislados. Este programa tiene el objetivo principal de aumentar la calidad de vida de todos los ciudadanos, así como objetivos específicos de cada lugar, tales como la lucha contra la desertificación, el aumento de la disponibilidad de alimentos y de productos agrícolas en general, la reforestación, etc. Como sabes, todo esto es principalmente un trabajo de elevación de la cultura para que cada cual conozca realmente el medio donde vive y de la importancia y la necesidad de su cuidado para todos y él mismo y sus descendientes. Les deseamos muchos éxitos en su trabajo y sepan que siempre podrán contar con nuestro apoyo. Luis

Proteger Invitación:

2 febrero Día Mundial Humedales (Jorge Cappato – 1992 Laureate)

2 de Febrero 2005 Día Mundial de los Humedales CONVOCAN A SUMAR ACTIVIDADES POR EL DÍA MUNDIAL DE LOS HUMEDALES <http://www.proteger.org.ar> "Hay riqueza en la diversidad de los humedales, ¡no la perdamos!" Santa Fe, Buenos Aires, 4 de enero 2005.- La Fundación PROTEGER – Amigos de la Tierra, Argentina, invitó hoy a ONGs, municipios ribereños, grupos académicos, asociaciones de pescadores, amantes de la naturaleza y emprendimientos ecoturísticos de todo el país a sumarse a la agenda nacional del próximo 2 de febrero, Día Mundial de los Humedales. Este año "la diversidad cultural y biológica de los humedales" es el tema fijado para el día mundial por la Convención de Ramsar, creada hace 34 años precisamente un 2 de febrero en la ciudad del mismo nombre a orillas del mar Caspio. La Convención se ocupa de la protección y restauración de estos ambientes a nivel internacional. "Bajo el lema 'Hay riqueza en la diversidad de los humedales - ¡no la perdamos!', se recordará en todo el mundo la importancia de estos sistemas absolutamente irremplazables para la provisión de agua dulce, la mitigación de inundaciones y la pesca, entre otros múltiples beneficios", explicó Jorge Cappato, coordinador nacional de Amigos de la Tierra y punto focal no gubernamental para la Argentina de la Comisión de Comunicación, Educación y Concienciación Pública



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(CECoP) de la Convención de Ramsar. Hay ya actividades previstas en Resistencia por el flamante Sitio Ramsar Humedales Chaco; en Reconquista (Santa Fe) lindante al Sitio Ramsar Jaaukanigás; en Bajada Grande, Paraná, La Paz y Colón (Entre Ríos) y en la albufera de Mar Chiquita, cercana a Mar del Plata, provincia de Buenos Aires, junto a CeDePesca y al municipio local, mientras se siguen sumando propuestas de todo el país, informó Cappato. Las propuestas para el DMH, cuyo número y creatividad serán inéditos este año, abarcan desde emisiones especiales de radio y TV, hasta caminatas, avistaje de aves, salidas ecoturísticas, proyección de videos e información a la comunidad sobre los valores y funciones de los humedales y las amenazas que pesan sobre muchos de ellos. PROTEGER – Amigos de la Tierra ofreció apoyo consistente en materiales informativos, afiches, obleas y copias - limitadas- de videos de Ramsar y de "Corredor de Vida" una coproducción con Ecovivir (Uruguay) dirigida por la conocida realizadora Hilary Sandison. "Corredor de Vida" es un video auspiciado por Ramsar, de calidad broadcasting que se presentará por primera vez en diferentes puntos de Argentina para el DMH 2005.

