

Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund

Seventeenth Meeting of the Donor Council
Conservation International
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Executive Director Report

For Information Only:

The Executive Director will highlight key developments since the Sixteenth Meeting of the Donor Council on 15 January 2010. For information, a report highlighting the following activities since that date is attached:

- Partnership Highlights
- Featured New Grants
- Highlights from the Field
- Approved Grants (1 December 2010 – 15 March 2010)

A financial summary is also included.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Hotspot strategies implemented:	18
Countries and territories covered within those hotspots:	51
Partners supported:	1,550
Committed grants:	\$120.1 million
Amount leveraged by those grants:	\$222 million

Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund	
Summary Fund Statement	
As of 31 December 2009	
Revenue	Cumulative
Grants and Contributions	\$210,386,650
Gain (Loss) on Foreign Exchange	2,512,801
Interest Earned	<u>1,956,822</u>
Total Revenue	214,856,274
 Expenses	
Grants	120,087,314
Ecosystem Profile Preparation	7,659,761
External Evaluation and Compliance Audit	344,653
Operations	<u>20,563,778</u>
Total Expenses	148,655,506
	<u>\$66,200,768</u>
 FUND BALANCE AT THE END OF THE PERIOD CONSISTING OF:	
Cash Net of Amount Due to/from CI	\$30,884,963
Accounts Receivable	51,412,810
Grants Payable	<u>(16,097,006)</u>
Fund balance at end of the period	<u>\$66,200,768</u>

Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund

Summary Fund Statement

As of 31 December 2009

Revenue	<u>Total</u>	<u>Cumulative Total</u>
Grants and Contributions	-	210,386,650
Gain (Loss) on Foreign Exchange	624,795	2,512,801
Interest Earned	-	1,956,822
Total Revenue	\$ 624,795	\$ 214,856,274
Expenses		
Grants:		
Atlantic Forest	(377,878)	10,015,144
Cape Floristic Region	(25,220)	7,615,942
Caucasus	(2,028)	8,496,227
Eastern Arc Mountains and Coastal Forests	0	7,113,233
Eastern Himalayas	265,254	4,811,009
Guinean Forests of West Africa	(0)	8,266,611
Indo-Burma	2,164,667	4,066,316
Madagascar and Indian Ocean Islands	1,403,620	5,573,422
Mountains of Southwest China	-	6,535,418
Northern Mesoamerica	(632)	7,223,267
The Philippines	-	6,970,399
Polynesia-Micronesia	863,572	3,018,586
Southern Mesoamerica	0	6,739,253
Succulent Karoo	(18,741)	7,867,344
Sundaland	-	9,901,465
Tropical Andes	(0)	8,314,972
Tumbes-Chocó-Magdalena	0	4,953,378
Western Ghats & Sri Lanka	1,980,328	2,605,328
	<u>6,252,941</u>	<u>120,087,314</u>
Ecosystem Profile Preparation	141,735	7,659,761
External Evaluation and Compliance Audit	-	344,653
Operations	978,321	20,563,778
	<u>1,120,056</u>	<u>28,568,192</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 7,372,997	\$ 148,655,506
Excess of Revenue over Expenses	(6,748,202)	\$ 66,200,768
Fund balance at beginning of the year	72,948,970	
Fund balance at end of the period	<u>\$ 66,200,768</u>	
FUND BALANCE AT THE END OF THE CURRENT PERIOD CONSISTING OF:		
Cash Net of Amount Due to/from CI		30,884,963
Accounts Receivable		51,412,810
Grants Payable		<u>(16,097,006)</u>
Fund balance at end of the period		<u>\$ 66,200,768</u>

CEPF Summary Fund Statement

Grant Summary

Inception through 31 December 2009

Spending Category: Grants

<u>Funding Region</u>	<u>Funding Phase I</u>	<u>Funding Phase II</u>	<u>Total Grants</u>	<u>Available Resources*</u>	<u>%</u>
Atlantic Forest	7,615,144	2,400,000	10,015,144	10,400,000	96%
Cape Floristic Region	5,966,237	1,649,705	7,615,942	7,649,705	100%
Caucasus	8,496,227	0	8,496,227	8,500,000	100%
Eastern Arc Mountains and Coastal Forests	7,113,233	0	7,113,233	7,000,000	102%
Eastern Himalayas	4,811,009	0	4,811,009	5,000,000	96%
Guinean Forests of West Africa	6,167,257	2,099,354	8,266,611	8,299,354	100%
Indo-Burma	0	4,066,316	4,066,316	9,500,000	43%
Madagascar and Indian Ocean Islands	4,169,802	1,403,620	5,573,422	5,850,000	95%
Mountains of Southwest China	6,535,418	0	6,535,418	6,500,000	101%
Northern Mesoamerica	7,223,267	0	7,223,267	7,300,000	99%
The Philippines	6,970,399	0	6,970,399	7,000,000	100%
Polynesia-Micronesia	0	3,018,586	3,018,586	7,000,000	43%
Southern Mesoamerica	5,410,872	1,328,381	6,739,253	7,128,381	95%
Succulent Karoo	7,867,344	0	7,867,344	9,409,000	84%
Sundaland	9,901,465	0	9,901,465	10,000,000	99%
Tropical Andes	6,129,972	2,185,000	8,314,972	8,335,000	100%
Tumbes-Chocó-Magdalena	4,953,378	0	4,953,378	6,950,000	71%
Western Ghats & Sri Lanka	0	2,605,328	2,605,328	4,500,000	58%
Consolidation (unallocated)	_____	_____	_____	5,078,560	
Total Ecosystem Grants	<u>99,331,024</u>	<u>20,756,290</u>	<u>120,087,314</u>	<u>141,400,000</u>	<u>85%</u>

