





Annual Report 2014



PROTECTING NATURE'S HOTSPOTS FOR PEOPLE AND PROSPERITY



About CEPF

The Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund (CEPF) provides grants to nongovernmental and private sector organizations so they can conserve some of the most biologically diverse yet threatened ecosystems— the world's biodiversity hotspots. The investments are even more meaningful because these regions are home to millions of people who are impoverished and highly dependent on natural resources.

The fund is a joint program of l'Agence Française de Développement (AFD), Conservation International, the European Union, the Global Environment Facility, the Government of Japan, the MacArthur Foundation and the World Bank.

Enabling civil society groups to have stronger voices and exert greater influence in the world around them is the hallmark of our approach. Our grantee partners range from small farming cooperatives and community associations to private sector partners and national and international nongovernmental organizations (NGOs).

Our Grants

- Target biodiversity hotspots in developing and transitional countries and address many of the U.N. Convention on Biological Diversity's Aichi Targets, which are designed to save global biodiversity and enhance its benefits to people.
 - Are guided by regional investment strategies ecosystem profiles developed with stakeholders.
 - Go directly to civil society groups to build this vital constituency for conservation alongside governmental partners.
 - Create working alliances among diverse groups, combining unique capacities and eliminating duplication of efforts.
 - Achieve results through an ever-expanding network of partners working together toward shared goals.

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Message from the Executive Director



CEPF's annual report brings you good news from the world's biodiversity hotspots. Though the challenges in conservation remain abundant and tenacious, we celebrate the hard-won progress made by CEPF's grantees and collaborators, who are working with us in a selection of hotspots to implement our stakeholder-informed conservation strategies.

In the "2014 Highlights" section, we present examples of innovation and cooperation in the pursuit of shared conservation goals. Stories include projects providing nature-based solutions in the face of climate change in the Caribbean Islands Hotspot, organizations working to maximize benefits for communities that conserve habitat in the Western Ghats Region of India and the Indo-

Burma Hotspot, and efforts to build the capacity and protect land rights of communities seeking to manage their resources in the Maputaland-Pondoland-Albany and Eastern Afromontane hotspots. The "Highlights" section also features projects that build transnational conservation cooperation in the Eastern Afromontane and Mediterranean Basin hotspots, and efforts to protect freshwater resources for people and habitats in the Western Ghats and the Mediterranean Basin. Our "Progress Report" complements the "Highlights" by presenting the global and hotspot-level view of CEPF's impact.

Meanwhile, the report demonstrates the ever-growing network that is the CEPF community, including our more than **1,900 grantees worldwide**, and provides a transparent view of how CEPF is investing in hotspots to conserve biodiversity through civil society organizations for the benefit of people.

Given that my tenure as executive director of CEPF began after the fiscal year covered by this annual report, I cannot take any credit for the many accomplishments of the fund and its grantees that are represented in this publication. That must go to CEPF's network of grantees across the biodiversity hotspots and our regional implementation teams, as well as to my predecessor as executive director of CEPF, Patricia Zurita, and the CEPF Secretariat. And of course none of this could be accomplished without our donors, whose leadership and commitment to collaborative strategic conservation make CEPF possible.

This partnership continues to show that coming together to deliver strategically targeted financial and technical support to organizations and people in the hotspots is the most effective way to forge a future for the biodiversity hotspots and the people who rely on them. We encourage you to join us in this pursuit.

Olivier Langrand Executive Director, CEPF



Message from the Chairperson



We are approaching two potential turning points in the modern collective effort to improve conditions for life on Earth: the establishment of the **U.N.'s Sustainable Development Goals**, which are designed to guide international actions to eradicate poverty in the coming 15 years, and a meeting and hoped-for international agreement on reducing greenhouse gas emissions through the Conference of the Parties to the **Framework Convention on Climate Change**. Both of these events are set for the second half of 2015.

That makes this an important moment for biodiversity conservation as well. **Healthy, diverse natural ecosystems are essential components of**

poverty alleviation and climate change mitigation. Development that is undermined by environmental woes such as escalating freshwater scarcity, dramatic soil erosion, progression of desertification or increased occurrence of extreme weather events cannot achieve its goals. Meanwhile, original forests and oceans provide a foundation for thriving communities and climate change solutions. We know, for instance, that mangrove forests and wetlands buffer towns and cities from the full force of cyclones and floods. We see that careful community-led management of natural vegetation and water resources drives the long-term success of crop and livestock farmers. And examples abound of the difference healthy coral reefs and sustainably managed fish stocks can make for human nutrition and commercial fishing.

CEPF and its grantees have developed effective models where biodiversity and healthy natural ecosystems are contributing to the fight against poverty, particularly in rural communities. Over time, this bottom-up approach paves the way for lifting these communities, and indeed the global community, without forfeiting their future. We invite all those interested in finding the best solutions to the global challenges of climate change and poverty to work with the biodiversity conservation sector to apply what we have learned and help us build on that experience toward the foundation of a truly prosperous world.

Jean-Michel Severino Chairperson, CEPF

Earth's 35 Biodiversity Hotspots



Earth's 35 biodiversity hotspots hold especially high numbers of unique species and provide services that are vital to human well-being, such as clean air and water, flood and climate control and soil regeneration, as well as food, medicines and raw materials. The hotspots face extreme threats. Each hotspot has lost at least 70 percent of its original natural vegetation, and the remaining areas of natural habitat within the hotspots cover only 2.3 percent of the planet's land surface.

Through fiscal year 2014, CEPF had awarded grants to civil society partners in 22 hotspots in support of its stakeholder-informed strategies—known as ecosystem profiles—for protecting critical ecosystems in these regions. During the fiscal year, CEPF staff and regional partners completed the profile for the Wallacea Hotspot, which includes Timor-Leste and parts of Indonesia, and for new investment in the Madagascar and Indian Ocean Islands Hotspot, and began work on profiles for new investments in the Guinean Forests of West Africa and the Tropical Andes.

Note: The Eastern Arc Mountains and Coastal Forests of Tanzania and Kenya Hotspot was divided in 2005; a portion of it is now part of the Eastern Afromontane Hotspot, and the remainder is part of the Coastal Forests of Eastern Africa Hotspot. Before the separation, CEPF had initiated an investment in the original Eastern Arc Hotspot and through that investment awarded grants in portions of the hotspots that are now known as the Eastern Afromontane and the Coastal Forests of Eastern Africa.



Hotspots Where CEPF Has Invested*

- 1. ATLANTIC FOREST
- 2. CAPE FLORISTIC REGION
- 3. CARIBBEAN ISLANDS**
- 4. CAUCASUS
- 5. COASTAL FORESTS OF EASTERN AFRICA
- 6. EAST MELANESIAN ISLANDS**
- 7. EASTERN AFROMONTANE**
- 8. GUINEAN FORESTS OF WEST AFRICA
- 9. HIMALAYA
- 10. INDO-BURMA**
- 11. MADAGASCAR AND INDIAN OCEAN ISLANDS
- * Inception through fiscal year 2014 **Active investment during fiscal year 2014

- 12. MAPUTALAND-PONDOLAND-ALBANY**
- 13. MEDITERRANEAN BASIN**
- 14. MESOAMERICA
- 15. MOUNTAINS OF SOUTHWEST CHINA
- 16. PHILIPPINES
- 17. POLYNESIA-MICRONESIA
- 18. SUCCULENT KAROO
- 19. SUNDALAND
- 20. TROPICAL ANDES
- 21. TUMBES-CHOCÓ-MAGDALENA
- 22. WESTERN GHATS AND SRI LANKA**
- 23. WALLACEA

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 economic, social and environmental projects in more than 60 countries.

www.afd.fr

Conservation International

works with forward-thinking partners around the world to safeguard the wealth of nature for people. Our approach is simple, yet transformative: We identify and protect spectacular but vulnerable places on land and in the oceans; we work with the private sector to promote sustainable business practices; and we engage with governments to ensure they have the knowledge and tools to make decisions that will benefit humanity now and for generations to come.

www.conservation.org

The European Union,

comprising 28 member states, is the largest single provider of development aid in the world. The EU development policy recognizes biodiversity as a crucial element for human well-being through the production of food, fish, fuel, fiber and medicines; the regulation of water, air and climate; and maintenance of land fertility. Through EuropeAid, the EU invests in biodiversity and development projects in more than 100 countries.

http://europa.eu

The Global Environment Facility

is the world's largest public funder of projects to improve the global environment. The GEF unites 182 member governments together with leading international development institutions, civil society organizations and the private sector 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

supports creative people and effective institutions committed to building a more just, verdant and peaceful world. In addition to selecting the MacArthur Fellows, the foundation works to defend human rights, advance global conservation and security, make cities better places, and understand how technology is affecting children and society.

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 Donor Partners

Biodiversity brought this partnership together. We recognize the vital link between biodiversity conservation and core pursuits of our various organizations—such as **alleviating poverty, promoting sustainable development, mitigating climate change, actively engaging NGOs and private sector partners, and complementing and supporting the natural resource-related goals of national governments**. In this context, we value the unique role CEPF plays in implementing strategies that conserve biodiversity while empowering local organizations and communities to maintain and benefit from thriving natural areas for the long term.

