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# Protecting Nature's Hotspots for People and Prosperity

### CRITICAL ECOSYSTEM

A joint initiative of l'Agence Française de Développement, Conservation International, the Global Environment Facility, the Government of Japan, the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, and the World Bank





## Message from the Executive Director

Core to the Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund (CEPF) approach is the belief that each of us can make a difference, yet together we can—and we must—do more. Our partners share this belief.

This year, l'Agence Française de Développement (the French Development Agency) joined our effort to protect the Earth's biodiversity hotspots with a commitment of 19.5 million euros. Conservation International agreed to match this new support and thereby double its contribution to \$50 million. Other partners are also formalizing renewed financial commitments.

We are immensely grateful and inspired by this renewed financial strength made possible by the achievements of our partners in the field. These results range from nearly 10 million hectares of newly created or expanded protected areas to diverse governmental policies influenced in favor of both nature and the people who rely on it.

This report covering fiscal year 2007 (July 2006–June 2007) features some of the latest results, from a new way of managing Madagascar's wetlands to a blueprint for reversing the destruction of one of the most critical ecosystems in Mesoamerica.

As an integral part of these efforts and all that makes our approach unique, our support has enabled a stronger voice, influence, and action by civil societies. They are not only achieving conservation outcomes where it matters most but also building strong, local institutions and ownership, as well as good governance so these results will last.

Jorgen B. Thomsen Executive Director, CEPF Senior Vice President, Conservation International



### The Partnership

**L'Agence Française de Développement** (the French Development Agency) is a financial institution that is at the heart of France's Development Assistance Policy. It supports a wide range of social and economic projects in more than 60 countries. *www.afd.fr* 

**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** (GEF) is the world's largest source of funding for the global environment. The GEF brings 178 member governments together with leading development institutions and others in support of a common global environmental agenda. www.thegef.org

The Government of Japan is one of the largest providers of development assistance for the environment. Japan seeks constructive measures and concrete programs to preserve unique ecosystems that provide people with important benefits and help reduce poverty. www.env.go.jp/en/

The John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation is a private, independent, grant-making institution dedicated to helping groups and individuals foster lasting improvement in the human condition. www.macfound.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

### Message from the Partners

Given both the challenges and opportunities of our time, coming together and enabling others has never been more important.

With our support, CEPF has enabled more than 1,200 nongovernmental partners to help achieve conservation and sustainable development, both alongside and together with national governments. CEPF investments have grown to nearly \$91 million in 33 countries.

This year, we also approved a Strategic Framework that sets our collective vision for the program for the next 5 years. As part of the framework, CEPF will provide new support to hundreds of partners whose work will consolidate the gains made to date and will also expand the CEPF approach to other critical areas.

The Indochina region in Indo-Burma, the Pacific Island nations in Polynesia-Micronesia, and the Western Ghats region of southwestern India will be the first to benefit from the expansion. Local teams will build a broad base of civil society groups working toward common goals as an integral part of the CEPF approach. The program will also strengthen its focus on assessing lessons learned and results for the benefit of all.

The Strategic Framework includes an ambitious goal to increase the total new resources for implementation to \$150 million. We are confident that we can meet this goal together with other leaders who recognize how healthy ecosystems and human health and prosperity are so fundamentally linked.

The CEPF mission remains unchanged—and ever vital. We invite you to join us.

Monique Barbut Chairperson and CEO The Global Environment Facility

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### Our Strategic Approach

CEPF brings together global leaders in a united effort to help conserve the Earth's biologically richest and most threatened areas. Combined, these biodiversity hotspots harbor half the diversity of life on the planet.

The convergence of critical areas for conservation with millions of people who are living in poverty and are highly dependent on healthy ecosystems for their survival is also more evident in the hotspots than anywhere else. The benefits of a healthy environment extend well beyond biodiversity.

The hotspots approach to conserving critical ecosystems is a highly targeted strategy for tackling the challenge of natural resource loss at the global level.

As many hotspots cross national borders, the approach transcends political boundaries and fosters coordination and joint efforts across large landscapes for both local and global benefits. CEPF investments enable nongovernmental organizations (NGOs), community groups, and private sector partners to conserve their environment and to influence decisions that affect lives, livelihoods, and ultimately the global environment.

In each hotspot where it invests, the program first works with experts and stakeholders to create an ecosystem profile. The goal is to identify the highest priorities for conservation and a strategy that can provide the greatest value. Engaging a rich mix of civil society and governmental partners at this early stage has proven to be the foundation for successful implementation and results.

