## **Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund**

No-Objection Approval Pursuant to Section 2.03(c) of the Financing Agreement 10 June 2014

## **Ecosystem Profile for the Wallacea Biodiversity Hotspot**

## **Recommended Action Item**

The Donor Council is asked to approve on a no-objection basis the ecosystem profile for the Wallacea biodiversity hotspot. Similarly, the Donor Council is asked to increase CEPF's spending authority by \$6 million for the implementation of this profile.

The deadline for the no-objection approval is July 25, 2014.

## **Background**

The Ecosystem Profile for the Wallacea Biodiversity Hotspot was developed in FY14, following the Donor Council approval for investment on 25 September June 2012.

The profile was prepared by Burung Indonesia in conjunction with Birdlife International, Bogor Agricultural University Coastal and Marine Centre, the Samdhana Institute, and the Wildlife Conservation Society.

The CEPF Secretariat presented a draft of the subject Profile to the Working Group on May 14, 2014. This revised draft responds to all major concerns raised at that time, including a restatement of the niche (Chapter 11) and revisions to the investment priorities (Chapter 12).

The Secretariat will take advantage of the presence of members of the Donor Council at its 25th meeting on 24 June 2014, to present the results of the profiling exercise and the strategy outlined in the ecosystem profile. Mr. Agus Budi Utomo, Executive Director of Burung Indonesia, will present a summary of the profile, and with Secretariat staff, will be able to respond to any questions at that time.

Per the request of the Working Group, Burung Indonesia is now preparing an approximately 30 page summary of the full Profile. We will provide that summary to the Donor Council during the meeting on 24 June.