The 2014 fiscal year brought exciting opportunities for the partnership to make a difference for biodiversity hotspots. During the year, the fund awarded \$14 million in grants to NGOs and private sector actors and individuals in hotspots, bringing CEPF's total grant awards to \$176 million since the inception of the fund in 2000. The fund launched a new, \$10.4 million investment in the Indo-Burma Hotspot while winding down its initial five-year, \$9.9 million investment in the hotspot, which included additional funding of \$425,000 from the MacArthur Foundation. This new five-year Indo-Burma investment builds on gains made in the initial five years and marks an exciting expansion of collaboration with the MacArthur Foundation, the Margaret A. Cargill Foundation, and the McKnight Foundation, which worked with CEPF for the new ecosystem profile definition and strategy elaboration and developed complementary investments. The Margaret A. Cargill Foundation also provided \$1.8 million of direct investment to CEPF to implement the strategy.

For the Mediterranean Basin Hotspot, Swiss-based **Foundation MAVA** added \$1.129 million to CEPF's investment, building on an already strong collaborative relationship in the region and raising the total investment to more than \$11 million.

CEPF also launched a \$9 million investment in the East Melanesian Islands, and the CEPF Donor Council approved a \$7.5 million investment in Madagascar and the Indian Ocean Islands that will build on gains made during previous CEPF efforts focused on the Madagascar portion of the hotspot.

Another important collaboration that took place in the fiscal year was between CEPF, the French nature magazine **Terre Sauvage** and the **Nature Photo Library.** That collaboration produced the 300th issue of the magazine, which focused on biodiversity hotspots, as well as a biodiversity hotspot photo exhibit, which was launched at le Ministère des Affaires Etrangères et Européennes in Paris; shown at the Fifth GEF Assembly in Cancún, Mexico; and ultimately displayed at several venues in France and in more than 25

other countries. The exhibit was presented in partnership with La Ligue pour la Protection des Oiseaux, l'Agence Française de Développement and le Ministère des Affaires Etrangères et Européennes.

Also during the fiscal year, after more than 13 years of CEPF, we reaffirmed our belief in the CEPF model by approving a new strategic framework for the fund. At the core of the framework is a planned scale-up of CEPF to enable the fund to address the global biodiversity crisis at an appropriate scale. We invite new partners from governments, multilateral organizations, foundations and private partners alike to build on our investments and join CEPF. The time is right to reap the benefits of the experience and success of CEPF, its grantees and collaborators and bring the full force of this partnership to bear on saving biodiversity and the future of the healthy ecosystems all life relies on.

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"CEPF—and thus France's contribution to the CEPF provides real and recognized added value. ... It has become a leading actor in biodiversity funding and is appreciated for its operating structure and strong, scientifically based orientation towards biodiversity."

L'Agence Française de Développement evaluation of CEPF, November 2014



CEPF 2014 Progress Report

Global Impact

Since its inception in 2000, CEPF has strived to safeguard the world's most critical ecosystems and biodiversity by supporting civil society in implementing stakeholderinformed conservation strategies in biodiversity hotspots. The following data demonstrate the impact CEPF and its grantees have had on a global scale within four impact categories: biodiversity, human well-being, civil society capacity and enabling conditions.



CEPF began gathering production landscape results data during the fund's second phase, starting in 2007

Human Well-Being Civil Society Capacity





*Regions that were excluded are regions that were completed before we introduced the civil society tracking tool, consolidation regions that contained a statistically insignificant number of grants to be representative, and new regions where a significant number of final assessments are due at a later stage.

Enabling Conditions



Regional Results

CEPF grantees in biodiversity hotspots around the world are contributing every day to the conservation of global biodiversity and ecosystems that are crucial to human well-being. Their actions are guided by CEPF's investment strategy for each hotspot, which lists several "strategic directions" that focus the investment on the top conservation priorities in the region. The following charts show progress made in achieving those strategic directions where CEPF invested in fiscal year 2014.



Maputaland-Pondoland-Albany 2010–2015



Caribbean Islands 2010–2015



Mediterranean Basin 2011–2016





Eastern Afromontane 2012–2017



East Melanesian Islands 2013–2021







Contributing to Convention on Biological Diversity Aichi Target 15

Building Resilience to

Climate Change in the

Caribbean

(Pages 22-23)

By 2020, ecosystem resilience and the contribution of biodiversity to carbon stocks has been enhanced, through conservation and restoration, including restoration of at least 15 percent of degraded ecosystems, thereby contributing to climate change mitigation and adaptation and to combating desertification.



Contributing to Convention on Biological Diversity Aichi Target 3

By 2020, at the latest, incentives, including subsidies, harmful to biodiversity are eliminated, phased out or reformed in order to minimize or avoid negative impacts, and positive incentives for the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity are developed and applied, consistent and in harmony with the Convention and other relevant international obligations, taking into account national socioeconomic conditions.

Using Incentives to Support Communities and Conservation (Pages 24–25)



Contributing to Convention on Biological Diversity Aichi Target 11

By 2020, at least 17 percent of terrestrial and inland water, and 10 percent of coastal and marine areas, especially areas of particular importance for biodiversity and ecosystem services, are conserved through effectively and equitably managed, ecologically representative and well-connected systems of protected areas and other effective area-based conservation measures, and integrated into the wider landscapes and seascapes.

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Contributing to Convention on Biological Diversity Aichi Target 18

By 2020, the traditional knowledge, innovations and practices of indigenous and local communities relevant for the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity, and their customary use of biological resources, are respected, subject to national legislation and relevant international obligations, and fully integrated and reflected in the implementation of the Convention with the full and effective participation of indigenous and local communities, at all relevant levels.

Contributing to Convention on Biological Diversity Aichi Target 14

By 2020, ecosystems that provide essential services, including services related to water, and contribute to health, livelihoods and well-being, are restored and safeguarded, taking into account the needs of women, indigenous and local communities, and the poor and vulnerable.

Securing Water Supplied by Natural Ecosystems (Pages 30–31)

"On my property, the rainwater used to gully all soils. ... The other residents left the area. With Cyclone Gordon, a person was even killed. We have made arrangements: we built stone walls, planted trees and attached our cattle. Now ravines are filled and people have begun to return." Jason, a farmer who participated in Agronomes et Vétérinaires Sans Frontières' project in Haiti.

Since its inception, CEPF has secured 1,217,856,039 tonnes of carbon (120.5 tonnes of carbon per hectare) across the globe.

Building Resilience to Climate Change in the Caribbean

In the Caribbean Islands biodiversity hotspot, the impacts of climate change are likely to be a decrease in rainfall in much of the region and increases in temperature and sea level. Meanwhile, hurricanes are expected to be more severe. These changes have and will increasingly alter life in the Caribbean—for humans, plants and animals alike.



CEPF is working with Caribbean organizations and communities to adopt nature-based solutions to mitigate, build resilience and help the hotspot adapt to the impacts of climate change as part of the fiveyear, \$6.9 million CEPF biodiversity conservation investment in the region. "We recognize that climate change already is impacting biodiversity in the Caribbean islands, and clearly in the future it will have a

tremendous impact," said Michele Zador, CEPF's grant director for the Caribbean Islands Hotspot. "Almost all of the places we work provide a lot of important ecosystem services for the people—such as provision of food and fresh water, and soil retention. So that linkage of climate change resilience, biodiversity conservation and human welfare is really very clear."

The CEPF investment, managed by CEPF and its regional implementation team, Caribbean Natural Resources Institute (CANARI), is addressing climate change both by integrating it into management plans for key biodiversity areas and by supporting projects focused on decreasing, or helping the region adapt to, associated impacts.

In the Dominican Republic, two projects have resulted in firsts for the nation.

CEPF grantee Fondo Pro Naturaleza (PRONATURA) developed a consensus-based management plan for the 29,000-hectare La Humeadora Mountain National Park, the nation's first protected-area management plan to factor in climate change resilience. PRONATURA conducted extensive stakeholder consultations, including 35 affected communities, to put together the plan for the park, which is vital to the country as the source of more than 60 percent of the water consumed in greater Santo Domingo, the capital.

Another CEPF-funded project—led by Consorcio Ambiental Dominicano (CAD), Fundación Loma Quita Espuela (FLQE) and the Sociedad para el Desarrollo Integral del Nordeste (SODIN)—initiated the sale of the Dominican Republic's first forest carbon credits under its carbon offset strategy. The proceeds from the sale go to the long-term financing of the country's first private protected area, which was established by the grantees in 2012. Carbon credits give landowners, especially small-scale farmers, an added incentive to restore the forest through planting a mix of cacao and native wood species. The project has raised more than \$650,000 in private capital.

In Grenada, CEPF is supporting a partnership between the Grenada Dove Conservation Programme, the Grenada Forestry and National Parks Department, and the University of Chester in the United Kingdom to model climate change impacts on Grenada's dry forest and develop a framework for managing this important ecosystem. "We're seeing changes in the seasons, in the duration of the seasons, and the amount of rain or lack thereof, including a couple of significant droughts island-wide," said Bonnie Rusk, director of the Grenada Dove Conservation Programme, of evidence of climate change on the island. Grenada's remaining dry forests are disappearing as developers target the forests' prime coastal location. But the forests play an important role in providing fresh water, preventing erosion, and protecting mangrove and offshore habitats, according to Rusk. The forests are the preferred habitat of the Critically Endangered Grenada dove (*Leptotila wellsi*), and are home to many other species. Some of the most important fish nurseries in Grenada also are in the area. The results of the modeling will be used to inform government policies and guide specific adaptation and management actions.