Every grant awarded also helps implement a specific strategic direction from the investment strategy, further enabling the program to act as a catalyst in aligning and coordinating conservation efforts.

CEPF relies on regional teams of civil society groups to lead implementation in the hotspots. These teams identify potential partners, help local groups design effective projects, and convert the plans in the profiles into powerful portfolios.

In new regions approved for investment as of 2007, these teams will also directly award a significant share of grants and will help make sound decisions on all other applications.

The organizations we support are at the heart of the program's results. They lead innovative projects and engage others to increase the impact per dollar spent and results that can be sustained.

Grant recipients range from farming cooperatives, community groups, and the private sector to local and international NGOs all working to conserve our global environment.



### Hotspots Where CEPF Invested, FY 07

The Earth's 34 biodiversity hotspots hold especially high numbers of unique species. The hotspots once covered 15.7 percent of the Earth's land surface. Today, their combined area of remaining natural vegetation covers only 2.3 percent. Each hotspot has already lost at least 70 percent of its original extent and continues to face extreme threats. CEPF supported civil society conservation projects in 15 critical areas within 16 hotspots during the year.

\* Because of a reclassification of hotspot boundaries in 2005, the originally defined investment areas now stretch across two hotspots in some cases.

Atlantic Forest Madagascar and Indian Ocean Islands Cape Floristic Region Mesoamerica Caucasus Mountains of Southwest China 3 Coastal Forests of Eastern Africa 12 Philippines Eastern Afromontane Succulent Karoo 5 13 Guinean Forests of West Africa Sundaland 6 14 **Tropical Andes** Himalaya Indo-Burma Tumbes-Chocó-Magdalena 8



### Providing Hope for Laguna del Tigre

A new management plan is providing a blueprint to not only halt but also reverse the destruction of Laguna del Tigre, Guatemala's largest national park and one of the most critical ecosystems in the Mesoamerica Hotspot.

The plan, approved by Guatemala's National Council of Protected Areas, is providing hope in a region long under intense pressure from competing land-use interests.

Despite protection since 1990 and a previous plan, the 335,080-hectare park "continues to be one of the most threatened ecosystems in Mesoamerica," said Roan Balas McNab, director of the Wildlife Conservation Society's (WCS) Guatemala operations.

The plan addresses land-tenure issues and threats, such as migration, cattle ranching, and drug trafficking that had led to a near collapse of law and order in the region. New steps include increased presence and protection efforts involving an alliance of government and civil society.



Above: Guatemala's largest national park provides critical habitat for the Endangered Baird's tapir (*Tapirus bairdii*) and other neotropical species. Opposite: Laguna del Tigre is characterized by seasonal lakes and plains and recognized as a wetlands of international importance.

With support from CEPF, WCS helped the national agency develop the new plan at an opportune time as government interest was high for bringing the lawlessness under control in the park, which borders Mexico and had become a national security concern. Building consensus among stakeholders—from President Óscar Berger Perdomo to Guatemala's Institute of Anthropology and History to local communities—was an integral part of the approach.

Located in Guatemala's Petén Department, Laguna del Tigre lies at the heart of the nation's Maya Biosphere Reserve. The park's lowland forest area also includes Central America's largest protected wetland.

The challenges to effective protection remain large. However, if successful, the plan will play a vital role in securing the park's future and could become a model for other parks in peril.



### Pioneering a Model for Conservation

An innovative project in Madagascar pioneered a new model for managing the country's wetlands while also supporting the communities that depend upon these ecosystems for their livelihood.

With support from CEPF, BirdLife International engaged local community associations and industrial food producers in protecting the Mahavavy-Kinkony Wetlands Complex. The organization also worked with government officials and representatives from local communities to establish a collaborative structure for managing the area.

In January 2007, protection for the area was ensured when the government of Madagascar included the wetlands in the declaration of an additional 1 million hectares of new protected areas in the island nation. It is the largest wetlands area to be added to the country's growing roster of protected areas.



Above: The Mahavavy-Kinkony Wetlands Complex includes unique western Malagasy wetlands and forests overlapping five communes. Opposite: BirdLife team members meet with residents in Marambitsy Bay as part of consultations and work with local villages.

