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PROTECTING NATURE'S HOTSPOTS  
FOR PEOPLE AND PROSPERITY







# ABOUT CEPF

The Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund (CEPF) empowers people to be good stewards of the planet, so they and future generations continue to benefit from its life-sustaining resources like clean air, fresh water, a stable climate and healthy soils. The partners believe that civil society is uniquely positioned to protect some of Earth's most biologically rich yet threatened ecosystems.

CEPF provides grants to nongovernmental and private sector organizations so they can conserve these critical ecosystems, located in biodiversity hotspots. The investments are even more meaningful because these regions are home to millions of people who are impoverished and highly dependent on natural resources.

Enabling civil society groups to have stronger voices and exert greater influence in the world around them is the hallmark of our approach. Our grantee partners range from small farming cooperatives and community associations to private sector partners, and national and international nongovernmental organizations (NGOs).

## OUR GRANTS

- **TARGET BIODIVERSITY HOTSPOTS IN DEVELOPING AND TRANSITIONAL COUNTRIES.**
- **ARE GUIDED BY REGIONAL INVESTMENT STRATEGIES (ECOSYSTEM PROFILES) DEVELOPED WITH STAKEHOLDERS.**
- **GO DIRECTLY TO CIVIL SOCIETY GROUPS TO BUILD THIS VITAL CONSTITUENCY FOR CONSERVATION ALONGSIDE GOVERNMENTAL PARTNERS.**
- **CREATE WORKING ALLIANCES AMONG DIVERSE GROUPS, COMBINING UNIQUE CAPACITIES AND ELIMINATING DUPLICATION OF EFFORTS.**
- **ACHIEVE RESULTS THROUGH AN EVER-EXPANDING NETWORK OF PARTNERS WORKING TOGETHER TOWARD SHARED GOALS.**





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MESSAGE FROM THE  
**EXECUTIVE  
DIRECTOR**





Our mission, enacted through the work of our grantees, is both critical and challenging. CEPF has chosen to support civil society in protecting biodiversity and other vital natural resources in areas that are threatened by a variety of forces—economic, political and climatic. In these places, which are frequently subject to violent and catastrophic events, as well as the everyday struggle for life, conservation

may appear relatively unimportant. But dwindling resources are often at the foundation of the worst calamities suffered by human beings and nature.

The community leaders, farmers, park rangers, researchers, and staff members and volunteers of nonprofit organizations of all sizes whom CEPF supports deserve our funding and our thanks. Not only are they improving the well-being of the people and areas where they live and work, but they are also contributing to a more secure future for us all.

CEPF dedicates this report to its grantee partners, and in these pages we highlight a few of their many achievements, including

- Development of a conservation strategy for the East Melanesian Islands biodiversity hotspot, led in part by regional universities and including input from 150 representatives of government, civil society, academia and local communities.

- Efforts of grantees in Mozambique to build local capacity while setting up sustainable use and livelihoods programs to protect a key elephant corridor and the communities nearby.
- Establishment of local co-management and protection of fisheries that provide food security in Lao PDR.
- The success of the Caucasus Nature Fund in working with multiple donors to set up long-term support for important protected areas in the region.
- A flourishing incentive program that is making conservation an economic boon to local communities and indigenous groups in Ecuador.

These initiatives represent just a small portion of the impressive conservation work being done by civil society groups around the world. Without them, there would be no CEPF, and far less cause for hope regarding the ecosystems that are fundamental to the future of our planet.

**Patricia Zurita**

Executive Director, CEPF







MESSAGE FROM THE  
**CHAIRPERSON,**  
CEPF DONOR COUNCIL







In the late 1990s, Conservation International CEO Peter Seligmann and I began talking about the need for an organization that would empower civil society organizations around the world to conserve and protect critical ecosystems—those that provide irreplaceable beauty and biodiversity as well as vital goods and services for people. In the year 2000, through the commitment of farsighted donors, the idea became reality.

For 12 years now, CEPF has been connecting its global donors to conservation initiatives inside the world's biodiversity hotspots, working with local NGOs, communities, private-sector partners and others to support smart ecosystem management and sustainable development. I am proud of CEPF's demonstrated success and growth. Working with local stakeholders, CEPF has crafted conservation strategies known as ecosystem profiles for 22 biodiversity hotspots, providing a plan of action that not only guides CEPF's investments, but also maps out opportunities for other conservation investors. CEPF has implemented such plans in developing and transitional countries in Central and South America, Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands and Europe. The fund has reached out to organizations in more than 60 nations and territories, helping farmers practice eco-friendly cultivation methods that boost their profits, working with communities to sustainably manage the forests and fresh water environments they depend on, and supporting nongovernmental groups' work with government agencies to factor

wise natural resource management into development planning. These activities, and many more types of engagement, are making a difference, both in terms of direct environmental impact and in building up local and national civil society for future environmental leadership.

After these many years with CEPF, as I step down from my post as chairperson of the fund's Donor Council, this progress fills me with hope and confidence. Though there is so much urgent work that remains to be done to protect and restore the world's ecosystems, I am certain we are heading in the right direction. CEPF continues to prove that empowering civil society in the most biodiverse yet threatened areas of the world is an efficient, effective and sustainable approach. We are seeing the early dividends of CEPF's strategic outreach to the people who have the most at stake in the battle to protect the world's most crucial ecosystems, and who are best positioned to make a positive difference over the long term. The momentum is building. Be a part of it.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "James D. Wolfensohn". The signature is fluid and cursive.

**James D. Wolfensohn**, chairman of the private investment firm Wolfensohn & Company, LLC, is a former president of the World Bank Group and was one of the founders of CEPF. He served two terms as Donor Council chairperson, from the fund's inception in 2000 to 2005, and again from 2008 to 2012.





# THE PARTNERSHIP

## L'AGENCE FRANÇAISE DE DÉVELOPPEMENT,

the French Development Agency, is a financial institution that is at the heart of France's Development Assistance Policy. It supports a wide range of economic, social and environmental projects in more than 60 countries.

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## THE EUROPEAN UNION,

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is one of the largest providers of development assistance for the environment. Japan seeks constructive measures and concrete programs to preserve unique ecosystems that provide people with important benefits and help reduce poverty.

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# MESSAGE FROM THE PARTNERS

A healthy future of the world's vital ecosystems is best achieved through joint action. This idea is central to CEPF. There are many individuals and organizations around the world who are working hard to protect natural resources and help people sustainably use those resources. When these people and groups come together and operate under a common plan, the potential for positive impact and success grows dramatically.

CEPF has some impressive results of its own: more than 1,700 grantee partners, \$148 million in committed grants, 11.2 million hectares of key ecosystems formally protected, improved management of 29.7 million hectares of key biodiversity areas and strengthened management and protection of 3.6 million hectares of production landscapes from inception through fiscal year 2012. But these numbers aren't really CEPF's alone. They are the product of an approach that relies on partners far and wide.

In the course of the fiscal year, new connections among donors built on CEPF strategies and results. CEPF continued to strengthen ties to the European Union (EU), efforts that led to establishment of the EU as a new global donor partner in fiscal year 2013. (Please see insert in this report.) CEPF donor partner the MacArthur Foundation joined with the Margaret A. Cargill and McKnight foundations to support an update to CEPF's profile of the Indo-Burma Hotspot, with intentions to use the resulting conservation plan to guide and coordinate their investments in the region with CEPF's upcoming reinvestment. And the MAVA and Prince Albert II of Monaco foundations, which supported development of the ecosystem profile for the Mediterranean Basin, used the profile's strategy in developing their own investment plans.