Jamaica's Hellshire Hills and Portland Ridge key biodiversity areas include an important watershed that provides communities with fresh water, serves as habitat for many fish species and the last population of the Critically Endangered Jamaican iguana (*Cyclura collei*), and supports mangrove wetlands. CEPF grantee Caribbean Coastal Area Management Foundation (C-CAM) facilitated a climate change risk assessment for Portland Ridge and Hellshire Hills as part of the preparation of a management plan for the Portland Bight Protected Area. This is the first such plan in Jamaica to factor in climate change. The assessment determined that two of the major expected climate risks are a decrease in freshwater and coastal sedimentation and saline intrusion. In response, C-CAM is implementing an action plan that provides strategies on climate change adaptation and mitigation, land use and development zoning, and afforestation and reforestation initiatives.

In Haiti, the impacts of climate change have already damaged agriculture in the Southeast Department community of Michineau, which is part of the Massif de la Selle key biodiversity area. Increased temperatures and change in rainfall patterns combined with extreme weather events and deforestation to cause erosion, loss of arable soil and mudslides. With support from CEPF, French NGO Agronomes et Vétérinaires sans Frontières and local partner Coordination Régionale des Organisations du Sud-Est (CROSE) built on work with local farmers that they began in 2007, reforesting land and installing anti-erosion devices such as stone walls and grass strips. Their project also yielded a biodiversity evaluation and management plan, long-term protection of 5 hectares of forest and reforestation of 20 hectares. Since 2007, the area has seen a 17.2 percent increase in forested land.

CEPF and its grantees have engaged with 16 industries in the agriculture sector—wine, meat, citrus, mohair, barley, wool, protea, rooibos, honey, medicinal herbs, cocoa, coffee, tea, Brazil nut, rubber, and sugar—and in the tourism sector to improve resource management and production practices, and look for long-term, sustainable solutions that will allow biodiversity to thrive.

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Using Incentives to Support Communities and Conservation

For community members who live in the world's biodiversity hotspots, using natural resources unsustainably often seems to be the only way to support themselves and their families. CEPF is working with its grantees to make conservation a better solution for hotspot communities by providing economic incentives.

Western Ghats and Sri Lanka biodiversity hotspot

In the Western Ghats Mountains of India, CEPF grantee Applied Environmental Research Foundation (AERF) is working with communities in the Sahyadri-Konkan Region to develop sustainable commercial enterprises with conservation at their core. "We are trying to use market-based mechanisms to introduce sustainability to long-term conservation agreements," said AERF Deputy Director Jayant Sarnaik. "We call it 'green



introduce sustainability to long-term conservation agreements," said AERF Deputy Director Jayant Sarnaik. "We call it 'green entrepreneurship,' which means developing value chains and setting up enterprises based on the sustainable use of biodiversity."

AERF and its collaborating communities have established a successful business based on the sustainable use of two medicinally important tree species, and the communities are getting a premium price. The fruit of *Terminalia chebula and T. bellirica* are ingredients of triphala, an important traditional Indian medicine, while the trees that produce them are keystone species in the ecology of Sacred Groves, relic forests traditionally protected in reverence of a deity. "This approach is supported through a long-term agreement with an international buyer based in the U.K. for purchasing certified products from us," Sarnaik said.

The certification standard called FairWild, developed by the FairWild Foundation and certified by IMO (Institute of Marketecology), Switzerland, promotes sustainable harvesting of wild medicinal and aromatic plants and ensures a fair price for all participants along the supply chain. This project represents the first FairWild certification in India, a source of great pride to participating communities. "A peculiar aspect is that this is happening with the involvement of the indigenous community, the Mahadeo Koli people from Bhimashankar Wildlife Sanctuary," said Sarnaik. "Although they have been collecting these fruits for hundreds of years, this is the first year they could get access to the domestic market." The FairWild certification required them to have clear ownership of the trees. "It was a struggle," he said, "but we were able to get them registered on the land records as owners for as many as 2,000 trees." The income generated is also helping to save 700 giant specimens of *T. bellirica* in addition to preserving nesting sites of iconic bird species, such as the great Indian hornbill (*Buceros bicornis*).

Another example of a value chain developed under the project is the Indian kino tree (*Pterocarpus marsupium*), known locally as bija, an International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Red List species. People were chopping it down for fuel, disregarding its high-value timber properties and medicinal potential for treating diabetes. Through the project, tumblers were made from the stem to maximize the economic returns from a single bija tree, with revenues going to forest conservation efforts. "People are listening to us," said Sarnaik. "They are learning skills and have a decent income."

Indo-Burma biodiversity hotspot

In Cambodia, the Royal University of Phnom Penh (RUPP) is working to increase populations of sandbar-nesting bird and freshwater turtle species in five key communities in the 3S River Basin (Sesan, Srepok, and Sekong). Strategies involve incentives for protecting nests, raising community awareness and creating community fisheries that are recognized by the government.

"We establish interest in all of the communities to formally designate community fisheries," said Sophat Seak, principal investigator on the project. "This gives the community the legal status to protect the habitat, especially the sandbar islands." It also recognizes their rights to benefit from the sustainable management of natural resources. To raise interest in community participation in critical villages, RUPP students "have been doing mixed-media presentations— comedy, movie clips and music videos interspersed with conservation information," according to Andrea Claassen, a graduate research fellow at the University of Minnesota and technical consultant on the project. "At the largest one, a couple hundred people attended. Even at the smallest villages, we've had at least 60 people."

Two teams are formed in each community: one focuses on protecting birds at nesting sites, and the other is a roaming patrol that reports on illegal activities within village boundaries. Participants are paid \$5 a day and receive in-depth training. Protection teams check nests daily, recording the species, how many eggs, what day they hatch, any sign of disturbances or predators, and whether a nest fails. There are several protected areas nearby, but the government doesn't have the capability for enforcement, and it is not a high funding priority; however, the success of this model in more established projects on the Mekong River, where information collected is helping the government to improve river management, gives hope for the long-term success of the 3S project.

There is little tourism on the rivers at present, despite the spectacular views, but the project is looking at the potential for ecotourism as an activity to benefit nearby villages and increase interest—and funds—for conservation.

CEPF's grantees have influenced more than 30 development and resource management policies in favor of conservation in more than 15 countries.

Reaching Beyond Boundaries for Conservation

Biodiversity does not notice national boundaries. CEPF's strategies are based on conserving the most critical landscapes for biodiversity, areas that often cross borders, providing opportunities to build international conservation communities and cooperation while managing these landscapes holistically.

Mediterranean Basin biodiversity hotspot

Lake Skadar—the largest lake in the Balkan Peninsula—and its surrounding wetlands boast some of the most stunning landscapes in the Mediterranean Basin as well as a rich biodiversity. More than 280 species of birds and 50 species of fish have been recorded in the area, including the huge Dalmatian pelican (*Pelecanus crispus*), the lake's flagship species. Situated among dramatic



karst mountains along the border between Albania and Montenegro, the lake is protected as a result of activities conducted by multiple governmental and civil society organizations on both sides of the border. To aid this intricate collaboration, CEPF is funding a project to improve and coordinate protected area management, led by IUCN with the support of Green Home in Montenegro and the Institute for Nature Conservation in Albania.

Unlike on the Montenegro side, which has national park designation and therefore greater protections and stricter enforcement, on the Albanian side, denser populations bring threats of urbanization and infrastructure building on the lakeshore. Still, sustainable management of the natural resources is vital to communities on both sides of Lake Skadar as livelihoods depend on it. "There is an improvement in consciousness and the awareness of the need for conservation of resources," said Borut Rubinic, Balkans program officer for CEPF's regional implementation team in the Mediterranean Basin. "All of the local communities are benefiting from a better environment." Ecotourism, including guided bird-watching tours, is a growing venture around Lake Skadar, thanks in part to the presence of a Dalmatian pelican population. This species has been in the region for centuries and is the subject of local folktales. When found in healthy populations, the pelicans signal a balanced ecosystem. This species, however, has a "vulnerable" status on IUCN RedList, making it the most threatened pelican in the world, and another CEPF-supported project is designed to rebuild its colonies.

French NGO Noé Conservation is working with international partners Tour du Valat and EuroNatur, and local partners Public Enterprise National for Parks of Montenegro, Skadar Lake National Park, Centre for Protection and Research of Birds, Natural History Museum of Montenegro and Association for Protection of Aquatic Wildlife of Albania to research the pelican's breeding ecology and conserve the species through strengthened management and awareness. According to Noé International Department Manager Sébastien Pinchon, when the organization launched the project in 2013, there were ongoing initiatives on pelican populations of Lake Skadar, but no coordinated efforts. CEPF encouraged the organizations on both the Albanian and Montenegrin sides of the lake to join forces. "We began to all work together," Pinchon said, "and we have seen some big improvements in the breeding conditions."

