

Improving Linkages between World Bank and CEPF Operations



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History of CEPF

- Launched in August 2000
- Began grantmaking in January 2001
- Three initial donors – CI, GEF, WB
- MacArthur Foundation and Government of Japan join in 2002 and 2003






Partnership Objectives

Advance conservation in biodiversity hotspots

Engage civil society and foster alliances

Provide complementarity to existing investments



Implement a programmatic approach to conservation

Undertake conservation initiatives that contribute to human welfare

Strategically invest \$150 million

Capture and disseminate knowledge and information using www.cepf.net

What Makes CEPF Different?

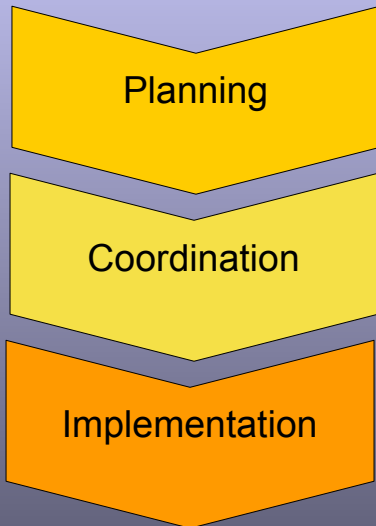
- Geographic prioritization
- Civil society
- Flexible funding
- Conservation outcomes
- Ecosystem profiles
- Coordination teams



How We Work

Donor Council	Principles of each donor institution	Strategic guidance Strategy approval Soliciting add'l partners
Working Group	Technical experts from each donor partner	Input and guidance – operational and technical issues
Local coordination mechanism	Locally knowledgeable organizations	Portfolio planning Guide grantmaking Project Monitoring
CEPF staff	Management team, grant directors, support	Grantmaking / Portfolio Monitoring Operations Fundraising