The 268,236-hectare complex in the Madagascar and Indian Ocean Islands Hotspot includes lakes, rivers, marshes, shorelines, and mangroves. It is home to 12 globally threatened species of birds, reptiles, and fish. The threatened birds include Endangered Madagascar teals (Anas bernieri), Madagascar sacred ibises (Threskiornis bernieri), and Sakalava rails (Amaurornis olivieri).

There is a "very high level of threat to many species, as the habitats are under so many pressures," said Roger Safford, program and projects manager for BirdLife International.

Previously, Madagascar's protected areas did not lend themselves to protecting a large wetlands complex inhabited by a large human population, Safford explained. BirdLife International was one of the many organizations that helped the country's government create the new approach. The new model incorporates mechanisms for monitoring and conserving biological resources, as well as enabling local communities to participate in and, ultimately, directly manage these efforts.



### Uniting for Healthy Ecosystems

A unique scheme in Colombia is enabling farmers to participate in water management that benefits their livelihoods and neighboring communities, as well as a key biodiversity area.

Centro para la Investigación en Sistemas Sostenibles de Producción Agropecuaria (CIPAV), a local NGO, created the scheme with CEPF support to encourage farmers in 10 municipalities around Munchique National Park to manage their land and water resources more effectively.

The park in the Tumbes-Chocó-Magdalena Hotspot provides habitat for more than 30 globally threatened species of birds. The 2,000 hectares between the park and the Serrania del Pinche mountains is also a critical source of water for communities.

"The implementation of the scheme has helped to increase the awareness of farmers and communities to protect water sources and biodiversity in the area," CIPAV Research Coordinator Julián Chará said.



Above: Munchique National Park and surrounding areas provide habitat for the military macaw (Ara *militaris*) and other threatened species. Opposite: Chimborazo is one of the communities with an improved water supply thanks to the payment for ecosystem services scheme in Colombia.

This year, CIPAV brokered five agreements with the communities relying upon water from eight of the area's micro watersheds to participate in the scheme.

The project builds on the experience and learning of CIPAV and its partners from an earlier GEF/World Bank-supported project in which the organization designed and tested models for compensating landowners to help sustain the natural benefits that healthy ecosystems provide.

Farm land is compared annually to baseline maps made at the project's inception to identify changes over time. Of the eight eligible land uses, those that contribute more to water and conservation have a higher score and, therefore, deliver higher compensation to the participating farmers in the form of commodities such as fertilizers, trees, seeds, and labor.

In a barter part of the scheme, farmers in the watersheds' lowlands donated their labor to help upland farmers change to eligible land uses and improve production systems, thereby helping avoid deforestation and silting and polluting of the rivers upon which their communities depend.



### Linking Growth and Conservation

A new fund in the Succulent Karoo Hotspot is demonstrating how grassroots development and conservation can thrive together. During a 1-year pilot phase, groups supported by the fund—known as Skeppies—created 22 businesses and 109 local jobs while helping conserve nearly 1,000 hectares of biologically rich land.

Skeppies, which means small creations or small servings in Afrikaans, "showed that it was, in fact, possible to combine the two often mutually exclusive objectives of economic growth and biodiversity protection," said Christina Golino, director of agency services for the Development Bank of Southern Africa (DBSA).

Skeppies, a partnership between the development bank, Conservation International, and CEPF, supports community projects combining the two goals. Together, the projects also help meet the targets in municipal development plans and in the 20-year conservation strategy for the hotspot.



Above: Two newly employed residents throw compost on land being restored as part of a project supported by Skeppies. Opposite: The Succulent Karoo in South Africa and Namibia boasts the richest diversity of succulent flora on the Earth, including many species found nowhere else.

Supported activities ranged from the creation of hiking trails and a community garden to a rugby club promoting conservation awareness.

In one project, Anatolian dogs were given to communal farmers in Namaqualand to protect sheep and other stock from predators. In addition to decreasing the use of traps that can unintentionally harm nontargeted predator species, farmers reported fewer stock losses in herds protected by the dogs. Participating farmer Martin Damon said the Anatolian is "for me worth gold."

Another project is the brainchild of four Namaqualand women who sell traditional food from "kookskerm" kitchens made from local bushes. The Nama food has become popular with tourists, contributing to the viability of ecotourism in the area and further inspiring the participants, some of whom have since expanded their kitchens to include lodging facilities.

In recognition of the pilot phase success, CEPF and DBSA agreed to provide additional support to help transition Skeppies into a long-term fund for grassroots projects.