For example, because of natural occurrences such as seasonal floods as well as human disturbance, many nests were being lost each breeding season. To allow the birds to adapt to the floods, project participants built rafts for roosting and nesting, and to decrease human disturbance, the project conducted community outreach, and established a "no-go" zone for boats. These measures resulted in one of the greatest successes of the program: 2014 saw the largest number of chicks hatched on the lake in 36 years. Local institutions have received training in monitoring protocols and data management and are using the data gathered to coordinate future conservation and research.

Eastern Afromontane biodiversity hotspot

In the Chimanimani-Nyanga Mountain range along the borders of Mozambique and Zimbabwe, CEPF is funding the U.K.'s Kew Royal Botanic Gardens, working with Mozambican organization MICAIA Foundation, to improve biodiversity and advance more effective resource management. The region, covering approximately 1,000 square kilometers, incorporates mountains, montane forests and lowlands. The guartzite grasslands alone hold at least 73 plants found nowhere else in the world. There are also substantial human populations, spread through four traditional leadership zones, or chieftaincies. MICAIA works with these local entities to encourage "active citizenship" by helping people to identify and act on opportunities to build environmentally sustainable livelihoods. The project, which has a complement on the other side of the border implemented by BirdLife Zimbabwe, is in its final stages, awaiting botanical assessments from Kew Royal Botanic Gardens. These surveys, which examine how communities interact with botanical resources in the highlands, will provide a wealth of new information, especially as Mozambique has not been as studied as the Zimbabwe side. "We will be deciding how best to integrate recommendations into an existing management plan for the Chimanimani Reserve," said Andrew Kingman, one of the founding directors of MICAIA, "and updating the community action plan, which is a combination of livelihood and conservation measures and activities." Under the project, community and government members are exploring strategies for working together and sharing information with the public. Relationships with reserve authorities have improved, and cross-border cooperation has increased, establishing a good foundation for the future.

CEPF strives to reach and strengthen local and indigenous partners. The fund has awarded 339 grants to 236 local community associations, allowing them to participate in a broad array of activities related to conservation, such as surveys, alternative livelihoods and environmental education.

Helping Communities Manage Their Resources

Community engagement is key to lasting conservation in the biodiversity hotspots. CEPF and its grantees are empowering the people of the hotspots to sustainably manage and benefit from their resources.

Maputaland-Pondoland-Albany biodiversity hotspot

Covering 60,000 hectares of brown sand-forest fringed by mountains and sugar cane, the Lubombo Conservancy in northeastern Swaziland encompasses five established reserves—Mlawula Nature Reserve, Shewula Nature Reserve, Mbuluzi Game Reserve, Hlane National Park and Inyoni Yami Swaziland Irrigation Scheme. It is an impressive achievement that these remarkable sites, rich in flowering plants and trees and home to iconic African mammals, are being managed and protected



by the local community. But the Conservancy has a bolder vision: Converting these reserves into a chain of protected areas where animals such as rhino, elephants and lions can roam unhindered by fences and where opportunities for community control of the natural resources are better realized.

CEPF is supporting the Conservancy's efforts to establish ecosystem management of Swaziland's Lubombo Plateau and Escarpment, with the primary goal of building local capacity for conservation to safeguard the natural resources long after CEPF's investment is completed. "With this program and the participation approach, we've been able to engage communities," said Nomsa Mabila, an ecotourism coordinator for the Conservancy. "They understand that it is about their resources, and they will benefit for a long time if they preserve them."

The Lubombo Conservancy is working on sustainable development opportunities including ecotourism, such as the Lubombo Eco Trails. "There is a whole eco-trade of linking one community to another," said Mabila, citing the Mhlumeni-Goba crossborder initiative, for which the two communities are creating campsites and trails. "There is an awareness about the benefits of preventing poaching and other detrimental activities and what they have to lose," said Mabila. "They recognize when an area is overgrazed or when a particular species of plant is endangered and needs to be protected."

Among the many challenges are climate change and the recent drying trend in the regional climate, said Seth Maphalala, program manager of the Lubombo Transfrontier Conservation and Resource Area. "We are now looking at a proposal to look at climate change issues. If there is nothing communities can rely on in terms of sustainability, they're going to hammer very hard on their natural resources," said Maphalala.

Eastern Afromontane biodiversity hotspot

Similar community participation efforts are yielding results near Tanzania's Mahale Mountain National Park.

"In 2013, we got a CEPF grant and started securing Ntakata Forest Reserve," said Said Katensi, a coordinator for the Tongwe Trust, a small community-based NGO run by members of the Tongwe Tribe residing on the eastern shore of Lake Tanganyika. "We support two villages, Mgambazi and Lugonesi, working to help them preserve their forest, which is an important habitat for chimpanzees and elephants. We empower them to secure title deeds for the land rights."

Tongwe Trust's accomplishments in the region have included mapping the land and resources, marking boundaries, and signing agreements with the participating villages for community-based forest management, according to Josephine Nzilani of Fauna and Flora International (FFI), who is managing the CEPF project. "Tongwe Trust and the village governments are working with the district and national government to designate the area legally as a forest reserve." Benefits to the community extend to employment. "Tongwe Trust now has 17 staff members, including 15 rangers, who are all from the local villages," said Nzilani. "It is a great benefit for the families and the local community."

There are also 12 forest monitors in two ranger posts patrolling the area at least twice a week. They document problems such as poaching, illegal logging and fires, and collect other data, including sightings of target species and threats. "Scouts come from the village, and bylaws are written in the village," said Katensi. If they catch someone doing illegal activities in the forest, they take him or her to the village government, which can levy fines. Because of community awareness, most of the people are ready to help with the preservation efforts," he said.

The grant from CEPF has helped Tongwe Trust and FFI to leverage further funding for conservation and community development in Tongwe, including funds to provide renewable energy and other improvements. "Solar lights have been installed in the villages and markets for the community," said Nzilani. "We've also contributed refrigerators for storing vaccines in area hospitals."

Another key strategy was enlisting filmmaker Jimmy Greenwood of Feral Films Production to photograph and create videos of the area to be shown in area museums. Greenwood is helping to develop the filming skills of a local youth who works for Tongwe Trust as a cultural values assistant, and he is also improving the Tongwe Trust website.

"The better the health of the forest, the better the status of the water resources." – T. Balachander, program coordinator, Keystone Foundation.

Securing Water Supplied by Natural Ecosystems

A healthy source of fresh water is the foundation of life on land. CEPF has supported several projects, including the two described below, that seek to improve the management of freshwater resources from natural ecosystems to balance the needs of biodiversity and people.

Western Ghats and Sri Lanka biodiversity hotspot

"The Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve is critical to southern India in terms of giving rise to important rivers that are lifelines for the region," said T. Balachander, program coordinator for Keystone Foundation, a CEPF grantee. Keystone has long had a focus on water resources associated with the reserve, which not only hosts a wide array of plants and key habitat for tigers, Asian elephants, gaur and wild dogs, but also is the upstream source to four river basins serving the states of Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Kerala.



The communities in this hilly region depend on local surface and ground water, and springs found in the hills are often the main sources of drinking water. "The livelihoods of the people of the reserve are primarily agricultural, including tea or coffee plantations and agricultural wage labor. These are directly dependent on water resources, " said Balachander, who added that the rivers provide hydropower to the region. "Even other livelihood sources such as tourism are heavily dependent on water resources, directly or indirectly."

Yet the reserve's ecosystems, which ensure a year-round supply of water, are under threat. Hill wetlands are encroached by agriculture and human habitation, while native grasslands are converted to plantations of nonnative trees. "It is ironic that in a region that is well endowed with water resources, scarcity of water is quite common," said Balachander, noting that though the area receives plenty of rainfall thanks to monsoons, the topography and changes in land use have led to high levels of runoff, resulting in periods of water shortage. Keystone is building on the findings of a previous CEPF-funded project that developed scenarios for the water supply and demand of the Coonoor River Basin over a 20-year period. These scenarios underlined the critical role played by land use and the expected increase in nitrates in the water beyond acceptable levels because of agricultural chemicals and the improper waste disposal.

Through its current CEPF-funded project, Keystone is working on solutions, developing a land use-based payment for ecosystem services (PES) mechanism for the Coonoor area. Keystone is assessing current land use patterns upstream; identifying changes that could be made to improve freshwater supply; and determining whether the government could pay landowners to encourage such changes. The project is exploring PES programs that reward landowners for switching to sustainable use of nontimber forest products and for maintaining pollinator-friendly landscapes. Such schemes would make protection of the forest more economically feasible for residents while protecting water resources. Keystone is working toward establishing at least one PES mechanism to demonstrate how this approach could be used more broadly and incorporated into government policy.

Mediterranean Basin biodiversity hotspot

Jordan has one of the world's lowest levels of resource water availability per capita. The growing population and potential for climate change to decrease rainfall makes the future of water resources even more uncertain. These pressures highlight the importance of protecting one of the country's sources of water, the Mujib Biosphere Reserve. The 21,200-hectare nature reserve borders the Dead Sea in northern Jordan. It includes "wadis," dry river beds that fill with water during rainy periods. The complex drainage system in the reserve is characterized by three large catchments that provide water flow year round in an otherwise arid region.

