



Protecting Nature's Hotspots for People and Prosperity



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Our Purpose

The Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund (CEPF) provides strategic assistance to nongovernmental organizations, community groups and other civil society partners to help safeguard Earth’s biodiversity hotspots.

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Message from the Partners

Civil society groups working to conserve Earth's biodiversity hotspots with Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund (CEPF) support grew to 189 throughout the year, with our global grant portfolio reaching \$44.5 million.

One of our new partners, Sano y Salvo (Safe and Sound), is the first small farmers' association for ecologically sound production in Nicaragua.

The group will assist up to 500 farmers in adopting best practices in sustainable and organic agriculture while maintaining the forest that remains on their land in the areas surrounding Indio Maíz Biological Reserve and Cerro Silva Nature Reserve in the Mesoamerica Hotspot.

Its efforts will help produce higher-quality products and hence more reliable sustenance and income for the farmers while guarding against further agricultural encroachment into the reserves and ensuring connectivity between them. Sano y Salvo's motto: "Produce ecologically and live better."

Our strategic approach to build civil society capacity to conserve the biologically rich yet highly threatened hotspots is about just that—a better future for both nature and people.

By improving local knowledge and capacities for environmental stewardship and wise development, we're providing win-win solutions for local stakeholders to protect their own interests and those of the global community as effective agents of conservation.

The dramatic expansion in the size, scope and capacity of civil society around the globe over the past decade is remarkable. Our support is capitalizing on that expansion and enabling further growth, creating a cadre of environmental stewards—indeed leaders—to make a difference where and when it matters most.

This report covers our 2004 fiscal year, July 2003–June 2004. It was a year of strong growth for our initiative, with new grants totaling \$15.6 million awarded to support 112 civil society partners in 13 hotspots.

Two of those hotspots—the Caucasus Hotspot and the Eastern Arc Mountains and Coastal Forests of Tanzania and Kenya Hotspot—marked an expansion in the number of these remarkable places where we invest.

These new hotspots also became home to some of our most participatory local coordination mechanisms to date.

In East Africa, the International Centre of Insect Physiology and Ecology, the Tanzania Forest Conservation Group, the WWF–Eastern Africa Program Office and local BirdLife partners NatureKenya and the Wildlife Conservation Society of Tanzania joined together to lead coordination of CEPF implementation in the region.

The groups played important roles in ensuring wide participation in the development of the CEPF investment strategy for this region and continued to do so as they launched the final document, holding consultative meetings with more than 70 community-based groups and other civil society partners to discuss how they can help implement and benefit from the strategy in the coming years.

Our support also helped lead to a variety of successes, from traditional yet important outcomes such as expanded or new protected areas to more innovative landmarks such as the first graduates and subsequent placements as conservation managers for previously disadvantaged persons in South Africa.

The stories that follow present the highlights of these successes and others during the year.

They're about nongovernmental organizations helping governments take extraordinary actions, about visionaries and ordinary citizens alike mobilizing their neighbors to build sustainable futures, and about all the different ways in which civil society groups, bolstered with additional resources, can make a difference.

We invite you to join this partnership effort.

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President, The John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation

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Chairman and CEO, Global Environment Facility

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Chairman and CEO, Conservation International

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President, The World Bank Group and Chairman, CEPF Donor Council



The Partnership

Conservation International is a leader and catalyst in biodiversity conservation, engaging partners in more than 40 countries on four continents to preserve threatened ecosystems. The organization administers CEPF. www.conservation.org

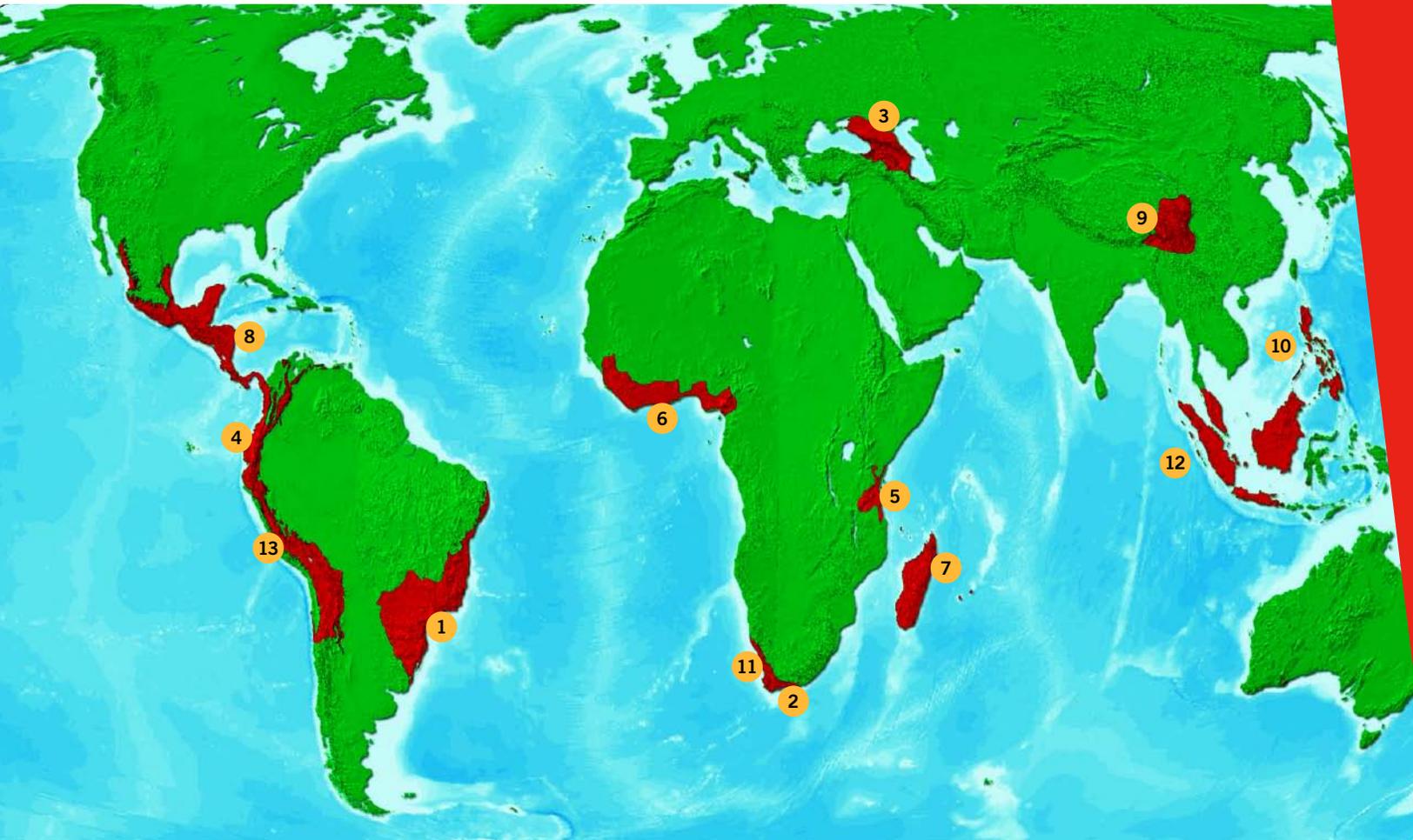
The **Global Environment Facility** is the largest source of funding for the global environment. It brings member governments together with leading development institutions and others in support of a common global environmental agenda. www.gefweb.org

The **Government of Japan** is one of the world's 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. www.env.go.jp/en/

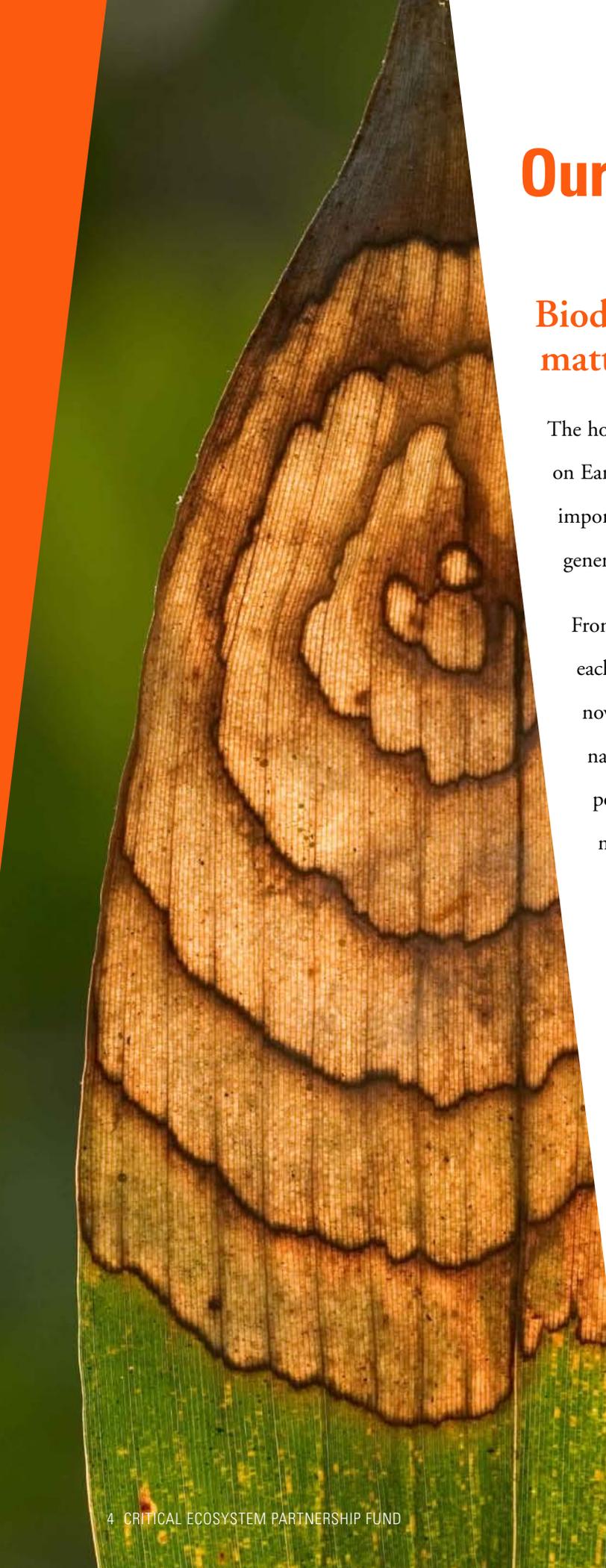
The **John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation** is a private grant-making institution dedicated to helping foster lasting improvement in the human condition. www.macfdn.org

The **World Bank** is the world's largest source of development assistance. It works in more than 100 developing economies to fight poverty and to help people help themselves and their environment. www.worldbank.org

Hotspots Where CEPF Supported Civil Society, FY 04



- 1 Atlantic Forest
- 2 Cape Floristic Region
- 3 Caucasus
- 4 Chocó-Darién-Western Ecuador
- 5 Eastern Arc Mountains and Coastal Forests of Tanzania and Kenya
- 6 Guinean Forests of West Africa
- 7 Madagascar and Indian Ocean Islands
- 8 Mesoamerica
- 9 Mountains of Southwest China
- 10 The Philippines
- 11 Succulent Karoo
- 12 Sundaland
- 13 Tropical Andes



Our Strategic Approach

Biodiversity hotspots are where action matters most.

The hotspots are the biologically richest yet most threatened places on Earth. They represent the convergence of extreme threat and an important opportunity to ensure a better future for both current generations and those to come.

From the Tropical Andes to the Mountains of Southwest China, each hotspot holds especially high numbers of species found nowhere else and has already lost at least 70 percent of its original natural vegetation. Unless we succeed in preserving this small portion of the planet, we will lose more than half of Earth's natural heritage.

CEPF strategically focuses on hotspots in developing countries, providing funding and technical assistance for civil society groups to:

- Help preserve the diversity of life and healthy ecosystems as essential components of stable and thriving societies.
- Undertake initiatives that will ultimately also contribute to poverty alleviation and economic prosperity.

Ensuring maximum impact per dollar spent is part of our success.

CEPF focuses on biological areas rather than political boundaries and often addresses threats to biodiversity at the scale of landscapes known as biodiversity conservation corridors.

Corridors are determined as part of a process to identify globally threatened and geographically concentrated species, the sites most critical for their survival and the matrix of biodiversity-friendly land use around these sites necessary to allow the maintenance of natural ecological processes.

The integrated corridor design, anchored by key biodiversity areas but enabling multiple compatible land uses, enables a proactive response to existing and emerging threats to biodiversity while generating socioeconomic benefits and limiting opportunity costs.

As part of the preparation prior to investment in each hotspot, CEPF also determines its unique niche to ensure maximum conservation outcomes per dollar spent. The niche is based on a stakeholder-driven prioritization process that factors in socioeconomic features, threats and current investments together with the biodiversity science used to determine the outcomes.

This niche and specific strategic directions provide the base for our strategy, known as an ecosystem profile, for each region. The profile is intended to guide both civil society partners in applying to CEPF for grants and CEPF decisionmaking that takes place in concert with a range of coordination partners and expert reviewers.

Building civil society ensures our investments achieve results that last.

A fundamental goal is to ensure that civil society is engaged in conserving the hotspots.

People hold the future of the hotspots in their hands.

We focus on building civil society alongside national and local governments in ways that are complementary to existing strategies and ultimately benefit nature and people alike.

Civil society participation in government development projects and programs can enhance their operational performance by contributing local knowledge, providing technical expertise and leveraging social capital. In communities, nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) and

community groups can build consensus and wide participation in innovative approaches to help solve local challenges.

Civil society partners participate and often lead the CEPF process—from strategy development and implementation to decisionmaking and monitoring and evaluation.

It's about enabling stewards for the environment now and for the future.

How We Work: Engaging Civil Society

planning

CEPF's investment strategies are spearheaded by civil society institutions with local experience and proven success in engaging stakeholders in conservation initiatives. These partners manage a complex strategy development process, ensuring wide participation and transparency to reach consensus on the highest priorities for conservation and CEPF investments. Engaging civil society at this early stage is the foundation for successful implementation and results.

coordination

In many hotspots, a coordination team of local civil society groups is charged with delivering the outcomes identified in the CEPF strategy. These teams play an instrumental role, helping identify potential partners and projects, bringing partners together and providing hands-on assistance to both design and assess proposals. They bring local expertise to the CEPF process and broaden our reach as well as our ability to make sound investment decisions.

implementation

The NGOs, community groups and other civil society partners we support are the driving force of the initiative's results. They create and lead strategic projects and, in turn, engage other partners to maximize conservation impact per dollar spent. To date, CEPF has directly engaged and helped build the capacity of 189 civil society partners globally. Our small grants programs and other select initiatives provide grants to additional partners at the local level.

TOP Felician Kilahama helps guide CEPF support to civil society in Tanzania and Kenya. MIDDLE The Endangered Kirk's red colobus (*Procolobus kirkii*) is one of 333 globally threatened species in the region. BOTTOM This aerial photograph depicts the dense forest canopy of the Eastern Arc Mountains, Tanzania.

Perspective from Tanzania: Building Civil Society Capacity



by Felician Kilahama

Tanzania possesses a number of critical ecosystems. Until the year 2000, conservation and management of these ecosystems of national significance were largely the government's responsibility. It is only very recently that the involvement of NGOs and community-based organizations (CBOs) was recognized by the government as key to attaining sustainable conservation of these ecosystems.

The importance of government establishing partnerships with the civil society organizations cannot be overemphasized. The government alone cannot manage effectively the country's ecosystems due to limited capacity in terms of manpower and financial resources.

For instance, the Forestry and Beekeeping Division (FBD) of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism is mandated to conserve the forests and woodlands, including the Eastern Arc Mountains forests and their biodiversity, but has limited capacity and therefore cannot fulfill its role accordingly. This has led to FBD facing a number of challenges as it struggles to attain sustainable conservation and management of Tanzania's forests and woodlands. These challenges include increasing deforestation due to illegal human activities inside forest reserves, uncontrolled forest fires and overharvesting of wood for charcoal and firewood.

In 1998, the government adopted a National Forest Policy that accorded priority to involving stakeholders in the management of forestry and woodlands. This was further enhanced by Forest Act No.14 of 2002. Based on the policy and the act, FBD strives to build strong partnerships with stakeholders as a mechanism to attain its conservation objectives. On the other hand, the capacity of the majority of the NGOs and CBOs in Tanzania is weak. Nevertheless, the need to collaborate and team up with civil society remains pertinent and irrefutable.

Against this background, building civil society capacity to engage in biodiversity conservation is considered a very important need. CEPF support to Tanzania's NGOs and CBOs will not only improve their capacity to engage in biodiversity conservation, but will also assist the government in meeting its objectives in terms of attaining sound environmental conditions and achieving poverty reduction, especially by working very closely with the rural poor.

—**Felician Kilahama**, Coordinator of the Tanzania Government's Conservation and Management of the Eastern Arc Mountains Forests Project, president of the Tanzania Association of Foresters and member of the Steering Committee for CEPF investments in the Eastern Arc Mountains and Coastal Forests of Tanzania and Kenya Hotspot.