### Saving the Philippine Crocodile

The Critically Endangered Philippine crocodile (Crocodylus mindorensis) is recovering from the brink of extinction thanks to local citizens and the Mabuwaya Foundation, a Filipino conservation group. As fisherman Victorino Montañedo, one of the 500 local people working with Mabuwaya, puts it: "If you protect the crocodiles, you also protect their habitat which provides food and water for us all."

CEPF supported the foundation's efforts to engage citizens like Montañedo in communities to restore the species to the waterways of the Sierra Madre Biodiversity Corridor in the Philippines Hotspot.

"Even though the Philippine crocodile is protected by law at the national level, these laws are often unenforceable at the local level," Mabuwaya Project Team Leader Jan van der Ploeg said. "So it's vital to work with local communities to develop regulations from the ground up."



Above: Philippine crocodile (Crocodylus mindorensis) hatchlings like this 1 month old offer hope for saving the Critically Endangered species. Opposite: Isabela Province Governor Grace Padaca opens a special center that gives crocodile hatchlings a head start before release into the wild.

Over the past three years, Mabuwaya worked with citizens in 20 barangays, or villages, with around 3,000 families, to raise awareness of the benefits that can result from conservation. Many of the threats facing the crocodile population, such as unsustainable fishing practices and habitat destruction, are also a threat to local livelihoods.

As a result of Mabuwaya's work, 15 barangays developed conservation plans and 11 of these included regulations to help protect the crocodiles and their habitat.

During the same period, the organization also developed a reward scheme to engage community members in protecting crocodile nests and hatchlings, as well as a protocol for releasing crocodiles reared in captivity.

This year, the hatchling program saw its first successes. In August 2006, Mabuwaya coordinated the Philippines' first release of a captive adult crocodile from the program into the wild. In February 2007, the organization released four juvenile crocodiles near the Disulap River.

### **Approved Grants**

#### Atlantic Forest Hotspot Brazil

Strategic Direction 2: Improve management of existing and future public protected areas through targeted civil society efforts

Management Plan for Eucalyptus Trees in the União Biológical Reserve \$14,700 Associação Mico Leão Dourado

#### Cape Floristic Region Hotspot

**Strategic Direction 1:** Support civil society involvement in the establishment of protected areas and management plans in CFR biodiversity corridors

**Big Birds on Farms** \$15,000 University of Cape Town

Biodiversity and Effective Management Assessment of Voluntary Conservation Sites in the Western Cape Province \$17,500 Western Cape Conservation Stewardship Association

Nature's Valley Water Opal Wetland Rehabilitation Project \$4,000 Nature's Valley Trust

**Strategic Direction 2:** Promote innovative private sector and community involvement in conservation in landscapes surrounding CFR biodiversity corridors Baviaanskloof Community Beekeeping Project \$16,968 Wilderness Foundation–South Africa

Baviaanskloof Decisionmakers Trails \$12,503 Wilderness Foundation–South Africa

**Custodians of Rare and Endangered Wildflowers Phase 2** \$29,990 South African National Biodiversity Institute

Developing a Wild Rooibos Business Strategy for Sustainable Marketing \$20,000

Environmental Monitoring Group

Eden to Addo Corridor Initiative \$70,000 Eden to Addo Corridor Initiative

#### Elim Botanical Garden, Endemic Nursery, and Natural Corridors to Geelkop Nature Reserve \$20,000 Protea Permaculture

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Empowering Local Communities along the Baviaanskloof Route: Training in Tourism and SMME development \$14,967 Wilderness Foundation–South Africa

Feasibility Study and Management Plan in Support of the Reopening of Gamkaskloof Donkey Route as a Guided Heritage Walk \$20,000 Calbitz Holdings Greater Cederberg Biodiversity Corridor Biodiversity and Business Program \$135,000 CapeNature (formerly Western Cape Nature Conservation Board)

**Green Futures on the Cape Flats** \$19,998 Grootbos Green Futures Foundation

**Greenline 24°15' E Trail Project** \$18,700 Eersterivier Projects Organization

Linking Landowners and Small Businesses with Gamebird Conservation and Sustainable Use in Threatened Habitats in the Cape Floristic Region \$20,000 Odette Curtis

Walk With Me Indigenous Forest Trails/ Hamba Nam Indigenous Forest Trails \$4,000 Walk With Me/Hamba Nam

#### **Caucasus Hotspot**

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

Wetland Management Training Course for the Staff of Sevan National Park (Armenia) and Kolkheti National Park (Georgia) \$30,000 Professional and Entrepreneurial Orientation Union

