

## Chapter 7

### In Appreciation of Our Partners

We hope that all our members and friends are constantly aware of our deep appreciation for the support we have received through the present time. It is appropriate at the time of our 30th Anniversary to say “thank you” to all who have helped make the Society what it is today. The efforts of local members and organizations have made major contributions to BAS’ success. We have been able to triple the impact of these efforts using the technical and financial assistance of our international partners. While it is our intention to give recognition to all those who have contributed, we apologize to anyone we have inadvertently omitted.

For 15 years the Belize Audubon Society was the only environmental organization in Belize. By the end of the 1980’s, BAS had the pleasure of endorsing the formation of the Belize Center for Environmental Studies, the Belize Zoo and Tropical Education Center, and Programme for Belize, which form the basis of Belize’s cohesive environmental community.

### Belize Center for Environmental Studies

In the fall of 1984 the *Belize Environmental Country Profile* was released. It had been prepared by Robert Nicolait and Associates under a contract from the United States Agency for International Development. This contract formed the basis for the formation of the Belize Center for Environmental Studies (BCES) under the direction of Lou Nicolait. For the next twelve years the BCES worked closely with the BAS and other organizations in Belize on a variety of environmental studies. Most notable of these studies was their focus in the Toledo District on a large area of contiguous protected areas from the ridge of the Maya Mountains to the sea. When the BCES closed its doors in 1997, responsibility for this important work was taken over by a new non-governmental organization, the Toledo Institute for Development and Environment (TIDE), headed by Wil Maheia.

## Belize Zoo

The Belize Zoo, developed by Sharon Matola, has always been committed to conservation. Early BAS support of the Belize Zoo is well-expressed in this letter.

*Every board member from the Belize Audubon Society has visited the Belize Zoo. We are all proud of our local zoo, and because of the quality care and maintenance that the animals receive, we officially wrote a letter of support for the zoo and are encouraging its development. Many of our country's school children have visited the Belize Zoo through organized school tours, and many of these children are responsible for bringing their parents to the zoo on weekends. Because of the Belize Zoo, conservation education in this country has accelerated in the past three years. (Letter to the Director of the Denver Zoological Gardens, October 11, 1985)*

The Belize Zoo has developed into the Belize Zoo and Tropical Education Center which makes many contributions to conservation in Belize, especially in the training of tour guides. They have collaborated with the BAS on several projects, including the highly successful Toledo and Corozal Environmental Carnivals, which also involved Programme for Belize.

## Programme for Belize

Programme for Belize was born out of a desire by a number of friends of Belize from the United States to make an impact upon the development of Belize. At a meeting of the Inter-Agency Contact Group on Belize on June 26, 1987, F. William Burley of the World Resource Institute made the following presentation:

*Today there is an unusual opportunity in Belize to make real progress in planning and managing the country's abundant natural resources. Unlike other countries of Central America, it is possible in Belize to conserve and manage most of the country's forests and biological resources while moving ahead with orderly economic development.*

*Outside interests in Belize, and therefore possibilities for funding development projects, are greater than ever — and are eager to take advantage of these opportunities. There are persons available, both Belizeans and expatriates, to work on a number of activities leading to systematic conservation and development of Belize's natural resources. . .*

*Belize's small size and population make it possible to plan and manage natural resources in a relatively more systematic or holistic manner — something that is difficult or impossible in other countries, especially those in Central America.*

Programme for Belize was officially announced by the Massachusetts Audubon Society the next December.