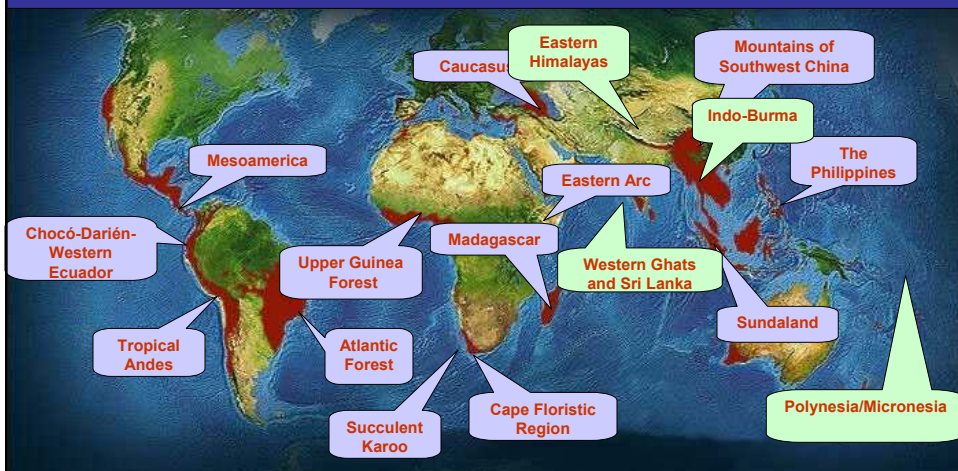
How We Engage Civil Society



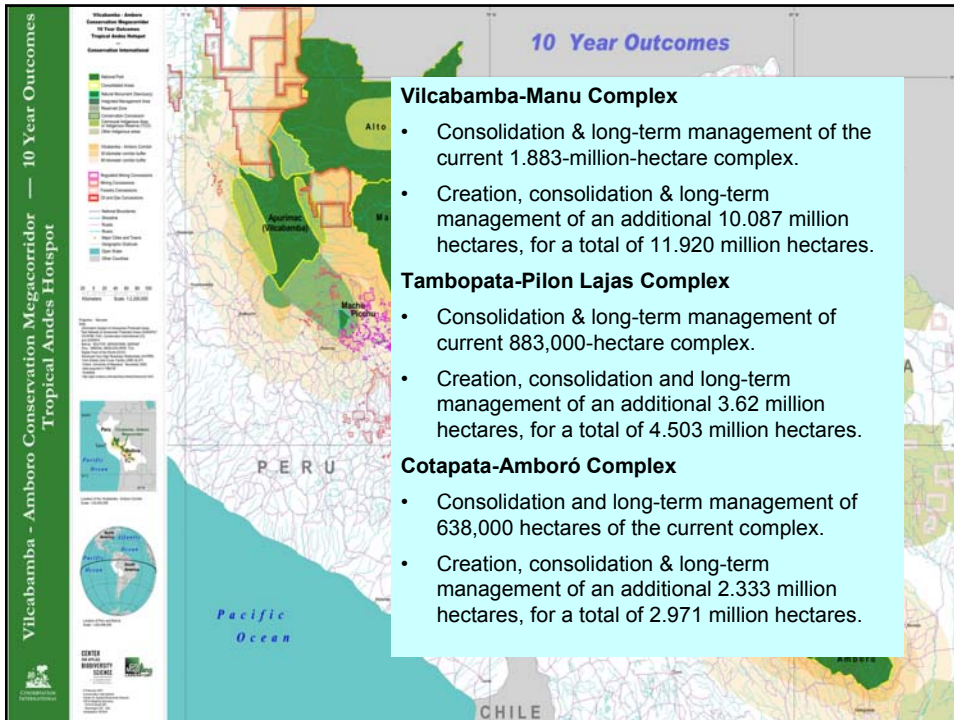
Civil society institutions:

- lead strategy development
- define conservation outcomes
- bring local expertise to CEPF grantmaking
- broaden CEPF's local reach
- achieve conservation results towards CEPF's niche