**Available resources = approved spending authority, plus approved and allocated consolidation funding*

PARTNERSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

CEPF Recruits New Executive Director

Patricia Zurita, formerly senior director of Conservation International's Conservation Stewards Program (CSP), was chosen to head up CEPF as its new executive director. She replaces Jørgen Thomsen, who left the post last year to become director of conservation and sustainable development for the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation. Ms. Zurita was selected by a panel of Donor Council representatives. She headed CSP for five years, directing conservation agreement programs in more than 17 countries. Prior to leading CSP, Ms. Zurita worked as the director of economics and policy for the CI Andes Program, a post she took on in 2002. Before joining CI, she worked with the Economics Program of the World Resources Institute developing payment for water services in Panama and Kenya and supporting the development of a phosphorous and nitrogen trading system in the Mississippi Basin and the Chesapeake Bay in the United States. She officially started her new role with CEPF on 1 March 2010.

Fundraising Strategy and Progress Toward Securing Japan's Contribution

Council members reviewed CEPF's current fundraising strategy as part of the Sixteenth Meeting of the Donor Council held on 15 January 2010, and discussed ways to secure Japan's investment and attract new donors. As of December 2009, CEPF had secured \$88 million toward the \$150-million goal for implementation of the current Strategic Framework. Additional funds expected from the World Bank but not yet secured through a formal agreement total \$19 million, which would bring the total secured to date to \$107 million, leaving \$43 million in new funds that must still be raised for full and effective implementation of the Strategic Framework. The World Bank representative told fellow Council members that the Bank's total commitment of \$25 million stands firm.

The Senior Vice President for Government Relations in Conservation International's Center for Conservation and Government (CCG) traveled to Japan in January 2010. He met with Rintaro Tamaki, Vice Minister of Finance, and Toshinori Doi, the Donor Council member and Director General for the Development Policy Division, International Bureau in the Ministry of Finance, to discuss the CEPF partnership. He also met with other representatives in the International Bureau as part of an information session about international conservation issues, including CEPF. Yasushi Hibi, Vice President for Asia Policy and Managing Director for CI Japan, also joined the meetings. The Senior Vice President also met with Masaki Suzuki, Director General, Nature Conservation Bureau, Ministry of the Environment, as well as representatives from JICA and JBIC.

Following up on the meetings that CI's Senior Vice President for Government Relations had, the CEPF Executive Director will meet with Ministry of Finance and Ministry of Environment representatives during a visit to Japan in late March. The objectives of the meetings are to:

- Introduce herself as the new Executive Director, discuss the plans ahead and ensure collaboration with the Government of Japan; and
- Present a preliminary communications plan for Japan for feedback.

The results of these meetings will be shared with the Donor Council at the meeting on 23 April 2010, as will an update on the 2010 communications planning and activities addressed under *Agenda Item #4, Follow Up to Decisions Taken at the Sixteenth Meeting of the Donor Council*.

Evaluation of CEPF Impact and Other Assessments

As described in Document CEPF/DC17/6, the findings from the current evaluation of CEPF impact will be presented to the Donor Council by independent evaluator David Olson. At this time, the consultant will also have presented the results to the Working Group on 9 April 2010. Results of the presentation and discussion will be shared with the Donor Council at the meeting.

Also in March, the Secretariat hosted the independent evaluation team conducting the evaluation of the MacArthur Foundation's Conservation & Sustainable Development Area, Program on Global Security and Sustainability. The session, which included a full day of meetings with CEPF, focused on CEPF impact and lessons, as well as CEPF's interaction with MacArthur.

The assessment that the Center on Applied Biodiversity Science is doing on how CEPF has contributed to the 2010 biodiversity targets is underway.