*The MAS of the US has recently started a Programme for Belize. The Programme is intended to be an “umbrella” effort to help raise much greater financial and technical assistance for a variety of conservation and development work in Belize.*

*The Programme will launch a major fundraising campaign over the next five years to be able to identify and designate new parks and multi-use reserves; provide professional level training in forestry, fisheries, wildlife biology and conservation; conduct forest and wildlife inventories and research projects to assist planning and natural resources management in Belize; and to carry out public education and media development.*

*The Director of Planning for the Programme, William Burley, is in the process of setting up an operation centre in Belize. He invites advice and collaboration from interested organizations here. (Press Release from Massachusetts Audubon Society, December, 1987)*

Programme for Belize manages the 255,000-acre Rio Bravo Conservation and Management Area and other environmental conservation projects. “Wings of the Americas” is a Nature Conservancy-supported bird conservation programme for the protection of resident and migratory birds in cooperation with the Edge of Appalachia Preserve in Ohio. Programme for Belize has cooperated with BAS on a number of environmental projects, especially during environmental crises such as the killing of scarlet macaws in Red Bank Village.

### **Belize Alliance of Conservation Non-government Organizations (BACONGO)**

The need for an official alliance of conservation NGOs was first felt in 1993 when the Natural Resources Management Project (NARMAP) asked for one representative from the environmental NGOs to serve on their Technical Advisory Committee. The Belize Alliance of Conservation Non-government Organizations (BACONGO) was formed to select that representative. The Protected Areas Conservation Trust (PACT) also has one representative from the environmental NGOs on both the Board of Directors and on the

Advisory Committee. Soon after its formation BACONGO became a united lobbying group when a proposal for logging in the Columbia Forest Reserve was presented to Hon. Florencio Marin, Minister of Natural Resources by a Mexican firm. BACONGO expressed their concerns about this proposal and has continued to serve as a vehicle for the environmental community to present a united front in the face of environmental threats. Membership in 1999 included the BAS, Programme for Belize, the Belize Zoo and Tropical Education Center, Sibun Watershed Association, Toledo Institute for Development and Environment, Association of Friends of Freshwater Creek, Friends of Gra-Gra Lagoon, and Green Reef.

### Association of National Development Agencies

The Association of National Development Agencies (ANDA) was established as an umbrella organization to support grassroots organizations that are working for socioeconomic change and self reliance; to improve interaction between Belizean developmental agencies, national and international NGOs; and to encourage development that promotes and preserves a Belizean identity. BAS joined ANDA in late 1997.

## International Organizations

### Caribbean Conservation Association

In May of 1973 BAS became an Associate member of the Caribbean Conservation Association (CCA), an umbrella organization of West Indian and Middle American conservation societies. CCA was formed in 1969 with headquarters in the U.S. Virgin Islands. Their purpose is:

*To coordinate the needs of trust and conservation agencies, develop guidelines for resource management, find solutions to environmental problems, provide information on relevant material in the natural and social sciences development and research, assistance to developing countries in order to accelerate and develop sound conservation practices. (CCA Charter)*

BAS was an Associate Member of CCA from 1973 until 1977, when they asked the country of Belize to become a member, but Belize could not accept their invitation.

## Birdlife International

In 1980, Belize was invited to become a member of the International Council for the Bird Preservation. The membership was to be through BAS because Ford Young was to be the representative. We were accepted as a member, but we were unable with the membership fees. This Council was later changed to Birdlife International, and in early 1998, BAS became a partner designate. Birdlife International is a global alliance of conservation organizations with a focus on birds. Together the Birdlife partners form the leading authority on the status of birds, their habitats and the issues and problems affecting bird life. The BAS has been working with Birdlife International for many years on shared priorities, policies and programmes for conservation action; exchanging skills, achievements and information; and growing in ability, authority and influence.

## REDES

BAS hosted the first general assembly of the regional network of environmental and non-governmental organizations working together for the sustainable development of Central America (REDES-Centroamerica), held in Belize at the St. Catherine Academy from August 24 to 27, 1988. Each of the Central American countries was represented by ten delegates from their NGOs. Representatives of other international environmental organizations were also in attendance.