Strategic Direction 2: Strengthen mechanisms to conserve biodiversity of the Caucasus Hotspot with emphasis on species, site, and corridor outcomes

Development and Capacity Building of Transboundary Bats Monitoring Network in the Caucasus \$175,000 Field Research Union "Campester" Establishing the Conservation Status of the Acipenseridae Family in Georgia \$55,000 Black Sea Eco Academy

NBSAP Implementation Program– International Conventions and Local Communities \$235,000 Noah's Arc Centre for the Recovery of Endangered Species

Provide Support to Conservation Agencies Specifically to Improve Implementation of International Conventions \$34,963 Environmental Law Center

**Strategic Direction 3:** Implement models demonstrating sustainable resource use in five target corridors

Evaluation and Implementation of Sustainable Forestry Models in Northern Armenia \$100,000 Armenia Tree Project

Integrated River Basin Management in the Turkish West Lesser Caucasus \$350,000 World Wide Fund for Nature–Turkey

Promoting Sustainable Forest Management within the Support/Buffer Zone of the Mtirala National Park \$154,000 Association for Nature Protection and Sustainable Use "Mta-Bari"

Training for Conservation–Biodiversity Assessment and Monitoring Training Program in the Turkish Caucasus \$146,863 Nature Conservation Centre

**Strategic Direction 4:** Increase the awareness and commitment of decisionmakers to biodiversity conservation in five target corridors Building Awareness of Conservation in the Caucasus \$275,168 International Center for Journalists

Environmental Communication Campaign– "Conservation for Sustainable Development in the Caucasus Ecoregion" \$67,687 Caucasus Environmental NGO Network

Environmental Hot Spots Journalistic Monitoring \$100,000 Regional Environmental Centre for the Caucasus

Increasing the Awareness and Commitment of Decisionmakers to Biodiversity and Ecosystem Conservation in Armenia's East Lesser Caucasus Corridor \$100,000 Armenian Forests NGO

Magazine on Nature Conservation in Georgian \$45,000 Georgian Center for the Conservation of Wildlife

Mobilization of Civil Society to Solve Biodiversity Conservation Problems \$100,000 Independent Producer Center Yeni Dalga

#### Eastern Arc Mountains and Coastal Forests of Tanzania and Kenya

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

Capacity Building to Improve the Management of the Amani Nature Reserve \$19,500 Amani Nature Reserve

Forest Use and Conservation of Biodiversity in Witu Forest \$19,942 Danish Zoological Society Kwale Herbal and Beauty Production Centre \$12,030 National Museums of Kenya

Managing the Interface between Forest Product Extraction and Rural Livelihoods in the Eastern Arc Mountains and Coastal Forests \$100,000 TRAFFIC International

Mangabey Educational Tourism Project in the Udzungwa Mountains, Tanzania: Phase 1 \$20,000 Trevor P. Jones

Protecting Biological Diversity on Unilever's Mufindi Tea Estate \$20,000 Unilever Tanzania Limited

Rubeho Environmental Action Plan (REAP) Project–Phase I \$100,000 African Rainforest Conservancy

Saintpaulia Project: Wildflower Field Guides for the Eastern Arc Mountains \$13,140 Wildlife Conservation Society of Tanzania

The Wildlife Works/Verde Ventures Kasigau Reforestation Project \$18,154 Wildlife Works EPZ Ltd.

**Strategic Direction 2:** Restore and increase connectivity among fragmented forest patches

Improve Forest Connectivity in the Taita Hills: A Preparatory Phase \$53,627 The East African Wild Life Society

Improving the Conservation of Magombera Forest and Community Livelihoods \$70,000 World Wide Fund for Nature Restoring Forest Connectivity in the Udzungwa Mountains \$77,450 Tanzania Forest Conservation Group

**Strategic Direction 4:** Establish a small grants program in the hotspot that focuses on Critically Endangered species and small-scale efforts to increase connectivity of biologically important habitat patches

A Second Population Assessment of the Uluguru Bush Shrike Malaconotus Alius, Uluguru Mountains \$14,577 Wildlife Conservation Society of Tanzania

Assessment of Baseline Ecological and Socioeconomic Factors for Forest Restoration Planning in the Bunduki Gap of the Uluguru Mountain Forests of Tanzania \$6,628 CARE International

Assessment of Overall Spider Diversity and Establishment of the Status and Ecology of Two New Species of Spiders from Taita Hills \$17,902 National Museums of Kenya