Progress on New Priorities

Caribbean Islands Biodiversity Hotspot

As part of the Donor Council meeting on 15 January 2010, the Council approved the ecosystem profile for the Caribbean Islands biodiversity hotspot, including its strategy for the fund's new five-year, \$6.5 million investment in the region. The approval followed an extensive process of stakeholder consultations and expert studies coordinated by BirdLife International (Caribbean Program) in collaboration with Durrell Wildlife Conservation Trust / Bath University, and the New York Botanical Garden, with technical support from CI's Center for Applied Biodiversity Science. At least 200 individuals representing more than 160 governmental and nongovernmental institutions have contributed to the development of this ecosystem profile

In addition, the Working Group met on 16 March 2010 to review the Secretariat's analysis and ranking of applications for the regional implementation team for the Caribbean Islands investment. Group members discussed the two applications deemed appropriate for consideration as the regional implementation team, and decided to recommend The Caribbean Natural Resources Institute (CANARI), contingent on CANARI providing adequate additional details on how it will ensure sufficient monitoring of projects and staffing, and how it will guarantee quality financial management. The organization is expected to now further elaborate on these issues for Working Group review through a memo that will be approved by the Working Group on a no-objection basis after one week of being submitted. After this period, the Working Group will make a formal recommendation for approval to the Donor Council.

As reported on as part of the *Agenda Item #4, Follow Up to Decisions Taken at the Sixteenth Meeting of the Donor Council*, the Council directed the Secretariat to rapidly develop a proposal for its consideration regarding what CEPF could do to help in earthquake-ravaged Haiti, with a particular focus on natural resource conservation. The Secretariat submitted to the Donor Council a comprehensive proposal for \$400,000 in emergency assistance for Haiti, which was approved through a no-objection process as of 10 March 2010. These funds, which are in addition to the approved \$6.5 million investment for the Caribbean Islands, will support efforts to:

- Assist in the immediate recovery of civil society groups that focus on environment and development.
- Foster stakeholder engagement and integration of environmental concerns into reconstruction and development planning.

- Prevent the degradation and potential destruction of two of Haiti's most important areas for biodiversity, Massif de la Hotte and Massif de la Selle.

BirdLife International's Caribbean Program will administer the emergency funds, which come from a recently cancelled \$377,878 grant in the Atlantic Forest Hotspot and a small amount of funding (\$22,122) remaining from other regions that have also completed their original investment phase.

Maputaland-Pondoland-Albany Biodiversity Hotspot

The ecosystem profile for Maputaland-Pondoland-Albany was sent to the Donor Council for no-objection approval on 26 February 2010 for the 45-day review period. The deadline is 12 April 2010. The Regional Implementation Team selection process began with a call for proposals on 1 March 2010. For the first time, the Secretariat offered a discussion for interested parties via a teleconference on 15 March 2010. The conference call was attended by four organizations and was recorded, so all the answers can be made available to other potential partners through CEPF's Web site. This process is being tested as an additional way to provide equitable information to all potential applicants interested in becoming a Regional Implementation Team and to assist them producing good quality proposals. The deadline for proposals is 5 April 2010.

Mediterranean Basin Biodiversity Hotspot

A full draft of the Mediterranean Basin ecosystem profile has been distributed to stakeholders and a final, regional stakeholders' meeting is scheduled for 30 March 2010. The Executive Director and Grant Director John Watkin will attend the meeting. In related developments, the Secretariat finalized a \$132,000 agreement with the MAVA Foundation to join the CEPF partners in supporting the ecosystem profile. The Swiss foundation aims to promote the protection of nature with particular focus on preserving rare or threatened species and their habitats; preserving biodiversity and landscapes; and sustainable management of natural resources. MAVA Foundation is reviewing its investment strategy for the Mediterranean and is using the information of the draft ecosystem profile and the results of the final regional stakeholders' meeting as key input to finalizing its investment strategy in early April. An agreement is also expected to be signed soon with the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation in support of the profiling activities. The Executive Director will be meeting with both MAVA and Prince Albert II of Monaco foundations in Tour du Valat on 29 March 2010 and will report back on the results of these conversations during the 23 April 2010 meeting.

FEATURED NEW GRANT

CEPF awarded 34 new grants during the period, bringing the global portfolio to \$121.1 million. A full list of grants approved since the last meeting of the Donor Council is included with this report.

These grants include, for example, support to Fundación para el Desarrollo de Alternativas Comunitarias de Conservación del Trópico (ALTROPICO) in its conservation and sustainable development work in northwest Ecuador as part of the \$1.95 million consolidation program for the Tumbes-Chocó-Manabí biodiversity hotspot. The grant is part of the consolidation strategy to get governance and management structures and plans adopted and implemented in the bi-national region.