Chumbe Island Receives Another Award! (2000 Laureate)

At the World Trade Market (WTM) in London, UK, Chumbe Island Coral Park was presented with the 'Best in Marine Environment' in the first Responsible Travel awards. This special award was launched by Responsibletravel.com in association with The Times newspaper (UK), World Travel Market and Geographical Magazine (Magazine of The Royal Geographical Society). Details of the award can be found on www.responsibletravel.com or go to the awards page of the Chumbe Island website <<http://www.chumbeisland.com>> . For more information, please contact: Helen Peeks Project Manager E-mail: <chumbe@zitec.org>

ACT (2002 Laureate) featured on Earth and Sky – www.earthsky.org

ACT was founded in 1995 as the Ethnobiology Conservation Team by a group of committed conservationists from diverse backgrounds who wanted to pioneer a new conservation method of working with indigenous peoples on conservation and other projects. In 1999 it consolidated its efforts geographically and became the Amazon Conservation Team. Just to give a short background on three of the founding members who are still with the Amazon Conservation Team-- Mark Plotkin, currently ACT President, is best known for his book "Tales of a Shaman's Apprentice" which recounts his experiences learning from Indians in southern Suriname. He continued his work with the Trio Indians at different conservation organizations before founding ACT. Now ACT's work with these Indians has



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garnered accolades from UNESCO, who named the innovative traditional medicine clinics that work in tandem with Western clinics a "best practice using indigenous knowledge," as well as by the World Bank Development Marketplace, which selected this project as the first ever winner from Suriname in 2003. Liliana Madrigal, ACT's Executive Director, was a founding member of Conservation International before starting the Amazon Conservation Team. She directed their Central America program and was one of the primary actors in making Costa Rica a conservation leader. Her expertise in park creation and management enabled the creation of Indi Wasi National Park, a conservation model in Colombia, where it is located, and internationally, because it is co-managed by the Parks service as well as by the Indians who live there. German Zuluaga, M.D., Director of ACT Colombia, trained as a western doctor and then lived for a year with Colombian shamans. This experience caused him to devote his life to the fusion of western and traditional healthcare systems, the recovery of traditional knowledge, and the acceptance of traditional knowledge into the academy. He has authored 7 books about traditional knowledge systems, and chairs a research group on traditional knowledge that was incorporated into the Colombian Academy of Sciences in 2003.

LAUREATE GATHERING AT WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY, JUNE 1^o © 5, 2005, SAN FRANCISCO

Dearest Laureates,

I send you warm greetings and much appreciation for your ongoing efforts in preserving our planet. I have good news. For the first time in the 17-year history of the Global 500 Environmental Award, World Environment Day will take place in the United States--in sunny San Francisco, birthplace of the United Nations. The Global 500 Environmental Forum is planning a special gathering for all attending Laureates, the date to be announced. This will be a wonderful opportunity for Laureates to meet in person. Travel arrangements and costs are to be covered by each Laureate and we will do our very best to find affordable accommodations for you. In February I met with the World Environment Day Organizing Committee and UNEP's wonderful Elisabeth Guildbaud Cox, head of Outreach and Special Events. I was thrilled to meet the head of the Organizing Committee, Heidi Kuhn. Her creativity and commitment is extraordinary. And the hospitality being extended by Organizing Committee and the city of San Francisco is exemplary. Each of the five days will be built around a theme: Pure Elements (food, air, and water), Redesigning the Metropolis (including recycling), Cities on the Move (transportation), Urban Power (energy), and Flower Power (green urban spaces). For more information on World Environment Day, please go to <http://www.wed2005.org> The United



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Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP) and the World Environment Day Organizing Committee would like to extend a heartfelt invitation to all Laureates to attend this momentous occasion. Please contact us immediately to confirm your attendance. Looking forward to seeing you soon. Warmly,

Marilyn Mosley Gordanier President marilyn@global500.org

Harmony Foundation to speak at WED 2005

What if the cities of the world committed to development based on sound environmental practices and progressive social programs, to reduce waste and green house gases, improve air quality, conserve water and energy, improve public transportation, increase green space, adopt environmentally sound planning and purchasing and support healthy food production with active public participation? These are the goals of World Environment Day 2005 and The Urban Environmental Accords where Harmony Foundation will play an active role. The Foundation is writing Green Cities: a Guide for Community Action to assist local initiatives to meet the goals of the Accords. Green Cities is an official document of World Environment Day 2005 and The Urban Environmental Accords. The Guide will be introduced to the Mayors in a keynote address by Maurice Strong, Chairman, Earth Council with Michael Bloomfield (Global 500 laureate 1992). Harmony also will deliver their new workshop, Bringing It Home. The Mayors will explore the attributes of successful sustainable community initiatives; a practical vision, committed leadership and active public participation. The importance will be stressed of leaving a dynamic vision and comprehensive plan that will achieve socially just, economically progressive and ecologically sustainable societies. For more information, please contact; Michael Bloomfield Founder and Executive Director Harmony Foundation of Canada E-mail: harmony@islandnet.com URL: www.harmonyfdn.ca