Coordinated Monitoring of the Endangered Spotted Ground Thrush in the East African Breeding and Nonbreeding Grounds \$20,000 BirdLife International

Instituting a Biodiversity Monitoring System of Globally Threatened Species in Dakatcha Woodland \$19,978 Nature Kenya

Small Grants for Building Research Capacity Among Tanzanian and Kenyan Students \$200,000 BirdLife International

Threatened Plant Species of Nonsurveyed Coastal Forest Patches in Handeni District, Tanzania \$15,300 Adansonia Consulting

#### Eastern Himalayas Region

**Strategic Direction 1:** Build on existing landscape conservation initiatives to maintain and restore connectivity and to protect wideranging threatened species in priority corridors

Strengthening Civil Society for Biodiversity Conservation Support Project \$60,165 Ilam Co-operation Council, Ilam–2

**Strategic Direction 2:** Secure the conservation of priority site outcomes (key biodiversity areas) in the eastern Himalayas

Conservation Corridor and Livelihood Development Project \$79,920 Namsaling Community Development Centre

Plant Biodiversity Inventory, Identification of Hotspots, and Conservation Strategies for Threatened Species and Habitats in Kanchenjunga Singalila Ridge, Eastern Nepal \$35,000 Ethnobotanical Society of Nepal

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

Biodiversity Conservation Initiatives through Grassroots Participation \$69,990 Environmental Camps for Conservation Awareness

Developing Civil Society Networks to Conserve Key Biodiversity Areas in Nepal, Focusing on the Kanchenjunga Singalila Complex \$69,988 Bird Conservation Nepal **Strategic Direction 4:** Develop a small grants program to safeguard globally threatened species in the Eastern Himalayas

#### CEPF Small Grants Program for Biodiversity Conservation in the Eastern Himalayas of India \$607.350

Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment

#### Mesoamerica Hotspot Northern Mesoamerica

Strategic Direction 1: Foster civil society participation in regional decisionmaking on select policies and investments to promote conservation and sustainable development

Baseline Forest Change Detection and Key Biodiversity Areas in Northern Mesoamerica \$36,928 El Colegio de La Frontera Sur

Establishing a Baseline for Monitoring Species and Key Biodiversity Areas in Guatemala \$13,729 Wildlife Conservation Society

Establishing a Baseline to Monitor Species and Key Biodiversity Areas in Belize \$11,000 Belize Tropical Forest Studies

Promoting Public Policy Reform in Strategic Areas for Conservation in Northern Mesoamerica \$71,874 Conservation International

Support for the Guatemala Debt for Nature Swap \$300,000 Conservation International **Strategic Direction 2:** Collaborate with other donor-funded projects to facilitate and operationalize successful conservation activities in Northern Mesoamerica's eight most important key biodiversity areas

Preparing a Bi-National Guatemalan–Mexican Action Plan to Conserve the Biological Corridor between Calakmul Biosphere Reserve and Mirador Rio Azul National Park \$20,000 Asociación Balam para la Conservación de los Recursos Naturales y Culturales Integrados

Support to the Guatemala Gap Analysis Process under the Convention on Biological Diversity \$39,098 Conservation International

#### XXVIII International Course for Protected Areas: Buffer Zones and Biological Corridors for Ecosystem Management of Landscapes \$17,500 Centro Agronómico Tropical de Investigación

y Enseñanza

**Strategic Direction 3:** Support priority conservation actions in three priority key biodiversity areas

Implementing Strategies for Inter Institutional Coordination and Local Participation to Conserve the Selva Zoque Key Biodiversity Area \$400,000 Pronatura Chiapas, A.C.

Improving Management in the Core Areas of the Chiquibul/Maya Mountains \$369,805 Friends for Conservation and Development

**Strategic Direction 4:** Support efforts to prevent the extinction of Northern Mesoamerica's 106 Critically Endangered species

#### Global Mammal Assessment: Mesoamerica Assessment \$19,449

Escuela Agrícola Panamericana, Zamorano

#### Mesoamerica Hotspot Southern Mesoamerica

**Strategic Direction 1:** Strengthen key conservation alliances and networks within integral corridors

Dissemination of the Final Report from the GRUAS II Conservation Zoning Exercise in Costa Rica \$15,300 Instituto Nacional de Biodiversidad

Establishing a Monitoring Baseline for Species and Key Biodiversity Areas in Costa Rica \$10,000 Instituto Nacional de Biodiversidad

