1.0 HISTORY

Niugini Wildlife was formed in January 1996 by a group of University of Papua New Guinea students from Enga Province who saw the need to do conservation in their home province. The interest group started programs in Enga Province by raising community awareness on the great importance conserving remaining intact virgin rainforest from human exploitation due to population growth. That led to many community groups starting up community based conservation organizations and started addressing many issues on climate change, land degradation, deforestation, water pollution, floral and faunal extinction and to mention a few in their project areas.

Meetings were / are facilitated by Niugini Wildlife with development of project proposals and subsequently development of project activities donor organizations, government departments and companies make available funds.

Niugini Wildlife mission statement is: “We work collectively with local communities to conserve endangered faunal and floral species through science taking into consideration human needs”. We work in the area of community awareness, research, eco-tourism, sustainable livelihood projects and conservation.

Our office is located on Section 23 Lot 37 Wabag Town (Lanekep Street), Enga Province, Papua New Guinea. Please see our contact details at the last page.

2.0 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors of this organization are as under:

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3.0 MANAGEMENT STAFFS

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Other experienced scientists and development experts are employed on contract basis on a project by project basis when funds become available for project implementation.

4.0 PROJECTS / PROGRAMME

The following are some projects in which community based organizations are conserving habitats of endangered / threatened / near extinct biological diversity.
4.1 **LAKE EVAE CONSERVATION GROUP**

This project is located on a highlands high priority wetland area. The lake biodiversity has been threatened after a road system had been constructed by Porgera Gold Mine (owned by Barricks Canada and PNG Government). During heavy rainy seasons the sands and debris are washed downstream causing sedimentation and siltation to the fragile lake system. Many other social and health problems have been experienced also due to a cyanide spill by the mining company in the late 1990s.

4.2 **EMBERALE FOREST CONSERVATION GROUP**

This project is aimed at conserving remaining intact montane rainforest. The communities had formed a management committee to implement this. More scientific research is required to determine biological diversity.

4.3 **PAMYSK ICAD ASSOCIATION**

This is a rehabilitation of a deforested area due to a colonial era sawmill that saw fine parts of the rainforest removed. Studies have been conducted in which report was e-mailed.
4.4 WALIN ECO-TOURISM PROJECT

This project is part of a large portion of untouched and never researched land area covering approximately more than 1,000 hectares of land. Research is required to determine biological diversity. The landowners have initiated eco-tourism projects as a sustainable development tool.

4.7 KAIAP ORCHID PROJECT

This is the oldest eco-tourism project in the province that promotes orchid gardening and bird watching. This project is seen as a model project where lessons learnt can be replicated. This project incorporates both social and cultural values into conservation programs. This project has worked and is a model project. It has a world class eco-tourism lodge. This project include the famous Orchid Lodge that was established in 1978 that include bird watching sites and local cultural sites for eco-tourists.
4.8 TARALIS FOREST GROUP

This project was done on a remaining batch of rainforest, much threatened by human exploitation. It is trialed to see if communities living adjacent to the project sites can seriously do conservation and understand its significance. Many other projects are not included in the lists as they shall be included later after formal affiliation to Niugini Wildlife Inc.

Ancient footpath created for eco-tourists to travel around the conservation site
5.0 ENDANGERED / THREATENED BIRD OF PARADISE SPECIES WHICH ARE ENDEMIC TO ENGA PROVINCE AND PAPUA NEW GUINEA

The following are very common bird of paradise species that appear in our project sites and their habitats are threatened. Most project sites are not researched to date and many floral and faunal species are yet to be identified.
King Bird of Paradise

Magnificent Bird of Paradise

Ragaina Bird of Paradise
6.0 FUNDRAISING / FINANCE

Any donations to the organization can be sent to the following address for project implementations. For specific project funds, the name of the project to be stated so that funds can be directly use for that project activities.

Executive Director, Niugini Wildlife, P.O. Box 583, Wabag, Enga Province, Papua New Guinea. E-mail: new@datec.net.pg Mobile: (675) 6906733
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Or our partner organization in USA:

Natural Partners (please insert details if this is relevant).