Prof. Gunavant Oza (1990 Laureate) INSONA seeks support for Environmental Temple



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International Society of Naturalists (INSONA) The International Society of Naturalists (INSONA), founded in 1975 and with headquarters in Vadodara (India), is a nongovernmental organization, which cherishes the objective of advocating the cause of environmental conservation for improving the general quality of human life. The main objective of INSONA is to create an awareness and appreciation of the environment, wildlife, conservation and sustainable development among people. The target groups of INSONA's activities are schoolchildren (primary and secondary), university students, the common man and decision-makers. Some other aims and objectives: - To promote advancement of study and research in natural and applied science. - To advocate the cause of environmental conservation for improving the general quality of life. - To co-operate with the other Institutions and Societies having similar objectives and to seek affiliation to national and international bodies working in the same field. - To provide opportunities for field observation and research to young Indian naturalists and to make a positive contribution in the field of natural sciences and nature conservation. - To organize various kinds of activities, e.g. (1) Seminars (2) Talks by eminent naturalists and others (3) Excursions (4) Exhibitions (5) Essay, painting and debating competitions, etc., and other activities of the Society to popularise different branches of natural sciences and environmental conservation. - To bring together the common man and the scientists from various disciplines for a better understanding of our biosphere. - To institute awards and prizes for meritorious work in the field of natural sciences and environmental conservation. - To publish monographs, memoirs, bulletins, journals, and other research publications on natural sciences and environmental conservation and to exchange the same with other such institutions. - To promote and undertake all other activities which will further the aims and objectives of the Society. INSONA's quarterly journal *Environmental Awareness* - launched in the year 1977, and now in its 27th year of sustained publication - is devoted to the cause of environmental conservation especially for human welfare. The journal has been effective in spreading the message of hope in the field of environment protection. During this decisive-phase more than 500 authors from all the continents have contributed their thoughts and research findings on biodiversity, climate change, international waters and ozone depletion (focal areas of Global Environmental Facility). INSONA and its journal have made monumental contributions in spreading environmental messages, particularly the urgency for achieving harmony between Humankind and Nature, with a view to fostering a better common present and future.

Name of topic of proposed project *Environmental Temple*. **Purpose of project** To establish a place of pilgrimage – Environmental Temple with an ample Environmental Library in Vadodara, where children from nursery to university scholars, interested citizens and visitors, decision-makers and budding nature-lovers, can arrive and benefit by quenching their thirst for knowledge of how to



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'Save Our Biosphere'. The Environmental Temple shall be a unique location in which many different educational and awareness programs on environment, wildlife, conservation and sustainable development can take place. The project will be realized in the Motibaug Palace Compound in Vadodara, one of the last remnants of natural habitats of the city. Visits there shall be an unforgettable and lasting memory in the minds of people. They can wander through a forest trail spotting our winged friends – diverse bird life – in its natural habitat. **Significance of the project** It is a novel idea, such a project does not exist in the Indian subcontinent. It shall help to eradicate environmental illiteracy, and in the long run it shall help to achieve livelihood security of people. The conservation endeavours shall help to elevate human sufferings. **How the project will address the issue** By organizing workshops, educational programs, awareness projects, debating competitions, wild walks, discussion meetings, etc. in the Environmental Temple, the lack of environmental and conservational awareness among people in the society shall be addressed.