"The presence of these wadi systems in the reserve provides unique habitats for wildlife in the reserve that have national and global importance," said Obyda Hummash of the Jordan-based United Society for Developing Water Resources and Environment (USDWE). The wadis support rich plant diversity, including wild fig and oleander shrubs, and the reserve is an important flyway for migratory birds and home to Nubian ibex (*Capra nubiana*) and many other mammals.

The ecosystem also supports livestock in the area, but the numbers have degraded the rangelands and are putting a strain on resources. USDWE used CEPF funds to pilot one method for easing these pressures—a "green fodder" hydroponic growing system. At the Faqou community located in the reserve, USDWE partnered with the Faqou Agricultural Cooperative Association to introduce the new system, which grows livestock feed with minimal water usage, providing a year-round source of low-cost, high-nutrient feed. The unit generates enough green fodder to feed about 200 to 220 goats using only 100 liters of water per day. Any leftover green fodder is turned into dry fodder, which can be stored, said Rami El-Akhras, the project manager. The result: reduced overgrazing and pollution from traditional feed production practices and improved local income by allowing increased livestock holdings per family. The community has responded positively to the green fodder, said Hummash, and the unit has been turned over to them. The managers of Mujib Reserve and the other reserves in Jordan are planning to secure funds to expand this technology.

Approved Grants

Caribbean Islands

Strategic Direction 1. Improve protection and management of 45 priority key biodiversity areas

Establishing Mechanisms for the Sustainable Financing of Biodiversity Conservation and Watershed Management in Montaña La Humeadora National Park

\$56,925 Instituto Tecnológico de Santo Domingo

Implementing the Hellshire Hills and Portland Ridge Sub-Areas Management Plans

\$268,995 Caribbean Coastal Area Management Foundation

Improving Management and Promoting Ecotourism in the Bahoruco Oriental Wildlife Refuge in the Dominican Republic

\$125,000 Instituto Dominicano de Desarrollo Integral, Inc.

Management Plan Implementation for Participatory Management and Biodiversity Conservation in Valle Nuevo National Park

\$138,214 Fondo Pronaturaleza Inc.

Promoting Conservation of Peckham Woods Key Biodiversity Area

\$65,314 Clarendon Parish Development Committee Benevolent Society

Rescuing Eckmanni Junipers and Conserving Plant Species in the Context of Updating the Management Plan for the Pine Forest in Massif de la Selle, Haiti

\$135,140 Arche aux Plantes

Strengthening Management and Promoting Ecotourism in Valle Nuevo National Park

\$83,187 Fundación José Delio Guzmán Inc.

Strategic Direction 2. Integrate biodiversity conservation into landscape and development planning and implementation in six conservation corridors Building Local Management Capacity to Save Endangered Frogs in Massif de La Selle/Forêt des Pins, Haiti

\$6,500 Societe Audubon Haiti

Building Support for the Portland Bight Protected Area in Jamaica

\$19,910 Jamaica Environment Trust

Integrating Communities in the Binational Corridor of the Biosphere Reserve of Jaragua-Bahoruco-Enriquillo/Massif de la Selle between the Dominican Republic and Haiti

\$19,924 Grupo Jaragua

Mainstreaming Biodiversity Conservation and Ecosystem Services Action for Climate Change Adaptation in Grenada's Priority Dry Forest Key Biodiversity Areas

\$101,050 Grenada Dove Conservation Programme

Shaping and Empowering Local Alliances for the Conservation of the Sierra de Bahoruco National Park and the Loma Charco Azul Biological Reserve Through Training of Environmental Champions

\$19,999 Sociedad Ornitológica de la Hispaniola Inc.

Strategic Direction 3. Support Caribbean civil society to achieve biodiversity conservation by building local and regional institutional capacity and by fostering stakeholder collaboration

Assessing the Status of Rock Iguanas and Integrating Community Outreach and Education in Massif de la Hotte and Massif de la Selle Conservation Corridors

\$19,990 International Iguana Foundation

Registering Accompong Maroons as Legal Entity in Jamaica

\$7,048 Dispute Resolution Foundation Strengthening Institutional Capacity of the Local Forest Management Committee Management Plan Implementation in the Dolphin Head Key Biodiversity Area

\$50,000 The Caribsave Partnership

Strengthening Partnerships to Achieve Conservation of Critical Ecosystems in the Caribbean's Key Biodiversity Areas

\$19,100 Conservation Trust of Puerto Rico

Strengthening the Communication and Networking Skills of Organizations Working for the Conservation of Key Biodiversity Areas in the Dominican Republic

\$19,940 Kiunzi – Gestión de proyectos de comunicación

Strengthening the Monitoring Component of the Management Plan of the Valle Nuevo National Park

\$19,872 Consejo Interinstitucional para el Desarollo de Constanza, Inc.

Technical Assistance for Sustainable Financing to Nongovernmental Organizations Working in Biodiversity Conservation in the Dominican Republic

\$19,962 Instituto Dominicano de Desarrollo Integral, Inc.

East Melanesian Islands

Strategic Direction 1. Empower local communities to protect and manage globally significant biodiversity at priority key biodiversity areas underserved by current conservation efforts

Advancing a Conservation Strategy for the Uplands of Guadalcanal

\$77,000 American Museum of Natural History

Baseline Biodiversity Inventory of Mt. Maetambe-Kolombangara River Corridor

\$67,700 Ecological Solutions, Solomon Islands Bats of Bougainville: Completing the Free, Prior, and Informed Consent Process Prior to Initiating a Bat Conservation and Development Program

\$15,000 Bat Conservation International

Education for Action: Empowering Local Communities for Biodiversity Conservation at CEPF Priority Sites in the Solomon Islands and Vanuatu

\$99,990 Live & Learn Environmental Education

Empowering Local Communities for Natural Resource Management Through Media Development and Communications Training

\$20,000 SEAWEB

Empowering the People of Temotu to Protect Their Significant Biodiversity

\$66,500 OceansWatch

Filling Gaps and Improving Knowledge of Freshwater Fauna: A Way Forward for Improving Management of the Solomon and Vanuatu Islands' Rivers

\$49,755 French Ichthyological Society

Participatory Rural Appraisal and Rapid Biodiversity Assessments of Manus and Mussau Islands

\$170,130 Wildlife Conservation Society

Raising Awareness of Biodiversity Values and the Nature of Invasive Alien Species as a Threat to Priority Species in the East Melanesian Islands

\$19,549 Auckland UniServices Ltd

Rapid Biodiversity Assessment of the Guadalcanal Watersheds

\$140,000 The University of the South Pacific

Songs and Stories of Biodiversity

\$19,800 The Canal Studio Association Western Province Ridge-to-Reef: Integrated Planning for Natural Resources, Communities and Biodiversity

\$50,000 Worldwide Fund for Nature, Solomon Islands

Strategic Direction 4. Increase local, national and regional capacity to conserve biodiversity through catalyzing civil society partnerships

Building the Capacity of the Kolombangara Island Biodiversity Conservation Association: Strengthening Landholder Capacity and Conservation

\$20,000 Kolombangara Island Biodiversity Conservation Association

Building the Capacity of the Solomon Islands Community Conservation Partnership: Strengthening a Model Component of Community-Driven Conservation in the East Melanesian Islands

\$130,000 Solomon Islands Community Conservation Partnership

Capacity Building Training for Pokili, Garu and Tavolo Wildlife Management Areas in West and East New Britain Provinces

\$17,140 Mama Graun Conservation Trust Fund Ltd.

Institutional Support for Papua New Guinea Institute of Biological Research for Effective Organizational Administration and Governance

\$100,000 Papua New Guinea Institute of Biological Research

Investing for the Environment: Building Civil Society Capacity to Drive Conservation Success in the East Melanesian Islands

\$164,255 BirdLife International

Legal Capacity Building for Environmental Protection in the East Melanesian Islands

\$100,006 Environmental Defenders Office Limited

Sharing the Knowledge: Supporting the Tetepare Descendants' Association as a Leader in Peer-to-Peer Learning \$95,000 Tetepare Descendants' Association

Strengthening Governance and Management Needs of Communities in East Rennell

\$59,935 Live & Learn Environmental Education

Traditional Knowledge, Customary Stewardship and Strengthening of Practical Approaches to Conservation Management Projects in Kwaio

\$19,998 James Cook University

Strategic Direction 5. Provide strategic leadership and effective coordination of conservation investment through a Regional Implementation Team

CEPF Regional Implementation Team in the East Melanesian Islands–Administration

\$900,000 International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources

CEPF Regional Implementation Team in the East Melanesian Islands–Programmatic

\$600,000 International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources

Eastern Afromontane

Strategic Direction 1. Biodiversity mainstreamed into wider development policies, plans and projects, delivering the co-benefits of biodiversity conservation, improved local livelihoods and economic development in four priority corridors (and associated key biodiversity area groups) and seven countries

Biodiversity-Friendly Futures for Ethiopia's Afroalpine Ecosystem

\$49,851 Oxford University

Conserving Biodiversity Through Sustainable Tea and Coffee Farming Around Kibira National Park, Burundi

\$158,465 Rainforest Alliance, Inc.