*The Hon. Dean Lindo, Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, delivered the key address. In his address, the Minister stated that our region has the ability to attain sustainable development through the prudent management of our natural resources. He noted that sustainable development is not a fixed state of harmony but a dynamic process of change in which the exploitation of resources, the direction of investments, the orientation of technological development and institutional changes are made which are consistent with future as well as present needs. The Minister acknowledged that non-governmental organizations have a role to play in the achievement of sustainable development.*

*During the closing ceremonies, an award was given to the Belize Audubon Society by REDES in recognition of its past efforts in the conservation of the natural patrimony of Belize. The closing address was made by Carlos Perdomo, Secretary of the Cabinet of the Government of Belize. In his remarks, Mr. Perdomo noted that sustainable development requires that societies meet human needs*

*by increasing productivity and by ensuring an equitable distribution of the rewards of this productivity. He mentioned also that the concept of sustainable development required that alternative uses to the development of our resources be considered. (BAS Newsletter August, 1988)*



*BAS officers and staff with award at REDES (back from left) Walter (Mickey) Craig, Bardi Riverol, James Waight, (front from left) Ernesto Saqui, Victor Gonzalez, Lydia Waight and Fallett Young,*

## **Earth Summit**

In preparation for the Earth Summit held in Brazil in June, 1992, BAS coordinated the Belize Summit on Environment and Development. Eight priorities were discussed in concurrent workshops: regional cooperation and institutional aspects; information, communication, education and training; research, creation and transfer of technology; planning and management of the environment; general policies; economic and financial aspects; control of pollution; and legislation. Belize joined the Central American Commission for Environment and Development (CCAD) in their effort to arrive at a Central American position with respect to the mode of development that is most appropriate for the region.

## **World Conservation Union (IUCN)**

The BAS first became a member of the World Conservation Union (IUCN) in April of 1986. The second annual meeting of Regional Meso-american Committees of the IUCN was held in Belize from October 20 to 23, 1994. As one of the two Belizean non-governmental organization members, BAS was responsible for planning the programme of events.

Attending the meeting were national committee presidents of the Mesoamerican region (Mexico to Panama), IUCN Regional Director Enrique Lahmann and Dr. A. Cerda, lecturer in Natural Resource Economics, University of Concepcion, Chile. Among matters discussed was developing a closer relationship with the IUCN Commissions.

## **Granting Agencies**

### ***Centro Agronomico Tropical de Investigacion y Enseñanza***

*Centro Agronomico Tropical de Investigacion y Enseñanza* (CATIE) provided the funds for the purchase of the last privately-owned lots on Half Moon Caye in the mid-1970's. CATIE provided two grants, in 1979 and in 1984, for the development of Half Moon Caye Natural Monument. In 1977 CATIE provided a screen and tape recorder for the environmental education programme carried out in the schools. David Lovell was sent from CATIE in 1984 as a consultant for the drafting of management plans for protected areas.

### **MacArthur Grant**

In October of 1984, the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation of Chicago approved a grant of \$20,000 U.S. yearly for three years to the Belize Audubon Society through the New York Zoological Society. For the second and third year of the grant period, BAS was to provide matching funds.

The grant was to be used for the management, development and, if necessary, the acquisition of parks and protected areas in Belize. The first project was the development of the Blue Hole Natural Monument. Some of the money was spent on Guanacaste Park and a small sum was allocated to the proposed Hol Chan Marine Reserve near Ambergris Caye.

Four additional three-year grants have been received from the MacArthur Foundation for Institutional Strengthening (1990-1993),

Community Outreach and Protected Areas Development (1993-1996), Advocacy (1996-1999) and Education for Sustainability (1999-2002).

### **Wild Wings Foundation**

The Wild Wings Foundation has provided support for the Crooked Tree Wildlife Sanctuary since it was declared and continues to support the Sanctuary. Since 1990 they have provided institutional support to the BAS for the management of protected areas.

### **World Wildlife Fund**

The World Wildlife Fund of the United States (WWF-U.S.) first supported the environmental education efforts of the BAS. WWF-U.S. has supported the Cockscomb Basin Wildlife Sanctuary since it was established. A WWF-U.S. grant supported manatee and sea turtle research in the Gales Point area. WWF-U.S. personnel administered and supported the NARMAP programme funded largely by USAID.