Donors sought for Environmental / Biosphere Temple

Our nongovernmental organization was founded in the year 1975, with headquarters in Baroda, as the Indian Society of Naturalists (INSONA). It was renamed in 1989 as the International Society of Naturalists, continuing the official use of its familiar acronym INSONA, which stands for promoting harmony between Humankind and Nature. INSONA's quarterly journal **Environmental Awareness** is devoted to the cause of environmental conservation especially for human welfare. Launched in the year 1977 and edited throughout by the undersigned, the journal is considered to have been the first of its kind from any Asian or African country to become widely recognized and welcomed among international nongovernmental organizations. The early years of the 21st century look like being absolutely crucial for all of us who have deep concern for our environment and thereby for the alleviation of human suffering. It is with grave concern for the future that we have to state that INSONA has no lasting "roof" of its own, its Secretariat being our family home. It is merely the personal dedication of the undersigned that has sustained this significant environmental endeavour. Consequently we hope that our work will reach the hearts and open the pockets of those who are in a position to be generous



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donors. Assuming that our future will somewhat be assured, we wish to accord the highest priority to establishing a “place of pilgrimage” – “Environmental / Biosphere Temple” with an ample Environmental Library in Vadodara, where children from nursery to university scholars, interested citizens and visitors, and above all decision-makers and budding nature-lovers, can arrive and benefit by quenching their thirst for knowledge of how to “Save Our Biosphere”. All we need at present is the funding and basic infrastructure to bring our vision to reality in creating something which we hope will ultimately be emulated world-wide according to local customs and potentialities. Please send your contribution as early as possible. It shall be gratefully acknowledged. Please prefer TT Remittance 803-3163-429 Union Bank Treasury Branch A/c with Bank of New York, USA; Swift Code UBININBBIBR, mentioning INSONA S/B A/c No. 6471, for foreign contributions. I thank donors in advance for their support. **Gunavant M. Oza** General Secretary

EUROTURTLE CONTINUES TO GROW

Europe's first educational website for the conservation and biology of sea turtles, is celebrating with the news of more than 150,700 (2003 - 134,000) visits, an average of 412 (2003 - 369) per day, and over 2,399,000 (2003 - 1,370,000) hits on the website during 2004. The site is an ongoing joint project between MEDASSET - The Mediterranean Association to Save the Sea Turtles, Exeter University and King's College (Taunton), UK. The content is regularly updated, and the site has received a number of awards. It has been recommended and selected by several international educational institutions, and in 1999 the European Union sponsored SchoolNet website voted it one of the top six environmental educational websites in Europe. The website makes an important contribution towards the understanding of sea turtles and their survival, and provides a valuable environmental education tool for the classroom. Researchers can become familiar with these strange and enigmatic creatures that have survived through the age of the dinosaurs. We look forward to an even more successful 2005! www.euroturtle.org

Update from former Vice President of Global 500 Forum Teoh Cheng Hai

The last 15 months were very hectic for me as I was the Secretary-General of a new global multi-stakeholder initiative called the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (www.sustainable-palmil.org). Now that it is up and running, I stepped down as SG last month and have gone back to semi-retirement again, doing ad hoc consultancy when the opportunity arises. Best wishes, Teoh Cheng Hai



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Title Globetree Newsletter (2000 Laureate) May 2005

For Newsletter with pictures, please see HTML-text version www.globetree.org
Latest News 2005-05-11

Dear Friends, I want to contribute this Newsletter in honour of my mother Ingrid. The 7th of May my mother took her last breath. Ten months of struggle came to peace. The vision and work of Globetree is founded on the many who contribute their minds, hearts, time, concern and creativity. My mother was one person who always had an intuitive feeling when she was needed. She helped in so many ways to put the every day life from chaos into order. Clothes were ironed and repaired. At the big events she helped with cooking and serving hundreds of children. I think many of you remember her special contribution to the Future Vessel Event 2002. When we discussed the costs of band to hold the name cards around the neck for 2000 participants, she found the costs too high. My mother gave another suggestion. She took out her box of yarn and twinned 2000 strings in all colours. My mother was happy her box of yarn came to use and she was happy money was saved. Mum, we are many who learnt from your example. We are many who miss you a lot!