Meanwhile, CEPF continued its efforts to convene conservation agents from the grassroots to global levels and catalyze coordinated action. Through ecosystem profiling efforts in the Eastern Afrotropical, East Melanesian Islands and Indo-Burma biodiversity hotspots, CEPF gathered information from representatives of local communities, governments, conservation organizations in the regions, scientists, academic institutions, and donors to gain a nuanced understanding of

these areas and how best to shore up their natural wealth. Through continued implementation of strategies developed in previous profiling, grantees are working with communities in the Western Ghats of India, the Caribbean Islands, and Maputaland-Pondoland-Albany in southeastern Africa to implement innovative solutions to sustain key ecosystems in these regions.

All of these developments point to the growing impact and promise of coordinated conservation. While the challenges remain great, so too is the potential for positive change. It's an exciting time to be part of this partnership, and we welcome all who share the goal of robust and enduring ecosystems and communities.

**James D. Wolfensohn**

Chairperson, CEPF Donor Council

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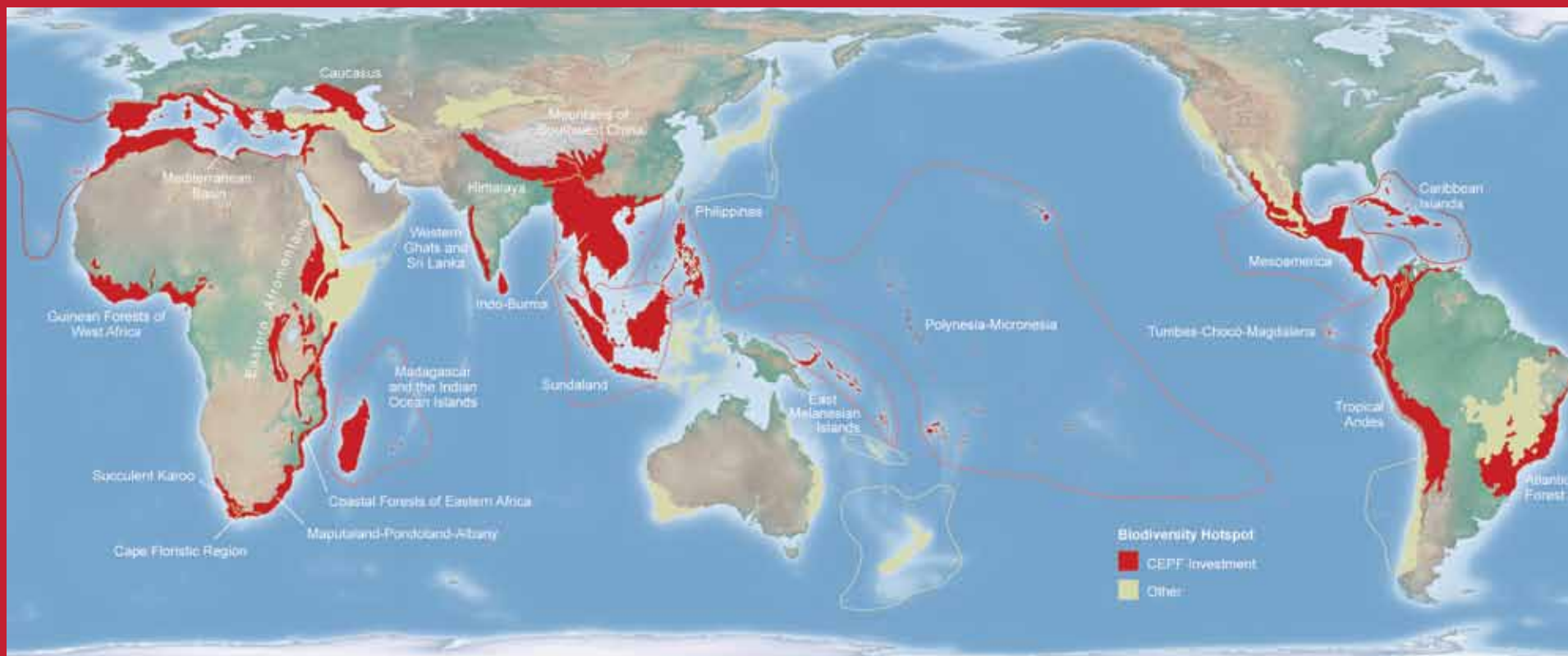
Chairman and CEO, Conservation International





WHERE  
**CEPF WORKS**






Earth's 35 biodiversity hotspots hold especially high numbers of unique species and provide important services for human well-being, such as clean air and water, flood and climate control and soil regeneration, as well as food, medicines and raw materials. The hotspots, which face extreme threats, cover only 2.3 percent of the planet's land surface and have each lost at least 70 percent of their original natural vegetation.

Through fiscal year 2012, CEPF had awarded grants to civil society partners in 21 hotspots in support of its strategies for protecting critical ecosystems in these regions. During the 2012 fiscal year, CEPF staff and regional partners convened to work on an ecosystem profile, including a detailed conservation strategy, for the East Melanesian Islands Hotspot in the South Pacific.

Note: The Eastern Arc Mountains and Coastal Forests of Tanzania and Kenya Hotspot was divided in 2005; a portion of it is now part of the Eastern Afromontane Hotspot, and the remainder is part of the Coastal Forests of Eastern Africa Hotspot. Before the separation, CEPF had initiated an investment in the original Eastern Arc Hotspot, and through that investment awarded grants in portions of the hotspots that are now known as the Eastern Afromontane and the Coastal Forests of Eastern Africa.

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| 2. CAPE FLORISTIC REGION                | 13. MEDITERRANEAN BASIN          |
| 3. CARIBBEAN ISLANDS                    | 14. MESOAMERICA                  |
| 4. CAUCASUS                             | 15. MOUNTAINS OF SOUTHWEST CHINA |
| 5. COASTAL FORESTS OF EASTERN AFRICA    | 16. PHILIPPINES                  |
| 6. EAST MELANESIAN ISLANDS              | 17. POLYNESIA-MICRONESIA         |
| 7. EASTERN AFROMONTANE                  | 18. SUCCULENT KAROO              |
| 8. GUINEAN FORESTS OF WEST AFRICA       | 19. SUNDALAND                    |
| 9. HIMALAYA                             | 20. TROPICAL ANDES               |
| 10. INDO-BURMA                          | 21. TUMBES-CHOCÓ-MAGDALENA       |
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**FUND PROVIDES A FINANCIAL SAFETY NET FOR PROTECTED AREAS IN THE CAUCASUS.**

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**ORGANIZATIONS AND RESIDENTS OF THE EAST MELANESIAN ISLANDS HELP CEPF CRAFT A CONSERVATION STRATEGY.**

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**LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL NGOs IN MOZAMBIQUE WORK TOGETHER TO PROTECT A WILDLIFE CORRIDOR.**

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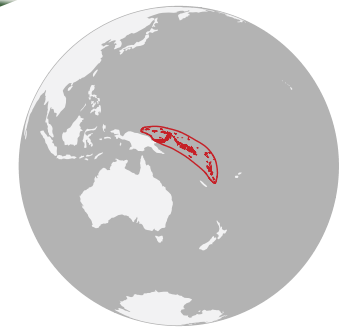
**INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES  
AND THEIR LANDS BENEFIT  
FROM A GOVERNMENT-  
FUNDED INCENTIVE PROGRAM.**

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**COMMUNITY GROUPS IN LAOS  
PROTECT FISH HABITATS AND THEIR  
OWN LIVELIHOODS.**

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# ECOSYSTEM PROFILING

## Using local guidance to map out conservation

In the southwestern Pacific Ocean, north and east of Australia, the line of volcanic islands known as East Melanesia draws a dotted arrow across the map, sweeping in parts of Papua New Guinea and all of the Solomon Islands and Vanuatu. These 13,500 square kilometers of tropical habitats, along with their coastal waters, shelter some of the most striking and largely unchronicled life forms on Earth.