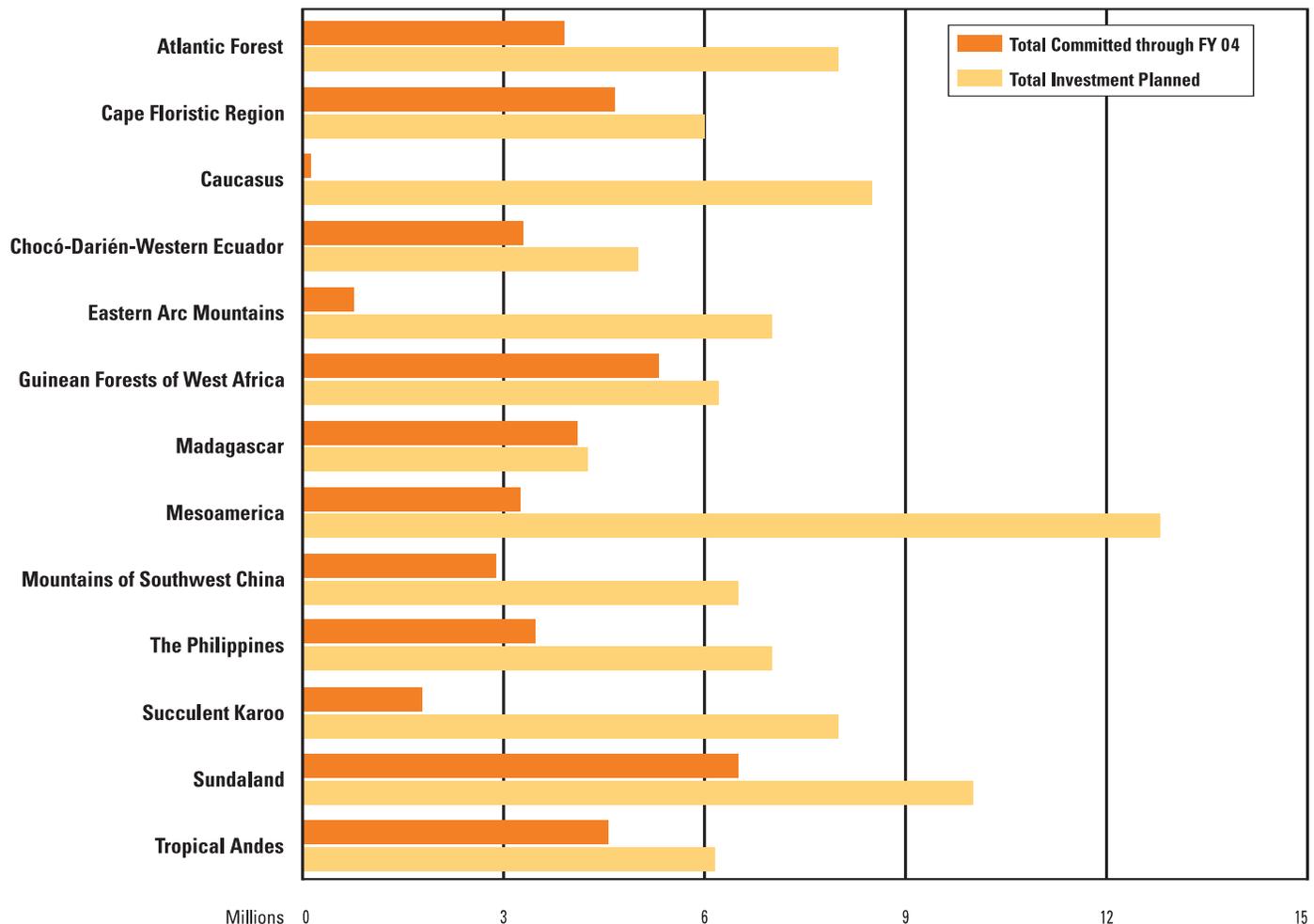


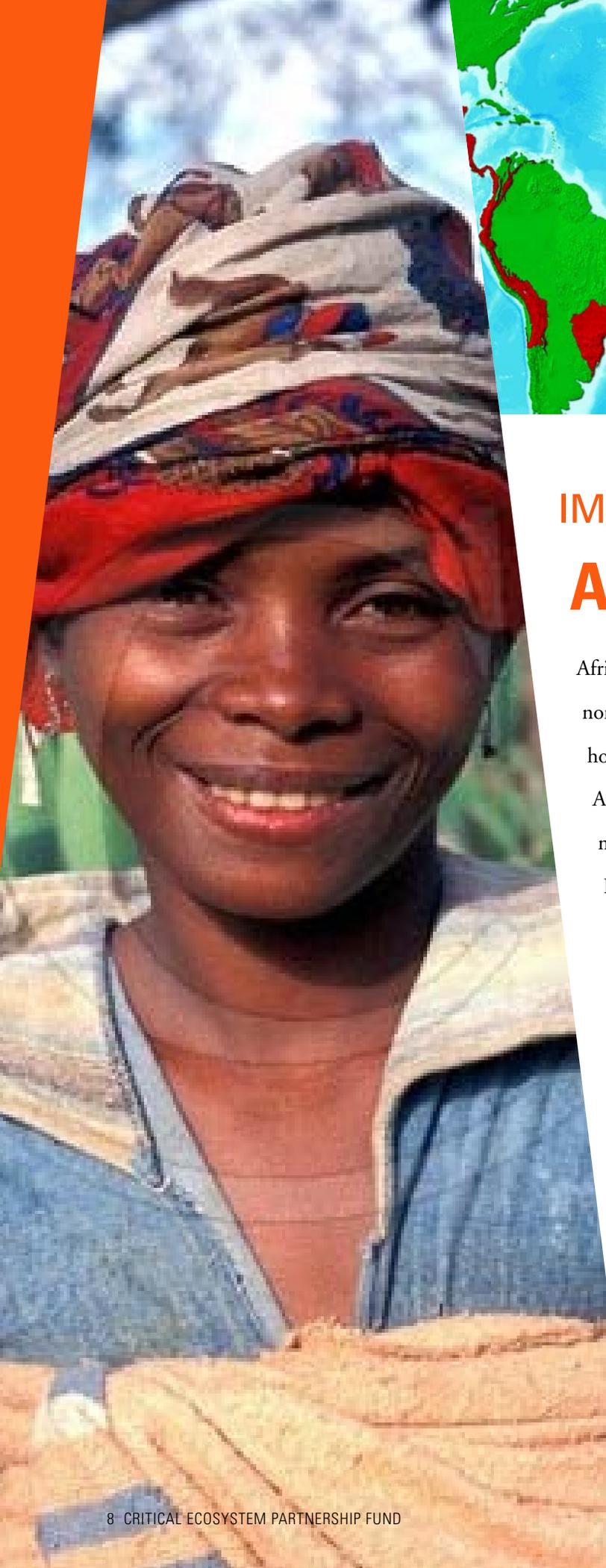
FY 04 Overview

CEPF Achievements

- Expanded number of hotspots where we support civil society to 13, with the addition of the Caucasus Hotspot and the Eastern Arc Mountains and Coastal Forests of Tanzania and Kenya Hotspot.
- Approved \$15.6 million in new grants, bringing our global grant portfolio to \$44.5 million.
- Supported 112 NGOs, community groups and other civil society partners in implementing conservation projects, bringing the total number of civil society groups we have supported to 189.
- Enabled our small grants programs and other select initiatives that we support to provide funding to more than 160 additional groups and individuals.
- Completed extensive stakeholder consultations and preparations to expand to three new hotspots: Indo-Burma; Polynesia-Micronesia; and Western Ghats and Sri Lanka.

Investments in Civil Society by Hotspot, 2000 Launch–June 2004





IMPACT

Africa & Madagascar

Africa is home to Earth's second largest rain forest and its greatest non-tropical concentration of higher plant species. Biodiversity hotspots here range from the humid Guinean Forests of West Africa Hotspot, which hosts the planet's highest level of mammal diversity, to the Madagascar and Indian Ocean Islands Hotspot, where Madagascar shelters so many unique species that it's known as a biological mini-continent. CEPF supported civil society partners in five of the region's hotspots during the year, awarding \$4.4 million in new grants and managing an overall Africa portfolio of \$16.6 million in committed grants. Our support enabled a variety of successes in FY 04, including the first graduates to emerge from a special program to transform previously disadvantaged persons into employed conservation managers in South Africa, and the Liberian government's dramatic reform of the country's protected area management policies and expansion of Sapo National Park.

TOP Mzwandile Peter is one of the first graduates from a CEPF-supported program to create new conservation managers and role models in South Africa. **BOTTOM** The Cape Floristic Region is home to more than 8,000 species of plants.

Tough Street Transformation: Mzwandile Peter

In the neighborhood Mzwandile “Zwai” Peter grew up in, just walking to school could be hazardous.

“I was born in Nyanga, one of the small townships in the Cape Flats,” Peter said. “I’m not going to lie to you. I’ve watched some of my young mates being gangsters. There were a lot of chances to go into that sphere, but I stood up tall and told myself this is what I want to do.”

Born into a family of seven and raised by a single mother in one of Cape Town’s toughest neighborhoods, 27-year-old Peter is a success story for South Africa and specifically for the Table Mountain Fund’s Capacity Building Program.

A slide into the mire of street thieves and unemployment would have been all too easy. But instead, Peter gained an undergraduate degree in horticulture. This year, he also completed a one-year management course and obtained a conservation manager position at Cape Flats Nature with support from the Capacity Building Program.

The program is designed to build capacity among previously disadvantaged persons, particularly black and female South Africans. It’s one of our small grants programs directly managed by local organizations to implement specific strategic objectives and broaden our reach.

In South Africa’s Cape Floristic Region Hotspot, the program is changing the face of conservation, creating conservation managers who can integrate conservation with social development and act as role models to inspire others.

Peter is now communications manager for Cape Flats Nature at Edith Stephens Wetland Park, a former abandoned farmland turned into a community oasis for environmental education, conservation and nature-based recreation on the Cape Flats.

It’s one of Cape Town’s conservation sites where Cape Flats Nature is developing a model for sustainable management in a way that benefits local communities.

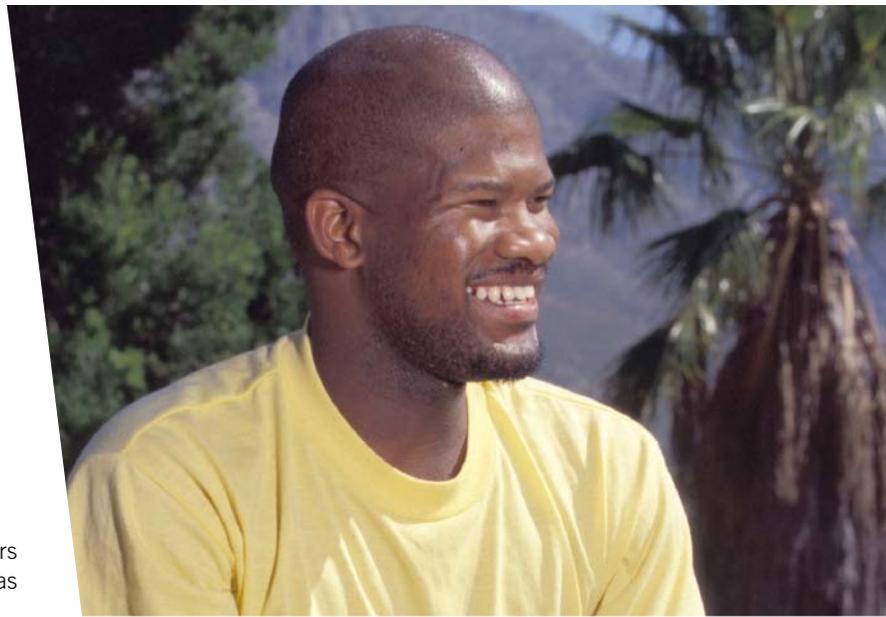
Peter is responsible for communicating about events and activities to a diverse target audience, from local communities to schoolchildren to the general public.

“What excites me the most about my work is our people-centered approach to making nature conservation relevant and meaningful to communities battling to make ends meet,” he said.

The Capacity Building Program has already provided support to more than 30 individuals and is expected to be funding some 90 management trainees in the coming months.

Like the little boy determined to walk past poverty and violence on his way to school, Peter, now himself the father of 3-year-old Timna, is determined to amplify his and the program’s success in the future.

“In years to come, I see myself heading a black-owned NGO which will drive conservation actions that relate to the social context of South Africa, specifically to our social and cultural behaviors, and bring real, tangible benefits to the local people,” he said.



TOP Saponese hunter in Sapo National Park, one of the least disturbed lowland forests in West Africa. **MIDDLE** Sapo National Park sign. **BOTTOM** A log bridge in Sinoe County, where Sapo National Park is located in southeastern Liberia.

Liberia Expands Sapo National Park



Liberia's Sapo National Park is among West Africa's last refuges for threatened species such as the forest elephant (*Africanus loxodonta cyclotis*), western chimpanzee (*Pan troglodytes ssp. verus*) and pygmy hippopotamus (*Hexaprotodon liberiensis*).

As one of the region's least disturbed lowland rain forests, the park is also at the heart of forest conservation efforts in the upper region of the Guinean Forests of West Africa Hotspot.

As Liberia began emerging from a three-year civil war in late 2003, the Liberian government ratified laws that dramatically reformed the country's protected forest area management policies and expanded the park by some 38 percent to more than 180,000 hectares.

The action capped an extensive forest reassessment effort by local and international partners with CEPF support. The effort enabled the most complete picture to date of Liberia's forest cover, the delineation of the park's new borders and the creation of Nimba Nature Reserve.

Ultimately, the project's results helped lay the groundwork for the government to begin correcting a historical imbalance that favored commercial use of the nation's forests rather than classifying and managing these natural resources in ways to benefit all Liberians.

Securing the park's future and benefits to surrounding communities remains a long-lasting and complex challenge, however.

Slow-moving disarmament and demobilization led up to 5,000 people, including armed rebels, to make the park their own refuge in 2004 but CEPF's continuing support to Fauna & Flora International (FFI) and its local partners is helping bridge funding gaps and step up the rebuilding process.

FFI—backed by CEPF, the UK Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs' Darwin Initiative, Mercy Corps and others—is moving ahead with plans to help the country establish Communal Forests, which will address local needs and create a legally recognized buffer zone around the park.

More than \$300,000 has already been raised, with an aim toward securing at least 55,000 hectares of traditional lands as Communal Forests.

"CEPF funding is providing a critical bridge between earlier support to the park, when long-term plans were developed, and launching these plans when security returns," said Jamison Suter, FFI senior projects advisor.

"CEPF's pragmatic and flexible approach allows us to direct support where and when needed, in real time, addressing protection, community and other needs as opportunities arise."



TOP Madagascar is home to seven of the world's eight baobab tree species, six of them unique to the island. **BOTTOM** MATEZA'S project benefited up to 40,000 people in four communes around Zahamena National Park in Madagascar.

Healthy People, Healthy Forests: MATEZA in Madagascar

The diversity of Madagascar's wildlife is mirrored in one of the island nation's new civil society groups, whose foresters, agricultural specialists, doctors, paramedics, social workers and financiers are simultaneously addressing poverty alleviation, health and conservation needs.

With CEPF support, MATEZA (Malagasy teknisiana mivondrona ho Aro sy TEzan'ny Zahamena ary ny Ala atsinanana) established itself in 2001 and recently completed a three-year project with communities around Zahamena National Park. The park in northeastern Madagascar is home to some of the nation's most spectacular rain forest.

MATEZA's unique effort included initiating and supporting micro-enterprises and improving public sanitation and reproductive and child health while helping the communities to adopt best practices in farming techniques and develop management plans for their natural resources.

"A sick population is impermeable to any attempt to raise awareness about environmental concerns—their first priority is finding medicinal plants in the forests to heal themselves," MATEZA Executive Director Mamitiana Rakotozafy said. "And a sick population without resources can only look for the easiest way to survive; the concept of deforestation is lost in the need for making charcoal to survive."

The organization is one of the first Malagasy civil society groups to integrate the economic and health needs of local people into its conservation approach.

During the course of the project, some 483 households, thousands of theatergoers and hundreds of people attending local meetings received counseling on both health and environment issues.

MATEZA also set up health-environment "unions" guided by local citizens. The unions oversee some 80 agricultural groups focused on educating local people about best practices and ultimately changing detrimental farming practices. The unions also include 11 women's groups that conduct community outreach on family planning, nutrition and other health issues.

The women's groups set up 11 weighing sites and, working with local physicians, conducted nutrition surveys and weighed thousands of local children. Most of the children were found to be in a state of advanced malnutrition.

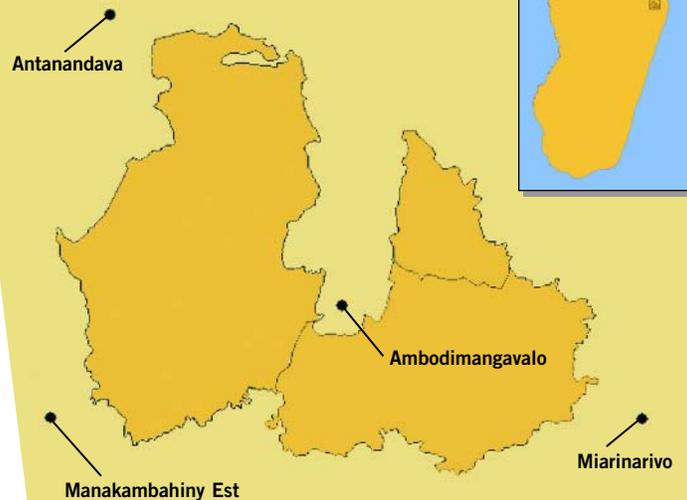
The finding made the next step all the more important. Eight of nine planned basic health centers are now functional. In a bid to improve sanitation, MATEZA also helped increase the number of community latrines to more than 800.