The target sites include areas in the buffer zone of the Cotacachi Cayapas National Park, and are highly strategic for maintaining altitudinal connectivity, ever more important in light of fragmentation and climate change. The areas have been under threat from forest conversion due

to logging, oil palm cultivation and mining. Socio Bosque, a government program that gives annual monetary incentives directly to individual landowners or indigenous communities who voluntarily decide to protect their native forest, is proving to be an important financial incentive to maintain lands under forest. The new funding — \$250,000 — will be used to promote mechanisms for institutional, financial and social sustainability in the binational conservation corridor between Ecuador and Colombia; and assist Chachi indigenous communities to maintain access to Socio Bosque by updating communal land tenure and strengthening local capacity for land management. It also will work with 150 land owners in Golondrinas Protected Forest, to complete all requirements necessary to access Socio Bosque funding. In addition, the grant supports development and implementation of a binational conservation and sustainable development agenda.

FROM THE FIELD

Southern Mesoamerica

During a recent ceremony in Bluefields, Nicaragua, nearly 407,000 hectares were titled to six indigenous and three Creole groups. The beneficiary communities included Rama Cay, Sumu Kaat, Tiktik Kaanu, Wiring Cay, Monkey Point, Bang Ku kut, Caño Maíz, Río Indio, Grey Town and 23 cays. Building the capacity of the Rama indigenous group to conserve its own lands, which include rainforest and coastal wetlands along Nicaragua's Atlantic coast, is one of the goals of CEPF's investment in the Southern Mesoamerica region. CEPF first entered this impoverished region in 2002. The indigenous governing council lacked the infrastructure and equipment to manage the large territory, and the land was under threat regularly from forest fires and agricultural encroachment. During its initial investment in the Indio Maiz region, CEPF supported a highly participatory, stakeholder-driven process to develop a management plan that is considered a model for Nicaragua. Activities also included baseline studies for the demarcation of Rama indigenous territories. Consolidation funding for the region starting in 2008 focused in part on strengthening local governance structures and management capacity in critical areas primarily indigenous reserves along the Caribbean. Consolidation funds went to Conservation International's Costa Rica office to support work with local partners to help the Rama build their capacity to manage the land, and to provide the technical studies required for the Rama to get government-recognized control over their lands, including a detailed and time consuming census of the large territory.

A CEPF small grant to Panamanian community group Association of Friends and Neighbors of the Coast and Nature (AAMVECONA) helped the organization develop its conservation program at the San San Pond Sak wetland. The organization's work was recently rewarded via announcement of an expanded partnership with Chiquita Banana, the German Technical Corporation Agency GTZ, the Costa Rican banana industry body CORBANA and German retailer REWE. It will result in part in 500,000 Euros to improve management of the wetland, an extensive manatee habitat along the Caribbean coast of Panama near Costa Rica. The expanded three-year public-private partnership focuses on biodiversity, environmental education, community development, new income sources for residents (with a focus on women and indigenous communities) and developing international cooperation.

Indo-Burma

The government of Cambodia recently announced greater protection for six of the largest remaining tracts of lowland grassland in Southeast Asia – a total of 31,159 hectares. Several globally threatened species are found in the new protected areas, located in and around the Tonle Sap floodplain. Local communities rely on the grasslands, which flood seasonally, for fishing, grazing and deep-water rice farming. One of the sites is located in Siem Reap province and the

other five are in Kampong Thom province. Previously under a provincial conservation order, the sites' new status empowers Cambodia's Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries to take action to prevent activities such as land-clearing and dam-building. The new designation of these areas is the result of efforts by CEPF grantee Wildlife Conservation Society, which worked with Cambodia's Forestry and Fisheries Administrations, along with local governments and community stakeholders. Also involved in the effort were Centre d'Etude et de Développement Agricole Cambodgien (CEDAC), the Sam Veasna Center, BirdLife International in Indochina, the Angkor Center for Conservation of Biodiversity, and the University of East Anglia. Among the species that will benefit from the enhanced protection of these sites is the endangered Bengal florican, whose global population likely numbers less than 1,300.



Approved Grants
1 December 2009 – 15 March 2010

Eastern Himalayas Region

Strategic Direction 2. Secure the conservation of priority site outcomes (key biodiversity areas) in the eastern Himalayas with a particular emphasis on the Bhutan Biological Conservation Complex, Kangchenjunga-Singalila Complex, and North Bank Landscape

Participatory Zoning of Sakteng Wildlife Sanctuary

Conduct stakeholder consultations, biodiversity and socioeconomic surveys, mapping and boundary demarcation of the 73,900-hectare Sakteng Wildlife Sanctuary in eastern Bhutan as part of the larger Bhutan Biological Corridor Complex. Ensure effective and efficient resource administration and utilization through implementation of a zoning plan and enhance knowledge of the sanctuary's resources through establishment of a GIS database.

Funding: \$75,000
Grant Term: 2/1/2010 - 3/31/2011
Grantee: World Wildlife Fund Inc.