An array of pteropodid bats, known locally as flying foxes, munch on mangoes and suck the nectar from night-blooming flowers. The Solomon Islands skink—the world’s largest reptile of this kind—slithers along tree branches using its prehensile tail for balance. Flashing jewel-toned feathers, fruit doves flutter in the rain forests, and soaring above the entire archipelago is the Solomon eagle, a totem for some of the local peoples. These animals represent just a few of the islands’ more than 300 globally endangered species.

As spreading agriculture, poaching, logging, mining, population pressures, and climate change combine to threaten this singular region, an international team assembled by CEPF recently took a huge step toward its long-term protection. The University of the South Pacific partnered with the University of Papua New Guinea and Conservation International’s Pacific Islands Program to lead and steer the production of the ecosystem profile, a comprehensive assessment and strategy for the region that includes a five-year investment plan for CEPF.

Too often, such plans take a “top-down approach,” said Job Opu of the University of Papua New Guinea, who served as the regional coordinator for the profiling team. Despite the geographical difficulties and the widespread location of the communities in the hotspot, the team went out of its way to involve area residents, scientists, donors, government agencies and civil society organizations in its deliberations. “We went right to the local communities,” Opu said. “Everyone and anyone had a say in what we were trying to achieve.”

Taking an inclusive approach makes sense for conservation efforts in Melanesia, as 90 percent of the lands are owned by local communities.

“For the project to be successful, we have to have the full support of the communities,” said Opu. “They have to feel ownership as well.”

It’s also an opportunity to gather local knowledge. “The ecosystem profile is very, very critical because in most cases, the species names are not known [to more than a few people],” said Marika Tuiwawa, director of the South Pacific Regional Herbarium in Fiji and another team member.

The people of Melanesia offer their own rich diversity. Papua New Guinea is home to more than 800 languages, and the Solomon Islands and Vanuatu each have upwards of 100 more. “You really have to be an anthropologist and sociologist before you’re a biologist in Melanesia,” said Roger James, a member of the ecosystem profile team.

Melanesians depend on the natural environment for their own sustenance. “People are part of the ecosystem,” said James. For example, local residents fish in the warm seas that surround their islands and hunt some of the larger birds and mammals, such as the flying foxes and giant rats. In fact, human encroachment into natural areas, in the form of settlement and farming, is rapidly growing. “It’s a bit of a race against time,” warned Tuiwawa, “because these areas have been neglected in the past.”

As the project turns from analysis toward action, word is going out in public service announcements over radio stations across East Melanesia that local communities can apply for grants toward conservation projects. The future of the region’s extraordinary fauna and flora lies, fittingly, in the hands of the people with whom they share these islands.

The ecosystem profile for the East Melanesian Islands Hotspot was approved by the Donor Council in December 2012 and the regional implementation team (RIT) will be recruited in 2013.



“The profile work that we have done and the subsequent support and investment by CEPF is timely and very much appreciated by our communities and NGOs and community-based organizations throughout the East Melanesian Islands.”

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# COLLABORATIVE CONSERVATION

## Strengthening NGOs and local economy via corridor protection strategy

Elephants once lumbered in safety through the subtropical thickets that dot Africa's southeast coast. Today, the interlocking efforts of conservation groups in Mozambique could make that possible once more. Along the country's Futi Corridor, part of the Maputaland-Pondoland-Albany Hotspot, the Italian NGO Cesvi Fondazione Onlus and a half dozen other local and international NGOs are building local capacity for conservation. In a model of grant-making synergy, a five-year investment by CEPF supports all seven groups.

The Futi Corridor is a ribbon of land just 100 kilometers long and 10 kilometers wide that hugs the Futi River between Mozambique's capital city of Maputo to the north and the country's southern border. Yet the corridor serves as a vital highway for elephants migrating between Maputo Special Reserve and Tembe Elephant Park in South Africa. Over the years, slash-and-burn agriculture, poaching and charcoal production have put pressure on this ecosystem, which is also a haven for smaller mammals, subtropical birds, and, along adjoining ocean front to the north, marine turtles.

In 2011, the Mozambican government established the Futi Corridor as a protected area. With its constellation of grantees on the ground, CEPF aims to help turn that formal move into a practical reality by involving area residents in education and economic activity that builds prosperity as it safeguards biodiversity.

Cesvi is coordinating three Mozambican CEPF grantees—Kuwuka, Associação Para o Desenvolvimento Comunitário (LUPA) and Associação Rural de Ajuda Mutua (ORAM)—as the four groups work in 11 villages in the Futi Corridor to spread the word about living with wildlife in a way that sustains both threatened species and a tenuous local economy. In one joint effort, LUPA, HELVETAS Swiss Intercooperation, the International Union for the Conservation of Nature, Cesvi and the local community launched the Center for Biodiversity Conservation of Madjeane near the entrance of Maputo Special Reserve.

The center offers monthly training sessions for two “community agents” from each of the 11 villages in managing use of natural resources, reporting illegal activities (such as poaching), monitoring pollutants and learning other conservation skills. “Selected by the community, they work within the community,” explained Paolo Felice, Cesvi's country representative.

In the reserve, the brilliant-colored Neergaard's sunbird sips nectar from flowers and the western banded snake eagle shadows its prey. These are among 18 endemic avian species that BirdLife International, another CEPF grantee here, wants to protect in an effort to forestall the kind of sharp decline seen among blue swallows elsewhere in the hotspot. As a first step, the group is recruiting local residents to train as birding guides and lodging hosts for future ecotourism. BirdLife staff members also are conferring with national activists to lay the groundwork for a new conservation organization based in Mozambique.

Along the shores of the Indian Ocean, other CEPF grantees are adding their efforts toward a sustainable future. Centro Terra Viva protects and monitors leatherback and loggerhead marine turtles in Ponta do Ouro Partial Marine Reserve. Meanwhile, the African Safari Lodge Foundation is partnering with the Ministry of Tourism to develop a 30-room ecotourism lodge in this coastal area. Local residents will build, operate and supply the lodge, which could yield a host of economic benefits for three villages nearby.

These complementary efforts to secure natural areas, improve community livelihoods, strengthen local organizations and develop sound enterprises are weaving together a foundation for long-term conservation and human well-being. “Whatever you do in a rural environment takes a long time,” said Cesvi's Felice, a 12-year veteran of development work in Africa. “You're building trust and then banking on that trust to make a difference.” Here in Mozambique, seven NGOs are tapping that trust and the power of synergy as they work side by side to preserve a priceless habitat.



One of CEPF's values as a granting mechanism is its role in building synergies among proposals and grantees to foster collaboration and future networking while ensuring that investments are complementary and results are cumulative. This approach enables grantees to achieve not only project-specific goals, but also more regional and sustainable impact.







# LIVELIHOODS + FOOD SECURITY

## Thriving through co-management of freshwater biodiversity

For the communities of the Sekong Basin in Lao PDR, life is built on fish. Here 61 percent of the protein intake for communities comes from fish, and 19 percent of the fish caught are sold for income.

