

Secretary periodic reports (at such intervals as the Secretary considers necessary) that include all information that the Secretary, after consultation with other appropriate government officials, determines is necessary to evaluate the progress and success of the project for the purposes of ensuring positive results, assessing problems, and fostering improvements.

(2) Availability to the public

Reports under paragraph (1), and any other documents relating to projects for which financial assistance is provided under this chapter, shall be made available to the public.

(h) Limitations on use for captive breeding

Amounts provided as a grant under this chapter—

(1) may not be used for captive breeding of great apes other than for captive breeding for release into the wild; and

(2) may be used for captive breeding of a species for release into the wild only if no other conservation method for the species is biologically feasible.

(i) Panel

(1) Convention

Not later than 1 year after March 12, 2019, and every 5 years thereafter, the Secretary may convene a panel of experts on great apes to identify the greatest needs and priorities for the conservation of great apes.

(2) Composition

The Secretary shall ensure that the panel referred to in paragraph (1) includes, to the maximum extent practicable, 1 or more representatives—

(A) from each country that comprises the natural range of great apes; and

(B) with expertise in great ape conservation.

(3) Conservation plans

In identifying the conservation needs and priorities under paragraph (1), the panel referred to in that paragraph shall consider any relevant great ape conservation plan or strategy, including scientific research and findings relating to—

(A) the conservation needs and priorities of great apes;

(B) any regional or species-specific action plan or strategy;

(C) any applicable strategy developed or initiated by the Secretary; and

(D) any other applicable conservation plan or strategy.

(4) Funds

Subject to the availability of appropriations, the Secretary may use amounts available to the Secretary to pay for the costs of convening and facilitating any meeting of the panel referred to in paragraph (1).

(5) Applicability of chapter 10 of title 5

Chapter 10 of title 5 shall not apply to a panel convened under paragraph (1).

(j) Multiyear grants

(1) Authorization

The Secretary may award to a person who is otherwise eligible for a grant under this sec-

tion a multiyear grant of up to 5 years to carry out a project that the person demonstrates is an effective, long-term conservation strategy for great apes and the habitat of great apes.

(2) Effect of subsection

Nothing in this subsection precludes the Secretary from awarding a grant on an annual basis.

(Pub. L. 106–411, §4, Nov. 1, 2000, 114 Stat. 1791; Pub. L. 109–363, title VII, §701, Oct. 17, 2006, 120 Stat. 2081; Pub. L. 116–9, title VII, §7001(c)(2)(A), (B), Mar. 12, 2019, 133 Stat. 785; Pub. L. 117–286, §4(a)(129), Dec. 27, 2022, 136 Stat. 4319; Pub. L. 118–159, div. E, title LIII, §5306(a), Dec. 23, 2024, 138 Stat. 2446.)

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AMENDMENTS

2024—Subsec. (j)(1). Pub. L. 118–159 inserted “of up to 5 years” after “multiyear grant”.

2022—Subsec. (i)(5). Pub. L. 117–286 substituted “chapter 10 of title 5” for “FACA” in heading and “Chapter 10 of title 5” for “The Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 App. U.S.C.)” in text.

2019—Subsec. (i)(1). Pub. L. 116–9, §7001(c)(2)(A)(i), added par. (1) and struck out former par. (1). Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “Every 2 years, the Secretary may convene a panel of experts to identify the greatest needs for the conservation of great apes.”

Subsec. (i)(2) to (5). Pub. L. 116–9, §7001(c)(2)(A)(ii), (iii), added pars. (2) to (4) and redesignated former par. (2) as (5).

Subsec. (j). Pub. L. 116–9, §7001(c)(2)(B), added subsec. (j).

2006—Subsec. (d)(6). Pub. L. 109–363, §701(1), added par. (6).

Subsec. (i). Pub. L. 109–363, §701(2), designated existing provisions as par. (1), inserted par. heading, substituted “may convene” for “shall convene”, and added par. (2).

§ 6304. Great Ape Conservation Fund

(a) Establishment

There is established in the Multinational Species Conservation Fund a separate account to be known as the “Great Ape Conservation Fund”, consisting of—

(1) amounts transferred to the Secretary of the Treasury for deposit into the Fund under subsection (e);

(2) amounts appropriated to the Fund under section 6305 of this title; and

(3) any interest earned on investment of amounts in the Fund under subsection (c).