### **Wildlife Conservation Society**

Wildlife Conservation Society (formerly the New York Zoological Society) provided the funds for the jaguar study that led to the establishment of the Cockscomb Basin Wildlife Sanctuary and for the reintroduction of black howler monkeys into that Sanctuary. They have also provided support for the Community Baboon Sanctuary.

### **Zoological Society of Milwaukee County**

The Zoological Society of Milwaukee County has provided support for the Community Baboon Sanctuary since its establishment.

### **Inter-American Foundation**

The Inter-American Foundation provided funds for the establishment of a revolving fund for development of bed and breakfast accommodations in the Community Baboon Sanctuary.

### **Audubon Alliance**

Beginning in 1985, the Massachusetts Audubon Society organized the Audubon Alliance, which was composed of several other Audubon Societies in the United States, to provide the first institutional development support to the BAS.

### **Earthquest Belize**

Earthquest Belize supported the sea turtle patrols for the Summer of 1990.

### **Coastal Zone Management Project**

The Coastal Zone Management Project (CZM) provided the first salary for an Environment Educator for the BAS staff and for the first warden at Half Moon Caye Natural Monument (HMCNM). Support has also been given for equipment for HMCNM. CZM has collaborated with the BAS on exhibitions and other projects.

### **United Nations Development Programme**

The Global Environmental Facilities Small Grants Programme awarded a grant to the BAS in 1994 to conduct a series of training workshops for protected areas personnel and to establish educational centers in the BAS-managed protected areas.

### **Weeden Foundation**

The Weeden Foundation has contributed \$200,000 to the BAS Endowment Fund.

### **British High Commission**

In late 1994 the British High Commission donated \$5,000 to support the development of TMNR. The British High Commission was instrumental in securing sponsorship from a British organization for the publication of the second edition of *A to Z of Belizean Wildlife*. In 1996 they provided the materials needed for Raleigh International to build a private cabin at the CBWS.

### **NARMAP**

The Natural Resources Management Programme (NARMAP) of the US Agency for International Development and the World Wildlife Fund-US made a number of contributions to the BAS. In October, 1993, they sponsored the seminar entitled "Economics of Natural Resources." Under its Institutional Building Component, NARMAP provided the BAS with three new computer units in March 1994. In November BAS received a grant from NARMAP to upgrade infrastructure and develop revenue-generating activities at Crooked Tree Wildlife Sanctuary and Guanacaste and Blue Hole National Parks. The grant also facilitated bringing student groups to the area and conducting public awareness programmes. In 1996 NARMAP funds were granted to develop new facilities at CBWS including a kitchen and dining room, a bunkhouse accommodating 24 persons, composting toilets, and a solar electrical system for lights and showers.



*Mark Nolan of NARMAP presents Institutional Building grant to BAS, which is accepted by BAS President Therese Rath*

### **The Nature Conservancy**

The Nature Conservancy has provided support for the management of the Tapir Mountain Nature Reserve (TMNR) through the Maya Forest Small Grants Programme, which was funded by USAID. The grant also included funds for a comprehensive community outreach programme for TMNR.

### **Canada Fund**

The Canada Fund provided the materials for a Community Resource Center for the Tapir Mountain Nature Reserve, which was constructed by Raleigh International.

### **HIVOS Funds for BAS Advocacy Programme**

A Dutch NGO, the Humanitarian Institute for Cooperation with Developing Countries (HIVOS), provided a grant to fund the BAS Advocacy Programme for a year beginning in September, 1998. The goal of the programme is to take action to ensure that policies set forth by the Government of Belize, especially with regard to land,

air or water, are environmentally sound and take the best interest of the Belizean people into consideration.

### **Protected Areas Conservation Trust**

A grant from the Protected Areas Conservation Trust (PACT) supported BAS' Public Education Campaign begun in June 1998. The programme involves media spots aimed at educating the public about protected areas in Belize, with the intent that more Belizeans will visit these natural areas and develop a stronger appreciation for their country's natural resources.