At least 50 young volunteers are part of a pilot program to increase local conservation capacity. This includes instituting a sustainable natural resource use program in three select sites around the park. At these sites they are teaching new techniques for growing rice that will help improve production of the existing land while deterring the practice of expanding or shifting cultivation to new land.

MATEZA's project benefited up to 40,000 people in some 94 villages, significantly raising the local communities' capacity to care for both the region's forests and themselves.



Zahamena National Park



AFRICA & MADAGASCAR

FY 04 Approved Grants



Cape Floristic Region Hotspot

Strategic Direction 1: Support civil society involvement in the establishment of protected areas and management plans in Cape Floristic Region biodiversity corridors

Blaauwberg Conservation Area

\$182,536
Wildlife and Environment Society of South Africa: Western Cape Region

Botanical Assessment and Hotspot Identification for the Slanghoek Valley, Western Cape Province, South

\$7,844
Rawsonville Wine & Tourism

The Cederberg Mega-Reserve Project Management Unit: Setting the Stage for Conservation in the Cederberg Mega-Reserve, South Africa

\$129,179
Western Cape Nature Conservation Board

Effective Conservation of Amphibians and Reptiles in the Greater Cederberg Biodiversity Corridor

\$69,435
University of Stellenbosch

The St. Francis Conservancy Project

\$99,300
Wildlife and Environment Society of South Africa: Eastern Province

Strategic Direction 2: Promote innovative private sector and community involvement in conservation in landscapes surrounding Cape Floristic Region biodiversity corridors

Mainstreaming Biodiversity on the Cape Flats: Building Good Practice in Sustainable Management

\$375,000
National Botanical Institute

Turning Duineveld Eco-Threat into Profitable Employment: Phase 1—Development of a Business Plan

\$1,967
Duineveld Coastal Association

Strategic Direction 3: Support civil society efforts to create an institutional environment that enables effective conservation action

Ensuring an Effective Role for the Southern Cape Herbarium and Garden Route Botanical Garden in Conservation in the Southern Cape, South Africa

\$18,334
Garden Route Botanical Garden Trust

Investing in Technology to Build Communication and Financial Management Capacity for Civil Society Biodiversity Conservation NGOs in African Hotspots

\$60,214
Conservation International (\$33,194) and National Botanical Institute (\$27,020)

**This is a multiregional project covering two hotspots; the total grant amount is \$120,428 (\$66,388 Conservation International and \$54,040 National Botanical Institute).*

Putting Biodiversity Plans to Work

\$206,342
Botanical Society of South Africa

Eastern Arc Mountains and Coastal Forests of Tanzania and Kenya Hotspot

Strategic Direction 1: Increase the ability of local populations to benefit from and contribute to biodiversity conservation

CEPF Investment Coordination and Sustainability in the Eastern Arc Mountains and Coastal Forests of Tanzania and Kenya Hotspot

\$700,000
International Centre of Insect Physiology and Ecology
**Partial funding for this grant came from all five strategic directions in this hotspot to achieve more strategic investment across the established objectives for the region.*

Strategic Direction 3: Improve biological knowledge in the hotspot

Chytrid Distribution and Pathogenicity among Frogs of the Udzungwas

\$19,999
Wildlife Conservation Society of Tanzania

Managing CEPF's Outcomes Database for the Eastern Arc Mountains and Coastal Forests of Tanzania and Kenya Hotspot

\$9,998
East Africa Natural History Society

Preventing Unsustainable Timber Trade from the Coastal Forests of Southeast Tanzania Following Completion of the Mkapa Bridge

\$19,999
TRAFFIC International

Primates on Mt. Kasigau, Kaya Rubai and along the Tana River, Kenya: Preparing for Red List Assessments and Conservation Action

\$19,900
Conservation International

Guinean Forests of West Africa Hotspot Upper Guinean Forest

Strategic Direction 1: Strengthening institutional capacities for conservation

Improving Implementation of Environmental Legislation in Liberia

\$40,000
Association of Environmental Lawyers of Liberia

Improving the Capacity of GECOMSA in NGO Management

\$3,666
Grand Gedeh Community Servant Association

Support for the Africa Biodiversity Collaborative Group

\$38,420
Conservation International

Strategic Direction 4: Public awareness

Education and Awareness to Improve the Protection of Wild Chimpanzees in West Africa

\$184,276
Wild Chimpanzee Foundation

Support for African Ornithologists From the Upper Guinea Forest to Attend the Eleventh Pan-African Ornithological Congress—PAOC XI

\$15,500
BirdLife International

Strategic Direction 5: Biodiversity Action Fund

Ensuring Effective and Sustainable Management of the Tiwai Island Wildlife Sanctuary, Sierra Leone, through the Establishment of the Tiwai Island Administrative Committee Secretariat

\$10,000
Environmental Foundation for Africa

Inventory of Butterflies in the Missahoe Classified Forest in Togo, Upper Guinean Forest
\$9,800

Association pour la Gestion Intégrée et Durable de l'Environnement

Madagascar and Indian Ocean Islands Hotspot
Madagascar

Strategic Direction 2: Private-sector conservation initiatives

Assessment of the Environmental, Economic and Quality Control Issues of Wild-Harvesting Medicinal Plants *Centella asiatica* and *Drosera madagascariensis* in Madagascar

\$10,000
L'Homme et l'Environnement

Improving Conservation Site Management through Stakeholder Empowerment and Private Sector Participation in Daraina, Northeast Madagascar

\$104,500
Association Fanambly

Wetland Conservation in the Mahavavy-Kinkony Complex, Madagascar

\$200,000
BirdLife International

Strategic Direction 3: Biodiversity conservation and management training program

Legal Fees Associated with the Creation of the Malagasy NGO "Vahatra"

\$3,000
Field Museum of Natural History

Strategic Direction 4: Awareness and advocacy mechanism

Expedition Madagascar
\$9,250
The Human Footprint

Strategic Direction 5: Biodiversity Action Fund

Madagascar Small Grants Project
\$271,200
Conservation International

Strategic Direction 6: Creating a participatory monitoring and coordination network

Madagascar Biodiversity Network (REBIOMA)

\$90,024
Wildlife Conservation Society

Succulent Karoo Hotspot

Strategic Direction 1: Expand protected area corridors through public-private-communal partnerships in the priority areas of Bushmanland Inselbergs, Central Namaqualand Coast, Namaqualand Uplands, Knersvlakte, Hantam-Roggeveld, Central Little Karoo and Sperrgebiet

The Botanical Importance of the Roggeveld: Tankwa Region

\$151,869
University of Pretoria

Bushmanland Conservation Initiative Preparation Phase

\$260,240
Botanical Society of South Africa

Planning the Knersvlakte Biodiversity Corridor

\$10,000
Western Cape Nature Conservation Board

Strategic Direction 2: Engage key industrial sectors in meeting conservation objectives identified by SKEP

Development of the Sutherland Succulent Karoo Route: Catalyzing Conservation through Ecotourism and Environmental Awareness

\$9,850
Garden Route Enviro Services

Karoo Veld: Ecology & Management

\$39,405
University of Stellenbosch

Strategic Direction 3: Retain and restore critical biodiversity in areas under greatest land-use pressure

Alienate the Aliens: Phase One
\$7,905
NACLO

Alternative Small Predator Management Techniques in the Succulent Karoo: Options to Conserve Biodiversity

\$9,243
South African National Parks

Ecological Interactions and Impact of the Tent Tortoise (*Psammobates tentorius*) on the Succulent Karoo

\$10,000
University of Stellenbosch

A Transformation Map for the Little Karoo

\$9,800
Geo Terra Image (Pty) Ltd.

Southern Namib Restoration Ecology Information Package

\$10,000
EnviroScience

A Vegetation Map for the Little Karoo

\$47,230
Regalis Environmental Services CC

Strategic Direction 4: Mainstream conservation priorities into land-use planning and policymaking

Inventory, Mapping and Increased Awareness of the Brown Hyena and Other Large Predators in the Sperrgebiet and Surrounding Areas, Namibia

\$10,000
Brown Hyena Research Project

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Mainstreaming Biodiversity Conservation in the Succulent Karoo Hotspot Region: Strengthening and Ensuring Sustainability of the Institutional Environment for Conservation Action through SKEP

\$137,073
Conservation International

Strategic Direction 5: Increase awareness of the Succulent Karoo Hotspot

A Conservation Awareness-Raising Plan for the Bushmanland Inselberg Geographic Priority Area

\$9,027
Namprocon CC

Biodiversity Awareness Raising: Exhibitions and Biodiversity Fieldtrips during the Western Cape International Youth Festival

\$2,287
Western Cape International Youth Festival

Klein Karoo Awareness Project

\$5,308
L. H. Jordaan

Nieuwoudtville Biodiversity Facilitators Project

\$10,000
Indigo Development and Change

Piloting a Resource for Environmental Education in the Little Karoo

\$6,000
Garden Route Botanical Garden Trust

Sanna's Garden: Animated Animals Teach Kids about Conservation

\$7,000
Fopspeen Live Art

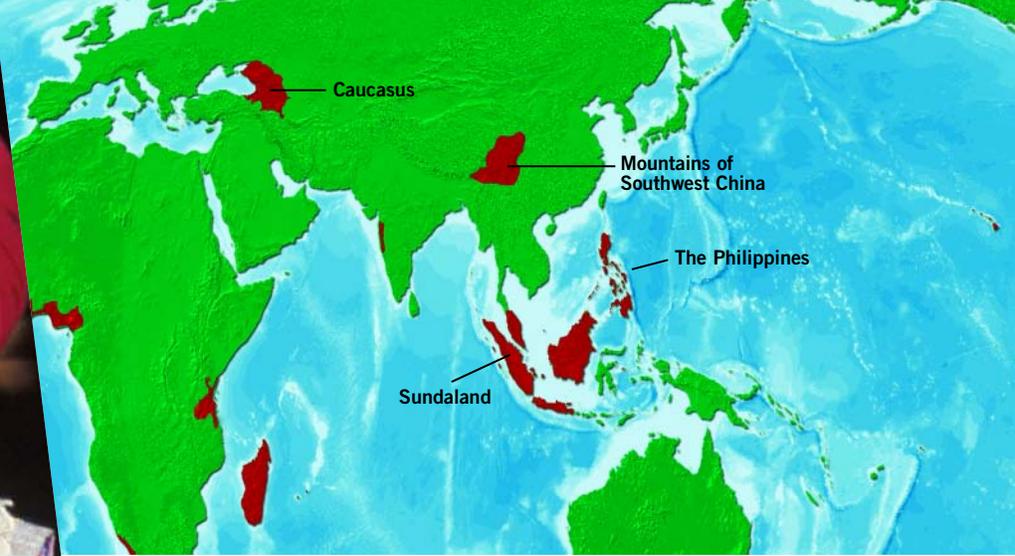
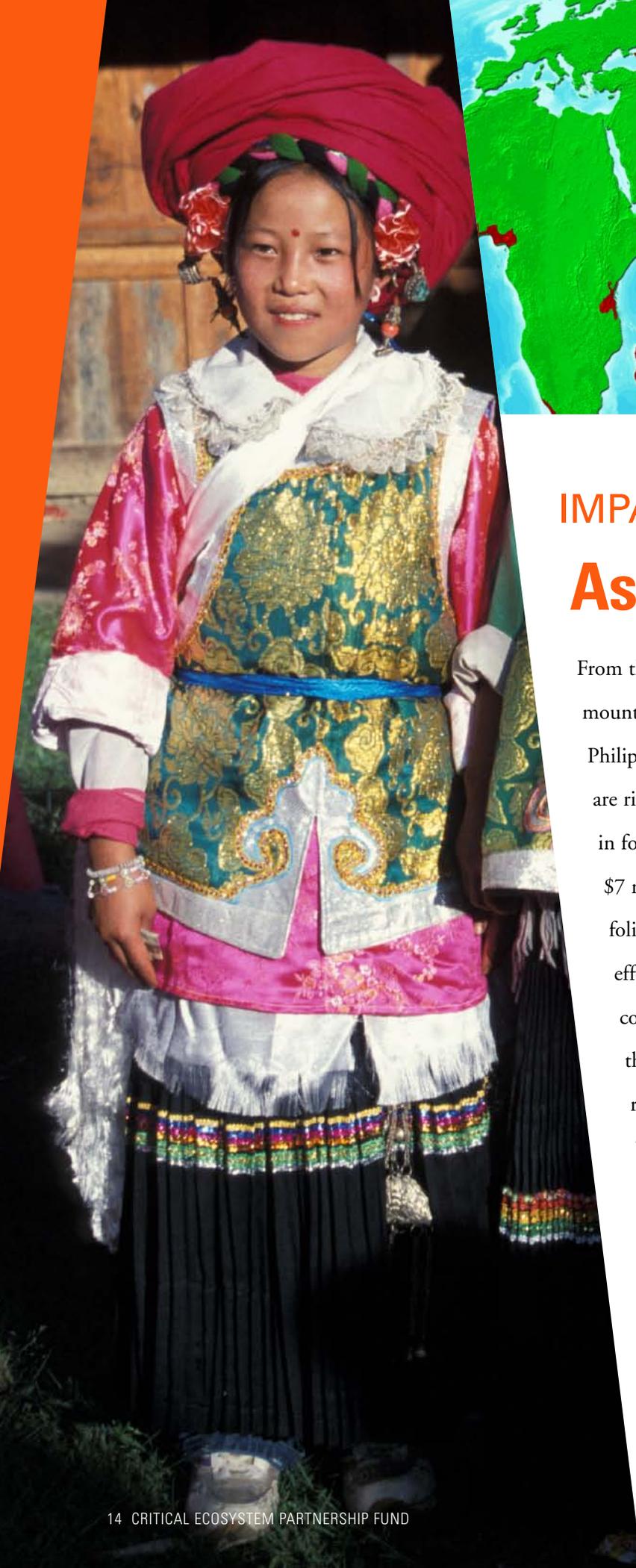
Strategic Direction 6: Create the capacity to catalyze the SKEP program

Facilitating the Transition from Conservation Planning to Action: Providing Biodiversity Specialist Support to the SKEP Coordination Team

\$34,770
Botanical Society of South Africa

Raising Awareness and Building Local Capacity for Project Design and Implementation Linked to SKEP Conservation Targets

\$616,588
Conservation International



IMPACT

Asia

From the politically and culturally diverse nations of the mountainous Caucasus to the more than 7,000 islands of the Philippines, Asia's biodiversity hotspots are as varied as they are rich in unique species. CEPF supported civil society partners in four of the region's hotspots during the year, awarding \$7 million in new grants and managing an overall Asia portfolio of \$12.8 million in committed grants. These groups' efforts helped make possible the creation of a special advisory council on biodiversity conservation and sustainable use that draws together governmental and nongovernmental representatives from each of the Caucasus' six countries. They also resulted in successful initiatives with communities to create protected areas in Southeast Asia's Sundaland Hotspot and to effectively manage natural resources in the Philippines Hotspot.

TOP CEPF investments in the Caucasus Hotspot focus on conserving globally threatened species, such as the Siberian crane (*Grus leucogeranus*). **BOTTOM** The deserts, savannas, swamp forests and arid woodlands of the Caucasus contain more than twice the animal diversity found in adjacent regions of Europe and Asia.

Building Bridges in the Caucasus

The forests, high mountain ecosystems and arid landscapes of the Caucasus Hotspot contain more than twice the animal diversity found in adjacent regions of Europe and Asia.

The Caucasus is also a mosaic of ethnic groups, languages and religions stretching across six countries. It includes the newly independent countries of Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia and small portions of Russia, Iran and Turkey. Thus, transboundary cooperation is far from business as usual.

WWF Caucasus and CEPF joined together in support of a new high-level advisory council composed of governmental and nongovernmental representatives from each of the six countries to help conserve the rich natural resources of the region.

Support for the Regional Council for Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Use in the Caucasus, which held its first meeting in May 2004, is a key component of a new regional approach to coordinate CEPF investments in the hotspot and ensure maximum impact.

Ioseb Kartsivadze, head of the Biodiversity Department for the Ministry of Environment and Nature Resources Protection in Georgia, characterized the new regional forum and CEPF investment strategy for the region as “extremely valuable.”

“We expect that such joint efforts will help us to achieve new conservation heights,” Kartsivadze said. “Taking into account WWF Caucasus’ involvement in the CEPF program, I believe we face inevitable progress at the regional level in terms of biodiversity conservation.”

Building bridges between decisionmakers and civil society groups in and among the six diverse countries is key.

Each of the five landscapes targeted for CEPF investment straddle the boundaries of two or more countries. The ranges of globally threatened species and the threats these species face cross these political borders as well.

A regional approach is also essential to addressing the broader social, economic and policy factors in this hotspot, which sits between the Black and Caspian seas.

It’s an imperative recognized by the MacArthur Foundation, one of CEPF’s five donor partners. The Foundation’s Russia office became the first donor to support WWF Caucasus and its partners in developing an ecoregional approach to conservation and sustainable use in the Caucasus, including paving the way for the new regional council, beginning in 1999.

WWF Caucasus also coordinated the intensive participatory process to develop the CEPF investment strategy for the Caucasus. It now acts as the hub of CEPF implementation, helping local groups develop proposals and ensuring integration of the WWF and CEPF approach as well as informed decisionmaking in concert with a range of local partners.



TOP Ely Alcalá (left) of Silliman University, a CEPF small grants program participant, examines a lizard. **BOTTOM** Ely Alcalá (right) and Jemuel Dulla, head of their partner people's organization, take a break from discussions about how to expand the dipterocarp nursery pictured.