Establishing a Monitoring Baseline for Species and Key Biodiversity Areas in Nicaragua \$10,000 Fundación Nicaragüense para la Conservación

Establishing a Monitoring Baseline for Species and Key Biodiversity Areas in Panama \$11,593 Sociedad Audubon de Panamá

#### NGO Capacity Building for the Sustainable Development of Southeast Nicaragua \$6,000 Fundación para el Desarrollo Sostenible

*Strategic Direction 2:* Connect critical areas through economic alternatives

#### Conserving the Forests of La Amistad International Park through the Promotion of Traditional Medicine in Three Communities of Naso Ethnicity–Phase II \$19,635 Asociación de Practicantes de Medicina Tradicional Naso

*Strategic Direction 3:* Promote awareness and conservation of flagship species

#### Monitoring and Dissemination of Data on Threatened and Flagship Species in La Amistad International Park, Panama \$17,930 Asociacion Mejorando al Desarrollo Rural de

la Region a Traves de la Conservacion de la Vida Silvestre (formerly Asociación Meralvis)

#### Preparing a Regional Strategy to Conserve the Manatee of Southern Mesoamerica \$10,000 Fundación Amigos del Río San Juan

*Strategic Direction 4: Support improved management of key protected areas* 

#### Developing an Action Plan to Prevent Environmental Degradation Caused by Migration in Cerro Silva and Punta Gorda Reserves \$16,000 Universidades de las Regiones de la Costa Caribe Nicaragüense

Development of a Strategy to Foster Financial Sustainability of the Rio San Juan Biosphere Reserve in Nicaragua \$8,000 Fundación Amigos del Río San Juan

Implementing the Indio Maiz Biological Reserve Management Plan \$288,632 Fundación Amigos del Río San Juan

#### Prevention and Control of Forest Fires in the Buffer Zone of the La Amistad Biosphere Reserve of the Pacific Sector, Panama \$19,800 Fundación para el Desarrollo Integral del Corregimiento de Cerro Punta

#### Proposal to Declare the Wetlands of the Maquenque National Refuge a RAMSAR Site \$5,000 Centro Científico Tropical

Strengthening Protection Along the Costa Rica–Panama Border of the La Amistad International Park \$10,000 Fundación Agroecológica Cotobruseña

#### Mountains of Southwest China Hotspot

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

A Baseline Survey for Initiating Biodiversity Conservation Actions in Southeast Tibet \$120,000 Peking University

Impacts of Hydropower Development on Regional Biodiversity in Southwest China \$13,000 China Institute of Water Resources and Hydropower Research

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

Community Action under the Biodiversity Conservation in Baishuijiang Nature Reserve \$60,186 Community and Biodiversity Conservation Research Center of Lanzhou University

Conservation of Endangered Medical Wildlife Resources in Southwest China \$50,000 Wildlife Conservation Society

Independent Environmental and Biological Impact Research of South to North Water Diversion Program \$20,000 Yang Yong

Wildlife Enforcement Capacity Building–CITES Species Identification Network \$20,000 Beijing Normal University

#### Philippines Hotspot

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

Building Conservation Constituency through the 16th Annual Wildlife Conservation Society of the Philippines \$10,000 Wildlife Conservation Society of the Philippines, Inc. **Strategic Direction 4:** Establish an emergency response mechanism to help save Critically Endangered species

A Re-enforcement Strategy for the Critically Endangered Philippine Crocodile Population in the Northern Sierra Madre: A Pilot Project \$8,000 Mabuwaya Foundation Inc.

#### Succulent Karoo Hotspot

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

Biodiversity and Wine Initiative–Extension Services in the Little Karoo \$133,250 Botanical Society of South Africa

Development of the Soebatsfontein Succulent Reserve \$10,200 Soebatsfontein Tourism Forum

The Importance of Porcupines for Maintenance of Endangered Plant Populations and Plant Diversity in the Geophyte Rich Koue Bokkeveld \$28,309 University of Cape Town

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

Public Participation for an Integrated Conservation and Development Strategy for Akkerendam Nature Reserve \$19,895 Southern Ambition 112

SKEPPIES Project Development Support \$62,600 Conservation International

Veld and Flora of the Little Karoo \$20,000 Regalis Environmental Services CC **Strategic Direction 4:** *Mainstream* conservation priorities into land-use planning and policymaking