Spending time with my mother at the hospital has been closely interwoven with the preparations for the coming event, the World Championship in Cooperation which will take place in May/June, next year. The City of Stockholm will host the event and the City Districts of Stockholm prepare to welcome participants from Sweden and around the world. We are happy to announce that the Swedish Parliament has authorized Globetree to use its outdoor premises, Riksplan, for the creation of the Future Vessel during the World Championship in Cooperation. Riksplan is at the centre of Stockholm and neighbour to the Royal Castle, the Opera House and the Swedish Government. Globetree invites to Study Tours to the Children's Meeting Place at the United Nations, Nairobi, Kenya twice a year. Next tour will take place in June to the UN, Nairobi and the Lake Victoria Region. The Children's Meeting Place also was at the centre of the International Roots Meeting, November last year. The area around the acacia tree is a meeting place between children and decision makers. You find the report of the Roots Meeting and Way Forward on Globetree homepage. It's an amazing web of shared concern and learning together over boundaries of age, professions, nations and culture. The International Roots Meeting coincided with the UN Security Council meeting in Nairobi. The children made a creative package of drawings, presents and wishes of success which was presented to the Secretary General Kofi Annan. Please, read the letter from Nane Annan who writes to the children on behalf of her husband. The Children's Water



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Way and the Children's Dialogue with Mayors will be two programs at the Stockholm Water Symposium in August. We look forward to see young people join the delegates of the Symposium. The Children's Water Way will be a small try out of ideas in the shape of a small Future Vessel and a seminar where children and mayors meet and dialogue with one another. Last but not least, all of us in the Globetree want to send a delayed congratulation to The Mother of Trees, Prof. Wangari Maathai, receiving the Nobel Peace Prize "for her contribution to sustainable development, democracy and peace". Wangari Maathai has been present in Globetree programs in Sweden and at the Children's Meeting Place in Nairobi. We are all very proud and honoured Wangari Maathai has received this international recognition! We thank you all, friends of Globetree, for your support! Kajsa B. Dahlstroem President Globetree kajsa@globetree.org

WWF Youth Internship Programme (1987 Laureate)

WWF is looking for outstanding young people aged 20-25 from developing nations who may be interested in applying for the internships. There is no fee to participate, although most participants need to fundraise for their airfare. I would be grateful if you would forward the posting (below this message) to the UNEP Global 500 network and any other network you feel would be useful. The application deadline is the end of June. WWF, the global conservation organization, seeks 4/6 young and dynamic volunteers for its 3 month: INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME Host WWF locations for the internships are India, Bhutan, Madagascar and South Pacific. The mission of the WWF Internship programme is to provide outstanding young people an opportunity to experience first hand conservation in a developing world context. The interns will be able to experience a significant amount of field work (such as field research) and work with local communities (in order that they learn the community context in which WWF operates). Furthermore, it is hoped that the interns will be able to develop and complete a small project that they create themselves during their internship. This project could be a dedicated research project or undertaking an outreach to young people in the local community to engage them in WWF's conservation work. Expected start date: Autumn 2005 Interested candidates should request an application form at: recruitments@wwfint.org. Application deadline: 30 June 2005 For further information on other job opportunities within WWF, please consult our web site at <http://www.panda.org/jobs>.

Green Cities: a Guide for Sustainable Community Development (a 1992



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Laureate)

Dear friends and colleagues,

I want to make you aware of Harmony Foundation's latest publication and to ask you, in turn, to bring it to the attention of your colleagues, members and readers as the case may be. The Guide encourages a new kind of leadership which understands that community development which is sustainable depends on long-term thinking and the active participation of all citizens. It was completed in collaboration with The Centre for Sustainable Community Development, Simon Fraser University, and our partners at Earth Council Alliance. Green Cities includes a thought-provoking foreword by Maurice Strong, a concise and thorough overview of sustainable community development, inspiring community success stories from around the world and invaluable resources for establishing community priorities and taking local action. It was very favourably received by United Nations World Environment 2005 delegates including mayors from 68 cities from around the world who signed the ground-breaking Urban Environmental Accords. An official document of World Environment 2005 Green Cities was released on June 1st with Hon. Maurice Strong, Chairman of the Earth Council. It was a huge success! Thanks for your help! Michael Michael Bloomfield Founder and Executive Director Harmony Foundation of Canada www.harmonyfdn.ca