The People Vet: Saving the Philippine's Last Limestone Forests

Ely Alcalá's training may be as a veterinarian specializing in captive breeding, but his skill at working with people is propelling this 42-year-old researcher's success in preserving the last limestone forest on the Philippine island of Negros.

With support from the Haribon Foundation as part of its Emergency Action for Threatened Species and Their Habitats in the Philippines Program, Alcalá is spearheading an initiative in the Calatong Watershed to boost voluntary forest patrols and to help local farmers propagate and effectively manage threatened, indigenous tree species.

"Essentially saving these forests is saving their water source," Alcalá said. "If the watershed dries up, a lot of the surrounding towns and farmers dependent on it would be in a lot of trouble."

The Threatened Species Program is one of our special small grants programs directly managed by local partners in biodiversity hotspots where we invest. These programs help implement specific strategic objectives and broaden our reach to groups that may otherwise not receive support.

Alcalá's work is part of a Silliman University Angelo King Center for Research and Environmental Management project to secure protection of the 6,000-hectare watershed as a reserve. Today, however, only 1,000 hectares are protected.

At stake is the watershed as well as the Critically Endangered Negros cave frog (*Platymantis spelaeus*), two species of hornbills and the Philippine bare-backed fruit bat (*Dobsonia chapmani*), once thought to be extinct but recently rediscovered. As in much of the Philippines Hotspot, mining and illegal hunting and logging are eating away at the island's remaining fragmented forests and the benefits they bring to communities.

More than 20 community members have joined the local community forest patrol group, *Bantay lasang*, bringing the number of members to more than 30. They're also newly supplied with flashlights, other equipment and food allowances.

In addition, Alcalá is helping the region's farmers adapt to reforestation cultivation by growing seedlings of dipterocarp, sometimes referred to as Philippine mahogany, half of which will be planted in the forest and the other half of which will be sold.

"They are seeing that the dipterocarp can sell for double the price of the exotics—so the value of keeping the forest intact is clear," he said.

The project participants are working in partnership with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources and local government officials to delineate sites for large-scale reforestation together.

Establishing the watershed as a reserve could take several years as under Philippine law, each local municipality delineates its own watershed. Undaunted, Alcalá is working together with the four towns surrounding Calatong to determine how their piece of this fragile ecosystem could be protected.

If he succeeds, he hopes his approach will become a model to secure protection of other forests throughout the Philippines. The tactic: saving forests, one town at a time.



TOP The clouded leopard (*Neofelis nebulosa*) is one of the globally threatened wild cat species found in Batang Gadis National Park. **BOTTOM** Wishnu Sukmantoro (left), a Conservation International biologist, and Douglas Sheil, an ecologist from the Center for International Forestry Research, stand under a red meranti tree in the Batang Gadis area.

Indonesia Moves Forward Extraordinary Pledge

The Government of Indonesia took its first steps in fulfilling an extraordinary pledge to create 12 new protected areas in 2004, declaring two national parks to protect unique species while safeguarding the many benefits that healthy forests provide to local communities.

In May, Indonesia's Ministry of Forestry signed a ministerial decree declaring Batang Gadis National Park, a 108,000-hectare forested area in northern Sumatra.

Recent studies by Conservation International's Indonesia program found that the park harbors globally threatened mammals such as the Sumatran tiger (*Panthera tigris ssp. sumatrae*) and the clouded leopard (*Neofelis nebulosa*), as well as some 239 vascular plant species.

While designation plans had been under discussion, a flash flood that killed more than 200 people spurred local communities and government officials into action. Many people familiar with the area blamed illegal logging, an escalating threat at the center of a crisis that is stripping the island of its forests.

The move marked the culmination of a first for the country: a declaration made first at the local level, followed by the national decree.

It also marked an important milestone for creating the Northern Sumatra biodiversity conservation corridor as Batang Gadis is an important part of the Angkola portion of the corridor, which would be connected with Gunung Leuser National Park in the far north of the island.

Taking advantage of two retired logging concessions, the Ministry of Forestry also declared the 38,576-hectare Tesso Nilo National Park.

The park, an integral part of one of the largest remaining blocks of flat, dry lowland rain forest in Sumatra, was hailed as a major step forward by an alliance of two dozen local groups and communities.

Led by WWF with support from CEPF and other donors, the alliance had worked together for years to make the declaration possible.

"This is a giant step toward our vision of a greater Tesso Nilo National Park that will make it possible to secure the protection of the magnificent Sumatran tiger and elephant," WWF-Indonesia Chief Executive Mubariq Ahmad said.

Work is now underway to establish a management board that will include stakeholders, such as local communities adjacent to the park.



WWF has also helped establish the Tesso Nilo Community Forum, which brings together all 23 local communities surrounding the greater Tesso Nilo Forest Complex. The communities work together to protect the forest and deter potential illegal loggers by creating alternative sustainable income sources from nontimber forest products, such as wild honey.

ASIA

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Caucasus Hotspot

Strategic Direction 1: Support civil society efforts to promote transboundary cooperation and improve protected area systems in five target corridors

Attending the Regional Stakeholder Meeting and Planning Workshop for the Project: Development of an IBA Caretaker Network in the Five Priority Corridors
\$5,037
Conservation International

Planning Workshop for the Project: Development of an Important Bird Area Caretaker Network in the Five Priority Corridors
\$5,310
BirdLife International

Mountains of Southwest China Hotspot

Strategic Direction 1: Develop and operationalize hotspot-wide monitoring and evaluation projects

Assessment on Influencing Factors on the Giant Panda Habitat in Diebu County, Gansu Province
\$9,295
Li Xiaohong

Building Best Biodiversity Conservation Strategies in the Mountains of Southwest China
\$651,863
Conservation International

The Development of a Galliformes Monitoring Program in Southwest China: Preparatory Phase
\$19,990
World Pheasant Association

Establishing Database on Mammals and Birds of Sichuan and Chongqing
\$47,269
Sichuan Academy of Forestry

Refining Conservation Outcomes for the Southwest China Hotspot
\$323,478
Conservation International

Third Nongovernmental Organization Forum on International Environmental Cooperation in China
\$19,998
International Fund for China's Environment

Strategic Direction 2: Support site-related projects led by civil society to mitigate key threats to natural areas and species populations

A Media Campaign to Promote Ecotourism in China
\$7,500
China Youth Daily—Green Island

Anti-Poaching and Reducing Illegal Collection of Endangered Species in Wanglang Nature Reserve
\$13,023
Wanglang Nature Reserve

Asian Conservation Awareness Program—China
\$250,295
WildAid

Asia Wildlife Trade Strategy Planning
\$5,302
TRAFFIC International
**This is a multiregional project covering two hotspots; the total grant amount is \$10,604.*

Conservation Research on White-Eared Pheasant Habitat in Western Sichuan
\$9,556
Wang Nan

Eco-Lanes Building in Wanglang Nature Reserve
\$11,245
Wanglang Nature Reserve

Extending Distribution of "Restoring China's Natural Vegetation"
\$3,027
Eco-Security Task Force of China Council for International Cooperation on Environment and Development

Green Community Network—Public Participation of Ecological Environmental Protection Action Plan
\$20,000
Snowland Great River Environmental Protection Association

Green Olympics Train to the Southwest—A Public Environment Education Project
\$20,000
Global Village Beijing

Inventory and Assessment of Non-Timber Forest Product Resources by Tibetans in Meilixueshan
\$9,850
Kunming Institute of Botany, The Chinese Academy of Sciences

The Preliminary Project on Wildlife Consumption and Trade Monitoring and Public Awareness Education in Key Regions in China
\$20,000
International Fund for Animal Welfare

"Preserve Nujiang" Photo Exhibition
\$10,000
Green Earth Volunteers

Promotion of Ecotourism Market in the Hengduan Mountains
\$20,000
Sichuan Alpine Ecology Study Centre

Protecting Cypress in Kawagebo
\$9,500
Kawagebo Culture Society

Publication of a Pictorial Book on Yangtze River's Ecology and Biodiversity
\$20,000
Sichuan Greenriver Environmental Association

The Third Green Camp of Yunnan University Students—"Attention to Development of Nu River" to Discover the Biodiversity and Cultural Variety of Nu River
\$4,572
Youth Volunteers Association of Yunnan University

What's Wrong With Yew? A Study of the U.S. Market for China's *Taxus wallichiana*
\$10,000
World Wildlife Fund, Inc.

World Heritage Nomination for Giant Panda Habitat
\$3,030
Eco-Security Task Force of China Council for International Cooperation on Environment and Development

Strategic Direction 3: Build capacity of civil society to implement conservation efforts at a site and regional level

Capacity Building for Newly Established Nature Reserves in the Mountains of Southwest China
\$202,867
Conservation International

Environmental Education on Wetland Biodiversity Conservation in Northwest Yunnan Province
\$10,000
Yunnan Normal University

Training for Green Journalists in Southwest China
\$6,180
Green Student Organizations

Strategic Direction 4: Integrate biodiversity conservation concerns and benefits into the implementation of policies and programs at local, regional and national levels

Development of the China World Heritage Biodiversity Program
\$20,000
IUCN-The World Conservation Union

Leveraging SARS to Significantly Reduce Illegal and Unsustainable Wildlife Trade
\$10,000
TRAFFIC East Asia

Save The Tiger Fund
\$500,000
National Fish and Wildlife Foundation

**This is a multiregional project covering two hotspots; the total grant amount is \$1 million.*

Strategic Direction 5: Develop and operationalize a small grants program focusing on conservation capacity-building and research projects

Green Law Clinic—Training Volunteers on Environmental Law
\$1,961
Green Law Institute for Action

Mapping on Freshwater Fisheries in Southwest China
\$5,000
Fan Enyuan

Producing Educational Posters for National Key Protected Wild Animals of Sichuan Ganzi Tibetan
\$6,000
Peng Jitai

Publishing Wildlife Trade Survey Report
\$10,700
Zhao Yao

Sundaland Hotspot Sumatra

Strategic Direction 1: Enhance stewardship of forest resources at district level and below

Conservation of the Sumatran Orangutan in the Northern Sumatra Corridor
\$300,000
Conservation International

Documenting and Stopping Economic Loss Caused by Forest Conversion for Hydro Plants in Riau Province
\$9,999
Yayasan Sikap Tulus Untuk Sesama

Human Resources and Educational Program of 34 High School Students to Study in Nine State Universities in Sumatra in the Year 2003/2004
\$10,000
Seleksi Penerimaan Mahasiswa Baru

Strategy Development for Sumatra's Newly Declared Batang Gadis National Park
\$20,000
Yayasan Bina Ketrampilan Desa

Strategic Direction 2: Empower civil society to organize in favor of conserving biodiversity

Conservation of Sumatra Tiger in Tesso Nilo/Bukit Tigapuluh Landscape
\$233,874
World Wildlife Fund, Inc.

Ecotourism Product Development as a Means to Supplant Illegal Logging in the Tangkahan Area of Leuser National Park
\$22,325
Indonesian Ecotourism Network

Investigations to Support the Cancellation of Three Forest Concessions in Sumatra's Seulawah Ecosystem
\$58,420
Yayasan Ekowisata Aceh

Save The Tiger Fund
\$500,000
National Fish and Wildlife Foundation
**This is a multiregional project covering two hotspots; the total grant amount is \$1 million.*

Strengthen Community Forest Management in Sumatra's Seulawah Ecosystem
\$227,180
Yayasan Rumpun Bambu Indonesia

Strategic Direction 3: Build alliances among conservation-minded groups in civil society and the private sector

Asia Wildlife Trade Strategy Planning
\$5,302
TRAFFIC International
**This is a multiregional project covering two hotspots; the total grant amount is \$10,604.*

CANOPI: A Program to Unite and Strengthen the Conservation of the Bukit Barisan Selatan Landscape in Sumatra, Indonesia through Information Building, Capacity-Building and Management
\$301,902
Wildlife Conservation Society



Creation and Management of the Tesso Nilo Protected Area as a Centerpiece of Sumatra's Tesso Nilo Bukit/Tigapuluh Conservation Corridor
\$994,972
WWF Indonesia

Facilitate the Establishment of the Tesso Nilo Conservation Forest
\$319,318
Conservation Management Ltd.

Strategic Direction 4: Assess impact of conservation interventions at district level and below

Implementing the Conservation Concession Approach on Sumatra's Siberut Island
\$92,841
Conservation International

The Philippines Hotspot

Strategic Direction 1: Improve linkage between conservation investments to multiply and scale up benefits on a corridor scale in Sierra Madre, Eastern Mindanao and Palawan

CEPF Grant Facilitation in the Philippines
\$101,775
Conservation International

Creating a New Protected Area for the Mantalingahan Range Forests of Palawan
\$68,803
Conservation International

Strengthening Corporate and Philanthropic Support for Biodiversity Conservation in the Philippines
\$162,500
First Philippine Conservation, Inc.

Strategic Direction 3: Build capacity of civil society to advocate for better corridor and protected area management and against development harmful to conservation

Building Partnerships for Sustainable Management of Critical Watersheds in the Sierra Madre's Palali-Mamparang Mountains
\$9,992
Friends of the Environment for Development and Sustainability, Inc.

Community Enforcement Initiative to Stop Poaching and Illegal Forest Destruction in Palawan
\$311,564
Environmental Legal Assistance Center, Inc.

Consultation on Conservation of Philippine Eagle
\$3,000
BirdLife International

Enabling Communities and Ancestral Domain Stakeholders to Improve Natural Resource Management
\$10,000
Process Luzon Association, Inc.

Mt. Irid-Mt. Agilo Proposed Protected Area Advocacy Project
\$19,992
Yakap Kalikasan Tungo sa Kaunlaran ng Pilipinas, Inc.

Stakeholders Workshop on Philippine Eagle
\$6,000
Conservation International

Strategic Direction 4: Establish an emergency response mechanism to help save Critically Endangered species

Collaborative Work Plan for the Newly Formed Alliance for Research and Conservation of the Philippine Eagle
\$8,221
Philippine Eagle Conservation Program Foundation, Inc.



IMPACT

Latin America

Latin America lays claim to some of the most intact and biologically diverse yet threatened habitats on Earth, such as the Tropical Andes Hotspot, which shelters such a high number of unique species that it is hailed as “a global epicenter of biodiversity.” CEPF supported civil society partners in four of the region’s hotspots during the year, awarding \$4.2 million in new grants and managing an overall Latin America portfolio of \$15 million in committed grants. These partners include a group of 32 firefighters who have transformed from ill-equipped volunteers to not only well-equipped firefighters but also conservation advocates, as well as the Amazon Conservation Association, which helped secure a better future for 80 pioneering Brazil nut producers whose livelihoods depend on healthy forests.

TOP Volunteer firefighter Nilton Broseghini leads one of the civil society groups receiving support through our small grants initiatives. **BOTTOM** The Atlantic Forest Hotspot holds an incredible 20,000 plant species, 40 percent of which are found nowhere else.

Fighting Forest Fires in Sandals and Shorts: Nilton Broseghini

The Atlantic Forest once spanned 1.4 million square kilometers. It now has just 7 percent of its original forest cover, but remains one of the richest and most threatened reservoirs of plant and animal life on Earth. It's also home to a particularly impressive eco-hero.

Nilton Broseghini, a 50-year-old town council representative, has been fighting forest fires with his volunteer fire brigade near the city of Santa Teresa in the state of Espírito Santo since 1998. Until two years ago, however, they braved the flames wearing sandals and shorts.

"We often burned our feet and hair and so on," said Broseghini, who began rescuing orchids and bromeliads with his father in the 1980s. Back then the threat came from fires started by farmers hoping to cash in on coffee crops.

Agricultural conversion still threatens the nearby forests of Bahia. Like much of the rest of the Atlantic Forest, logging, poaching, wildlife trade, urban and industrial development, and deforestation driven by expansion of pastureland also pose serious threats.

These days, Broseghini and his 32 volunteer colleagues at the Sociedade Civil dos Bombeiros Voluntários de Santa Teresa do battle with brush fires in fire-fighting attire of trousers, boots and helmets. The new gear was made possible by Instituto de Estudos Sócioambientais do Sul da Bahia (IESB) through a small grants program it manages to build institutional capacity in the Central conservation corridor of the Atlantic Forest Hotspot.

The Institutional Strengthening Program is one of three small grants programs that CEPF helped create and enable local partners to manage in this hotspot.

IESB has supported more than 30 civil society groups through the program. Together, the three programs support approximately 150 civil society organizations and manage 25 percent of the CEPF portfolio in this hotspot.