A loss of fisheries productivity and diversity would lead to economic and health problems for the people of the basin. But this could be the fate of the region, as fish populations are threatened by increased demand, destructive fishing methods, dams, extraction of forest products, and poor management.

As part of the Indo-Burma Hotspot strategy, CEPF supported a World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) project aimed at demonstrating to policymakers the importance of healthy freshwater ecosystems for poverty alleviation and biodiversity conservation in the Sekong Basin. Over a two-year period, from 2010 to 2012, the project fostered the development of community groups to protect critical freshwater habitats through fisheries co-management.

Based on the Integrated River Basin Management approach, co-management was arranged between local communities and the government. This gave communities that use fisheries the authority to demarcate protected areas, called “fish conservation zones,” to reduce or prohibit fishing in critical habitat and enforce village regulations in these areas. Every fish conservation zone has an associated management committee made up of local villagers that is responsible for maintaining freshwater protected areas.

“The watershed management and monitoring plans have to be owned and adopted by the communities to be effective,” said Somphanh Chanphengxay, head of the Livestock and Fisheries Department Planning and Cooperation Division at the Lao Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry. “In the long run, that will be the only way to manage the biological diversity of our rivers and secure their watershed functions.”

Khamchanh Pochoum, chief of Ban Xenoi Village, was in favor of the co-management arrangements. “We have already tried to make some regulations, to forbid the use of dynamite and poison, but there was no enforcement of this. I fully support the idea of working together; otherwise fishing will die out here in Ban Xenoi.”

The project established communal fishing conservation areas for 24 villages along 500 kilometers of riparian habitat in the Sekong Basin. WWF worked with these communities to draft fish conservation zone management plans that gained endorsement from the district governor. Additionally, the biodiversity and ecosystem services values of the Sekong Basin were integrated into development planning, both at the local level in the fisheries and agriculture sectors, and at the national level in hydropower planning.

The positive impact on the local communities and fisheries has been tremendous: 75 percent of the communities reported more fish in the conservation zones. “Communities consistently report increased availability of wild fish within one or two years of conservation zones being established,” said Victor Cowling, technical advisor for sustainable hydropower and river basin management with the WWF Greater Mekong Program. “This aquatic resource conservation benefits peoples’ livelihoods and nutrition.”

Although important for human well-being, the Sekong Basin also supports populations of at least 15 CEPF priority species, including Asian giant softshell turtles (*Pelochelys cantorii*), giant freshwater stingrays (*Himantura polylepis*) and Jullien’s golden carp (*Probarbus jullieni*). In addition, the project has enhanced connectivity between existing protected areas, thereby bringing conservation benefits to migratory fish. The project was also successful in increasing scientific knowledge of fish, with five species new to science being discovered during the project’s fish taxonomy survey of the Upper Xe Khaman, a tributary of the Sekong River.

Since project completion, the freshwater protected areas continue to receive support from the Department of Livestock and Fisheries. Cowling noted that the fish conservation zone approach is already being replicated in a project funded by Oxfam Novib in three central provinces of Lao PDR.



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# CONSERVATION INCENTIVES

## Making conservation pay off for Ecuadorians

Along the northwestern Andean foothills and coastal plains of Ecuador, lush rain forest carpets the landscape as far as the eye can see. The cackles of great green macaws can be heard overhead, while on the ground frogs hidden from view call out. In this enchanted corner of the Tumbes-Chocó-Magdalena biodiversity hotspot, a quiet revolution is taking place, bridging conservation and development.

Ecuador's Socio Bosque program sets up 20-year conservation agreements with individual property owners and communities in exchange for direct economic incentives that support community development projects. It has proven to be one of Latin America's most promising models for linking conservation with economic, health and education benefits for poor rural indigenous, mestizo and Afro-descendent people. CEPF and its partners have played instrumental roles in the genesis of the program, and now in its implementation.

CEPF first supported the conservation agreements in the region in 2004 when a pilot project was established through an innovative partnership between Conservation International (CI) and Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (the German Agency for International Cooperation). It targeted three Chachi indigenous communities. With few options for income, the Chachi people had been selling their forests to logging companies and palm oil producers. Their experience reflected broader trends within Esmeraldas Province. From 1960 to 2010, the province lost 82 percent of its forest cover, making it the top area in South America in deforestation threat.

Through the deal, the Chachi communities received financial and technical support in exchange for their commitment to conserve 7,200 hectares of rain forest known as the Gran Chachi Reserve. They agreed on compensation of \$5 per hectare per year, paid into a fund that communities allocated for their development priorities. Meanwhile, their establishment of the reserve created a protective buffer for the neighboring 243,638-hectare Reserva Ecológica Cotacachi-Cayapas (RECC), one of the hotspot's most biologically rich protected areas. Ecuador's program has become a national force for conservation, with government investment totaling more than \$22 million. By 2012, four years after its creation, more than 1,116,000 hectares had been set aside for conservation, and more than 125,000 individuals had directly benefited.

"Socio Bosque has positioned Ecuador as a pioneer within the international community in forest conservation," said Luis Suarez, director of CI's Quito office. "The government has demonstrated its firm commitment to Socio Bosque by funding it almost entirely from the national treasury. And the program is achieving what few conservation initiatives have been able to do in the past: successfully stopping rampant deforestation in the areas where it is implemented while bringing grassroots development to Ecuador's most remote and poorest communities."

Following its support for Socio Bosque's pilot phase, CEPF continued supporting the initiative by helping communities access the program's funds. CEPF grantee Fundación para el Desarrollo de Alternativas Comunitarias de Conservación del Trópico (Altropico), an Ecuadorian NGO, has worked closely with six Chachi communities to qualify their forests for Socio Bosque, and then to maintain their eligibility. With Altropico's assistance, Socio Bosque incorporated 13,539 hectares of forest that belong to the Chachi, generating \$175,841 in 2012 for the participating communities. The 20-year agreement period will yield more than \$3.5 million for these communities.

Associated community projects have met many needs. Along the border of RECC, Chachi and Afro-descendent communities and the Ministry of the Environment worked together to settle unclear land boundaries. As a result, local communities secured their land titles. Socio Bosque communities have hired community park guards who earn up to \$20 a day. And for the first time, Chachi communities regularly pay for school supplies and teachers' salaries, and their children can now attend high school. Suarez noted that Peru and Bolivia have already modeled their own conservation incentive programs on Socio Bosque, and other countries are closely monitoring its progress for potential replication.

"While many challenges still remain, the situation is changing dramatically," said Jaime Levy, the executive director of Altropico. "Chachi communities manage their Socio Bosque investments in democratic ways involving all citizens—men, women, children and the elderly. They are setting their own development priorities and, in the process, becoming empowered to chart their own futures."



"The Chachi believe that their children's future is based on conserving their forests instead of destroying them. With Socio Bosque, the Chachi have options for earning money and for meeting their needs. We no longer see loggers, gold miners, or owners of African palm oil plantation on Chachi lands. They are not invited here anymore. This was unimaginable just eight years ago."

Ramiro Valencia, Altropico's technical advisor, who has worked closely with the Chachi for eight years





# LONG-TERM FINANCING

## Securing the future of a mountain paradise

A half-day's flight east of London and Paris, between the Black and Caspian seas, lies a little-known region where snow-capped peaks rise higher than the Alps and some 50 globally threatened animals make their home. Here the rare Caucasian leopard stalks its prey, the tur (an endemic mountain goat) ambles in alpine meadows, and the Caucasian salamander flashes its yellow spots in woodland streams.