### **Commission of the European Union**

The Actions in Favour of Tropical Forests Programme of the Commission of the European Union has given the BAS its single largest grant, \$1.2 million BZ, for the Development of Revenue Generation Systems (1997-1999). Under this programme, entrance fees have been instituted in most of the BAS-managed protected areas; BAS established a Marketing and Membership programme; tourism facilities were upgraded at CBWS, CTWS, BHNP, GNP, and HMCNM; and the management presence has been enhanced at all protected areas through personnel recruitment and natural resource management training.

### **RAMSAR Convention Bureau**

The RAMSAR Convention Bureau has provided support for a programme of Conflict Resolution at the Crooked Tree Wildlife Sanctuary.

## **Volunteers**

### **Peace Corps**

The Peace Corps, a volunteer organization of government of the United States, has provided several volunteers, beginning with Catherine and Tom Meekin in 1985, both of whom were shared with other projects in Belize.

### **Raleigh International**

Operation Raleigh, a British youth development charity, built a Visitor Center in Crooked Tree Wildlife Sanctuary in June of 1986. After an absence of ten years Operation Raleigh, renamed Raleigh International, returned to Belize in 1995. Raleigh venturers, including Belizeans, worked on a new trail through St. Herman's Cave, Blue National Park. At Cockscomb they constructed a trail to the Outlier and built new bridges. They also worked on Half Moon Caye,

building a Visitor Center and repairing the observation deck in the rookery. Back again in 1996, Raleigh constructed the Community Resource Center at Tapir Mountain Nature Reserve. At Cockscomb they improved the Victoria Peak Trail and built a cabana.



*Raleigh International volunteers on the steps of the cabin that they built at the Cockscomb Basin Wildlife Sanctuary*

### **Jaguar (cars) of Canada**

Melanie Watt, a Canadian biology student, initiated contact with the corporation producing Jaguar cars, which resulted in their making a contribution to the World Wildlife Fund designated for the CBWS. She participated in the Cross Country Classic, the Belize Easter bicycle race, to call attention to the new CBWS.

### **Yalbac Ranch and Cattle (Belize) Ltd**

Following the investigatory visit of BAS Executive Director Mickey Craig and Philip Balderamos to the Yalbac Ranch and Cattle

(Belize) Ltd, a part of the Belize Estate land involved in the 1987 Coca Cola controversy (Chapter 3), Yalbac made a contribution to the BAS that allowed the printing of a leaflet on the wildlife regulations of Belize.

### **Swim for the Reef**

In 1985 and again in 1990 Captain Ted Martin, a British soldier, swam from St. George's Caye to Belize City as a fund-raising event of the Reef Preservation Fund. In 1991 the Environmental Youth Club, assisted by British Forces Belize, continued this tradition and swam the eleven and a half-mile distance in eight hours in relay fashion with the five older children taking 40-minute laps and the two younger children taking 10-minute laps.



*BAS President Janet Gibson congratulates Captain Ted Martin on his "Swim for the Reef"*

### **Longacre Expeditions**

Youths from Longacre Expeditions came to Belize in the summer of 1991. Joined by Belizean youths from Hattieville, organized by James Sanker, they built 18 picnic tables for protected areas of Belize.



*BAS Vice President David Craig receives check  
from Longacre Director David Baraff*

## **Lighthawk**

Lighthawk is a New Mexico-based conservation airwing. Since 1989 they have come to Belize in the Spring to fly over critical areas to give passengers a view of existing pressures from population, agriculture and development on protected terrestrial and marine areas. These passengers often include government ministers or their representatives and municipal leaders.

In 1994 a settlement was observed very near to the southern boundary of CBWS. Land clearing was observed within the boundary of the Bladen Branch Nature Reserve and dispersed settlements were noted not too far from the eastern boundary of the BBNR. The experience of seeing first-hand the expanse of lush forest vegetation, interrupted by its meandering rivers, was awesome and indeed educational. Even more impressive was the viewing of Victoria Peak from an arm's length distance.