Approved Grants

Conserving Fish in Lake Tana and Abay Basin, Ethiopia

\$124,835 Addis Ababa University

Conserving the Biodiversity of Kibira National Park by Raising Awareness About Its Importance and Promoting Improved Stoves

\$19,974 Action Ceinture Verte pour l'Environnement

Empowering Major Stakeholders for Sustainable Utilization and Conservation of Lake Tana Fish Resources

\$19,999 Bahir Dar University

Empowering Women to Become Agents of Change for Conservation in Four Villages Surrounding Njombe Forests, Tanzania

\$20,000 Development Impact

Establishing Honey as a Viable Alternative Livelihood Across the Northern Lake Nyasa Mountain Complex

\$149,855 Wildlife Conservation Society

Feasibility Study on the Value of Honey Bees for Sustainable Livelihood and Biodiversity Conservation: Case of Nyungwe Landscape, Rwanda

\$5,000 Straightforward Development Services Ltd.

Fostering Collaboration for Research and Future Common Initiatives Between Biosphere Reserves in the Western Ethiopian Afromontane Forest Corridor

\$19,980 MELCA-Ethiopia

Improved Community and Ecological Resilience for the Guassa Community Conservation Area

\$149,213 Grzimek's Help for Threatened Wildlife, Inc.

Misuku Hills Indigenous Forest Project

\$60,000 Misuku Beekepeers Association

Network Creation and Capacity Building in Yayu Biosphere Reserve

\$114,789 Population Health and Environment Ethiopia Consortium

Preservation of the Environment in the Lake Niassa Key Biodiversity Area, Mozambique

\$19,905 União dos Camponeses e Associações de Lichinga (UCA)

Promoting the Recognition of the Eastern Afromontane Key Biodiversity Areas and Corridors to an International Audience of Ecologists and Climate Change Scientists

\$4,000 Ian Gordon

Protecting Biodiversity Through Conservation Agriculture in Lake Niassa, Mozambique

\$19,996 Manda Wilderness Agricultural Project

Reducing Knowledge Gaps for Active Participation of Civil Society in Biodiversity Conservation in the Chimanimani Region

\$19,925 Eduardo Mondlane University

Scaling-Up Alternative Livelihoods and Forest Development and Protection Approaches in Bechi Peasant Association, Sheka Forest, Ethiopia

\$20,000 God for People Relief and Development Organisation

Sensitization and Capacity Development of Neighboring Populations of Kibira National Park to Improve Their Management of Arable Land Resources and Wood

\$20,000 Resilience Now

Wof Washa Community-Based Ecotourism Project

\$177,693 Sustainable Natural Resource Management Association

Strategic Direction 2. Improved protection and management of the key biodiversity area network through involvement of civil society

Advocating for Awareness of Forest Degradation and Policies and Procedures in Conducting Environmental Impact Assessments in and Around Ntchisi Mountain and Dedza Mountain Forest Reserves

\$149,988 Wildlife and Environmental Society of Malawi-Lilongwe Branch

Building a Civil Society Advocacy Alliance to Support Government Agencies in South Kivu

\$98,340 Horizon Nature

Building Advocacy and Developing a Management Plan for the High Mountains of Ibb Protected Area

\$120,000 Foundation for Endangered Wildlife (Yemen)

Civil Society Alliance for Enhanced Implementation of Environmental Impact Assessments in Key Biodiversity Areas of the Albertine Rift Region

\$210,000 Albertine Rift Conservation Society

Establishment and Management of the Itombwe Massif and Misotshi-Kabogo as New Protected Areas in the Democratic Republic of Congo

\$147,300 Wildlife Conservation Society

Integrated Management of Bururi Forest Nature Reserve

\$175,943 Association Burundaise pour la Protection de la Nature

Misuku Hills Biodiversity Conservation

\$83,100 Action for Environmental Sustainability

Protecting Priority Conservation Sites in the Greater Mahale Ecosystem, Tanzania

\$160,200 Frankfurt Zoological Society

Protecting the Ngamikka-Luama Landscape by Establishing Infrastructure and Capacity

\$199,582 Wildlife Conservation Society

Restoration, Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biodiversity in Lake Tanganyika

\$74,400 Burundi Nature Action

Strategic Direction 3. Financing mechanisms established in four priority corridors and two additional sites ensuring substantial longterm financing for conservation activities in the most important sites, and conservation community enabled to raise funds and develop similar mechanisms in the hotspot

Assessing the Capacity of Civil Society in Tanzania to Support Sustainable Financing and Related Actions for the Conservation of Priority Key Biodiversity Areas and Corridors

\$19,500 Capacity Building and Leadership Institute

Building Capacity in Project Design and Proposal Writing in the Eastern Afromontane Hotspot

\$157,430 Fauna & Flora International

Capacity Needs Assessment of Civil Society Organizations in South Sudan and Eritrea

\$20,000 Tharcisse Ukizintambara

Capacity Needs Assessment of Civil Society Organizations in Yemen

\$19,950 Enviromatics—Amjad and Majdi Salameh Company

Developing the Capacity of Civil Society Organizations for Biodiversity Conservation and Management in the Imatong Mountains of South Sudan

\$19,905 Wetlands International Strengthening Local Institutions in the Albertine Rift for Community Development and Conservation of the Mountain Gorilla in Rwanda and Uganda

\$19,987 International Gorilla Conservation Programme

Strengthening Local Organizations' Capacity for Conservation of the Chyulu Hills, Kenya

\$19,980 Africa Wildlife Foundation

The Lost Mountain: Mount Namuli, Mozambique

\$20,000 Ukalene Productions LLC

Indo-Burma

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

Conserving Three Critically Endangered Vulture Species in Cambodia

\$19,901 Paññāsāstra University of Cambodia

Keeping the Legend Alive: Research and Conservation of Swinhoe's Soft-Shell Turtle in Vietnam

\$9,218 Cleveland Zoological Society

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

Developing a Conservation Action Plan and Working Group for Hog Deer in Cambodia

\$20,000 Fauna & Flora International—Cambodia Program

Indo-Burma II

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

Assessing the Status of Northern White-Cheeked Gibbon

\$19,878 Laos Biodiversity Association

Conservation Initiatives for the Indochinese Silvered Leaf Monkey in Dong Phou Vieng National Protected Area

\$19,995 The Lao Wildlife Conservation Association

Ecology and Population Trends of the Eastern Sarus Crane

\$19,780 Charles Darwin University

Embedding Sustainable Community Management Practices in Key Sarus Crane Wetlands

\$200,000 Wildfowl & Wetlands Trust

Embedding Sustainable Community Management Practices in Key Sarus Crane Wetlands: Environment and Livelihoods Enhancement at Boeung Prek Lapouv Sarus Crane Reserve

\$80,000 Chamroen Chiet Khmer

Emergency Funding for the Recovery of Siamese Crocodile

\$19,956 Wildlife Conservation Society

Enhancing Integrated Spatial Development Planning as an Effective Conservation Tool: Safeguarding Lao's Last Eld's Deer Population

\$199,985 World Wide Fund for Nature

Finding Saola, Saving Saola: Transforming Saola Conservation in Key Sites in Lao PDR and Vietnam

\$149,070 Global Wildlife Conservation

Freshwater Turtle Conservation in the Karst Area of Yunnan and Guangxi

\$20,000 Chinese Academy of Sciences, Kunming Institute of Zoology

Giant Softshell Turtle Protection in the Kratie Region

\$119,843 Conservation International

Approved Grants

Investigating the Status of Masked Finfoot in Cambodia

\$19,996 Royal University of Phnom Penh, Centre for Biodiversity Conservation

Long-Term Research and Conservation Field Station in Nakai-Nam Theun National Protected Area

\$18,306 Fauna & Flora International

Mitigating Threats to CEPF's Priority Globally Threatened Species in Nam Mo–Nam Thong Provincial Protected Area

\$19,995 The Lao Wildlife Conservation Association

Restoring the Wild Population of Southern River Terrapin

\$69,285 Wildlife Conservation Society

Re-wilding Western Siem Pang: Ecological Restoration in the Deciduous Dipterocarp Forests of Cambodia

\$250,000 BirdLife International

Securing the Long-Term Future of Vulture Conservation in Cambodia

\$139,972 BirdLife International

Understanding and Inspiring Conservation of Saola and Other Endemic Species in Lao PDR

\$19,200 King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi

Strategic Direction 2. Demonstrate innovative responses to illegal trafficking and consumption of wildlife

Combating the Illegal Wildlife Trade and Protecting CEPF Priority Species in Cambodia

\$180,000 Wildlife Alliance, Inc. iTHINK, a Joint Campaign Platform to Tackle Wildlife Consumption

\$250,000 Freeland Foundation

Starving the Supply: Interventions to Curb Illegal Wildlife Trade from Southeast Asia into Southern China

\$180,000 TRAFFIC International

Strategic Direction 4. Empower local communities to engage in conservation and management of priority key biodiversity areas

Community Incentives for Conservation in the Tonle Sap

\$499,734 Wildlife Conservation Society

Ecology and Conservation of Sandbar-Nesting Birds in Cambodia

\$19,984 University of Minnesota

Empowering P'nong and Kuoy Indigenous Communities for Natural Resource Management and Biodiversity Conservation Along the Mekong River