"This is the Yellowstone [National Park] of Europe," said David Morrison, executive director of the Caucasus Nature Fund (CNF), of the region. "This is Europe's backyard, its Wild East." In fact, the Caucasus Mountains comprise a whole set of protected areas, some 25 scattered among several countries.

CNF, a CEPF grantee that was created in part by CEPF's investment, supports nine of these protected areas in three of the nations that divide the region: Armenia, Georgia and, recently, Azerbaijan. Looking ahead, the Paris-based fund aims to expand its work to 17 more protected areas over the next five years.

In the region, lack of financial support for existing parklands has hampered conservation. With an eye to better stewardship of Caucasian biodiversity, CNF was created to provide grants for up to half of the costs of managing or developing protected areas, with the other half furnished by the relevant national government.

As part of its initial five-year investment in the Caucasus Hotspot, CEPF provided \$500,000 in 2008 and 2009 to support the institutional development and cover start-up costs for the fund. Additional CEPF funding in a consolidation phase for the region in 2011 and 2012 paid program-related expenses for a 15-month period, allowing all returns on the endowment to be allocated for grants. The grant also supported the development and implementation of fundraising strategies to build the fund's endowment, as well as an expanded grants and technical assistance program.

CNF scored two big successes in 2012, securing a grant of €7 million from the German government through its Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development and its development bank, KfW, bringing the total size of the fund to \$50 million. Over the coming years, this major new grant will fund supplementary pay for park rangers,

equipment like binoculars and camera traps, and transport for park staff, including horses and motor vehicles suitable for the terrain of the protected areas. All of this support is designed to reduce the impact of poaching, illegal logging, overgrazing and human settlement around the protected areas.

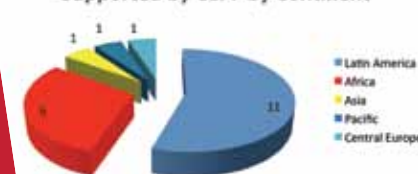
With the help of CEPF, the past year also saw CNF expand from Georgia and Armenia into oil-rich Azerbaijan, where it launched a pilot project at Shirvan National Park, a coastal area easily reached by car from the capital city of Baku. As part of an effort to boost ecotourism, the Shirvan project supported the construction of three bungalows for park visitors and repair of roads and fences.

Like other CEPF grantees, CNF factors human communities into the conservation equation. "Tourism is beginning to take off in the protected areas," said Morrison, who has seen an initial trickle of visitors to the region swell to double or triple its volume five years ago. Along with their unrivaled wildlife, the Caucasus Mountains offer opportunities for hiking and skiing, which in turn create economic potential for ecotourism in the form of hotels, lodges and more.

Meanwhile, CNF's new work in Azerbaijan holds hope in particular for one threatened species at Shirvan National Park, which hosts the region's largest population of the goitered gazelle (*Gazella subgutturosa*), a native of steppe and semidesert habitats that was nearly hunted to extinction over the past century. Some 60,000 gazelles grazed in the shadow of the Caucasus Mountains century ago, yet by 1961 only 130 remained. Conservation measures helped stem the attrition of these graceful animals. As a result, their numbers in Shirvan National Park and other nearby protected areas have surged to more than 5,000. Given this healthy remnant, Morrison plans to partner with the Georgian government to reintroduce the gazelles in protected areas there.

In a region long riven by tensions between neighboring nations, CNF's efforts hold the potential to build bridges between age-old adversaries as they work to restore the gazelle population in the lands they share.

Number of Existing or Planned CTFs Supported by CEPF by Continent



Since its inception in 2000, CEPF has supported several projects focusing on the creation and strengthening of conservation trust funds (CTFs). It has provided grants to 12 projects that have successfully established CTFs, which amounts to about 20 percent of all such funds worldwide. CEPF also provided support to five pre-existing CTFs to enable projects not covered by the funds' operational budget.



# APPROVED GRANTS

## CARIBBEAN ISLANDS

**Strategic Direction 1.** Improve protection and management of 45 priority key biodiversity areas

**Assessing the Feasibility of Sustainable Financing Mechanisms in Bahoruco Oriental**

\$19,720

Consortio Ambiental Dominicano

**Floristic Survey of the Hellshire Hills, Manatee Bay and Goat Islands, Jamaica: A Contribution to Improved Protection and Management of the Jamaican Iguana**

\$20,000

Caribbean Wildlife Alliance

**Informing Biodiversity Conservation Actions in Lake Enriquillo: Demonstrating the Recovery of Critically Endangered Species by the Removal of Invasive Alien Species**

\$19,954

Instituto Tecnológico de Santo Domingo

**Management Planning and Stakeholder Alliance Building for Sustainable Conservation in the Bahoruco East Key Biodiversity Area**

\$69,669

Instituto Dominicano de Desarrollo Integral, Inc.

**Management Planning and Threats Reduction from Agricultural Encroachment for La Humeadora and Valle Nuevo National Parks in the Dominican Republic**

\$110,880

Fondo Pronaturaleza Inc.

**Management Planning in the Hellshire Hills and Portland Ridge and Bight Key Biodiversity Areas of Jamaica**

\$141,187

Caribbean Coastal Area Management Foundation

**Measures to Support the Zoning Plan in Unit II of the Forest Reserve in “La Forêt des Pins”**

\$70,845

Organisation des Paysans pour le Développement de l'Unité II de la Forêt des Pins, Mare Rouge

**Promoting a Payments for Environmental Services Scheme Through the Economic Valuation of Water Resources in the Quita Espuela and Guaconejo Science Reserves, Dominican Republic**

\$59,101

Instituto Tecnológico de Santo Domingo

**Sustainable Financing and Establishment of Private Reserves for Biodiversity Conservation in Loma Quita Espuela and Loma Guaconejo, Dominican Republic**

\$209,860

Consortio Ambiental Dominicano

**Strategic Direction 2.** Integrate biodiversity conservation into landscape and development planning and implementation in six conservation corridors

**Agroforestry Model for Biodiversity in Neighboring Communities of the Jaragua and Bahoruco National Parks, Dominican Republic**

\$19,943

Grupo Jaragua

**Building a Framework for Sustainable Tourism in Key Biodiversity Areas in the Dominican Republic and Jamaica: The Caribbean Birding Trail**

\$62,754

Society for the Conservation and Study of Caribbean Birds

**Protecting Biodiversity by Promoting Nature-Based Tourism and Sustainable Livelihoods in the Massif-Plaine du Nord Conservation Corridor**

\$83,800

Fondation pour la Protection de la Biodiversité Marine

**Supporting a Local Community in Creating a Municipal Wildlife Habitat for the Conservation of Ricord's Iguanas (Cyclura ricordi) in Anse-à-Pitres, Massif de la Selle Conservation Corridor, Haiti**

\$49,885

International Iguana Foundation

**Strategic Direction 3.** Support Caribbean civil society to achieve biodiversity conservation by building local and regional institutional capacity and by fostering stakeholder collaboration

**Connecting Conservationists in the Caribbean Islands Hotspot**

\$105,021

Rainforest Alliance, Inc.