## **Women on Top**

From August 18 to 21, 1992, the Women on Top Expedition, four representatives of conservation organizations in Belize, climbed to the top of Victoria Peak. Funds raised (\$4,000) were donated to the Cockscomb Basin Wildlife Sanctuary.

**FAVA**

In the Spring of 1994 Florida Association of Volunteer Agencies (FAVA) provided volunteer Woodard Miley, an Environmental Administrator at Florida's Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve, to train CTWS personnel in water quality testing and recording of recreational and commercial fish catch.

**Hike and Bike for the Rainforest**

International Conservation Relief, a US non-governmental organization, and Coca Cola sponsored fund-raising activities to support the Belize Zoo and Tapir Mountain Nature Reserve (TMNR) the last weekend of October, 1994. In addition, a motorcycle was donated for patrolling and conducting community outreach of TMNR.

**Volunteer Service Organization**

The Volunteer Service Organization (VSO) of the British government provided a volunteer, Diana Houtzager, for two years. As part of the agreement, BAS paid a subsistence allowance. In 1995 a grant was provided by VSO for BAS staff management training.



*Picnic table at Guanacaste National Park built by  
Longacre and Belizean youth volunteers*

### **Belize Youth Conservation Corps**

From 1991 through 1995 Belize Youth Conservation Corps (BYCC) worked on projects in several protected areas. In CBWS they built or repaired several bridges, improved trails, cut new trails, and dug a garbage pit. At GNP they built nesting boxes for birds, roosting boxes for bats, made hanging baskets for orchids, constructed a self-guided trail, cleaned in preparation for the opening of the Visitor Center, and repaired the steps leading down to the Belize River Recreation Center. At HMCNM they cleaned the beach and cleared trails.

### **Youth Environmental Action Group**

Youth Environmental Action Group (YEAG) was formed in San Jose, Succotz. They assisted the BAS with tours of the Guanacaste National Park during the 1989 Agricultural Fair in Belmopan. BAS sponsored a workshop for YEAG in August of 1990 on "The Role of NGO's in Environmental Conservation Education." YEAG takes field trips to various protected areas in Belize. April 9 to 17, 1996, found them climbing to the highest point in Belize, which is not Victoria Peak as originally thought, but Doyle's Delight on the Main Divide of the Maya Mountains, 35 miles southwest of Victoria Peak.

### **Students Understanding Nature**

Sixty-five members of Students Understanding Nature (SUN), an organization of St. Johns Sixth Form, helped with signs and clearing trails in Guanacaste National Park in 1992.

### **Students Encouraging Environmental Development**

The Belmopan Comprehensive School Conservation Club is called Students Encouraging Environmental Development (SEED). On March 19, 1994, twenty-one club members conducted a cleaning campaign at Guanacaste National Park. They also painted signs for Half Moon Caye Natural Monument.

### **Trekforce**

Trekforce is a United Kingdom youth development charity that has brought groups of enthusiastic British youth to Belize to work on projects in protected areas. They built the Observation Tower in Crooked Tree Wildlife Sanctuary and improved trails in the West Basin of the Cockscomb Basin in the Spring of 1998. Their Fall 1998 projects included building latrines at the Maya Mopan entrance to the Cockscomb Basin Wildlife Sanctuary, but that project was terminated just before completion because of Hurricane Mitch. In Belize City

the volunteers helped with clean-up of schools that had been used as hurricane shelters while they waited for the sea to calm down enough to go to Half Moon Caye, where they also cleaned up after Mitch.

## Volunteers

For the first fifteen years of BAS' existence, all the work was accomplished through the efforts of volunteers. Even after it was possible to hire professional staff, volunteers have continued to serve the Society. Many individuals have volunteered for varying lengths of time in the BAS Office and in the protected areas. BAS is grateful for every one and looks forward to many more as the environmental work in Belize needs many hands.