Strategic Direction 3. Leverage partnerships among donor agencies, civil society, and government institutions to achieve priority biodiversity conservation outcomes over the long term

Securing Safe Environment for Critically Endangered Vulture Species by Declaring and Ensuring Diclofenac-Free Zones in Central and Western Low Lands of Nepal

Secure safe environment for Critically Endangered vulture species in the Terai Arc Landscape of Nepal through sensitization of stakeholders, developing appropriate policy and regulation, and declaration of diclofenac-free zones. The project will also build the capacity of stakeholders in monitoring and management of vultures and their habitats for long-term conservation.

Funding: \$34,955
Grant Term: 11/1/2009 - 3/31/2011
Grantee: Bird Conservation Nepal

Indo-Burma

Indochina Region

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

Building a Partnership for Establishing Sustainable Management at Key Wetlands for Sarus Crane in the Cambodian Lower Mekong

Develop partnership and joint-planning among the Wildfowl & Wetlands Trust, Mlup Baitong, and Chamroien Chiet Khmer, resulting in submission to CEPF of complementary project plans to establish long-term sustainable management of Boeung Prek Lapouv and Kampong Trach, two key sites representative of the lower Mekong floodplain wetlands with priority non-breeding populations of sarus cranes.

Funding: \$19,589

Grant Term: 3/9/2010 - 6/9/2010

Grantee: Wildfowl & Wetlands Trust

Notes: *Awarded by Regional Implementation Team*

Cat Ba Langur Conservation Project

Bolster conservation efforts for Cat Ba Langur, one of the world's rarest species of primates, by ensuring strict protection of the remaining population, reducing habitat fragmentation and destruction of natural forest in the buffer zones of Cat Ba National Park and Biosphere Reserve, strengthening the capacity of governmental forest protection agencies and reducing population fragmentation through intensive management.

Funding: \$57,910

Grant Term: 1/1/2010 - 12/31/2011

Grantee: Westfälischer Zoologischer Garten Münster GmbH

Feeding and Breeding Ecology and the Conservation of the Vultures in Cambodia

As a basis for long-term conservation action planning, start filling key information gaps in the feeding and breeding ecology, and the threats to, the three Critically Endangered vulture species of northern Cambodia, while building local capacity for research and monitoring.

Funding: \$19,990

Grant Term: 12/22/2009 - 12/22/2010

Grantee: Universität für Bodenkultur Wien (University of Natural Resources and Applied Life Sciences, Vienna)

Notes: *Awarded by Regional Implementation Team*

Focused Protection for White-shouldered Ibis and Giant Ibis in Lomphat Wildlife Sanctuary, Cambodia

Contribute to conservation of the two Critically Endangered ibis species of Cambodia by focused protection in Lomphat Wildlife Sanctuary; establishing local community site support groups to manage and protect prioritized feeding sites and raise awareness of ibis conservation; and preparing an action plan for ibis conservation for incorporation into the wildlife sanctuary management plan and zonation.

Funding: \$19,940

Grant Term: 12/16/2009 - 12/16/2010

Grantee: People Resources and Conservation Foundation

Notes: *Awarded by Regional Implementation Team*

Food Provision to Cambodia's Vultures

Increase sustainability in efforts to prevent the extinction, and restore population sizes, of the largest Indochinese populations of three Critically Endangered vulture species in north and northeastern Cambodia by increasing revenue from ecotourism to vulture conservation, diversifying the funding base for "vulture restaurants," and raising awareness about harmful effects of misuse of poison.

Funding: \$19,859

Grant Term: 2/12/2010 - 2/12/2011
Grantee: Wildlife Conservation Society
Notes: Awarded by Regional Implementation Team

Identifying Priority Populations and Reviewing Current Known Distributions for Threatened Bat and Turtle Species in Northern and Central Vietnam

Fill critical gaps in knowledge on five globally threatened animal species (Indochinese box turtle, four-eyed turtle, impressed tortoise, wattle-necked softshell and Vietnamese leaf-nosed bat) for which core populations have yet to be located in Vietnam by undertaking targeted field surveys, formulating specific management recommendations for protected area managers, and conducting targeted awareness raising for local communities.

Funding: \$42,855
Grant Term: 1/1/2010 - 6/30/2011
Grantee: Centre for Natural Resources and Environmental Studies

Identifying Wet-season Sites and Non-breeding Habitats Used by the Critically Endangered Bengal Florican in Cambodia

Recommend appropriate wet-season habitat management and site-based conservation management of the Critically Endangered Bengal florican in the Tonle Sap floodplain, Kampong Thom Province, Cambodia by field research — including satellite tracking — to locate key wet-season sites, identify non-breeding habitat preferences and assess threats to non-breeding sites.

