PROGRESS REPORT

Organization: **WildAid**
Project: Microenterprise Development for Women of Galapagos
Funded amount: $8,000
Date grant authorized: July 2007
Evaluation report due: December 11, 2007

Grant objectives as identified in the proposal funded by WWF

Objective 1: Convert the fishing boat into a restaurant and boutique
Permanently removing the boat from the Galapagos fishing fleet will decrease the local pressure on the marine life. It will also create an opportunity for the OMCA members to increase their income.

Objective 2: Train OMCA members in administration and business skills
1. For the new business to thrive, the women of the OMCA need new skills in running a business. We will train the OMCA members to manage their finances and business and to market the business.
2. Provide technical assistance to improve the quality of artisan products to be sold to tourists, collaborating with the CDRS.

Objective 3: Share project lessons with cooperatives and the public on other Galapagos islands
To conserve the marine life of the Galapagos, fishermen need to catch fewer fish. But before they will do this, they and their families need examples of alternative means to earn an income. This business will be another such example that WildAid is helping to create in the Galapagos. We will share the lessons and the successes of the project with communities on other islands in the Galapagos, including how we market the business to the tourism sector.

When did your organization complete the project for which it was funded? If the project has not been completed, indicate anticipated completion date and explain the reasons for the delay.

The OMCA Microenterprise project is still under construction. While we have made progress with contractors and the women on boat rehabilitation over the past few months, we are now aiming to have the boat completed by May 2008. The delays are attributed to the fact we are co-implementing the project with the local municipality and our project is part of a larger waterfront renovation project which requires funding from the central government in Quito. Unfortunately, there are still pending issues with the overall municipal project which should be resolved shortly.

To what extent has your organization met the goals and objectives identified in your proposal?

Objective 1:

Completed Activities: As of December 10th, 2007 we have completed 60% of the rehabilitation of the vessel. Completed activities include: replacing weathered and rotten wood, sanding of the entire vessel, raising of the main deck, painting of the vessel, incorporation of stairways and refinishing the hull. We have secured a 30 year concession from the municipality for the definitive placement of the vessel. Below please find photos that document the progress made to date.

Pending activities: Installation of septic tank, equipping of café and construction of concrete foundation.

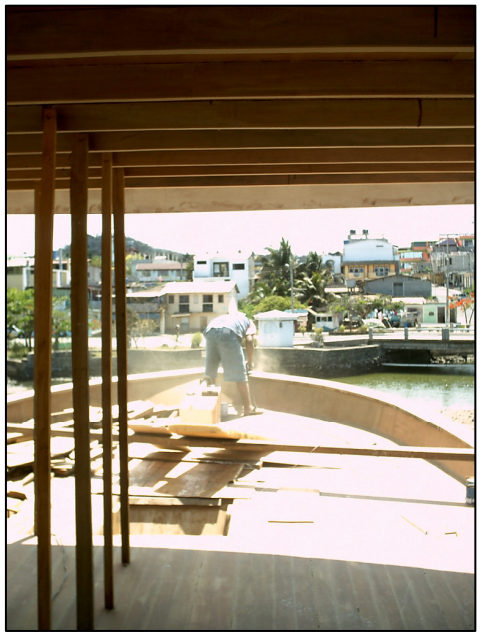
Objective 2:

Current Activities:

- A market study is being carried out in cooperation with IPADE.
- Ongoing training is being provided to OMCA in:
  - Administration
  - Accounting
  - Marketing
- The OMCA business plan is also being elaborated in cooperation with the women.

Phase 1

Given the fact the vessel had laid idle for more than 3 years, much of the wood in the boat had to be replaced. The deck was raised 20 inches in order to create enough room in the hull to house a boutique. As the hull was only used for storing fish, an internal staircase was constructed leading from the deck to the hull. In addition, the entire hull was completely gutted and refurbished.



Expense Report

WWF

Line item	Budget	Actual Expenses	Balance	
Professional Fees	5,965	0	5,965	
Travel	1,000	830	170	
Administration	1,044	124	920	
Total	8,000	954	7,055	

LOWE FOUNDATION EXPENSES TO DATE

Line item	Budget	Actual Expenses	Balance	
Objective 1				
Construction	$29,000	$25,000	$4,000	
Objective 2				
Training	$14,500	$6,000	$8,500	
Administration	6,500	3,000	$3,500	
Total	$50,000	$34,000	$16,000	

Deputy Executive Director: Date: 12/11/07