Royal Approval for Mediterranean Project (Medasset, 1987 Laureate)

MEDASSET is honoured to announce a gracious contribution by the Prince of Wales Charitable Foundation towards the production of an Arabic version of the Environmental Educational Kit, "The Mediterranean Sea: A Source of Life" which will be distributed free of charge to schools in Arabic speaking countries bordering the Mediterranean. The Kit is a unique project for 6-12 year olds to propagate knowledge, environmental values and a sense of regional responsibility in an educational and entertaining format. It has already been produced and distributed in Greek and English. The Arabic version of the Kit has also received support from the "Stavros S. Niarchos Foundation", UNEP's Mediterranean Action Plan (MAP) and Regional Activity Centre for Specially Protected Areas (RAC/SPA). This educational tool aims to foster an appreciation of the Mediterranean as a living resource, promoting a better understanding of the natural world and taking one more step towards the conservation of Mediterranean Sea Turtles. MEDASSET

WED 2005 - Global 500 Laureates meet on June 2nd for dinner and discussion

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Brian Morton (1989 Laureate) receives Duke of Edinburgh Conservation Gold Medal.

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Professor Brian Morton: Global 500 Laureate 1989. Last year it was announced that Professor Brian Morton OBE, a life member of the Marine Biological Association of the United Kingdom and Honorary Life Fellow of the Pacific Science Association and the Malacological Society of London, was to be the (sole) recipient of the Duke of Edinburgh Conservation Gold Medal for 2004. Professor Morton was presented with the medal by HRH Prince Philip at a ceremony held at St James's Palace, London, followed by a luncheon with family and conservation colleagues, also at St James's. The medal was presented in recognition of Professor Morton's vision and commitment to protect and promote the world's rich marine biological diversity, especially in Hong Kong and China. Professor Morton retired from his chair in Marine Ecology at the University of Hong Kong in 2003 after 34 years of service. The medal follows his earlier appointments, in 1997, as a Knight (Ridder) in the Order of the Golden Ark by Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands for services to Environmental Education, and as an Officer in the Order of the British Empire (OBE) in 1999 by HRH Queen Elizabeth for services to Marine Ecology. Professor Morton is continuing with his researches in and writing about marine ecology, environmental education and marine conservation, dividing his time between his seaside home in West Sussex, U.K. and beaches elsewhere and almost anywhere.



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The Wetlands Corridor Initiative Has Been Selected As One Of The Most Outstanding Ones in Participatory Environmental Management (Jorge Cappato 1992 Laureate).

San José, Costa Rica, 23th September 2005.- Out of a total of 41 cases from 14 countries, the Foundation for Environmental Participatory Management (FUNGAP- Grupo Antigua) has selected the initiative "Paraná Floodplain Fluvial Wetlands Corridor", together with another six successful experiences, considered the most outstanding ones in the Americas considering their effort to promote participatory processes to improve the quality of life and conservation of cultural and environmental diversity. FUNGAP's project "Successful Experiences in Environmental Participatory Management (EPM) of Wetlands of the Americas" with the support of the Netherlands Committee of IUCN and the World Wetlands Convention, evaluated the different proposals considering the social, economic, cultural, environmental, gender, institutional and organizational, sustainability, creativity, multiplying effect and participatory aspects. The selected experiences coming from Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Mexico, and Peru. The International Seminar "Participatory Environmental Management: lessons learned through experience", organized by Fungap is being held from today until September 28th, the aim is to present and discuss the preliminary results of the project.