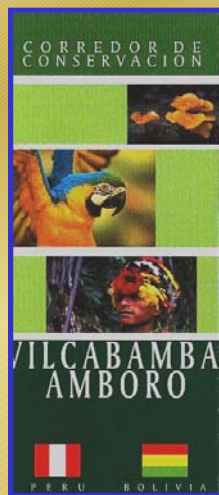
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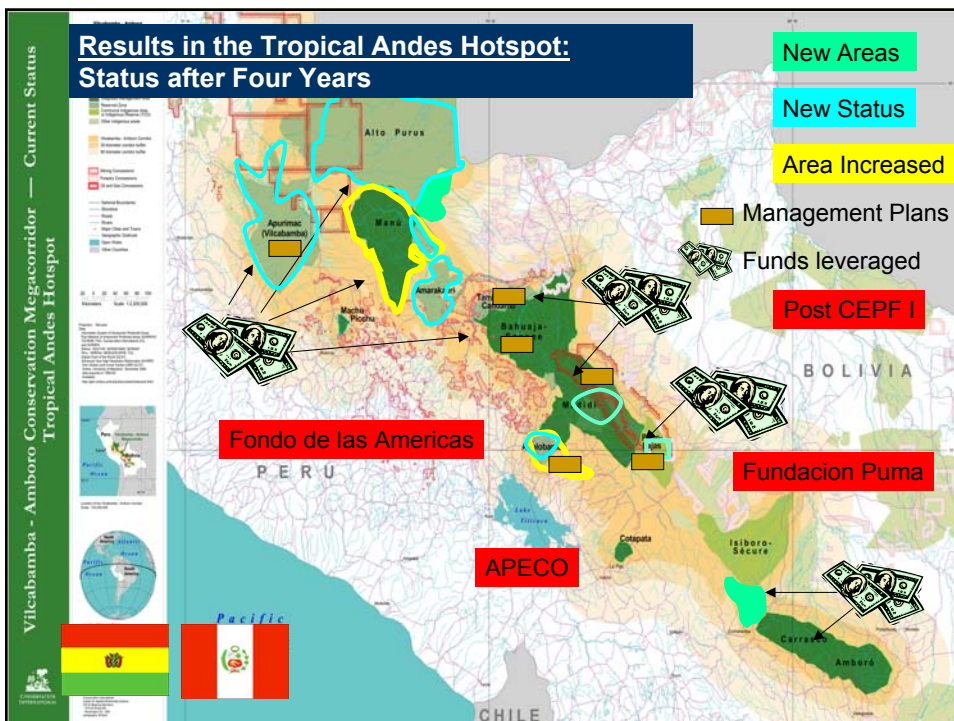
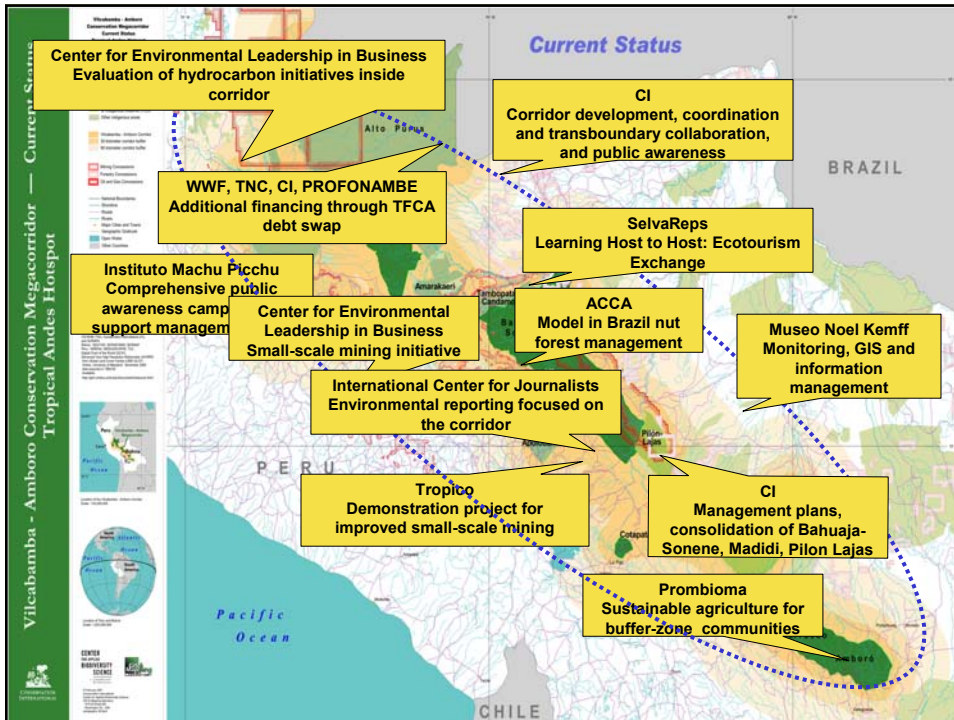


CEPF is active in 14 regions with plans to expand to four more regions.



Achieving the Outcomes Vilcabamba - Ambooro





Fund Overview

5 donors and \$125 million in pledges

13 biodiversity hotspots, 14 active profiles

33 countries

> 370 projects supported

> 215 partners

> \$50 million in project grants

\$135,000 in average project grant

\$80 million + leveraged

Thoughts on the Future

Scale-up leveraging and partnership opportunities with World Bank projects

Increase coordination and collaboration with non-traditional conservation partners

Increase focus on sustainable financing for conservation

The Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund

Protecting Nature's Hotspots
for People and Prosperity

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Highlights from 2004



- Expanded to new regions – including Northern Mesoamerica
- Approved \$15.6 million in grants
- Supported 112 NGOs directly
- Enabled small grants programs to reach add'l 160 civil society partners