Funding: \$17,814
Grant Term: 12/16/2009 - 10/16/2011
Grantee: University of East Anglia
Notes: Awarded by Regional Implementation Team

Launching the Flagship: Collaborative Saola Conservation

Leverage financial and political support from companies, development agencies, government and civil society to turn the plans resulting from the first ever technical meeting of the IUCN Species Survival Commission's Saola Working Group last year into a strong regional partnership for effective Saola conservation.

Funding: \$19,987
Grant Term: 3/9/2010 - 1/9/2011
Grantee: International Union for Conservation of Nature, Lao PDR Country Programme
Notes: Awarded by Regional Implementation Team

Northern Plains of Cambodia Kouprey Survey

To try to find signs of the survival of Kouprey, and to improve knowledge of the population status of other wild cattle, through camera-trapping and surveys in remote tracts of grassland and open forest in Preah Vihear Protected Forest; one of the most likely locations in which any remaining Kouprey may persist.

Funding: \$19,888
Grant Term: 2/12/2010 - 2/12/2011
Grantee: Wildlife Conservation Society
Notes: Awarded by Regional Implementation Team

Raising Awareness and Building Capacity to Manage Human-Elephant Conflict in Mondulkiri Province, Cambodia

Improve the attitudes of people in northeast Cambodia towards elephants by raising awareness of elephant conservation and human-elephant conflict among local communities, ethnic groups, agrobusiness and local government, and to enable local people to manage human-elephant

conflict by providing a range of conflict mitigation strategies including deterrents ranging from chili ropes to watchtowers to fireworks.

Funding: \$19,662

Grant Term: 3/1/2010 - 3/1/2011

Grantee: Fauna & Flora International

Notes: *Awarded by Regional Implementation Team*

Research and Conservation Action for Tortoises and Freshwater Turtles in Indochina

Improve the conservation outlook for highly threatened turtles in Cambodia by expanding a community nest protection program for the Asian giant softshell turtle; increasing protection of yellow-headed temple turtle breeding sites through community ranger programs; identifying priority sites for Indochinese box turtle in northeastern Cambodia; initiating community incentive programs for impressed tortoise conservation; and enhancing legal protection under Cambodian law.

Funding: \$95,259

Grant Term: 11/1/2009 - 10/31/2012

Grantee: Conservation International

Strategic Planning to Safeguard the Green Peafowl

Identify important areas for Green Peafowl across its range, assess the importance of populations based on currently available information and expert opinion, evaluate the likelihood of conservation success across the range, and develop a species conservation strategy aimed at preventing a further deterioration in the species' conservation status.

Funding: \$12,758

Grant Term: 2/12/2010 - 2/12/2011

Grantee: World Pheasant Association

Notes: *Awarded by Regional Implementation Team*

Sustainable Community-based Conservation of the Priority Population of Grey-shanked Douc

Take priority actions for a core population of Grey-shanked Douc in Quang province as a foundation for longer-term conservation interventions. Clarify the distribution of the population, build capacity of local partners in survey and monitoring, assess the feasibility of ecotourism as a sustainable financing mechanism, evaluate the effectiveness of village patrol teams, and raise awareness among local communities.

Funding: \$30,702

Grant Term: 1/1/2010 - 12/31/2010

Grantee: World Wide Fund for Nature

Urgent Research to Safeguard the Javan Rhino in Vietnam

Intensively survey all suitable habitat of Javan rhinoceros in the Cat Loc sector of Cat Tien National Park, Vietnam, through a combination of video camera traps and systematic dung surveys with detector dogs. DNA and hormone analysis of dung will help to provide a population estimate, and information on whether males are able to reproduce and whether females are pregnant or receptive to breeding.

Funding: \$16,166

Grant Term: 12/16/2009 - 12/16/2010

Grantee: World Wide Fund for Nature

Notes: *Awarded by Regional Implementation Team*

Strategic Direction 2. Develop innovative, locally led approaches to site-based conservation at 28 key biodiversity areas

Planning and Partnership Development for Conserving Freshwater Biodiversity and Resources Along the Central Section of the Mekong River in Cambodia

Improve coordination and joint-planning among the WWF Cambodia Country Programme, Community Economic Development and the Cambodian Rural Development Team, resulting in submission to CEPF of revised, complementary project plans to conserve freshwater biodiversity and critical wetland resources for local communities along the Mekong River, Kratie and Stung Treng provinces.

Funding: \$4,376

Grant Term: 12/11/2009 - 2/11/2010

Grantee: World Wide Fund for Nature

Notes: *Awarded by Regional Implementation Team*

Promoting Community-Based Collaborative Management to Strengthen Long-Term Conservation of Globally Threatened Primates and Trees in Priority Sites of Northern Vietnam

Implement priority actions at 11 target sites in northern Vietnam, with a particular focus on the Northern Highlands Limestone priority corridor. Consolidate ongoing, participatory conservation activities for globally threatened primates and trees, develop actions at new sites, based on opportunities identified by local communities, and conduct surveys at little-known sites, to assess their importance for the conservation of target species.