\$150,300 Community Economic Development

Environmental Education Program in Peck Kantiel Floating Village

\$19,600 OSMOSE

Establishing Co-managed Fish Conservation Zones to Help Communities Protect Endangered Probarbus Fish in the Mekong River in Northern Lao PDR

\$20,000 FISHBIO

Integrating Fisheries Management and Wetlands Conservation (Phase II) at Stung Treng Ramsar Site

\$180,000 International Center for Living Aquatic Resources Management Promoting a Community-Based Limestone Biodiversity Conservation Network in Guangxi

\$200,000 Fauna & Flora International

Strategic Direction 6. Engage key actors in mainstreaming biodiversity, communities and livelihoods into development planning in the priority corridors

Enhancing Civil Society Capacities to Work on Biodiversity, Communities and Livelihoods in Regional Networks Across Major Tributaries in the Lower Mekong River Basin

\$100,000 Mekong Watch

Networking for Collective Civil Society Responses to Priority and Emerging Threats to Lao Rivers

\$20,000 Center for Water Resources Conservation and Development

Protecting the Mekong River's Critical Ecosystems and Biodiversity from Hydropower Development

\$200,000 International Rivers Network

Same Company, Two Dams, One River: Using Hydro Lancang's China Domestic Practice to Mainstream Biodiversity, Fisheries, and Livelihood Protection for the Lower Sesan 2 Dam Project

\$20,000 International Rivers Network

Strategic Direction 8. Strengthen the capacity of civil society to work on biodiversity, communities and livelihoods at regional, national, local and grassroots levels

Building an Online Platform for Conservation Volunteers in Yunnan

\$19,889 Green Kunming

Empowering Khmer Daeum Communities in the Areng Valley

\$13,853 Mother Nature (Meada Thoamajeat)
Establishing a Birdwatching Society in Guangxi

\$5,994 Guangxi Nanning Dipper Sports Culture Co. Ltd.

Mobilization of Indigenous Communities for Resource Protection and Indigenous Peoples Rights

\$90,000 Highlanders Association

Providing Appropriate Support to Cambodian Nongovernmental Organizations and Peoples Groups Working on Sustainable Resource Management

\$120,000 Southeast Asia Development Program

Strengthening Fish Conservation Area Network for Food Security in the Ing River Basin

\$19,966 Living River Siam

Supporting the Development of a Cambodian Nongovernmental Organization

\$20,000 Cambodian Rural Development Team

Maputaland-Pondoland-Albany

Strategic Direction 1. Strengthen protection and management in undercapacitated and emerging protected areas in priority key biodiversity areas

Decreased Local Human Pressure in the Usuthu-Tembe-Futi and the Lubombo Conservancy Goba Transfrontier Conservation Areas of Mozambique and Swaziland

\$84,998 CESVI ONLUS

The Conservation and Study of White-Backed Vultures

\$19,665 All Out Africa

Strategic Direction 2. Expand conservation areas and improve land use in 22 key biodiversity areas through innovative

approaches that sustain biodiversity and ecosystem services

Development of Methodology to Measure Change in Environmental Goods and Services

\$48,834 Endangered Wildlife Trust

Exploring the Opportunity to Pilot Mitigation Banking in the eThekwini Municipality

\$25,000 Eco-Pulse Consulting CC

Monitoring Flagship Birds to Contribute to Improved Management of Grasslands in the Mzimvubu Catchment

\$9,975 BirdLife South Africa

Project Ozwathini: Sustainable Land Use Through Biodiversity Stewardship and Forest Certification in a Community Forestry Setting on Tribal Trust Land

\$50,000 NCT Forestry Co-operative Limited

Strengthening Sustainable Land Use Practices, Management and Local Economic Opportunities in the Ntsubane Forest Complex

\$80,000 Wildlife and Environment Society of South Africa

Support the Selection of Economic Instruments to Incentivize Improved Natural Resources Management in Target Areas in the Umzimvubu and Umgeni Catchments

\$20,000 Institute of Natural Resources

Thukela Marine Protected Area

\$50,000 Zinkwazi-Blythedale Conservancy

Unlocking Maloti Drakensburg Transfrontier Programme Resources: Expansion of Community Stewardship Areas in the Upper Mzimvubu Watershed

\$43,524 Environmental & Rural Solutions

Strategic Direction 3. Maintain and restore ecosystem function and integrity in the Highland Grasslands and Pondoland corridors

Feasibility Study for the Development Forum's KwaZulu-Natal Midlands Green Map

\$8,235 Sustainability Forum

Securing the Provision of Ecosystem Services in the Greater Itala Complex

\$64,196 African Conservation Trust

The Wildcoast Tree Seed Oils and Dune Forest Rehabilitation Project

\$20,000 Eco-logic Consulting

Thicket Forum Annual Conference

\$8,235 Living Lands

Strategic Direction 4. Create an enabling environment to improve conservation and management of Maputaland-Pondoland-Albany priority sites

Developing an Online Social Network for Conservationists in the Maputaland-Pondoland-Albany Hotspot

\$20,000 Current Conservation Community Interest Company

Mediterranean Basin

Strategic Direction 1. Promote civil society involvement in integrated coastal zone management to minimize the negative effects of coastal development in three priority corridors (Southwest Balkans; Cyrenaican Peninsula; and mountains, plateaus and wetlands of Algerian Tell and Tunisia) and in 20 coastal and marine priority key biodiversity areas in other corridors

A Study for the Development of Ecotourism Activities at Guerbes Sanhadja, Algeria

\$19,110 Association Promotion des Femmes Rurales de Wilaya de Skikda

Approved Grants

Developing an Integrated Coastal Management Plan for l'Edough

\$19,900 Laboratoire de recherche "Ecologie des Systèmes terrestres et Aquatiques" (EcoSTAq)

Environmental Awareness of the Local Community Who Are Decision-Makers in Tobrouk and Ain Alghazallah

\$19,960 Libyan Society for Birds

Environmental Initiatives to Enhance Ecotourism in Boa Vista Island, Cape Verde

\$19,800 BIOS.CV – Association for the Conservation of the Environment and Sustainable Development

Fostering and Bringing Together Nature, Tourism and Civil Society at Bojana Delta Through Integrated Coastal Zone Management

\$240,382 ECNC Land & Sea Group Agrupación Europea de Interés Económico

Introducing the Conservation Agreement Model for Community-Based Conservation to Nongovernmental Organizations in Tunisia and Algeria

\$19,798 Conservation International

Land of Eagles and Castles: Pilot Sustainable Tourism Model for the Albanian Adriatic Coastline

\$248,623 Association for the Protection and Preservation of Natural Environment in Albania

Preserve and Enhance Sustainable Tourism Between Lalzi Bay and Berat, Albania

\$63,632 Istituto Sindacale per la Cooperazione Allo Sviluppo

Protection of Marine Turtles and the Coastal Environment of the Kuriat Islands

\$19,963 Association des Fans de la Chebba Support Local Communities to Implement Nature-Based Tourism Practices Around Sasko Lake

\$123,820 NGO Green Home

Strategic Direction 2. Establish the sustainable management of water catchments and the wise use of water resources with a focus on the priority corridors of the (1) Atlas Mountains, (2) Taurus Mountains, (3) Orontes Valley and Lebanon Mountains and (4) Southwest Balkans

Conservation of Biodiversity in Patoku Lagoon and Ishmi River Outlet Through Integrated River Basin Management

\$180,000 Urban Research Institute

Developing Capacities for Sustainability of Dojran Lake

\$138,746 Regional Environmental Center for Central and Eastern Europe

Economic and Ecological Assessment of Ecosystem Services in Karavasta Lagoon

\$19,987 Agro-Environmental & Economic Management-Center (AEEM Center)

Ensuring the Preservation and Enhancement of Atlas Mountain Ecosystems by Building the Capacity of Local Stakeholders in Sustainable Water Management

\$19,700 Enda Maghreb

Implementing Sustainable Agricultural Practices Contributing to the Protection and Ecological Integrity of the Oued Boufekrane River

\$19,901 Section d'Ifrane de l'Association des Enseignants des Sciences de la Vie et de la Terre au Maroc (AVEST)

Integrated Drini River Basin Management

\$116,150 Centre for Forest Studies and Consulting (Albaforest)

Integrated River Basin Management in Ait M'hamed and Imegdale Rural Communes

\$196,987 Global Diversity Foundation

Integrated Water Resources Management at Dojran Lake

\$90,000

Centro Euro-Mediterraneo sui Cambiamenti Climatici S.c.a r.l.

