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To reauthorize the African Elephant Conservation Act, the Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Act of 1994, the Asian Elephant Conservation Act of 1997, the Great Ape Conservation Act of 2000, and the Marine Turtle Conservation Act of 2004, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 13, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska (for himself and Mr. PIERLUISI) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

A BILL

To reauthorize the African Elephant Conservation Act, the Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Act of 1994, the Asian Elephant Conservation Act of 1997, the Great Ape Conservation Act of 2000, and the Marine Turtle Conservation Act of 2004, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Multinational Species
5 Conservation Funds Reauthorization Act of 2015”.

1 **SEC. 2. REAUTHORIZATION OF AFRICAN ELEPHANT CON-**
2 **SERVATION ACT.**

3 Section 2306(a) of the African Elephant Conserva-
4 tion Act (16 U.S.C. 4245(a)) is amended by striking
5 “2007 through 2012” and inserting “2016 through
6 2020”.

7 **SEC. 3. REAUTHORIZATION OF RHINOCEROS AND TIGER**
8 **CONSERVATION ACT OF 1994.**

9 Section 10(a) of the Rhinoceros and Tiger Conserva-
10 tion Act of 1994 (16 U.S.C. 5306(a)) is amended by strik-
11 ing “2007 through 2012” and inserting “2016 through
12 2020”.

13 **SEC. 4. REAUTHORIZATION OF ASIAN ELEPHANT CON-**
14 **SERVATION ACT OF 1997.**

15 Section 8(a) of the Asian Elephant Conservation Act
16 of 1997 (16 U.S.C. 4266(a)) is amended by striking
17 “2007 through 2012” and inserting “2016 through
18 2020”.

19 **SEC. 5. AMENDMENT AND REAUTHORIZATION OF GREAT**
20 **APE CONSERVATION ACT OF 2000.**

21 The Great Ape Conservation Act of 2000 is amended
22 as follows:

23 (1) **MULTIYEAR GRANTS.**—In section 4 (16
24 U.S.C. 6303), by adding at the end the following
25 new subsections:

26 “(j) **MULTIYEAR GRANTS.**—

1 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may award
2 a multiyear grant under this section to a person who
3 is otherwise eligible for a grant under this section,
4 to carry out a project that the person demonstrates
5 is an effective, long-term conservation strategy for
6 great apes and their habitats.

7 “(2) ANNUAL GRANTS NOT AFFECTED.—This
8 subsection shall not be construed as precluding the
9 Secretary from awarding grants on an annual
10 basis.”.

11 (2) PANEL OF EXPERTS.—In section 4(i) (16
12 U.S.C. 6303(i))—

13 (A) in paragraph (1), by—

14 (i) striking “Every 2 years” and in-
15 sserting “Within one year after the date of
16 the enactment of the Multinational Species
17 Conservation Funds Reauthorization Act
18 of 2015, and every 5 years thereafter”;

19 (ii) striking “may convene” and in-
20 sserting “shall convene”;

21 (iii) inserting “and priorities” after
22 “needs”; and

23 (iv) adding at the end the following
24 new sentence: “The panel shall, to the ex-
25 tent practicable, include representatives

1 from foreign range states with expertise in
2 great ape conservation.”; and

3 (B) by redesignating paragraph (2) as
4 paragraph (4), and inserting after paragraph
5 (1) the following new paragraphs:

6 “(2) In identifying conservation needs and pri-
7 orities under paragraph (1), the panel shall consider
8 relevant great ape conservation plans or strategies
9 including scientific research and findings related
10 to—

11 “(A) the conservation needs and priorities
12 of great apes;

13 “(B) regional or species-specific action
14 plans or strategies;

15 “(C) applicable strategies developed or ini-
16 tiated by the Secretary; and

17 “(D) any other applicable conservation
18 plan or strategy.

19 “(3) The Secretary, subject to the availability
20 of appropriations, may pay expenses of convening
21 and facilitating meetings of the panel.”.

22 (3) ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES LIMITATION.—
23 In section 5(b)(2) (16 U.S.C. 6304(b)(2)), by strik-
24 ing “\$100,000” and inserting “\$150,000”.

1 (4) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—In
2 section 6 (16 U.S.C. 6305), by striking “2006
3 through 2010” and inserting “2016 through 2020”.

4 **SEC. 6. AMENDMENT AND REAUTHORIZATION OF MARINE**
5 **TURTLE CONSERVATION ACT OF 2004.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Marine Turtle Conservation
7 Act of 2004 is amended—

8 (1) in sections 2(b) and 3(2) (16 U.S.C.
9 6601(b), 6602(2)), by inserting “and territories of
10 the United States” after “foreign countries” each
11 place it occurs;

12 (2) in section 3 (16 U.S.C. 6602) by adding at
13 the end the following:

14 “(7) TERRITORY OF THE UNITED STATES.—
15 The term ‘territory of the United States’ means each
16 of Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin Islands,
17 Guam, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the
18 Northern Mariana Islands, and any other territory
19 or possession of the United States.”; and

20 (3) in section 4 (16 U.S.C. 6603)—

21 (A) in subsection (b)(1)(A), by inserting
22 “or territory of the United States” after “for-
23 eign country”; and

1 (B) in subsection (d) by inserting “and
2 territories of the United States” after “foreign
3 countries”.

4 (b) ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES LIMITATION.—Sec-
5 tion 5(b)(2) of the Marine Turtle Conservation Act of
6 2004 (16 U.S.C. 6604(b)(2)) is amended by striking
7 “\$80,000” and inserting “\$150,000”.

8 (c) REAUTHORIZATION.—Section 7 of the Marine
9 Turtle Conservation Act of 2004 (16 U.S.C. 6606) is
10 amended by striking “each of fiscal years 2005 through
11 2009” and inserting “each of fiscal years 2016 through
12 2020”.

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