Funding: \$694,009

Grant Term: 1/1/2010 - 12/31/2012

Grantee: Fauna & Flora International

Strategic Direction 3. Engage key actors in reconciling biodiversity conservation and development objectives, with a particular emphasis on the Northern Limestone Highlands and Mekong River and its major tributaries

Leveraging Support from the Vietnamese Corporate Sector to Reduce Illegal Consumption of Protected Threatened Species

Leverage active participation of selected Vietnamese companies in preventing staff from consuming protected threatened species by raising awareness at multiple levels within the companies, integrating a “zero-consumption of protected wildlife” policy within human resource and finance procedures, and monitoring and obtaining media coverage of results of these innovative actions as a model for other companies operating in the region.

Funding: \$19,947

Grant Term: 3/15/2010 - 3/15/2012

Grantee: Wildlife Conservation Society

Notes: *Awarded by Regional Implementation Team*

Polynesia-Micronesia Hotspot

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

Documentation of Fiji's Introduced and Endemic Land Snail Fauna

Document the Pacific island land snail fauna to provide the required basic information for government and other stakeholders on understanding the biodiversity of native land snails and how to protect them from becoming extinct. Also address the adverse impact of introduced snails and look at effective means of achieving quarantine implementation.

Funding: \$19,327

Grant Term: 12/14/2009 - 12/30/2011

Grantee: University of the South Pacific

Notes: *Awarded by Regional Implementation Team*

Emergency Management of an Incursion of Mongoose on Upolu Island, Samoa

Manage an incursion of mongoose on Upolu Island, Samoa by conducting animal trapping, encouraging support and participation of local communities in the management of the mongoose invasion and improving community awareness and understanding of biosecurity risks and of invasive species and their impacts in general.

Funding: \$9,900

Grant Term: 1/1/2010 - 12/31/2010

Grantee: Secretariat for the Pacific Regional Environment Programme

Notes: *Awarded by Regional Implementation Team*

Succulent Karoo Hotspot

Strategic Direction 7. Reinforce and sustain the conservation gains achieved as a result of CEPF investment in the initial 5-year investment period for the region.

Consolidating Implementation of Conservation Action in CEPF SKEP Priorities in the Namakwa District

Ensure that local economic development in the Namakwa District supports biodiversity conservation and support implementation of the Northern Cape Department of Tourism, Environment and Conservation stewardship strategy in the district. Also focus and finalize the establishment of SKEPPIES as a sustainable financing vehicle.

Funding: \$350,000

Grant Term: 1/1/2010 - 12/31/2012

Grantee: Conservation International

Consolidation of the Knersvlakte Conservation Area

Assist the newly established Knersvlakte Provincial Nature Reserve to become more than a "paper park" by supporting management implementation actions. This grant will build core capacity of reserve staff, assist with the development and implementation of a management plan, strengthen stakeholder engagement in the reserve and ensure engagement of local government economic officers.

Funding: \$300,000

Grant Term: 1/1/2010 - 12/31/2012

Grantee: Western Cape Nature Conservation Board

Institutionalize the SKEP Learning Network, Embed Local Level Governance and Mainstream Biodiversity Conservation

Within the Namakwa District, collaborate with government partners to incorporate information from the critical biodiversity areas map into land-use decisionmaking. At a hotspot and national level, share lessons from the first five years of grantmaking in the region, promote networks and work to mainstream conservation approaches.

Funding: \$300,000
Grant Term: 1/1/2010 - 12/31/2012
Grantee: South African National Biodiversity Institute

Strategic Support to the Consolidation of the Management and Development of the Newly Proclaimed Sperrgebiet National Park and Immediately Adjacent Areas

Further the institutional strengthening of the newly proclaimed 2.6 million-hectare Sperrgebiet National Park on Namibia's southwest coast. Grant funds will support finalization and dissemination of park regulations; development and implementation staffing, infrastructure, tourism and business plans; establishment of a public information center; and support for multi-stakeholder committees addressing the park interface with mining, coastal resources, the private sector and surrounding communities.

Funding: \$300,000
Grant Term: 2/1/2010 - 12/31/2012
Grantee: Namibia Nature Foundation

Supporting Innovative and Effective Protected Area Expansion through the Leslie Hill Succulent Karoo Trust

Developing a strategy for land acquisition for the Leslie Hill Succulent Karoo Trust, addressing tax and land ownership policies that encourage private owners to enter stewardship agreements, and providing sample contracts that allow the Trust or others to more simply enter into stewardship agreements.