(b) Expenditures from Fund

(1) In general

Subject to paragraph (2), upon request by the Secretary, the Secretary of the Treasury shall transfer from the Fund to the Secretary, without further appropriation, such amounts as the Secretary determines are necessary to provide assistance under section 6303 of this title.

(2) Administrative expenses

Of the amounts in the account available for each fiscal year, the Secretary may expend not more than 3 percent, or up to \$150,000, whichever is greater, to pay the administra-

tive expenses necessary to carry out this chapter.

(c) Investment of amounts

(1) In general

The Secretary of the Treasury shall invest such portion of the Fund as is not, in the judgment of the Secretary of the Treasury, required to meet current withdrawals. Investments may be made only in interest-bearing obligations of the United States.

(2) Acquisition of obligations

For the purpose of investments under paragraph (1), obligations may be acquired—

- (A) on original issue at the issue price; or
- (B) by purchase of outstanding obligations at the market price.

(3) Sale of obligations

Any obligation acquired by the Fund may be sold by the Secretary of the Treasury at the market price.

(4) Credits to Fund

The interest on, and the proceeds from the sale or redemption of, any obligations held in the Fund shall be credited to and form a part of the Fund.

(d) Transfers of amounts

(1) In general

The amounts required to be transferred to the Fund under this section shall be transferred at least monthly from the general fund of the Treasury to the Fund on the basis of estimates made by the Secretary of the Treasury.

(2) Adjustments

Proper adjustment shall be made in amounts subsequently transferred to the extent prior estimates were in excess of or less than the amounts required to be transferred.

(e) Acceptance and use of donations

The Secretary may accept and use donations to provide assistance under section 6303 of this title. Amounts received by the Secretary in the form of donations shall be transferred to the Secretary of the Treasury for deposit into the Fund.

(Pub. L. 106-411, § 5, Nov. 1, 2000, 114 Stat. 1793; Pub. L. 109-363, title VII, § 702, Oct. 17, 2006, 120 Stat. 2082; Pub. L. 116-9, title VII, § 7001(c)(2)(C), Mar. 12, 2019, 133 Stat. 785.)

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AMENDMENTS

2019—Subsec. (b)(2). Pub. L. 116-9 substituted “\$150,000” for “\$100,000”.

2006—Subsec. (b)(2). Pub. L. 109-363 substituted “expend” for “expand” and “\$100,000” for “\$80,000”.

§ 6305. Authorization of appropriations

There are authorized to be appropriated to the Fund \$5,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2025 through 2029.

(Pub. L. 106-411, § 6, Nov. 1, 2000, 114 Stat. 1794; Pub. L. 109-363, title VII, § 703, Oct. 17, 2006, 120 Stat. 2082; Pub. L. 116-9, title VII, § 7001(c)(2)(D),

Mar. 12, 2019, 133 Stat. 785; Pub. L. 118-159, div. E, title LIII, § 5306(b), Dec. 23, 2024, 138 Stat. 2446.)

Editorial Notes

AMENDMENTS

2024—Pub. L. 118-159 substituted “2025 through 2029” for “2019 through 2023”.

2019—Pub. L. 116-9 substituted “2019 through 2023” for “2006 through 2010”.

2006—Pub. L. 109-363 substituted “fiscal years 2006 through 2010” for “fiscal years 2001 through 2005”.

CHAPTER 83—CORAL REEF CONSERVATION

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§ 6401. Purposes

The purposes of this chapter are—

(1) to conserve and restore the condition of United States coral reef ecosystems challenged by natural and human-accelerated changes, including increasing ocean temperatures, changing ocean chemistry, coral bleaching, coral diseases, water quality degradation, invasive species, and illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing;

(2) to promote the science-based management and sustainable use of coral reef ecosystems to benefit local communities and the Nation, including through improved integration and cooperation among Federal and non-Federal stakeholders responsible for managing coral reef resources;

(3) to develop sound scientific information on the condition of coral reef ecosystems, continuing and emerging threats to such ecosystems, and the efficacy of innovative tools, technologies, and strategies to mitigate stressors and restore such ecosystems, including evaluation criteria to determine the effectiveness of management interventions, and accurate mapping for coral reef restoration;

(4) to assist in the preservation of coral reefs by supporting science-based, consensus-driven, and community-based coral reef management by covered States and covered Native entities, including monitoring, conservation, and restoration projects that empower local communities, small businesses, and nongovernmental organizations;

(5) to provide financial resources, technical assistance, and scientific expertise to supplement, complement, and strengthen community-based management programs and conservation and restoration projects of non-Federal reefs;