**Supporting the Community in Forêt des Pins, Haiti, to Preserve Biodiversity by Strengthening the Capacity of Schools in Collaboration with Farmers' Associations and Other Community Groups**

\$19,990

Réseau d'Enseignement Professionnel et d'Interventions Écologiques (REPIE)

**Stakeholder Consultation and Strategic Planning for Coordinated Biodiversity Conservation Action in Parc Macaya, Massif de la Hotte**

\$7,302

Organisation pour la Rehabilitation de l'Environnement (ORE)

**Youth Network of the Loma Quita Espuela Scientific Reserve: Strengthening the Capacity of Civil Society Organizations and Youth Groups for Biodiversity Conservation**

\$19,890

Fundación Loma Quita Espuela (FLQE)

## CAUCASUS

**Strategic Direction 5.** Reinforce and sustain the conservation gains achieved as a result of the initial five-year CEPF investment in this region

**Enhancing the Landscape and Ecological Integrity of the Greater Caucasus Corridor Through Establishment of Khevsureti National Park, Georgia**

\$440,000

World Wide Fund for Nature

## EASTERN ARC & COASTAL FORESTS

**Strategic Direction 6.** Reinforce and sustain the conservation gains achieved as a result of the initial five-year CEPF investment in this region

### **Bridging the Knowledge Gap: Communicating Hotspot Conservation**

\$314,687

Tanzania Forest Conservation Group

### **Consolidating Biodiversity Data and Information**

\$260,000

BirdLife International

### **Consolidating Gains in Ecosystem Connectivity, Monitoring and Communication Networks**

\$180,000

Nature Kenya

### **Consolidating Indigenous Forest Connectivity in the Taita Hills for Biodiversity Conservation**

\$100,000

Taita Taveta Wildlife Forum

### **Enhancing Connectivity and Consolidating Protected Area and Livelihood Gains in the Eastern Arc Mountains and Coastal Forests of Tanzania and Kenya**

\$591,165

World Wide Fund for Nature

### **Enhancing the Sustainability of Nature-Based Community Livelihood Initiatives Adjacent to Eastern Arc Mountains and Coastal Forests of Tanzania and Kenya**

\$190,000

International Centre of Insect Physiology and Ecology

### **Update the Forest Cover and Change Analysis of the Eastern Arc and Coastal Forests Region of East Africa**

\$100,000

Conservation International

## INDO-BURMA

**Strategic Direction 1.** Safeguard priority globally threatened species in Indochina by mitigating major threats

### **Community-Based Planning of the Lam Binh Forest Area Francois' Langur Conservation Landscape, Tuyen Quang Province, Vietnam**

\$19,994

People Resources and Conservation Foundation (PRCF)

### **Conservation Initiative for Indochinese Silvered Leaf Monkey in Dong Phouvieng National Protected Area of Savannakhet Province, Central Lao PDR**

\$20,000

Lao Wildlife Conservation Association (Lao WCA)

### **Participatory Survey, Assessment and Conservation of Green Peafowl in Dongkhanthung Provincial Protected Area of Champasak, Southwestern Lao PDR**

\$19,930

The Lao Wildlife Conservation Association (Lao WCA)

## MAPUTALAND-PONDOLAND-ALBANY

**Strategic Direction 1.** Strengthen protection and management in undercapacitated and emerging protected areas in priority key biodiversity areas

### **Ahi Zameni Chemucane Support Project**

\$175,232

African Safari Lodge Foundation

### **Collaborative Approach to Nsubane Forest Complex Management & Sustainable Livelihoods (Wild Coast)**

\$113,151

Wildlife and Environment Society of South Africa

### **Introductory Course to Marine Protected Area Managers for Improving Management Effectiveness and Working Toward Collaborative Management of the Wild Coast Marine Protected Areas**

\$17,935

World Wild Fund for Nature—South Africa

### **Leatherback and Loggerhead Marine Turtle Conservation Program, Southern Mozambique**

\$49,329

Centro Terra Viva—Estudos e Advocacia Ambiental

### **Strategic Direction 2.**

Expand conservation areas and improve land use in 22 key biodiversity areas through innovative approaches that sustain biodiversity and ecosystem services

### **Capacity Building and Improved Management in Umgeni Valley Nature Reserve in KwaZulu-Natal through Development and Implementation of the Protected Area Management System (PAMS)**

\$19,797

Game Rangers Association of Africa

### **Educator Development in Environmental Learning in the Greater Midlands Region**

\$19,738

Treverton Trust

### **Implementation of Biodiversity Stewardship by the Botanical Society of South Africa in Eight Botanically Significant Sites in the Maputaland-Pondoland-Albany Hotspot in KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa**

\$146,793

Botanical Society of South Africa



# APPROVED GRANTS

## **Integrated Conservation in Northern Keiskammahoek**

\$199,957

Border Rural Committee

## **IziKhwenene Project: A Community-Based Conservation Initiative**

\$82,740

Wild Bird Trust

## **Midlands Conservancies Biodiversity Stewardship Initiative**

\$154,329

Dargle Conservancy

## **Lower Tugela Biodiversity Protection Project**

\$167,335

Zinkwazi Beach Ratepayers and Residents Association

## **Lubombo Spine Wildlife Biodiversity Corridor**

\$161,750

Space for Elephants Foundation

## **Natural Ways of Improving Soil Fertility for Homestead Food Production (Composting and Manure Utilization) and Women Capacity Development**

\$7,359

Masifukulane Support Group

## **Ndumo Intervention Project**

\$19,966

Peace Parks Foundation

## **Nonoti Estuary Biophysical Assessment**

\$17,879

South African Association for Marine Biological Research (SAAMBR)

## **Ongeluksnek: Biodiversity Custodianship Through Innovative “People & Parks” Cooperation**

\$217,429

Environmental & Rural Solutions

## **Protecting Key Biodiversity Sites Through Expanding and Implementing Biodiversity Stewardship in the Grassland Areas of Southern KZN**

\$77,000

BirdLife South Africa

## **Securing Wetlands and Grasslands in the Southern Drakensberg Foothills of KwaZulu-Natal for the Benefit of Wattled Cranes and Associated Biodiversity**

\$227,394

Endangered Wildlife Trust

## **The Mountain Zebra Wilderness Corridor Partnership**

\$219,780

Wilderness Foundation

## **Roll-Out of Compost Toilets in Cata**

\$11,797

CATA Communal Property Association

## **Upper Thukela Community Stewardship Project**

\$20,000

Wilderness Action Group

**Strategic Direction 3.** Maintain and restore ecosystem function and integrity in the Highland Grasslands and Pondoland corridors

## **Catchment Stewardship in Upper Umgeni Area: Biodiversity Stewardship and WWF’s Water Balance Program**

\$249,712

World Wide Fund for Nature—South Africa

## **Investigation into Natural Wild Grown “Super Foods” with Economic Potential Around and in a Number of Proposed Community Conservation Areas of Pondoland**

\$18,160

Eco-logic Consulting

## **Umgano Project Mentoring: Environmental Education and Training of Field Rangers**

\$19,650

Mabandla Community Trust

**Strategic Direction 4.** Create an enabling environment to improve conservation and management of Maputaland-Pondoland-Albany priority sites

## **Environmental Education for Biodiversity Conservation Corridor in the Futi Region**

\$20,000

Associação Para o Desenvolvimento Comunitário (LUPA)

## **Establishing a Rhino Conservation Learning Network for Private and Communal Landowners**

\$5,263

University of Kent

## **Knowledge and Innovation: Association in Action in the District of Matutiuine**

\$17,879

Voluntariado Internacional para o Desenvolvimento Africano (VIDA)

## **Workshop to Aid in Determining the Human Capacity Needs for the Lubombo Transfrontier Conservation and Resource Area**

\$19,999

Southern African Wildlife College

## **MEDITERRANEAN BASIN**

**Strategic Direction 4.** Provide strategic leadership and effective coordination of CEPF investment through a regional implementation team

