

Katiuska Baldonado, resident of Parque Metropolitano, holds recycling box donated by the Canada Fund, 2003

The longest-running Canadian environmental project in Cuba has been World Wildlife Fund (WWF) Canada's co-operation with the Cuba's Centre for Protected Areas (CNAP). WWF's work in Cuba began in 1988 with an initial project to help design and implement a national park in the Zapata wetlands - an important refuge for birds migrating every year between Canada and Cuba. The interpretation centre built in Zapata is a valuable tool for educating visitors about the richness of Cuba's bio-diversity. Currently,

WWF is assisting CNAP in managing new parks, such as Humboldt Park in eastern Cuba, and in developing a new network of marine reserves. The results of this co-operation have inspired WWF Canada to make Cuba the focus for all of its international conservation work.

Canadian visitor Gabrielle Boisvert at the Ciénaga de Zapata Interpretation Centre and Ecological Station, 2003