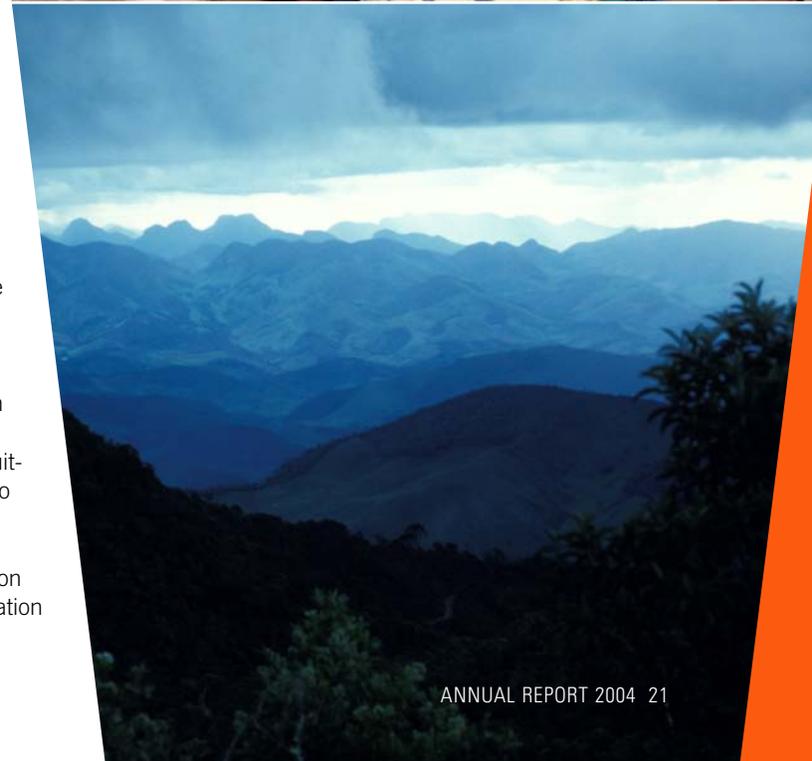
"It was the first grant they'd ever applied for," Paulo Vila Nova, an IESB project coordinator, said of Sociedade Civil dos Bombeiros Voluntários de Santa Teresa. "They didn't even have a phone. Now at least they have the minimum structure in place to function."

The firefighters have used the grant monies to upgrade their organization and their work from volunteers to citizen entrepreneurs and conservation advocates. New institutional developments include an office space, recruitment of an intern to organize administrative work, and crucially, access to the Internet.

With these new tools in place, the group has established a new connection to surrounding communities. It has also expanded its conservation education

and awareness efforts. Group members are reforesting 40 hillsides surrounding their town with indigenous and fruit-bearing trees, lecturing in local schools and helping establish more volunteer, fire-fighting groups.

They've also since applied for—and received—two more small grants from the program.



Coffee for Conservation

Coffee farmers across Latin America are helping to connect key biodiversity areas by turning to environmentally friendly cultivation.

In the western Andean mountain range of Colombia, low coffee prices have forced some farmers to convert their forested land into cattle pasture, fragmenting the landscape and threatening the rich biodiversity of the Chocó-Darién-Western Ecuador Hotspot.

However, through the Federación Nacional de Cafeteros de Colombia, local coffee producers are taking another approach to maintain their livelihood.

With support from CEPF, the federation is helping its members adopt best practices in environmentally friendly coffee production—including growing coffee under the existing forest canopy—and providing assistance in marketing and access to credit as well as auditing the progress of their efforts.

The federation is an influential partner: It includes 250,000 members representing 80 percent of coffee growers and 95 percent of Colombian coffee production.

And its results in this new sphere are promising: 360 of the 1,500 coffee farmers in the Tatamá-Paraguas biodiversity conservation corridor where the project is taking place are now participating in the program, and another 720 are expected to join by December 2004.

“This project is very important because it is trying to connect two ecosystems: Serrania de Los Paraguas and Parque Tatamá,” said Elver Garcia, the director of extension services for the federation’s Comité Departamental de Valle de Cauca.

“Also, between these two ecosystems, there are 1,500 farmers who, through changing and shaping their farming practices, will benefit from a higher-quality product.”

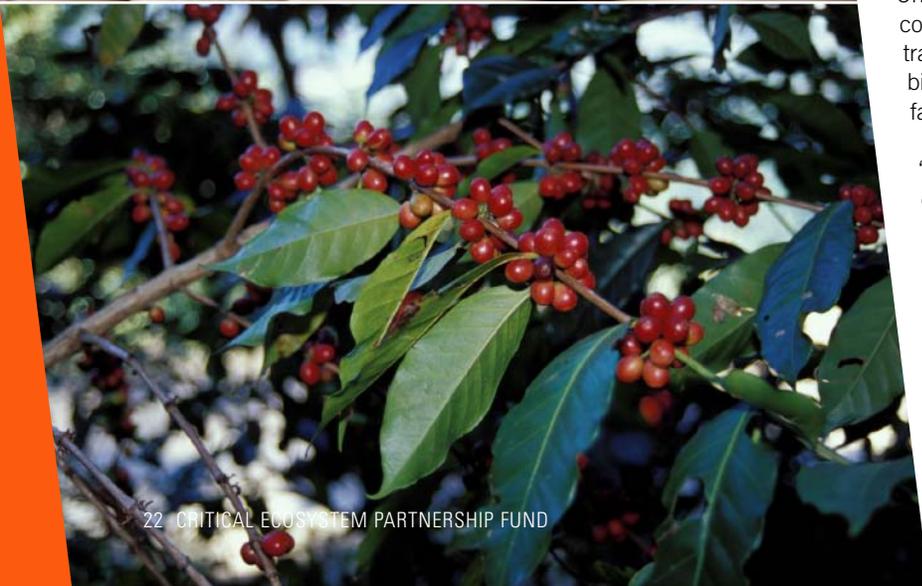
The federation’s partners also make a difference. Its activities are part of a joint project with Conservation International’s Colombia and Conservation CoffeeSM programs and the Autonomous Corporation of the Valle del Cauca, the governmental agency responsible for environmental protection and natural resource management in the area.

In the Mesoamerica Hotspot, another partnership project is underway between the Conservation CoffeeSM Program, Starbucks Coffee Company, Centro Científico Tropical, other civil society groups and government departments in Costa Rica and Panama to scale up the Conservation CoffeeSM Program in the southern region of the hotspot with CEPF support.

One project led by Centro Científico Tropical is providing communities around La Amistad Biosphere Reserve with training in conservation-friendly agriculture, reforestation and biodiversity monitoring. Ultimately, the group aims to engage farmers in 23 communities.

“In my father’s time, farmers here cut down the forest in order to plant coffee,” said Donald Diaz, a third-generation coffee grower living on the slopes of La Amistad International Park who has benefited from the project.

“They paid no attention to conserving sources of drinking water, nor to protecting habitat for wildlife,” he said. “Now we know that we need the forest to survive.”



TOP A castañero opens up Brazil nuts in Peru's primary forest, where the nuts represent more than half the yearly income for thousands of families. **BOTTOM** Workers at a local shelling factory pack and prepare Brazil nuts for export.

Securing a Future for Peru's Castañeros

Brazil nuts are the most profitable nontimber forest product in the southwestern Amazon.

In Peru, where harvesting is small scale and family based, the nuts are also at the heart of a successful Amazon Conservation Association (ACA) project to ensure a sustainable future for the upland rain forest and producers alike in the Tropical Andes Hotspot.

With support from CEPF, ACA has assisted 80 pioneering Brazil nut producers—known as castañeros—in ensuring the continuity of their livelihood, which in turn depends on healthy forests.

The results are official: With assistance from ACA, each of the castañeros mapped their traditional area of land tenure, developed a management plan and won a 40-year concession from the Instituto Nacional de Recursos Naturales, which oversees natural resource management in the country.

"This project has been a success in that it is addressing economic development and raising the standard of living for the populations who depend on this resource for their livelihood while, at the same time, they are learning how to better manage and conserve these forests," said Luz Marina Velarde, the project manager in the Peruvian state of Madre de Dios.

The results are no small feat in Madre de Dios, where conservation has at times been viewed as taking away access to resources and where land tenure is far from straightforward.

Developing a management plan for their land is also an imperative for each of the thousands of castañeros in the region. Recent national forestry legislation requires castañeros to develop formal management plans, complete with maps, for their concessions, which could otherwise be granted to more intensive, extractive industries.

The project could be viewed as a high risk, where steps can be taken to encourage participation and to mitigate challenges but not necessarily to guarantee the participants' success.

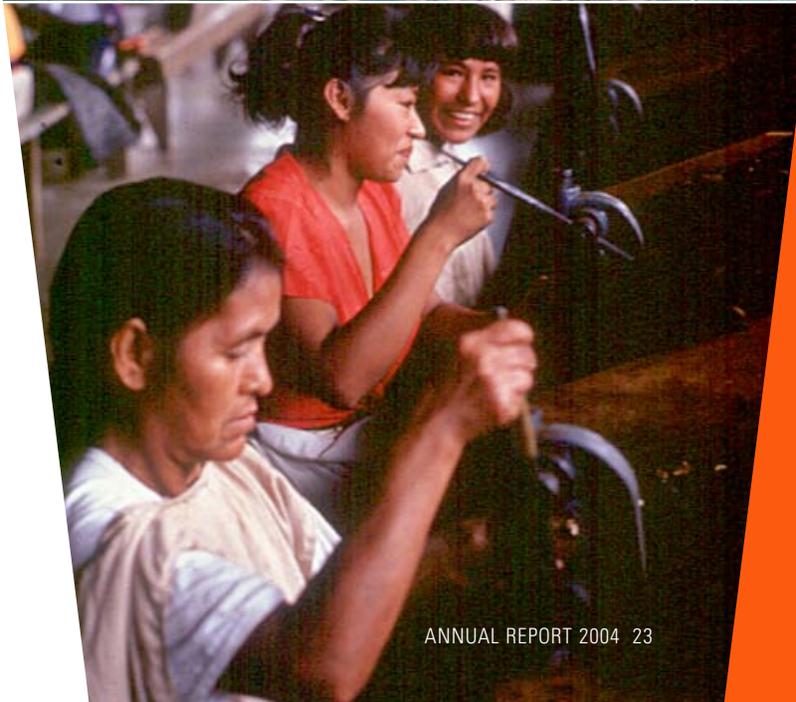
Today, however, ACA Program Manager Brian Hayum says one of the biggest lessons learned is that the higher the risk, the higher the payoff.

"I'm amazed at the number of people coming in and out of our office [in Peru], people traveling long distances and wanting to work with this project on a very individual level," Hayum said. "It has become an initiative really driven by producers and their enthusiasm for the project."

A core part of the program has involved assisting a select, first group of more than 20 producers to apply for Forest Stewardship Council certification, an independent, internationally recognized certificate of responsible forest management that could help increase market share.

Sharing experiences and lessons learned with producers in Bolivia and Brazil is also planned.

In the meantime, support for the initiative is growing, helping ensure its own sustainability. ACA has leveraged additional funds from local and international donors, enabling it to nearly double the number of castañeros it is working with to approximately 140.



LATIN AMERICA

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Atlantic Forest Hotspot Brazil

Strategic Direction 1: Stimulate landscape management initiatives led by civil society in the Central and Serra do Mar corridors

Agroforestry Systems in Southern Bahia: Economic and Conservation Potential of the Atlantic Forest

\$100,000
Sociedade de Estudos dos Ecossistemas e Desenvolvimento Sustentável da Bahia

Biodiversity Conservation and Management in the Watershed of the São João River

\$180,000
Associação Mico-Leão-Dourado

Expanding the Site Conservation Network in the Atlantic Forest Hotspot

\$233,885
BirdLife International

Mapping the Occurrence, Distribution and Conservation Status of Endemic and Threatened Reptiles in Bahian Restingas

\$9,894
Instituto de Pesquisas e Conservação da Biodiversidade dos Biomas Brasileiros

Strategic Direction 4: Create an Action Fund to improve civil society identification and management of critical habitats

Protection of Threatened Species of the Brazilian Atlantic Forest

\$599,989
Fundação Biodiversitas para Conservação da Diversidade Biológica

Small Grants Program—Institutional Development of NGOs in the Serra do Mar Corridor

\$350,000
Associação Mico-Leão-Dourado

Chocó-Darién-Western Ecuador Hotspot Chocó-Manabí Conservation Corridor

Strategic Direction 1: Establish/strengthen local and regional mechanisms to foster corridor-level conservation

Achieving Stakeholder Collaboration for the Sustainable Development of Northern Esmeraldas—Support for the Ecological Summit Process

\$40,000
Fundación Altopico

Communication Strategy for the Chocó-Manabí Conservation Corridor (Phase 1)

\$69,189
Conservation International

Strengthening Local Government Capacity for Conservation Planning and Implementation in the Machalilla National Park—Chongon Forest Reserve Subcorridor

\$146,828
Comitato Internazionale per lo Sviluppo dei Popoli

Strategic Direction 2: Bring selected protected areas and species under improved management

Assessment of Deforestation, Threats and Management: Needs of Five Protected Areas in the Chocó-Manabí Corridor of Ecuador

\$49,361
Conservation International

Chachi Reserve Zone Planning Grant

\$8,840
Conservation International

Conserving Highly Threatened Coastal Rain Forest of Punta Galeras to Achieve Connectivity with Mache-Chindul Ecological Reserve

\$59,992
Fundación Ecuatoriana de Estudios Ecológicos

Forestry Workshop for the Chocó Bio-Region

\$9,900
Fundación Rainforest Rescue

Pangan Project: An Initiative to Achieve Community Conservation in the Pangan Reserve

\$119,700
Fundación para la Investigación y Conservación ProAves

Strategic Direction 3: Identify and promote sustainable development practices in communities near selected protected areas

Conservation and Sustainable Development in Laguna de Cube

\$35,000
Fundación Jatun Sacha

Preparation of a Land and Cultural Use Plan for Awá Indigenous Territory of Barbaocoas and Tumaco, Colombia

\$178,588
Unidad Indígena del Pueblo Awá

Promoting Conservation Coffee Production within the Coffee Growing Zone of the Micro-Corridor Paraguas-Tatamá

\$316,450
Conservation International

Mesoamerica Hotspot Southern Mesoamerica

Strategic Direction 2: Connect critical areas through economic alternatives

Arresting Agricultural Encroachment into La Amistad Biosphere Reserve through Community-Based Natural Resource Management and Sustainable Agriculture in the Buffer Zone

\$190,000
Fundación Para el Desarrollo Sostenible de Panamá

Development of a Conservation Strategy for the Coffee Landscapes within Key Biodiversity Areas of the La Amistad Biosphere Reserve in Costa Rica and Panama

\$79,552
Conservation International

Ecotourism Development in the Inter-Municipal Park of the Mahogany Wetlands in Rama-Bluefields, Nicaragua

\$59,765
Bluefields Indian & Caribbean University

Establishing the Biological Boundaries of the Osa Biological Corridor through Data Compilation and Analysis

\$15,752
Instituto Nacional de Biodiversidad

Mitigating Threats to the Bi-National Region of La Amistad International Park through Community-Based Natural Resource Management and Sustainable Agriculture

\$101,500
Fundación Agro Ecológica Cotobruseña

Natural Resource Conservation and Recovery of Degraded Areas of Palo Seco Reserve—Chiriqui Grande

\$10,000
Asociación Comercial y Agropecuaria de Chiriqui Grande

Pilot Project for Local Participatory Management and Conservation of Biodiversity in the Buffer Zone of Indio Maíz Biological Reserve

\$75,350
Asociación de Desarrollo y Promoción Humana de la Costa Atlántica

Preventing Agricultural Encroachment into Indio Maíz Biological Reserve and Cerro Silva Nature Reserve through the Introduction of Sustainable Agriculture in Their Buffer Zones

\$72,549
Sano y Salvo

Promoting Biological Connectivity in the Osa Peninsula through Sustainable Agriculture

\$214,685
Fundación Neotropica

Promoting Connectivity in the Talamanca-Caribbean Biological Corridor for Biodiversity Conservation

\$99,880

Asociación de Organizaciones del Corredor Biológico Talamanca Caribe

Promoting Conservation Coffee in the Buffer Zone of La Amistad Biosphere Reserve

\$199,936

Centro Científico Tropical

Promoting Sustainable Development in the Buffer Zone of La Amistad Biosphere Reserve through Ecotourism in the Naso Indigenous Community Territory

\$20,000

Organización para el Desarrollo Sostenible del Pueblo Naso

Promoting Traditional Conservation Practices in the Cabeceras Indigenous Communities of Bajo Chirripo and Nairi Awari, La Amistad Biosphere Reserve

\$20,000

Asociación IXACAVAA de Desarrollo e Información Indígena

Strategic Direction 3: Promote awareness and conservation of flagship species

Campaign to Increase Awareness about the Biological Importance of Baru Volcano National Park

\$10,000

Fundación para el Desarrollo Integral del Corregimiento de Cerro Punta

Conservation Research of the Central American Tapir (*Tapirus bairdii*) in the La Amistad International Park, Costa Rica

\$10,000

Asociación Meralvis

Conserving the West Indian Manatee as a Forest and Wetland Conservation Tool of the Tortuguero and Río San Juan Binational Region (Costa Rica–Nicaragua)

\$55,770

Fundación Amigos del Río San Juan

Environmental Education to Conserve the Flagship Species of the Osa Peninsula, Costa Rica

\$15,342

Fundación para el Desarrollo Académico de la Universidad Nacional

Promoting Environmental Education in Selected Ngobe-Buglé Communities of the Palo Seco Forest Reserve, La Amistad International Park

\$20,000

Modelo de Comunidad Ecológica Los Valles

Rapid Ecological Evaluation and Inventory of Flora and Fauna in the Ngobe-Buglé Indigenous Reservation of Bocas del Toro, Panamá

\$10,610

Fundación Universidad Nacional

Strategic Direction 4: Support improved management of key protected areas

Environmental and Economic Needs Assessment to Conserve the Caño Negro Wetlands of the Kukra River, Nicaragua

\$10,000

Fundación para el Desarrollo Sostenible

Establishing Maquenque National Park to Achieve Connectivity Within the Cerro-Silva-La Selva Biological Corridor

\$210,000

Centro Científico Tropical

Park Guard Capacity Building—Mahogany Wetlands Intermunicipal Ecological Park, Nicaragua

\$10,000

Bluefields Indian and Caribbean University

Structure and Composition of a Fragmented Forest Landscape: A Tool for Strategy Design for Biodiversity Conservation