## **Mediterranean Regional Implementation Team: Administrative Functions**

\$984,426

BirdLife International

## **Mediterranean Regional Implementation Team: Programmatic Functions**

\$992,070

BirdLife International



## MOUNTAINS OF SOUTHWEST CHINA

**Strategic Direction 6.** Reinforce and sustain the conservation gains achieved as a result of the initial five-year CEPF investment in this region

### Building Legal Capacity to Protect Biodiversity in the Mountains of Southwest China

\$99,811

Center for Legal Assistance to Pollution Victims

### Consolidating Civil Society's Participation in the Prevention of Illegal Wildlife Trafficking in China

\$349,350

Beijing Normal University

### Integrating Experiences Gained from Community Conservation Areas into China's Protected Area Legislation Processes

\$251,266

Conservation International Foundation—China

### Promoting Community Conservation Areas and Civil Society's Involvement in Development Planning in the Mountains of Southwest China Hotspot

\$399,245

Beijing Shanshui Conservation Center

### Promoting Community Participation in Yunnan Snub-Nosed Monkey Conservation by Strengthening Management of Community Conservation Areas

\$250,000

The Nature Conservancy

## POLYNESIA-MICRONESIA

**Strategic Direction 1.** Prevent, control, and eradicate invasive species in key biodiversity areas

### Accelerating Invasive Species Management in the Polynesia-Micronesia Biodiversity Hotspot

\$167,294

Auckland UniServices Ltd.

### An Evaluation of the Feasibility of Eradicating Invasive Macaques from the Republic of Palau

\$19,800

Landcare Research New Zealand Ltd.

### Conservation of Endangered Tuamotu Sandpipers

\$48,829

Simon Fraser University

### Creation of Site Support Groups and Ecotourism Activities on the Islands of Rimatara and Ua Huka to Protect their Unique Natural Heritage

\$19,809

Société d'Ornithologie de Polynésie Manu

### Demonstrative Pilot Actions to Fight Against Invasive Plants on Easter Island

\$40,068

ONF Conosur S.A.

### Institutional Capacity Building for Invasive Bird Control in the Pacific

\$74,873

Durrell Wildlife Conservation Trust

### Restoring the Native Vegetation of Monuriki Island, Fiji

\$35,280

National Trust of Fiji

### Saving Suwarrow's Seabirds: Restoring a Key Biodiversity Area

\$68,905

Te Ipukarea Society

### Training Course for Invasive Plant Prioritization and Management

\$70,593

University of Auckland

### Valuing the Impact of Selected Invasive Species in the Polynesia-Micronesia Hotspot

\$189,025

Landcare Research New Zealand Ltd

**Strategic Direction 2.** Strengthen the conservation status and management of 60 key biodiversity areas

### Catalogue and Distributional Database for the Fijian Land Snail Fauna

\$20,000

Landcare Research New Zealand Ltd.

### Conservation, Systematic and Cultural Connections of Fiji's Endemic Placostylus Land Snails

\$17,754

University of the South Pacific

### Lessons Learned from the Polynesia-Micronesia Biodiversity Hotspot

\$70,550

The Little Design Company

### Documenting Lessons Learned and Best Practices for Community-Based Conservation

\$20,000

Belau Cares

### Economic Valuation of Biological Diversity in the Sovi Basin Conservation Site

\$20,000

National Trust of Fiji

### Enhancing Knowledge and Understanding of the Biodiversity of Upland Central Savaii

\$169,400

Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme

### Protecting Kosrae's Upland Forest

\$67,697

Kosrae Conservation and Safety Organization

### Restoration and Conservation of Remnant Native Forests on Maraeti'a Plateau, Punaruu Valley, Tahiti, French Polynesia

\$18,950

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# APPROVED GRANTS

## Strengthening Conservation and Management Across the Mt. Navotuvotu-Mt. Kasi Forest Corridor, Fiji

\$99,925

Wildlife Conservation Society

## The Taveuni National Park – Enhanced Conservation for a Key Biodiversity Area

\$143,400

Fiji Nature Conservation Trust

**Strategic Direction 3.** Build awareness and participation of local leaders and community members in the implementation of protection and recovery plans for threatened species

## Camp Ebiil: Cultivating Knowledge of Palau's Flora and Fauna

\$17,200

Ebiil Society Inc.

## Development of the Regional Framework (Action Plan) for Marine Turtle Conservation and Capacity Building in Turtle Work

\$16,745

Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme

## Hosting of a Pacific Islands Species Forum

\$19,992

International Union for Conservation of Nature Regional Office

## Improving the Conservation of Threatened Freshwater Fish and Crustaceans in Polynesia Through a Synthesis (Handbook Format) of Existing Knowledge on Their Taxonomy, Ecology, Biology and Management of Their Habitats

\$20,000

French Ichthyological Society

## Nimpal Communities Protecting the Yap Flying Fox

\$19,030

Kaday Community & Cultural Development Organization

## Petrels, Communities and Conservation

\$89,777

BirdLife International

## Raising Community Awareness of Environmental Laws in Samoa

\$20,000

Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme

## Rare Plants of Niue

\$19,929

Arthur Whistler

## Surveys to Identify the Current Status of Threatened Fauna of Niue with a Focus on Huvalu Forest Key Biodiversity Area

\$19,300

Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme

## Threatened Species Awareness and Capacity Building in Palau

\$19,700

Palau Conservation Society

## TROPICAL ANDES

### VILCABAMBA-AMBORÓ CONSERVATION CORRIDOR

**Strategic Direction 7.** Reinforce and sustain the conservation gains achieved as a result of the initial five-year CEPF investment in this region

### Preparing Peru's Madre de Dios Region for REDD+

\$199,315

Asociación para la Investigación y Desarrollo Integral

## WESTERN GHATS & SRI LANKA

### WESTERN GHATS REGION

**Strategic Direction 1.** Enable action by diverse communities and partnerships to ensure conservation of key biodiversity areas and enhance connectivity in the corridors

### Celebrating 25 Years of Save the Western Ghats March: Rejuvenating the Spirit of Civil Society Movement

\$30,000

Applied Environmental Research Foundation

### Empowering Local Communities and Civil Society Organizations in the Nilgiris to use the Environmental Impact Assessment Process as a Conservation Tool

\$36,000

Environics Trust

### Empowering Local Communities for Conservation in Newly Declared Conservation Reserves in the Western Ghats

\$38,000

Snehakunja Trust

### Establishing Community Conservation Reserves in the Anamalai Corridor

\$17,500

Wildlife Information Liaison Development Society

### Exploring Sustainable Land-Use Practices in Rubber Plantations in a Critical Wildlife Corridor

\$39,833

Foundation for Ecological Research, Advocacy and Learning

### Mainstreaming Conservation Action in District Public Policy

\$41,825

Keystone Foundation

### Networking and Information Support for Conservation of Rocky Plateaus in the Sahyadri-Konkan Corridor

\$13,872

Biome Conservation Foundation

### Restoration of Lantana Camara Invaded Deciduous Forests in Mudumalai Tiger Reserve

\$19,958

Madras Crocodile Bank



**Mid-Term Assessment Workshop in Sahyadri-Konkan**

\$616

Wildlife Research and Conservation Society

**Strategic Direction 2.** Improve the conservation of globally threatened species through systematic conservation planning and action

**Building a Pro-Conservation Understanding Among Communities in Uttara Kannada, Through Designing the Need-Based Environmental Literature and Educational Material in Kannada**