**Biodiversity Guidelines for Agricultural Development in the Northern Cape** \$19,700 Botanical Society of South Africa

Wetlands of Kamiesberg Municipality \$14,500 Freshwater Consulting Group

#### Sundaland Hotspot Sumatra

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

Anti-Illegal Logging Initiative in the Jambi Parts of Bukit Tigapuluh Ecosystem, Sumatra \$20,000 Anti-Illegal Logging Institute

Development of Nature Conservation Learning Center in Sibolangit Nature Reserve, Deli Serdang, North Sumatra \$20,000 Perkumpulan Generasi Untuk Rehabilitasi Keseimbangan Hidup dan Alam

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

Continuation of the Patrolling Program (RPU) for Poaching Suppression, Rhino and Tiger Protection and Monitoring, and Ecosystem Conservation in Bukit Barisan National Park and its Buffer Areas, Sumatra, Indonesia \$50,000 International Rhino Foundation

Develop and Implement Conservation Collaboration Model to Save Siberut National Park \$50,000 Darmanto

Integrated Tiger Conservation in Southern Sumatra \$29,975 Wildlife Conservation Society Tumbes-Chocó-Magdalena Hotspot Chocó-Manabi Conservation Corridor

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

Design and Implementation of a Socioenvironmental Information and Monitoring System in the Chocó-Manabí Corridor \$133,000 Centro de Investigacion y Estudios en Biodiversidad y Recursos Geneticos

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

Demarcating and Promoting the Limits of the Lower Portion of the Cotacachi Cayapas Ecological Reserve \$20,000 Fondo Ambiental Nacional

Expand, Strengthen, and Sustain Community Conservation Areas in the Buffer Zone of the Cotacachi Cayapas Ecological Reserve \$79,000 Fundación Servicio Ecuatoriano para la Conservación y el Desarrollo Sostenible

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

Design and Implementation of a Socioenvironmental Information and Monitoring System in the Chocó-Manabí Corridor \$19,210 Conservation International



### Financials

CEPF continued to expand its support to NGOs, community groups, and private sector partners during FY 07, awarding grants totaling \$7.9 million and bringing its global portfolio to \$91 million.

With these new grants, the number of civil society groups supported by CEPF grew to more than 1,200.

Also this fiscal year, Conservation International and l'Agence Française de Développement committed a total of \$50 million to enable consolidation and further expansion of the program.

#### Statement of Activities

REVENUE	FY 07	Cumulative
Grants and Contributions	\$50,390,569	\$164,390,568
Gain (Loss) on Foreign Exchange	639,600	639,600
Interest Earned	390,591	1,539,416
Total Revenue	51,420,760	166,569,584
EXPENSES AND COMMITTED FUNDING		
Grants by Funding Region*		
Atlantic Forest	\$28,550	\$8,000,000
Cape Floristic Region	534,488	5,999,714
Caucasus	2,118,681	7,130,538
Eastern Arc Mountains & Coastal Forests of Tanzania & Kenya	827,728	6,491,565
Eastern Himalayas Region	1,022,413	2,365,773
Guinean Forests of West Africa	(2,435)	6,202,565
Madagascar and Indian Ocean Islands	(3,008)	4,246,831
Mesoamerica (Northern)	1,124,459	4,307,027
Mesoamerica (Southern)	618,860	5,499,396
Mountains of Southwest China	527,431	6,595,468
Philippines	343,299	6,999,677
Succulent Karoo	256,491	6,007,970
Sundaland	258,229	9,988,336
Tropical Andes	(3,316)	6,130,194
Tumbes-Chocó-Magdalena	258,888	4,999,813
Total Grants	7,910,758	90,964,867
Ecosystem Profile Preparation	124,151	6,659,646
External Evaluation	-	344,653
Business Development, Grantmaking, Monitoring and Evaluation,		
and Knowledge Management	2,416,073	15,402,368
Total	2,540,224	22,406,667
Total Expenses	10,450,982	113,371,534
Excess of Revenue over Expenses	\$40,969,778	\$53,198,050
FUND BALANCE AT THE END OF THE PERIOD CONSISTED OF:		
Cash		17,640,186
Pledges Receivable		50,030,168
Grants Payable (balance due on awarded grants)		(14,472,304)
Fund Balance as of June 30, 2007		\$53,198,050





Grants by Region through FY 07



\* The grant expenses include new grants approved in FY 07 as well as financial amendments to grants committed in previous years. Negative amounts in grants represent grant deobligations.

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