Funding: \$159,000
Grant Term: 2/1/2010 - 12/31/2011
Grantee: World Wide Fund for Nature South Africa

Tumbes-Chocó-Magdalena Hotspot

Chocó-Manabi Conservation Corridor

Strategic Direction 4. Reinforce and sustain the conservation gains achieved as a result of CEPF investment in the initial 5-year investment period for the region

Consolidation of a Connectivity Strategy for the Tatamá-Serranía de los Paraguas Conservation Corridor

Consolidate a 150,000-hectare conservation corridor sited in between Munchique and Tatama national parks through 25 private reserves. The grant promotes financial sustainability of the corridor by promoting ecotourism and environmental agricultural products. Activities also include increasing the capacity of private reserve owners to pursue the connectivity strategy and a communication strategy to document and disseminate the results and lessons learned.

Funding: \$200,000
Grant Term: 1/1/2010 - 6/30/2012
Grantee: Corporación Serraniagua

Consolidation of the Awacachi Biological Corridor and Protection of the Native Forests of the San Lorenzo Canton

Promote financial and social sustainability of the Awacachi conservation corridor, which maintains connectivity between the Cotacachi Cayapas Ecological Reserve and Awa Ethnic Reserve. Activities include the design and implementation of a fundraising strategy and conservation incentives for native forests, as well as promotion of sustainable agriculture in buffer zone communities.

Funding: \$196,865
Grant Term: 1/1/2010 - 12/31/2012
Grantee: Fundación Sirua

Consolidation of the Socio-Environmental Monitoring System for Chocó-Manabi Conservation Corridor

Promote financial and institutional sustainability of a hotspot-wide conservation monitoring system in order to integrate biodiversity conservation into development plans and policies. This grant calls for supporting mechanisms for data sharing and financing, development and implementation of information management protocols and procedures, and collaboration between Ecuadorian and Colombian organizations and agencies for monitoring.

Funding: \$132,000
Grant Term: 1/1/2010 - 6/30/2011
Grantee: Union Temporal Centro de Investigaciones y Estudios en Biodiversidad Y Recursos Geneticos

Territorial Consolidation of Communal, Protected and Indigenous Lands for Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Development in Northwest Ecuador and Southwest Colombia

Promote mechanisms for institutional, financial and social sustainability in the binational conservation corridor between Ecuador and Colombia. Assist Chachi indigenous communities to maintain access to Socio Bosque (which provides financial incentive to maintain land under forest) by updating communal land tenure and by strengthening local capacity for land management. In addition, the grant supports development and implementation of a binational conservation and sustainable development agenda.

Funding: \$250,000
Grant Term: 1/1/2010 - 12/31/2012
Grantee: Fundación para el Desarrollo de Alternativas Comunitarias de Conservación del Trópico

Western Ghats & Sri Lanka Hotspot

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

Conservation of the Periyar-Agasthiyamalai Corridor in the Southern Western Ghats: Knowledge Generation, Dissemination of Information and Capacity Building for Key Stakeholders

Facilitate the long-term conservation of biodiversity in the Periyar-Agasthiyamalai Corridor, by completing a GIS-based database on critical habitat links in the corridor, placing it into the public domain in a variety of accessible formats, and using this information base to implement programs

of capacity building for state forest department staff and awareness raising among other key stakeholders.

Funding: \$79,998
Grant Term: 1/1/2010 - 6/30/2011
Grantee: Asian Nature Conservation Foundation

Improving Protected Area Effectiveness through Enhanced Civil Society Support and Rigorous Monitoring of Wildlife Populations and Conservation Threats

Carry out rigorous scientific monitoring to assess the status of several species and levels of conservation threats in the Sahyadri-Konkan, Malnad-Kodagu and Mysore-Nilgiri corridors within Karnataka State. Involve and train civil society groups and the state forest department to enhance their technical capability to monitor and manage these areas in addition to providing critical management inputs.

Funding: \$350,000
Grant Term: 9/1/2009 - 8/31/2012
Grantee: Wildlife Conservation Society

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

Averting the Extinction of Critically Endangered Vultures in the Western Ghats

Avert the extinction of Critically Endangered vultures in the Western Ghats through a combination of in-situ conservation measures and ex-situ conservation breeding. Establish the size, status and threat situation of vulture populations in the Western Ghats, expand a captive breeding program aimed at providing birds for reintroduction and advocate for key policy responses at national and state levels.

Funding: \$99,957
Grant Term: 1/1/2010 - 6/30/2011
Grantee: Royal Society for the Protection of Birds

Linking Fragmented Freshwater Swamps through the Restoration of Micro-Corridors in Central Western Ghats

Enhance ecological connectivity within the Malnad-Kodagu Corridor and increase the genetic viability of populations of five globally threatened plant species by demonstrating approaches for restoring fragmented networks freshwater swamps. To this end, develop techniques for planning and undertaking habitat restoration, pilot them within selected micro-corridors and build capacity among grassroots institutions to sustain habitat restoration efforts into the long term.

Funding: \$99,996
Grant Term: 1/1/2010 - 4/30/2013
Grantee: Snehakunja Trust