



SOS Fund number - # 6b.058

Proposal Title: *Protected areas GIS for CARPE*

Start date: **9/1/97**
 Duration: **4 months**
 Total Grant amount: **\$2,000**

Investigator/Contact
Institutional Affiliation
Contact Information

Dr. Sam Kanyamibwa
World Conservation Monitoring Centre, Cambridge CB3 0DL, United Kingdom

Telephone: +44-1223-277-317; fax: +44-1223-277-136
Email: sam. kanyamibwa@wcmc.org.uk

Abstract

For many years, WCMC has managed a Biodiversity Map Library (BML), a GIS system containing spatial data on the distribution and status of the world's biodiversity, including protected areas. Information on protected areas is obtained in the first instance from national protected area agencies, and it is regularly updated, in collaboration with the IUCN World Commission on Protected Areas, to produce authoritative documents such as the United Nations List of Protected Areas.

As part of the USAID-funded Central Africa Regional Program for the Environment (CARPE), a number of agencies, including WWF-US and WRI, will produce a CD ROM with various GIS coverages including an up-to-date GIS protected areas in Central Africa.

The purpose of this project is to integrate the three protected areas coverages for Central Africa into a single GIS for present and subsequent use by CARPE and others. Importantly, the project provides a mechanism for coordinating the management of such information within the CARPE framework and ensuring that it feeds directly into the global GIS of protected areas maintained by WCMC.