## Corporate Sponsorship

A campaign to gain corporate sponsorship was begun in 1990 when the following letter was sent to Belize's foremost corporations.

*Dear Corporate Friends,*

*From its humble origin nearly twenty years ago, the Belize Audubon Society has grown into a giant among conservation organizations in Belize today. The founding members of the Society, some of whom are still active, have seen BAS evolve from a small membership club dedicated to the preservation of Belize's rich natural heritage to an internationally-known force and role model for several Latin American non-governmental organizations concerned with environmental issues.*

*In 1984, BAS was deputized by the Government of Belize to work along with the Forest Department to develop and operate protected areas designated under the National Parks System Act of 1981. Since that time BAS has capably served as interim managers of Belize's ever-growing number of protected areas. We presently have 14 people engaged in the protection of six parks.*

*The Government has made it quite clear that they are not yet able to inject any operational funds into these parks. Fortunately, BAS has managed to successfully secure funds from overseas conservation organizations, among them World Wildlife Fund and the MacArthur, Wild Wings and Underhill Foundations. The monies received from these groups are invested directly into the parks for the benefit of all Belizeans and BAS derives no financial benefits from these arrangements.*

*In late 1984 BAS was able to secure funds for institutional development that allowed us to establish an office in Belize City with*

*a nucleus staff of four paid personnel, two of whom are part-time. Regrettably, this source of funding has dried up and we will no longer be able to maintain our staff and office without continued financial assistance. Moreover, the Government of Belize is still not ready to take on the management of our national parks.*

*With a most noticeable increase in the number of nature-loving tourists, it is not in Belize's best interest to have the park infrastructure, developed so far, destroyed. Without financial support we will also be unable to continue our environmental education programmes for all Belizeans, maintain the BAS library and provide the information on wild animals and plants that the increasing number of visitors, both local and foreign, to our office has been requesting. BAS is therefore appealing to you to contribute as a gold donor to a special fund we have established to cover our administrative costs. We estimate we need \$50,000 per annum. Your contribution will be tax deductible. (Letter to corporations from Victor Gonzalez, BAS President, 1990)*

As a result of this appeal, ten sponsors were obtained:

**Gold Donors**

Belize Bank Ltd.

Regent Insurance Co. Ltd.

Sydney Turton

**Silver Donor**

Esso Standard Oil Ltd.

**Bronze Donor**

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For the past ten years the BAS has continued to recruit corporate sponsors and currently has several corporate sponsors who have been very generous in their support of conservation in Belize.

## Friends to the Parks

The Friends to the Parks programme was started in 1995, developed by VSO Volunteer Diana Houtzager. It allows members of BAS to directly support one or all of the BAS-managed parks.

### Other Donors

#### Platinum Sponsors:

American Airlines	Bowen & Bowen Ltd.
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#### BirdFest Co-sponsors:

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#### Friends of the Parks (two or more parks):

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#### Friends of the Parks (one park):

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## A Gallery of BAS Leaders

**Presidents**

*James A. Waight*  
(1969-1986)



*Dr. Victor Gonzalez*  
(1986-1990)



*Janet Gibson*  
(1991-1992)



*Philip Balderamos*  
(1990-91)



*Therese Rath*  
(1992-1995)



*Jose Garcia*  
(1995-present)

## Executive Directors



*Walter (Mickey) Craig, first BAS  
Executive Director from 1985 to 1989*



*James Beveridge presents a check  
to Dolores Godfrey, BAS Executive  
Director from 1990 to 1993*



*Virginia Vasquez, BAS Executive Director from 1993 to 1995, at Cockscomb Basin Wildlife Sanctuary with green vine snake*



*Ted Castillo BAS Executive Director (1995 to 1997) plants a mahogany tree at the dedication of the Karl Heusner Memorial Hospital*



*Osmany Salas, BAS Executive Director 1997 to present,  
on Crooked Tree Boardwalk*