\$6,917

Centro Agronómico Tropical de Investigación y Enseñanza



Support to Civil Society for the Protection of Volcan Baru National Park, Panama

\$19,945

Asociación Nacional para la Conservación de la Naturaleza

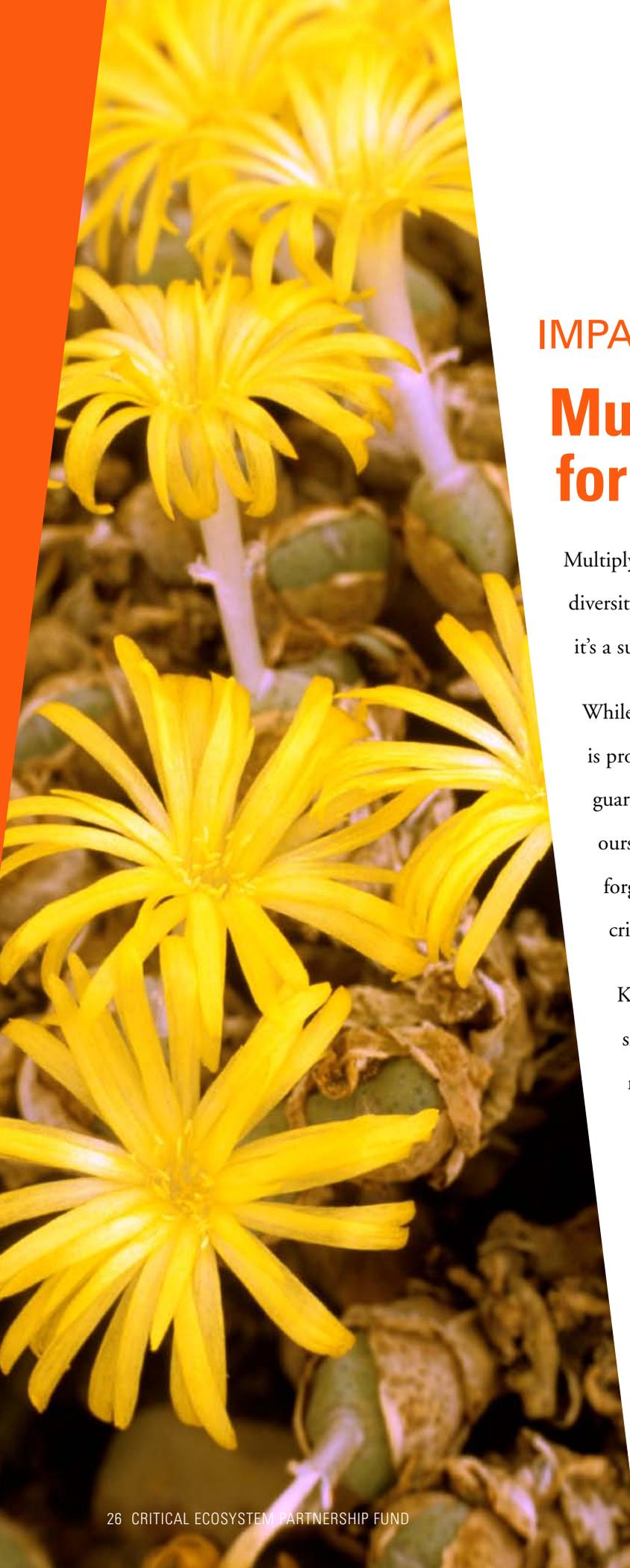
Tropical Andes Hotspot Vilcabamba-Amboró Conservation Corridor

Strategic Direction 6: Establish an electronic information exchange and coordinated information and data gathering mechanism

The Vilcabamba-Amboró Corridor Biodiversity Information Management System: A Collaborative Internet Resource for Scientists, Educators and Conservation Managers

\$196,192

Asociación Peruana para la Conservación de la Naturaleza (\$50,059), Fundación Amigos de la Naturaleza (\$46,463), Fundación para el Desarrollo Agrario (\$49,670), Fundación San Marcos para el Desarrollo de la Ciencia y la Cultura (\$50,000)

A close-up photograph of several bright yellow flowers with many thin, radiating petals, set against a background of green foliage. The image is partially obscured by a white diagonal shape that contains the text.

IMPACT

Multiplying Resources for Success

Multiplying resources, from funding to knowledge, for effective biodiversity conservation is a fundamental part of our approach. And it's a successful one.

While adding valuable financial resources, our own initiative is providing just a very small piece of the funding needed to safeguard the hotspots both now and in the future. We set ourselves important financial leveraging goals and successfully forge new partnerships in support of select projects and critical conservation needs.

Knowledge is also pivotal. Our knowledge management and sharing efforts, as well as many of those we support by partners, have helped ensure civil society groups and others know what types of opportunities are available and adopt best practices, avoid duplication of effort, build partnerships and ultimately, maximize conservation outcomes.

Online Knowledge Sharing

Our Web site, www.cepf.net, provided a wealth of information to civil society groups, governmental representatives and other donors throughout the year.

Visitors to the site included people from 165 countries, including all but one of the 33 countries where we sought to support civil society in 13 biodiversity hotspots across Africa, Asia and Latin America.

They viewed pages on the site in excess of 285,000 times and downloaded 264,000 copies of documents, from our investment strategies to final project completion reports compiled by the project leaders themselves. The number of documents downloaded more than tripled from the previous year.

In addition, our pages listing all the grants we have awarded, the recipient, funding amount and overall aims of each project were viewed nearly 27,000 times.

Together with our regular online features about the people and projects we support, the grant listings provide our constituency with an easy way to keep abreast of other projects taking place in their region. They're also an important component of transparent grantmaking.

In addition, we supported a variety of partners in expanding online resources to build knowledge and enable effective decisionmaking.

In the Cape Floristic Region Hotspot, our support enabled the National Botanical Institute, now the National Biodiversity Institute, to significantly expand a georeferenced electronic database of all plant collections in the Bolus, Compton and National herbariums

and create a vegetation map showing where globally threatened species are concentrated in the hotspot.

The database and map, to be made available online through Western Cape Nature Conservation Board's Conservation Planning Unit Web site (<http://cpu.uwc.ac.za/>), will aid land-use planning and conservation action by decisionmakers, landowners and communities.

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Rainforest Alliance's Eco-Index

A women's group in Nicaragua's North Atlantic Autonomous Region planted fruit trees to stem erosion along the Coco River, but since has struggled to profit from the harvested fruits. The Centro para la Conservación de la Naturaleza y el Desarrollo Sostenible is training the women in marketing and production of candies, jams and other goods. [English / Español](#)

NEWS

Education Benefits Nature and People in the Philippines

The Palawan Conservation Corps is transforming young lives on the island of Palawan in the Philippines biodiversity hotspot and protecting hardwood trees in the process. It recently completed a CEPF-supported project to develop an educational nature park on 3 hectares of land donated by the Government of Puerto Princesa four months earlier than planned and with impressive results.

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IN FOCUS

Small Grants - Big Community Ripples

What can you do with \$100? For civil society groups receiving support from the Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund's diverse small grants programs, this small sum could be the lever for saving one of the world's most threatened primates, preserving threatened forest or enabling hundreds of people to invigorate their local economies or train for new occupations.

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Partnership Profile: WWF Caucasus and CEPF

FAQs: Answers to the most frequently asked questions about CEPF grants

Final Project Completion Reports: Results and lessons learned from dozens of CEPF-supported projects in Africa, Asia and Latin America

TOP John Ohiorhenuan, UNDP resident representative in South Africa, addresses participants at the partners' conference in South Africa. **BOTTOM** The workshop in China drew together dozens of civil society groups receiving CEPF support.

Bringing Grantees Together

Our local coordination teams and partners helped bring together hundreds of civil society organizations to share secrets of success for maximizing conservation in biodiversity hotspots.

Each of the conferences that took place in China, Costa Rica, Peru and South Africa during the year aimed to help the groups we support and their partners build on one another's successes, avoid duplication of effort and learn and share best practices—all fundamental tenets of our strategic approach.

"We saw that everyone, even those with a great deal of experience, needs to adopt new approaches, share information and learn from one another," said Ernesto Ponce of Asociación Nacional para la Conservación de la Naturaleza in Panama.

His group was one of 36 that participated in the "Conservation Dialogues for Projects in the Southern Mesoamerican Corridor" hosted by the Rainforest Alliance in March. The groups involved all work to conserve biodiversity in high-priority areas in the southern region of the Mesoamerica Hotspot with our support.

The meeting was a key output of a grant to the Rainforest Alliance to advance information sharing in Latin American hotspots, particularly through expansion of the Eco-Index site, www.eco-index.org.

Later in May, partners gathered in Lima, Peru to review strategy, prioritize key areas for further action and share experiences in their work to safeguard the Vilcabamba-Amboró conservation corridor in the Tropical Andes Hotspot.

In addition to CEPF-supported groups, representatives from Peru's Instituto Nacional de Recursos Naturales and Bolivia's El Servicio Nacional de Areas Protegidas as well as park guards from protected areas participated.

In June, more than 260 people gathered for the Cape Action for People and the Environment first partners' conference. Entitled "Innovating Conservation," it brought together partner organizations, government agencies and donors to review progress, share lessons learned and plan for the next five years of implementation in the Cape Floristic Region.

That same month, the "Sharing, Cooperation and Scaling Up" meeting organized by Conservation International's China Program drew together for the first time civil society groups we support in the Mountains of Southwest China Hotspot.

Building the fledgling civil society in this hotspot is no small feat, where Conservation International facilitates a CEPF coordination team including representatives from the Center for Biodiversity and Indigenous Knowledge, The Nature Conservancy, Sichuan Forestry Department, Sichuan Planning Commission, WWF-China Program and Yunnan Forestry Department.

Many of the civil society groups in this hotspot operate on annual budgets of less than \$6,000 and have little, if any, contact with other groups.

"I am excited to find so many people have been working for the conservation of southwest China," Mu Suo from the Kawagebo Culture Society in DeQin said. "We had a chance to come together to see what we can do together."



TOP The CANOPI project will train local NGOs and individuals in and around Bukit Barisan Selatan National Park and benefit groups near two other parks as well.

BOTTOM Bukit Barisan shelters important populations of Critically Endangered mammals such as Sumatran tiger (*Panthera tigris ssp. sumatrae*).

Doubling Support for Bukit Barisan Selatan

The United Nations Foundation agreed to join us in supporting a conservation action and network program in Sumatra that will build local capacity to manage the Indonesian island's third largest national park and benefit two others.

The parks—Bukit Barisan Selatan National Park, Kerinci Seblat and Gunung Leuser—represent the most important blocks of lowland forests on the island. In June 2004, the World Heritage Committee declared the three parks a single “Tropical Rainforest Heritage of Sumatra” World Heritage Site.

CEPF will provide \$900,000 to the UN Foundation to be administered through UNESCO for implementation of the Conservation Action and Network Program, Indonesia (CANOPI) in Bukit Barisan Selatan National Park. The UN Foundation will match this amount, doubling the CEPF investment.

CANOPI will train local NGOs and individuals in and around Bukit Barisan Selatan National Park to monitor and mitigate threats to the park's biodiversity.

The park contains more lowland forest than any other protected area on the island and acts as the main watershed for western Lampung. It also contains important populations of Critically Endangered mammals unique to the island such as Sumatran tiger (*Panthera tigris ssp. sumatrae*) and Sumatran rhinoceros (*Dicerorhinus sumatrensis*).

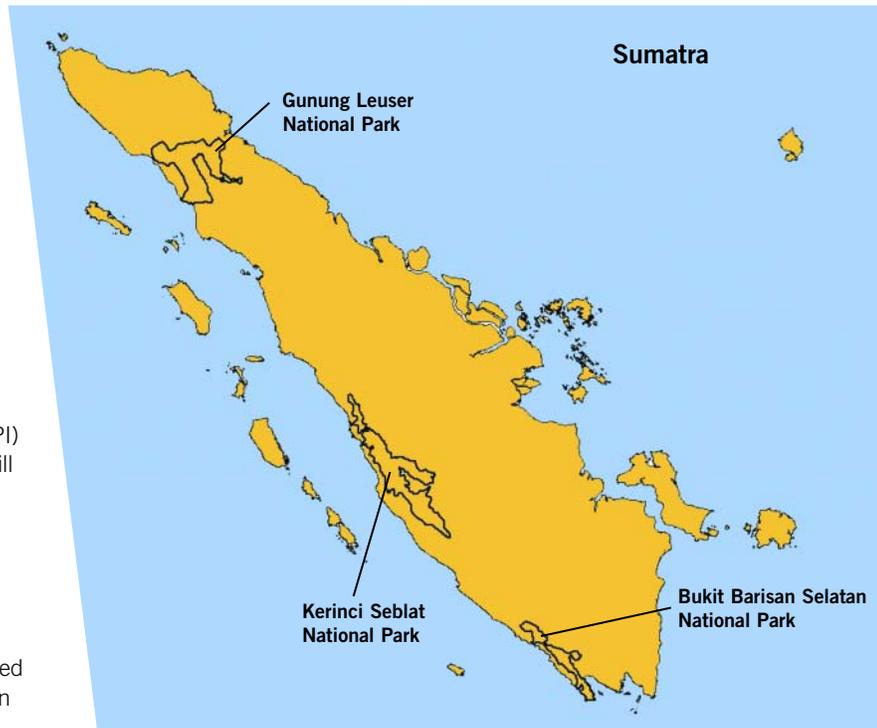
“The plan is that when training is carried out in Bukit Barisan Selatan, park managers and other NGOs from the other parks will be part of it,” said Seema Paul, senior program officer, biodiversity, for the UN Foundation, which works in partnership with UNESCO to support and promote the management and conservation of natural World Heritage sites.

“This is a win-win partnership: CEPF is funding an important model for conservation where there is such a dearth of good models, and we will help to enhance and replicate this model in other areas,” she said.

The program will also provide small grants to the newly trained NGOs to implement specific projects related to the park's conservation.

In the previous 12 years, Sumatra—our focal area in the Sundaland Hotspot—lost more than 6.5 million hectares of forest due to a variety of human activities. The Bukit Barisan Selatan ecosystem, including the national park and surrounding forest area, was no exception: More than 20 percent of the forest in the 365,000-hectare park was cleared for illegal agriculture.

Our previous support to CANOPI included two grants to the Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) to create a strategic plan and management structure for CANOPI together with nine local organizations. The funding



also enabled WCS to provide several small grants of approximately \$10,000 each to local partners to address urgent threats while the plan was being developed.

The preparation proved successful: In April 2004, after more than a year of discussions, the nine local groups and WCS signed an agreement to work under the auspices of CANOPI to enhance collaborative management of the Bukit Barisan Selatan landscape.



JULY 2003 – JUNE 2004

Financial Summary

FY 2004 was another year of strong growth. We approved \$15.6 million in new grants, bringing the value of the active global grant portfolio we manage to more than \$44 million. With these new grants, the number of civil society partners we have supported rose to 189.

Our investments in these groups to develop, fund and implement promising conservation initiatives now stretches across 13 biodiversity hotspots, the places where it matters most.

Other financial highlights include our first grants committed in the Caucasus and the Eastern Arc Mountains and Coastal Forests of Tanzania and Kenya hotspots, where we launched during the year. The partnership also completed stakeholder consultations and preparations to develop new ecosystem profiles for later expansion to three additional hotspots—an intensive first step led by civil society partners and an essential foundation for future implementation.

REVENUE

Funds Received	11,352,547
Pledges Receivable due as of June 30, 2004	6,147,453
Interest Earned	95,717
Total Revenue	17,595,717

EXPENSES AND COMMITTED FUNDING

Grants	
Atlantic Forest	1,473,768
Cape Floristic Region	1,198,518
Caucasus	10,347
Chocó-Darién-Western Ecuador	914,148
Eastern Arc Mountains and Coastal Forests of Tanzania and Kenya	769,896
Guinean Forests of West Africa	264,903
Madagascar and Indian Ocean Islands	695,429
Mesoamerica	1,585,281
Mountains of Southwest China	2,371,686
Philippines	991,483
Succulent Karoo	1,476,444
Sundaland	3,638,300
Tropical Andes	206,426

Total Grants **15,596,629**

Ecosystem profile preparation	1,675,995
Business development, grantmaking, monitoring and evaluation and knowledge management	2,941,429

Total **4,617,424**

Total Expenses **20,214,053**

Excess of revenue over expenses	(2,618,336)
Fund balance as of June 30, 2003	16,612,969

FUND BALANCE AT THE END OF THE PERIOD **13,994,633**

FUND BALANCE AT THE END OF THE PERIOD CONSISTED OF:

Cash net of amount due	5,103,339
Pledges receivable	24,647,453
Grants payable (balance due on awarded grants)	(15,756,159)
Fund balance as of June 30, 2004	13,994,633

**The total grant expenses include new grants approved in FY 04 as well as financial amendments to grants committed in previous years.*

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Ann-Eve Hazen: Making a Difference



In the effort to conserve global biodiversity, some individuals forge a unique path.

Ann-Eve Hazen is among them. Her generous contribution has enabled Conservation International (CI) to participate in the Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund.

A long-time supporter of CI, Hazen is a member of CI's Chairman's Council and the organization's Ant Society, which honors individuals who, like many species of ants, can carry a load well beyond normal proportions.

CI has even named an Ecuadorian ant species with the moniker *Pheidole hazanae* in her honor, through the generosity of CI Board member E. O. Wilson who gave CI the rights to name several ant species he and other colleagues discovered.