\$18,470

Green India Trust

**Building Capacities for Conservation Planning Using Open Source Tools and Data**

\$18,889

Foundation for Ecological Research, Advocacy and Learning (FERAL)

**Mid-Term Assessment Workshop in Anamalai**

\$3,390

Action for Community Transformation India Foundation Trust

**Mid-Term Assessment in Bhadra**

\$1,130

Centre for Wildlife Studies

**Conservation of Critical Freshwater Fish Habitats in the Southern Western Ghats**

\$36,000

Navadarsan Public Charitable Trust

**Conserving the Sacred: An Eco-Cultural Approach to Community Conservation in the Nilgiris District**

\$18,500

Keystone Foundation

**In Situ Conservation of Threatened Vultures in the Moyar Valley of the Western Ghats**

\$39,500

Arulagam

**Involving Community, Stakeholders and Journalists in the Conservation of Freshwater Biodiversity and Reptiles of Western Ghats Through Education, Training and Follow-Up of the Assessment Projects**

\$39,000

Wildlife Information Liaison Development Society

**Involving Local Ethnic Communities in Monitoring Key Biodiversity Information and the Important Forest Resources They Depend on in the Dandeli and Anamalai Parts of Western Ghats, India**

\$8,000

MES Asmabi College

**Produce Local-Language Materials on Biodiversity Conservation Using Results of Ongoing and Completed CEPF Projects and Other Research Outputs to Disseminate Among Local Ethnic Communities, Forest Departments and Other Key Stakeholders in Anamalai**

\$18,500

Centre for Environment and Development

**Protected Area Analysis With Respect to Freshwater Biodiversity and Reptile Assessments, and Development of National Policy for Inclusion in Legislation**

\$24,900

Zoo Outreach Organisation

**Showcasing the Western Ghats at the Society for Conservation Biology (Asia) Conference and Beyond**

\$19,992

Nature Conservation Foundation

# FINANCIAL SUMMARY

During the 2012 fiscal year, CEPF received grants of \$9.875 million from the government of Japan and \$3 million from the World Bank's Development Grant Fund, bringing the total revenue to date to \$233 million.

CEPF awarded \$12.6 million in grants during fiscal year 2012, bringing the amount it has invested in conserving critical ecosystems since 2000 to \$148 million. By the end of the fiscal year, more than 1,700 grantees had received support from the fund since its inception.

The fund moved forward with grants in support of implementing the strategy for the Mediterranean Basin Hotspot. CEPF continued granting to civil

society organizations in the Caribbean Islands, Maputaland-Pondoland-Albany, Indo-Burma, Polynesia-Micronesia and the Western Ghats Region of India. The fund also dispersed targeted support to sustain gains made possible by previous investments in the Caucasus, Eastern Arc Mountains and Coastal Forests and Mountains of Southwest China. Meanwhile, CEPF completed the ecosystem profile for the Eastern Afromontane Hotspot, updated the Indo-Burma ecosystem profile, and commenced the profiling process for the East Melanesian Islands.









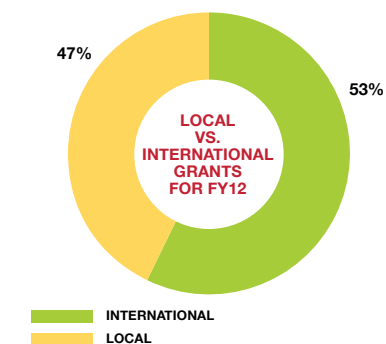
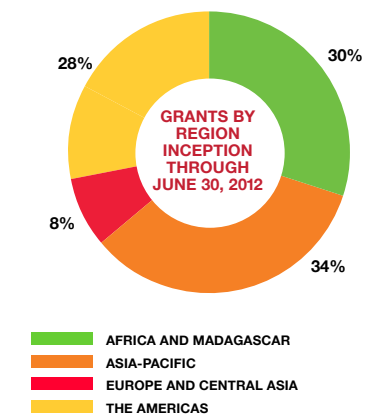
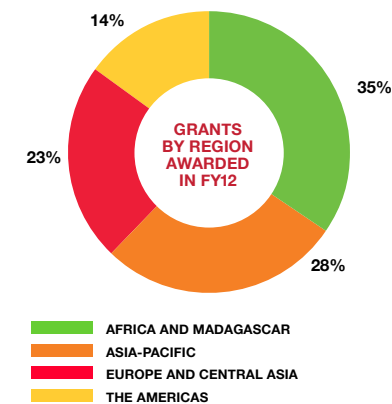
# STATEMENT OF **ACTIVITIES**

For fiscal year ended June 30, 2012



REVENUE	FY12	CUMULATIVE
Grants and Contributions	12,875,000	229,261,650
Gain (Loss) on Foreign Exchange	(602,900)	1,480,446
Interest Earned	122,047	2,283,990
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$12,394,147</b>	<b>\$233,026,086</b>
<b>EXPENSES AND GRANTS AWARDED</b>		
<b>Grants by Funding Region*</b>		
Atlantic Forest	(4,741)	10,010,403
Cape Floristic Region	(64,794)	7,551,148
Caribbean Islands	1,813,139	2,932,680
Caucasus	440,000	9,297,904
Eastern Arc Mountains and Coastal Forests	1,735,852	8,799,719
Eastern Himalayas	0	4,882,859
Guinean Forests of West Africa	(192,145)	8,072,696
Indo-Burma	86,000	9,492,179
Madagascar and Indian Ocean Islands	(664)	5,572,757
Maputaland-Pondoland-Albany	2,957,441	4,585,586
Mediterranean Basin	2,424,828	2,424,828
Mountains of Southwest China	1,348,406	7,883,824
Northern Mesoamerica	0	7,079,430
The Philippines	0	6,970,399
Polynesia-Micronesia	1,593,350	6,884,130
Southern Mesoamerica	14,681	7,053,588
Succulent Karoo	0	9,242,594
Sundaland	0	9,901,465
Tropical Andes	(13,835)	8,301,137
Tumbes-Chocó-Magdalena	0	6,765,573
Western Ghats and Sri Lanka	448,190	4,436,478
<b>TOTAL GRANTS</b>	<b>12,585,708</b>	<b>148,141,376</b>
Ecosystem Profile Preparation	631,687	8,493,900
Use of Interest: External Evaluations, Audit and Special Projects Operations	108,995	885,943
	2,254,785	26,359,785
<b>TOTAL OTHER EXPENSES</b>	<b>2,995,467</b>	<b>35,739,628</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES AND GRANTS AWARDED</b>	<b>15,581,175</b>	<b>183,881,004</b>
Revenue Less Expenses	(3,187,028)	49,145,082
Fund Balance at Beginning of the Period	52,332,110	
Fund Balance at End of the Period	49,145,082	
<b>FUND BALANCE AT THE END OF THE PERIOD CONSISTED OF:</b>		
Cash Net of Amount Due to/from CI		41,265,264
Accounts Receivable		23,245,739
Grants Payable		(15,365,921)
Fund Balance at End of the Period (Fully Earmarked for Investments)		49,145,082

\* The grant expenses include new grants awarded in FY12. Negative amounts in grants represent grant deobligations.









# THE CEPF COMMUNITY

**GRANTEE PARTNERS**

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**WORKING GROUP**

**CEPF SECRETARIAT**

**REGIONAL IMPLEMENTATION TEAMS**



# GRANTEE PARTNERS

**SINCE ITS INCEPTION, CEPF HAS SUPPORTED 1,773 NONGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE SECTOR PARTNERS IN CONSERVING BIODIVERSITY HOTSPOTS.**

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