2006 UNEP Tunza Youth Conference to be held in Malaysia

'The UNEP Tunza International Children's Conference on the Environment 2006 is confirmed to be in Malaysia! Yayasan Anak Warisan Alam, YAWA, an NGO for young people and the environment, will be hosting the conference with support from the Malaysian Government. The conference will be from 26 -30 August 2006 when 250 participants from all over the world will be hosted by Malaysian children. Together, they will look at environmental issues that they experience together such as Air Pollution, Sound Pollution, Shortage of Fresh Drinking Water, Depletion of Flora, Fauna and excessive use of our natural resources from fossils. The conference will be spearheaded by young people aged 10-14 as the Junior Board. They were selected from different parts of the world at the World Childrens Summit in Japan this year and 4 of them are the hosting youths from Malaysia. Putrajaya, the new capital city of Malaysia will be the venue for the conference.'



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Jorge Cappato (1992 Laureate) nuevo coordinador del Comité Argentino UICN (English Version Below)

Argentina /

EL COMITÉ ARGENTINO DE LA UICN TIENE UNA NUEVA COORDINACIÓN

Santa Fe, Argentina, 2 de noviembre 2005 (prensa Proteger).- El Comité Argentino de la Unión Mundial para la Naturaleza (UICN) designó a Jorge Cappato, director general de la Fundación Proteger, como nuevo coordinador. La secretaría del comité sigue a cargo de Alberto Joaquín Torres, miembro del directorio de la Administración de Parques Nacionales (APN). La resolución fue adoptada en la reunión del comité realizada la semana pasada con la participación de la mayoría de los miembros activos, en la sede de la APN en Buenos Aires.

Cappato, quien en la Cumbre de la Tierra Río '92 recibió el premio Global 500 de Naciones Unidas, es también actualmente el punto focal no gubernamental para Argentina de la Convención de Ramsar y mantiene desde 1995 una nutrida actividad con la Unión, especialmente a través de la oficina regional para Sudamérica con sede en Quito, UICN Sur.

La Unión Mundial para la Naturaleza es la red de conservación más grande y más importante del mundo. Aglutina a 82 Estados, 111 agencias de gobierno, más de 800 organizaciones no gubernamentales y alrededor de 10.000 científicos y expertos provenientes de 181 países, en una asociación mundial única.

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Sea Turtles at the Bern Convention (Council of Europe), 28th November to 1st December 2005 (Medasset a 1987 Laureate)

At the 25th Meeting of the Standing Committee of the Convention on the Conservation of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats (Bern Convention) in Strasbourg, France, the issue of the critically endangered Mediterranean green turtles nesting at Akamas Peninsula in Cyprus, was again discussed. This was first brought to the Convention's attention by MEDASSET in 1996 and has been discussed each year since then.

The Cypriot Government's delegate informed the Standing Committee that Cyprus's Council of Ministers had agreed to put a proposal to Parliament regarding a Sustainable Management Plan for Akamas. The representative for the Cyprus Conservation Foundation (Terra Cyprie) pointed out that the Council of Ministers had made similar proposals in 2000 and 2002 that had never been realised. She recommended that the Case File on Akamas remain open thus ensuring that the situation be monitored further, with the Cypriot Government reporting back to the Convention on whether or not the Council of Ministers' words became actions.

MEDASSET's delegate also opposed closure of the file, pointing out that in 2004 the Case File on the second most important nesting beach in the Mediterranean for green turtles, Kazanli (Turkey), was "provisionally" closed when the Turkish Delegate assured the Committee that certain of the Convention's Recommendations had been implemented. As was discovered during an on site assessment in September this year and outlined in MEDASSET's 2005 Follow-up Report to the Convention, contrary to Turkish Delegate's claims the situation in Kazanli had seriously deteriorated. With the Case File "provisionally" closed no information from the Turkish Government was presented to the 25th Meeting on this issue; moreover the Turkish Delegation was absent. As a result the Standing Committee was unable to monitor progress in Kazanli during 2005.

A discussion ensued and the Committee decided to keep the Case File on Akamas open.