



## Technical Support Team (TST) Workplan

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The current activities of the TST are funded by the European Commission through a project which is scheduled to end in December 2009. Due to the flexible nature of the TST's activities, planning at this stage is focusing on an 'end game' scenario for this grant – spending available funds in the most efficient way possible within the time available. Consequently detailed planning considers the period September - December 2009. Thereafter, TST activities will continue using funding made available within UNEP, the strategic application of which is currently under discussion.

TST activities are structured around the Objectives detailed in the Programme of Action, which are:

1. To prevent habitat loss and population decline in 50% of priority populations and habitats of each taxon of great apes, and to reduce the rate of loss or decline in 95% of the other populations
2. To increase great ape habitat in protected areas by 20% and eliminate habitat loss and population decline within protected areas
3. To identify and promote, in cooperation with local communities, economic activities compatible with great ape conservation and mitigate development activities detrimental to great ape populations and habitat
4. To use a habitat and population monitoring and evaluation system to inform conservation decision-making
5. To provide the enabling conditions for the GRASP Partnership to achieve its objectives

### Planned activities up to December 2009

Activity	Timescale	Cost (EUR)
<i>Objectives 1 &amp; 2</i>		
Funding for trans-boundary initiative, Liberia / Cote d'Ivoire	October 2009	40,000
Focal Point IT support, Rwanda	October 2009	2,500
<i>Objective 3</i>		
Rwandan alternative energies process	September 2009	5,000
<i>Objective 4</i>		
Support for field kits Sierra Leone	September 2009	5,000
Support for Central African survey training workshop	December 2009	tbc
<i>Objective 5</i>		
TST staff and GRASP Consultants	September – December	30,000

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Allowance for TST / SciCom missions	September – December 2009	5,000
Continuing administrative and decision making support	September – December 2009	0
Executive Committee meeting support and administration	September 2009	7,500
Completion of State of the Gorilla Journey	September 2009	0
Funding for West African Focal Points meeting	October 2009	5,000
Representation at UNFCCC, Denmark	December 2009	3,000

Activities and expenditures will be reviewed in October 2009 to evaluate what surplus funds are available and what activities they can most effectively be applied to.

Planned activities January – December 2010

Funding from the UNEP Executive Director's Reserve will ensure proper functioning of the TST in 2010. Apart from providing adhoc technical services to emerging issues, the TST will support the Secretariat and the Scientific Commission in different capacities, and in particular in preparing the next GRASP Council meeting. The revision of the GRASP 2010 targets, the design and implementation of a partnership wide reporting and monitoring tool are complex issues, and will probably require extra capacity in the form of Technical Support Teams.