Hazen believes that an individual can best affect change by focusing on a few important issues.

She chose two: children and biodiversity conservation. She launched the Bay Area Youth Fund for Education to help young people finish high school and become the first in their families to graduate from college and, she said, "looked for a conservation group that I felt was most effective in making changes."

She found CI through a friend, and was attracted by its effective, scientifically based conservation strategies.

"I particularly like the idea of leveraging CI's work through CEPF," she said. "Many people around the world have good ideas and need the financial support of CI through CEPF. Also, the fact that CI cooperates with other conservation groups is important to me. So much more can be done when people work together."

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Civil Society Partners Supported through FY 04

Africa Environmental News Service is an environmental news service designed to serve African and global audiences.

Afrique Nature International contributes to the protection and the sustainable use of Africa's flora, fauna and natural areas. www.afnature.org

AGORO Centre for Intercultural Learning and Talent Development teaches and performs Ghanaian traditional/contemporary music, dance and drama.

<http://education.deakin.edu.au/agoro/>

Amazon Conservation Association seeks to conserve biodiversity through development of new scientific understanding, sustainable resource management and rational land-use policy for Amazonian ecosystems.

www.amazonconservation.org

American Bird Conservancy conserves wild birds and their habitats throughout the Americas. www.abcbirds.org

Amigos del Museo de Historia Natural Noel Kempff Mercado is a private nonprofit foundation created to support the activities of the Noel Kempff Mercado Natural History Museum in Bolivia. www.sczbo.org/

Asociación Comercial y Agropecuaria de Chiriquí Grande works with indigenous communities in Panama to develop community services schools, rural aqueducts, greenhouses and environmentally friendly sanitation facilities.

Asociación de Autoridades Tradicionales y Cabildos Indígenas Awá, Organización Unidad Indígena del Pueblo Awá seeks to strengthen local community culture and defend the social, economic, political, cultural, environmental and territorial interests of the native communities in the Colombian municipalities of Barbacoas and Tumaco Nariño.

Asociación de Desarrollo y Promoción Humano de la Costa Atlántica contributes to the economic, social, political, cultural and religious development in the communities of the Southern Atlantic Autonomous Region of Nicaragua. www.adephca.org.ni/

Asociación de Organizaciones del Corredor Biológico Talamanca Caribe conserves biodiversity through capacity building and implementing sustainable economic practices in Talamanca, Costa Rica.

Asociación IXACAVAA de Desarrollo e Información Indígena was formed by three indigenous communities working to achieve sustainable development in Costa Rica while reaffirming their indigenous identity and culture.

Asociación Meralvis was established by natural resource professionals to empower rural Latin American communities through information and knowledge exchange on conservation, biodiversity and forestry management.

Asociación Nacional para la Conservación de la Naturaleza conserves biodiversity and natural resources in Panama for both current and future generations. www.ancon.org

Asociación Peruana para la Conservación de la Naturaleza supports nature conservation in Peru by preserving biodiversity and encouraging sustainable use of the country's natural resources. <http://barrioperu.terra.com.pe/apeco/>

Associação Mico-Leão-Dourado is an international conservation initiative established to formulate and implement an integrated strategy for the preservation of the Critically Endangered golden lion tamarin and its habitat, the Atlantic coastal rain forests of Southeastern Brazil. www.micoleao.org.br

Association Fanamby seeks to maintain biodiversity in Madagascar's unprotected high biodiversity areas by promoting a long-term conservation process that integrates development, research, training and education-outreach activities. www.fanamby.org.mg

Association of Environmental Lawyers is engaged in environmental litigation, policy consulting, awareness and advocacy in Liberia.

Association pour la Gestion Intégrée et Durable de l'Environnement was created in Togo to ensure ecosystem health by developing an ecological conscience among the population and encouraging sustainable practices.

BirdLife International is a global partnership of NGOs with a focus on birds that works together on shared priorities, exchanging skills, achievements and information. www.birdlife.net

Bluefields Indian and Caribbean University conducts academic research and training, serving the people of the South Atlantic Autonomous Region of Nicaragua. www.cep.unep.org/nicaragua/CEPNET_BID/Website/pais/bicu.htm

Botanical Society of South Africa is committed to conservation of southern Africa's rich floral heritage by promoting the awareness of this resource and by supporting the National Botanical Gardens of South Africa. www.botanicalsociety.org.za

Brown Hyena Research Project was founded in 1997 to address conservation issues with the help of ecological and behavioral research on brown hyenas and their main prey species, the Cape fur seal. www.strandwolf.org.za

CARE Bolivia seeks a country with hope, tolerance and social justice, in which poverty has been overcome and people live in security and dignity. CARE Bolivia aims to be a global force and a partner in the national movement dedicated to eradicating poverty. www.carebolivia.org

Central de Pueblos Indígenas de La Paz represents approximately 20,000 indigenous families in Bolivia by providing sociopolitical representation at the departmental, national and international level, defending social, economic and environmental rights and providing a higher quality of life.

Centre Ecologique de Libanona tackles environmental problems and issues facing southern Madagascar. It provides educational opportunities for students and local people to learn about and develop skills in resource management. www.andrewleestrust.org.uk/libanona.htm

Centro Agronómico Tropical de Investigación y Enseñanza seeks to improve the welfare of humanity through scientific research and post-graduate education in development, conservation and sustainable use of natural resources. www.catie.ac.cr

Centro Científico Tropical conducts and supports scientific research and education and encourages acquisition and application of knowledge concerning enduring and harmonious relationship of human beings with resources of tropical environments. www.cct.or.cr

China Youth Daily-Green Island promotes environmental protection and education through its journalist's network—Green Network. www.cydgn.org

Comitato Internazionale per lo Sviluppo dei Popoli promotes international cooperation by participating in the planning of development policies through constructive dialogue with the principal actors involved in their preparation and implementation. www.cisp-ngo.org

Concerned Environmentalists for the Enhancement of Biodiversity works to ensure harmony between humans and the environment in Liberia. It is comprised of graduates from the College of Agriculture and Forestry, University of Liberia.



Conservation through Animation in the Succulent Karoo

Who better to spread a conservation message than the animals themselves? Diek Grobler's animated animal puppets will soon be telling a conservation message to thousands of children in the Succulent Karoo Hotspot and beyond.

His company's project, "Sanna's Garden: Animated Animals Teach Kids about Conservation," is creating the first-ever stop animation series of its kind in South Africa.

An artist by training, 40-year-old Grobler (picture below, right) is a conservation convert.

"I didn't think of myself as a conservationist, but since working on this project, I definitely consider myself as one," said Grobler, who after just a few months developing the project with his company Fopspeen Moving Pictures was invited to and attended the Nine Dragon Heads International Environment Art Symposium held in South Korea. It was the first time a South African artist had been invited to the symposium.

Geared for youngsters, the project revolves around five animal characters in an animated 13-part series called "Sanna's Garden."

"Sanna's Garden" is Grobler's and Fopspeen's first large-scale venture into the art of stop-frame puppet animation. The series will introduce children to a cast of Succulent Karoo animals, such as Sanna the bat-eared fox, and focus around a garden they build to protect the threatened plants of the region.

The region's unique succulent flora is the central motif in "Sanna's Garden," the overall message of which will be that nature is a garden and the plants in it should be respected as we do plants in a garden. The reason for setting the story in this area is because it is often perceived as most unlike a garden due to its dry climate.

"Our goal is to change perceptions of the Karoo as a dry barren area and therefore empty and of lesser worth," Grobler said.

Conservation of the Succulent Karoo, which stretches across 116,000 square kilometers of mountains, shrublands and coastal dunes in Namibia and South Africa, is central to the whole concept. The content of each episode is determined by the specific peculiarity of some plant or the nature of the rainfall pattern in the area.

Marketing of the pilot episode proved successful: South Africa's TV2 agreed to air the series once it's complete.

The pilot episode, created with CEPF support, is also being used to market the series to other broadcasters in South Africa and abroad. Ultimately, Grobler hopes to distribute the full series to schools in the hotspot free of charge.

"The fact that somebody believed in our project—especially ours, which is a bit abstract—made a huge difference," Grobler said.

Conservation Information Forum is a network of 12 organizations from four provinces in Sumatra focused on biodiversity conservation and community development. www.warsi.or.id/

Conservation Management Ltd. provides technical services to the nature conservation community.

Conserve Africa Foundation works to advance sustainable use and conservation of natural resources, environmental conservation and ecotourism in Africa. www.conserveafrica.org

Cornell University is a learning community that seeks to serve society by educating the leaders of tomorrow and extending the frontiers of knowledge. www.cornell.edu/

Corporación para la Investigación, Capacitación y Apoyo Técnico para el Manejo Sustentable de los Ecosistemas Tropicales consists of five Ecuadorian organizations forming the REMACH Alliance to build consensus on the Mache-Chindul Ecological Reserve Management Plan.

Corporación Serraniagua seeks to coordinate and integrate efforts to improve management and use of natural resources in order to ensure sustainable development in the Colombian municipality of El Cairo.

Duineveld Coastal Association brings together coastal landowners to promote environmental conservation in the southern Cape region of South Africa.

Durban Botanic Gardens aims to demonstrate the role plants can play in social upliftment through the institution's involvement in urban greening, organic gardening and medicinal plant conservation projects. www.durban.gov.za/eThekweni/Services/parks/dbn_botanic_gardens

East Africa Natural History Society promotes the study and conservation of nature in Kenya. www.naturekenya.org

EcoAfrica Environmental Consultants is a private company dedicated to the skilled management of southern African habitats, the upliftment of rural areas and preservation and management of areas with endangered species. www.ecoafrica.co.za/

Eco-Security Task Force of China Council for International Cooperation on Environment and Development is a high-level nongovernmental advisory body established by the Chinese Government to strengthen cooperation and exchange between China and the international community on environment and development issues. www.chinabiodiversity.com

Environmental Foundation for Africa seeks to facilitate the establishment of community-led programs for environmental restoration and rehabilitation throughout the African continent. www.efasl.org.uk

Environmental Law Institute advances environmental protection by improving law, policy and management. The Institute researches pressing problems, educates professionals and citizens about the nature of these issues, and convenes all sectors in forging effective solutions. www.eli.org



RIGHT Community members in the Eastern Arc Mountains and Coastal Forests of Tanzania and Kenya Hotspot, where more than 70 community-based groups participated in consultative meetings to launch CEPF investments in the region.



Environmental Legal Assistance Center, Inc. aims to protect and assert environmental rights and equitable access to and control of natural resource use by communities in Palawan and in the Visayas of the Philippines.

EnviroScience is a Namibia-based company conducting environmental and natural resource assessments, environmental management, ecological specialist studies and input to national and regional planning. www.enviro-science.info/

Equals Three Communications provides marketing communications solutions that aim to build businesses, change lives and improve communities. <http://equals3.com>

Fauna & Flora International acts to conserve threatened species and ecosystems worldwide, choosing solutions that are sustainable, are based on sound science and take account of human needs. www.fauna-flora.org

Federación Nacional de Cafeteros de Colombia helps Colombian Coffee growers develop agronomic expertise, improve their living conditions and promote Colombian Coffee. It includes 250,000 members. www.cafedecolombia.com/federacion.html

The Field Museum of Natural History accumulates and disseminates knowledge and preserves and exhibits objects illustrating art, archaeology, science and history. www.fnmh.org

First Philippine Conservation, Inc., seeks to create new wealth for Filipinos and the Philippines by engaging in diversified businesses that provide goods and services for the local and global markets. www.fphc.com

Flower Valley Conservation Trust aims to influence biodiversity conservation and community empowerment in the Cape Floral Kingdom by promoting ways in which wild fynbos resources can be sustainably utilized. www.flowervalley.org.za

Fondo Ambiental Nacional supports the efficient financing of environmental management in Ecuador. www.fan.org.ec/

Fopspeen Live Art is a small, independent animation company, based in Pretoria, which produces innovative, unusual, high-quality animated films on a variety of themes.

Friends of the Environment for Development and Sustainability, Inc., contributes to sustainable development and management of natural resources by empowering communities in the Philippines.

Friends of Tokai Forest was founded in 1996 to promote public participation in caring for the Tokai Forest, part of the Cape Floristic Region.

Fundação Biodiversitas para Conservação da Diversidade Biológica strives to conserve biodiversity in Brazil through projects that focus on the interactions between the environment and humanity and blend biodiversity conservation with economic and social development. www.biodiversitas.org.br/

Fundación Agro Ecológica Cotobruenseña establishes agroecological projects to support development of commercial products in Costa Rica.

Fundación Altropico creates a space for a diverse array of stakeholders in the Esmeraldas Province of Ecuador to discuss how to improve the quality of life, biodiversity conservation and sustainable development in the region.

Fundación Amigos de la Naturaleza is dedicated to biodiversity conservation in Bolivia. www.fan-bo.org

Fundación Amigos del Río San Juan supports capacity building, which sets in motion strategic environmental management and development programs. The Foundation also seeks to support programs through political alliances. www.fundar.org.ni/fundar/fundar.php

Fundación Corcovado seeks to support and improve existing conservation efforts benefiting the Osa Peninsula through direct assistance to the protection of the rain forest in Corcovado National Park, purchasing unprotected land and providing alternative economic options to forest owners. www.corcovadofoundation.org

Fundación de Defensa Ecológica represents fishermen, farmers, youth, women and cultural groups who seek to preserve, restore and conserve the mangrove ecosystem in the Esmeraldas Province of Ecuador. www.fundecol.org

Fundación Ecuatoriana de Estudios Ecológicos conserves biological diversity in Ecuador through scientific research, the recovery of traditional knowledge and environmental education to create harmony between humans and nature. www.ecociencia.org

Fundación Jatun Sacha protects ecologically important forest habitats and manages five biological stations conducting programs in community agroforestry, environmental education and public health in Ecuador. www.jatunsacha.org

Fundación Neotropica aims to conserve Costa Rica's natural riches by encouraging sustainable natural resource management practices through the development of natural parks, forest management, scientific research and environmental education. www.neotropica.org

Fundación para el Desarrollo Académico de la Universidad Nacional integrates biodiversity conservation management theory and applied actions to strengthen and promote sustainable development in the neotropics. www.una.ac.cr/prmvs

Fundación para el Desarrollo Agrario supports biodiversity conservation and natural resource management in Peru. www.lamolina.edu.pe/portada/html/ie.htm

Fundación para el Desarrollo Integral del Corregimiento de Cerro Punta promotes sustainable agriculture in the high basin of the Chiriquí Viejo River in Panama.

Fundación para el Desarrollo Sostenible contributes to sustainable development through participatory programs and projects in Nicaragua.

Fundación para el Desarrollo Sostenible de Panamá promotes development and participation in the high basin of the Chiriquí Viejo River in Panama through environmentally guided social actions to strengthen organizations, community awareness and sustainable agriculture.

Fundación para la Investigación y Conservación ProAves focuses on conserving the birds of Colombia through the promotion and execution of direct investigations, conservation actions and environmental education. www.proaves.org

Fundación Rainforest Rescue promotes conservation, sustainable use and ecosystem restoration to protect biodiversity throughout Latin America. The organization designs and executes forestry-related workshops to educate local populations and private agencies on conservation issues.

Fundación San Marcos para el Desarrollo de la Ciencia y la Cultura is a scientific research institution within the Universidad Nacional Mayor de San Marcos, which develops and preserves biodiversity collections, carries out research and promotes the sustainable use and conservation of natural resources in Peru. www.unmsm.edu.pe



Fundación Universidad Nacional integrates biodiversity conservation and management practices and theory through multidisciplinary approaches that promote and fortify sustainable development in the neotropics. www.una.ac.cr/ambii/prmvs

Garden Route Botanical Garden Trust established and manages the Garden Route Botanical Garden and Southern Cape Herbarium, which collects and showcases Southern Cape flora.

Garden Route Enviro Services is a multidisciplinary company providing environmental management services to facilitate and contribute to socioeconomic advancement through the sound management and sustainable use of southern Africa's natural resources.

Geo Terra Image (Pty) Ltd. provides earth observation satellite data and aerial photography services. www.geoterraimage.com

Ghana Heritage Conservation Trust promotes the conservation, protection, maintenance and economic growth of Kakum Conservation Area, Cape Coast and Elmina Castles, Fort St. Jago and the surrounding communities in Ghana.

Global Village Beijing aims to promote conservation and sustainable development by engaging civil society's participation. www.gvbchina.org.cn

Grand Gedeh Community Servant Association aims to combat poverty and hunger through grassroots initiatives involving local people, government and NGOs.

Green Earth Volunteers aims to promote harmony between humans and nature in China. www.chinagev.org

Green Law Institute for Action is a student organization that provides training on conservation issues and promotes environmental law implementation in China.

Green Student Organizations brings students from universities and colleges together to form a united front in China to safeguard biological conservation. www.greensos.org

Greenomics Indonesia is a policy development institute devoted to introducing innovative empirical and field-based economic, financial and policy approaches that support sound natural resources governance. www.greenomics.org

The Haribon Foundation is a membership organization in the Philippines committed to nature conservation through community empowerment and scientific excellence. www.haribon.org.ph

The Human Footprint produces reports in print, on the radio and on the Web about the impact of global warming on Earth and about threats to biodiversity.

Indigo Development and Change works in participatory rural development projects facilitating interactive learning events with adults and children in the Nieuwoudtville area of the Succulent Karoo Hotspot.

