VISION
The Bio-diversity and ecosystem of Mgahinga Gorilla and Bwindi Impenetrable National Parks conserved

MISSION:
To foster bio-diversity conservation in MGNP and BINP through:
- investments in community projects
- research, ecological monitoring
- funding park management
- conservation awareness

Importance of protected areas
- Home for half the world’s mountain gorilla ca 300
- Great bio-diversity
  - > 120 mammal species
  - > 360 bird species
  - > 200 species of butterfly
  - > 324 tree species
  - > BINP protects 6% water catchment
- BINP is a World Heritage

TRUST FUND
- Set up in 1994
- Seed capital (USD $ 4.3m)

Purpose:
To provide long term conservation of MGNP and BINP
**Trust Fund preparation**
- Tremendous government support, interest & commitment
- Enabling institutions
- Local community partnerships
- Governing body - TMBoard
- Selection of Fund Manager

**Other Financial Support**
- USAID US $ 890,000 for operations (1995 - 1997)
- Royal Netherlands Govt US $ 2.8m (1997 - 2002)

**Policy and Enabling Environment**
- Constitution of Uganda
- Vision 2025
- Uganda Wildlife Statute
- Trust Law in existence
- Presence of world famous natural resources

**Capacity Development**
- No capacity to manage by 1994
- World Bank Supervision 1994 - 1999
- Board members’ contribution
- Fund managers’ visit
Sharing benefits

- 60% of income - community Dev’t
- 20% of income - research activities
- 20% of income - park management

Recommendations

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Recommendations

- Understanding stock markets and investment business
  - Good and regular communication
  - Understandable Fund Management reports
  - Single fund manager or Multiple Managers?
  - Transparency and Integrity

Replication

- MBIFCT has proved that a Trust Fund can work
- Great opportunities for replication exist in Uganda