Indonesian Ecotourism Network uses ecotourism as a comprehensive tool to conserve biodiversity and to involve local communities and organization in a participatory way to derive maximum benefits in a sustainable way. www.indecon.or.id/

Institute for Tropical Ecology and Conservation offers field ecology courses to undergraduate and graduate students, provides facilities for long-term biological research, operates conservation programs for various tropical species and aids local communities through education workshops on natural resource management. www.itec-edu.org/

Instituto BioAtlantica contributes to the conservation, restoration and sustainable use of biodiversity in the Atlantic Forest region of Brazil. www.bioatlantica.org.br/

Instituto de Estudos Sócio-Ambientais do Sul da Bahia develops and supports research and models of connectivity between humans and the environment in Brazil, focusing on biodiversity conservation and the sustainable use of natural resources to promote the social development of the local communities. www.iesb.org.br

Instituto de Pesquisa da Mata Atlântica was established by a group of scientists who contribute to ecological research in the Atlantic Forest region of Brazil. Their purpose is to develop a network of researchers in the region with an emphasis on studying forest fragmentation.

Instituto de Pesquisas e Conservação da Biodiversidade dos Biomas Brasileiros was founded in 2002 to contribute to research and the preservation of the environment in the Atlantic Forest of Brazil and to promote and implement projects for research and sustainable development.

Instituto Machu Picchu is dedicated to the conservation of natural and cultural resources in Peru's Machu Picchu Sanctuary and Cusco region. www.imapi.org.pe

Instituto Nacional de Biodiversidad promotes a greater conscience of the value of biodiversity to achieve conservation and improve the quality of life in Costa Rica. www.inbio.ac.cr

Instituto para la Conservación e Investigación de la Biodiversidad contributes to the development of biodiversity knowledge and environmental conservation aimed at achieving sustainable development in Bolivia.

International Center for Journalists is dedicated to improving the quality of journalism worldwide, especially in countries with little or no tradition of an independent press. www.icjf.org

International Centre of Insect Physiology and Ecology is an intergovernmental research organization based in Kenya specializing in research and development into arthropod-based issues that impact the economy and welfare of tropical developing countries. www.icipe.org

International Fund for Animal Welfare works to improve the welfare of wild and domestic animals throughout the world by reducing commercial exploitation of animals, protecting wildlife habitats and assisting animals in distress. www.ifaw.org

International Fund for China's Environment helps ensure the protection of the world's environment and its biological diversity by providing assistance to China in resolving its environmental problems. www.ifce.org

International Rhino Foundation supports and operates rhino conservation and research programs, both in nature and in captivity, with particular emphasis on intensive management and protection. www.rhinos-irf.org

IUCN—The World Conservation Union brings together states, government agencies and a diverse range of NGOs in a unique world partnership: more than 980 members in all, spread across some 140 countries. www.iucn.org

Kawagebo Culture Society aims to promote Tibetan culture, protect indigenous knowledge and the regional ecological environment, and raise awareness among local people on traditional culture.

Kuapa Kokoo Farmers Union is a cocoa farmers' cooperative with a mission to empower its members, increase their income level and raise their standard of living. www.kuapakokoo.com/

Kunming Institute of Botany, The Chinese Academy of Sciences focuses on comprehensive multidisciplinary research on the biodiversity and bioresources of the unique subtropical broad-leaved forests and those of the Himalayan sub-alpine vegetation. <http://kib.ac.cn/>

L. H. Jordaan manages an ecotourism-based farm in the Succulent Karoo Hotspot. www.minwater.co.za

L'Homme et l'Environnement works to promote conservation through development in Madagascar. Its main goal is to provide local communities with environmentally and economically sustainable alternative resource management options. www.mate.mg

Living Earth Foundation is an international, nonprofit organization running programs in more than 11 countries from Brazil to Bulgaria, Uganda to Ukraine. www.livingearth.org.uk

MATEZA engages in programs that have both direct and indirect impacts on biodiversity conservation for a healthier environment and rural economy in Madagascar.

Missouri Botanical Garden aims to discover and share knowledge about plants and their environment in order to preserve and enrich life. The Research Division sends expeditions to investigate ecosystems in over 30 countries around the globe. www.mobot.org

Modelo de Comunidad Ecológica Los Valles educates local communities and promotes ecotourism in and around Bosque Protector de Palo Seco in Panama. The primary focus of its effort is endangered wildlife and plant species unique to Panama.

Saving the Philippine Cockatoo through Pride

Some people might be disheartened by 14 hours of travel in monsoon rains across difficult terrain. But not Indira Lacerna-Widmann of the Katala Foundation.

It's part of her work on the remote island of Dumarán, which is off the coast of Palawan in the Philippines Hotspot and home to the highest known density of the Critically Endangered Philippine cockatoo (*Cacatua haematuropygia*).

Once considered common, the cockatoo's numbers have dropped sharply in most of its range. The total population is now estimated at between 1,000 and 4,000.

Intensive trapping for the pet trade is the biggest threat on Dumarán, but the island is also under increasing pressure from unregulated development and destruction of lowland areas.

Using the "Pride" campaign methodology created by the NGO Rare, Lacerna-Widmann (photo below, left) is implementing a social marketing strategy designed together with local stakeholders to change behavior on the island by promoting pride in the local environment.

With the Philippine cockatoo as a flagship, it's a strategy showing early results.

"A festival we had in June is a good example," Lacerna-Widmann said. "The Foundation and Rare's financial and technical help were key, but it was the local municipality coming in that tipped the scales—everyone wanted to come."

High local participation is due to the project's local impact, which includes a recent decree by the Municipality of Puerto Princesa declaring one of the last remaining coastal lowland forests on Dumarán as an environmentally and ecologically protected area.

The 60-hectare area is a crucial feeding, nesting and roosting ground for the cockatoo and other threatened bird species. It's also important for the local communities.

"The protected area will protect and ensure the water supply not only for this community, but also for other barangays (villages) dependent on this sub-watershed," she said.

Her campaign is part of a major expansion of the Pride program supported by CEPF.

The expansion project brings together Rare and Conservation International's global communications team to train and support local campaign leaders like Lacerna-Widmann in creating and implementing Pride campaigns.

It includes 13 campaigns in nine hotspots. Each campaign builds the capacity of the leader and his or her umbrella organization in social marketing and ultimately aims to save a Critically Endangered species, solidify or create new protected areas or conserve biodiversity corridors.





Museum of Natural History, University of Louisiana at Monroe is primarily a research facility that offers preserved specimens for studies of ecology and evolution. www.ulm.edu/~pezold/welcome.htm

NACLO aims to champion the interests of any given good cause in South Africa.

Namprocon CC provides business services, including strategic planning, Web site construction and creation of business plans for government departments, municipalities, NGOs and the business sector in the northern Cape Floristic Region.

National Botanical Institute, South Africa is an autonomous, statutory organization that runs environmental education programs and maintains databases and libraries specializing in information on the plant life of southern Africa. www.nbi.ac.za

National Fish and Wildlife Foundation conserves healthy populations of fish, wildlife and plants on land and in the sea through creative and respectful partnerships, sustainable solutions, and better education. www.nfwf.org

Organización para el Desarrollo Sostenible del Pueblo Naso is an NGO formed by the Naso indigenous community in Costa Rica working to preserve their traditional lands and spread their culture through ecotourism.

Palawan Conservation Corps mobilizes out-of-school youth to fulfill the goal of preserving Palawan's natural resources and indigenous culture. It is the first program of its kind established in Southeast Asia.

PeaceWork seeks to restore and preserve the quality of the Indonesian natural environment, society and culture through participatory natural resource conflict resolution.

Percy FitzPatrick Institute of African Ornithology at the University of Cape Town, South Africa promotes and undertakes scientific studies of birds to help maintain biological diversity and the sustained use of biological resources. <http://web.uct.ac.za/depts/fitzpatrick/>

The Peregrine Fund conserves nature by restoring species in jeopardy, conserving habitat, educating students, training conservationists, providing factual information to the public and accomplishing good science. www.peregrinefund.org

The Philippine Eagle Foundation is committed to promoting the survival of the Philippine eagle, the biodiversity it represents and the sustainable use of forest resources for future generations to enjoy. www.philippineagle.org

PROBIOMA is a private social development institution with activities in the Cochabamba and Holy Cross areas of Bolivia. www.probioma.es.vg/

Process Luzon Association, Inc., empowers communities to sustainably manage their resources for a healthy, productive environment in the Philippines.

Rainforest Alliance protects ecosystems and the people and wildlife that live within them by implementing better business practices for biodiversity conservation and sustainability. www.rainforestalliance.org

Rare protects wildlands of globally significant biological diversity by empowering local people to benefit from their preservation. www.rareconservation.org

Rawsonville Wine and Tourism represents some 327 farms in the Breede and Slanghoek valleys in South Africa by encouraging tourism that benefits and uplifts the local community.

Regalis Environmental Services CC provides consulting services on conservation and management of the flora and vegetation of the Fynbos, Succulent Karoo and Subtropical Thicket biomes in South Africa.

Riau Mandiri seeks to empower community groups to defend, demand and convey their aspirations in the fields of the living environment and human rights.

Royal Botanic Gardens Kew aims to enable better management of the Earth's environment by increasing knowledge and understanding of the plant and fungal kingdoms—the basis of life on earth. www.kew.org

Sano y Salvo represents indigenous and community groups that employ sustainable agricultural practices to produce ecologically certified fair trade products in the buffer zone surrounding the Indio Maiz Reserve in Nicaragua. www.eco-index.org/ong/sys-ni-eng.html

Save My Future Foundation aims to facilitate and promote participatory community-based sustainable natural resource management and development in Liberia. www.samfu.org

Sekretariat Kerjasama Pelestarian Hutan Indonesia formed through a consensus of 14 NGOs during a workshop on forest conservation in Lembang, West Java in 1982 to conduct campaigns on forest conservation in Indonesia. www.skephi.com/

Seleksi Penerimaan Mahasiswa Baru is a student selection committee providing scholarships to high school graduates from poor families to study at universities throughout Indonesia.

Selva Reps S.A.C. is a Peruvian ecotourism company, Rainforest Expeditions, founded in 1992, to provide authentic educational experiences that support the conservation of the areas where it operates. www.perunature.com/

Sichuan Academy of Forestry is a forestry research institution contributing to forest and biodiversity conservation in the Sichuan Province of China.

Sichuan Alpine Ecology Study Centre is dedicated to protecting the ecological environment and maintaining the ecological balance in the Sichuan Province of China. www.s-alpine.com

Sichuan Greenriver Environmental Association promotes the environmental protection of the Yangtze and Yellow River headwaters through public awareness. www.green-river.org

Snowland Great Rivers Environmental Protection Association is charged with setting up the Advisory Committee of Experts for environmental protection in the Springhead Areas of the Three Rivers and increasing public awareness of environmental challenges in China. www.snowland-great-rivers.org

Sociedade de Estudos dos Ecossistemas e Desenvolvimento Sustentável da Bahia promotes sustainable development among the local communities in the diverse ecosystems of Bahia, Brazil.

Sociedad Peruana de Derecho Ambiental is a Peruvian organization that believes in the capacity of societies to be developed in sustainable ways and, consequently, in the need to conserve the environment as an essential component of efforts to improve the quality of life. www.spda.org.pe

Society for the Conservation of Nature of Liberia promotes the wise use of natural resources, creates public awareness of economic, environmental and aesthetic values of natural resources and encourages scholarly work in the field of Liberian natural history.

SOS Mata Atlântica is an NGO in Brazil that seeks to conserve the remaining Atlantic Forest and the rich cultural identity of the communities that inhabit the region. www.sosmatatlantica.org.br

South African National Parks manages a system of parks, that represents the indigenous fauna, flora, landscapes and associated cultural heritage of the country. www.parks-sa.co.za

South African Protea Producers and Exporters Association aims to develop indigenous flora and to ensure effective production and marketing so that it can contribute to job creation and prosperity in South Africa without depleting natural resources. www.sappex.org.za

TRAFFIC International oversees the global TRAFFIC Network, which aims to ensure that trade in wild plants and animals is not a threat to the conservation of nature. www.traffic.org

TRÓPICO contributes to the conservation of biodiversity in Bolivia within the framework of sustainable development. www.tropico.org/

Unidad Indígena del Pueblo Awá represents the Awá indigenous community in Colombia by strengthening their ethnicity and culture, defending their social, economic, political, cultural and environmental rights and providing legal representation for the community's territorial rights.

University of Pretoria strives to be an internationally recognized South African teaching and research university and a member of the international community of scholarly institutions. www.up.ac.za/intro.html

University of Stellenbosch strives to create and sustain, in commitment to the academic ideal of excellent scholarly and scientific practice, an environment within which knowledge can be discovered, shared and applied to the benefit of the community. www.sun.ac.za

University (Universitas) of Siah Kuala established the Konservasi Sumber Daya Lahan study program to protect natural resources in Nanggroe Aceh Darussalam and supports and operates general conservation efforts with special attention to watershed and landscape management.

University of Vermont, Department of Biology, aims to create, interpret and share knowledge to prepare its students to lead productive, responsible and creative lives, and to promote the application of relevant knowledge to benefit the State of Vermont and society as a whole. www.uvm.edu/~biology/

University of Western Ontario is one of Canada's oldest universities. Through its 12 faculties and schools and three affiliated colleges, the university offers more than 50 different degree and diploma programs. www.uwo.ca

Wanglang Nature Reserve is one of the earliest state nature reserves established to preserve the giant panda and its habitat, primarily near Min Mountain in China. www.wanglang.com

Western Cape International Youth Festival is a platform for young people to display their skills in sport, arts and culture, academic subjects, entrepreneurship and personal conduct. www.youthfestival.co.za

Western Cape Nature Conservation Board is the lead implementing agency for Cape Action for People and the Environment (CAPE), a 20-year strategy to secure the biodiversity of the Cape Floristic Region while delivering local social and economic benefits. www.cnc.org.za

WildAid provides direct protection to wildlife in danger, through wildlife law enforcement, habitat protection, education and community outreach. www.wildaidasia.org

Wild Chimpanzee Foundation is a multinational foundation created and advised by individuals who join efforts to preserve as many as possible of the remaining wild chimpanzee populations and their natural habitat throughout their range in Africa. www.wildchimps.org/

Wilderness Action Group is a voluntary organization formed by southern African delegates who attended the 3rd World Wilderness Congress in Scotland. It is dedicated to wilderness conservation in southern Africa. www.wild.org/network/wag.html

The Wilderness Foundation is the sister organization and operating base in South Africa for the Wild Foundation. It supports the protection and appropriate use of critical wilderness areas, wildland values and endangered wildlife. www.wild.org/southern_africa/wf.html

Wildlife and Environment Society of South Africa works to achieve a well-managed, environmentally sustainable South Africa. The organization promotes public participation in caring for the Earth. www.wildlifesociety.org.za/

Wildlife Conservation Society saves wildlife and wildlands through careful science, international conservation, education and the management of the world's largest system of urban wildlife parks, led by the flagship Bronx Zoo in the United States. <http://wcs.org>

World Pheasant Association aims to develop and promote the conservation of species within the order of the Galliformes. www.pheasant.org.uk

World Wide Fund for Nature aims to stop, and eventually reverse, the worsening degradation of the planet's natural environment, and build a future in which humans live in harmony with nature. WWF is known as World Wildlife Fund in Canada and the United States. www.panda.org

Yakap Kalikasan Tungo sa Kaunlaran ng Pilipinas, Inc., aims to provide technical assistance to local partners, public and private sectors and communities on environmental and natural resources management and sustainable development.

Yayasan Alam Sumatera is a market-based venture in Indonesia developed by the Alam Sumatra Foundation. It aims to provide financial support for rain forest conservation and rain forest people by involving them in commercially sustainable activities. www.alamsumatra.or.id



Yayasan Bina Ketrampilan Desa strives to advance rural society in Indonesia by advocating for local communities and assisting them in environmentally and socially conscious development. www.ngo.or.id/bitra

Yayasan Biota Lestari is an NGO seeking to protect flora and fauna in Indonesia.

Yayasan Cipta Citra Lestri Indonesia promotes nature conservation, disseminates information and raises awareness on environmental issues to support conservation in Indonesia.

Yayasan Citra Mandiri is a Padang-based Indonesian NGO enabling Mentawaians to make sound decisions in the management of their natural resources through political, economic, social and cultural empowerment.

Yayasan Ekologi Konservasi Nanggroe Aceh is a nonprofit organization focused on the conservation and ecological study of various ecosystems in Nanggroe Aceh Darussalam and throughout Sumatra.

Yayasan Ekowisata Aceh strengthens community bargaining power toward natural resources management in Indonesia.

Yayasan Kaliptra is a forum for NGOs in Sumatra to gather ideas and opinions and create a common voice on natural resource issues.

Yayasan Perlindungan Lingkungan Hidup dan Pelestarian Alam is an NGO in North Sumatra protecting biodiversity and increasing local community participation in natural resource management.

Yayasan Rumpun Bambu Indonesia seeks to strengthen the Adat community by improving natural resource management and capacity within its network of Indonesian villages.

Yayasan Sikap Tulus Untuk Sesama builds human resources in Sumatra's Riau Province by increasing conservation-based natural resource use through socially sensitive and community-oriented efforts.

Youth Volunteers Association of Yunnan University aims to promote conservation and sustainable development among students and to train students to be conservation activists. www.huanqing.org

Yunnan Normal University has three campuses and 20 schools throughout the city of Kunming in China. www.ynnu.edu.cn/

Zoological Society of Philadelphia advances discovery, understanding and stewardship of the natural world through exhibitions and interpretation of living animals and plants. www.philadelphiazoo.org

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