Living Well in Harmony with the Drin: Raising Public Awareness, Enhancing Knowledge and Empowering NGOs to Protect and Conserve Freshwater Ecosystems in the Drin River Basin

\$200,000

Mediterranean Information Office for Environment, Culture and Sustainable Development

Master Plan for the Recovery of the Spring Water Ecosystem in the Lalzi Bay

\$19,376 Iniciativa e Grave në Punë—The Women at Work Initiative

Supporting Civil Society in Conserving Water Resources and Biodiversity in Azilal

\$19,997 Tissu Associatif de Développement de la Province d'Azilal

Water for the Lakes, Bogs, Streams, and People on Jablanica Mountain

\$77,600 Macedonian Ecological Society

Strategic Direction 3. Improve the conservation and protection status of 44 priority key biodiversity areas

Contributing to the Creation of a Participatory Protected Area in Massif de Babor, Algeria

\$148,339 Association de Réflexion, d'Échanges et d'Actions pour l'Environnment et le Développement

Determining Important Areas for Plants and Creating Microreserves to Conserve Rare or Endemic Species in Lebanon

\$174,828 Université Saint-Joseph

Educating the Public on Sustainable Water Use and the Protection of Endemic Fish in the Neretva River Valley

\$18,750 Hrvatska Ekološka Udruga (BUNA)

Education and Capacity Building for Conservation of Lake Dojran

\$19,282 Macedonian Ecological Society (MES)

Integrated Ecosystem Management of Tel Al Arbin Special Conservation Area

\$19,700 Bab Assalam Women's Cooperative

Production of Speleological Cadaster for the Trebižat Area

\$18,684 Mountain Rescue Service of Herzegovina (Hercegovačka Gorska Sluzba Spasavanja)

Promoting Sustainable Hunting Practices in Lebanon Using a Community-Based Approach

\$182,385 Lebanese Environment Forum

Promoting the Value of Key Biodiversity Areas by Strengthening the Role of Civil Society Organizations in Management and Conservation in North Africa

\$392,502 International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources

Raising Awareness on Hunting and Biodiversity Conservation in Al Chouf Cedars Nature Reserve Key Biodiversity Area

\$16,000 Environment for Life

Restoring the Endangered Barbary Macaque Species

\$19,152 Stichting Moroccan Primate Conservation

Supporting the Long-Term Sustainable Management of Transboundary Lake Skadar

\$328,563 International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources

Western Ghats & Sri Lanka

Western Ghats Region

Strategic Direction 1. Enable action by diverse communities and partnerships to ensure conservation of key biodiversity areas and enhance connectivity in the corridors

Assessing the Ecosystem Services of Newly Declared Conservation Reserves

\$19,400 Snehakunja Trust

Building Stake to Conserve River-Related Biodiversity Using Otters as a Flagship Species in the Cauvery River Basin in Karnataka

\$18,496 Paadhai Trust

Coexistence Bottom Up: Strengthening Asian Elephant Conservation in Human-Dominated Landscapes

\$18,000 Nature Conservation Foundation

Facilitating Partnerships for Community Forest Resource Use Areas in the Southern Western Ghats

\$20,000 Centre for Environment and Development

Integrated Management of Lantana in Lokkere Reserve Forest, Mysore-Nilgiri Corridor

\$11,469 Paadhai Trust

Promoting Coordinated Civil Society Action for Biodiversity Conservation in the Malnad-Kodagu Corridor of the Western Ghats

\$19,989 Wildlife Information Liaison Development Society

Promotion of Community Forest Management for Livelihood Support of the Paliyar Tribe

\$19,798 Action for Community Transformation (ACT) India Foundation

Threatened and Endemic Freshwater Fish in the Southern Western Ghats: Improving Local Capacity to Link Conservation and Livelihoods

\$19,998 Navadarsan Public Charitable Trust

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

Bridging the Gap: Community Outreach for Wildlife Conservation

\$19,000 Nature Conservation Foundation

Distribution and Assessment of the Population Status of Critically Endangered Kondana Soft-Furred Rat

\$18,963 Bombay Natural History Society

Ecological Assessment of Freshwater Fish and Amphibian Communities in a Landscape Mosaic of the Western Ghats

\$19,000 Legal Initiative for Forest & Environment

Establishing a Vulture Safe Zone in South India: Conservation of Critically Endangered Vultures in Wayanad and the Neighboring Areas of Kerala

\$19,998 Rural Agency for Social and Technological Advancement

Sahyadri's Science Reaches the Communities: Disseminating the Results of CEPF Projects in the Western Ghats

\$29,975 Green India Trust

Status of Freshwater Fish in the Sahyadri-Konkan Corridor: Diversity, Distribution and Conservation Assessments in Raigad

\$18,366 Bombay Natural History Society



Financial Summary

During the 2014 fiscal year, CEPF secured commitments of \$31.2 million, including contributions of EUR 17.1 million (\$23.155 million) from the European Union, \$6.94 million from the World Bank's Development Grant Fund, and \$1.129 million from Fondation MAVA. Since inception, CEPF has raised \$270 million, including interest earned.

CEPF awarded \$14.3 million in new grants during fiscal year 2014, bringing the amount it has invested in conserving critical ecosystems since 2000 to \$176 million. By the end of the fiscal year, more than 1,900 grantees had received support from the fund since its inception.

During the 2014 fiscal year, CEPF commenced its investment program in the East Melanesian Islands and continued with grants in support of strategies implemented in the Caribbean Islands, Eastern Afromontane, Maputaland-Pondoland-Albany, Mediterranean Basin and the Western Ghats Region of India, and reinvestment in the Indo-Burma Hotspot. The fund dispersed targeted support to sustain gains made possible by previous investments in Eastern Arc Mountains & Coastal Forests and the Mountains of Southwest China. CEPF completed investment cycles in several regions, including Polynesia-Micronesia, Tropical Andes and Tumbes-Chocó-Magdalena, as well as the first phase of investment in Indo-Burma.

CEPF developed ecosystem profiles—including conservation strategies and CEPF's investment niche—for the Wallacea and the Madagascar and Indian Ocean Islands hotspots, and began work on ecosystem profiles for the Guinean Forests of West Africa and Tropical Andes hotspots.



Statement of Activities

For fiscal year ended June 30, 2014

REVENUE	FY14	Cumulative
Grants and Contributions	31,225,015	265,711,665
Gain (Loss) in Foreign Exchange	205,296	1,685,742
Interest Earned	132,135	2,541,267
TOTAL REVENUE	\$31,562,446	\$269,938,674
EXPENSES AND GRANTS AWARDED		
Grants by Funding Region*		
Atlantic Forest		10,010,403
Cape Floristic Region		7,551,147
Caribbean Islands	1,298,891	6,620,992
Caucasus		9,295,406
Eastern Arc Mountains & Coastal Forests	23,443	8,823,162
East Melanesian Islands	3,143,271	3,143,271
Eastern Afromontane	2,850,984	5,570,733
Eastern Himalayas	, ,	4,882,859
Guinean Forests of West Africa		8,072,696
Indo-Burma	-94,787	9,656,797
Indo-Burma Reinvestment	3,358,189	5,058,192
Madagascar & Indian Ocean Islands	-,,	5,555,602
Maputaland-Pondoland-Albany	636,669	6,479,534
Mediterranean Basin	3,104,848	8,930,703
Mountains of Southwest China	1,658	7,886,748
Northern Mesoamerica	,	7,079,430
The Philippines		6,970,399
Polynesia-Micronesia	-103,478	6,828,576
Southern Mesoamerica	,	7,046,928
Succulent Karoo		9,220,999
Sundaland		9,901,465
Tropical Andes	-10,606	8,287,386
Tumbes-Chocó-Magdalena	-367	6,797,978
Western Ghats & Sri Lanka	117,828	6,093,650
TOTAL GRANTS	14,326,543	175,765,056
Ecosystem Profile Preparation	766,093	10,021,820
Use of Interest: External Evaluations, Audit and Special Projects	439,738	1,523,363
Operations	2,557,515	31,401,861
TOTAL OTHER EXPENSES	3,763,543	42,947,044
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* The grant expenses include new grants awarded in FY14. Negative amounts in grants represent grant deobligations.

Accounts Receivable

Grants Payable





Our Community

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Grantee Partners

Since its inception, CEPF has supported 1,920 nongovernmental and private sector partners in conserving biodiversity hotspots.

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- Action for Community Organization, Rehabilitation and Development
- Action for Environmental Sustainability

Adansonia Consulting

Addis Ababa University

AfriBugs CC

Africa Environmental News Service

African Butterfly Research Institute

African Conservation Trust

African Rainforest Conservancy

African Safari Lodge Foundation

Afrique Nature International

AGORO Centre for Intercultural Learning and Talent Development

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Al-Shouf Cedar Society

Amani Nature Reserve

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Arizona State University

Armenian Assembly of America, Inc.

Armenian Forests NGO

Arnold Arboretum of Harvard University

Arulagam

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Asociación Comercial y Agropecuaria de Chiriquì Grande

Asociación de Amigos y Vecinos de la Costa y la Naturaleza

Asociación de Desarrollo y Promoción Humana de la Costa Atlántica

Asociación de Organizaciones del Corredor Biológico Talamanca Caribe

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Asociación de Profesionales y Técnicos Ngöbe Bugle Asociación de Reservas Naturales Privadas de Guatemala

Asociación de Turismo de Tres Colinas

Asociación Ecuatoriana de Ecoturismo

Asociación IXACAVAA de Desarrollo e Información Indígena

Asociación Mejorando al Desarrollo Rural de la Region a Traves de la Conservación de la Vida Silvestre (formerly Asociación Meralvis)

Asociación Nacional para la Conservación de la Naturaleza

Asociación para la Conservación, Investigación de la Biodiversidad y el Desarrollo Sustentable

Asociación para la Investigación y Desarrollo Integral

Asociación Peruana para la Conservación de la Naturaleza

Asociación Red Colombiana de Reservas Naturales de la Sociedad Civil

Asociación Trópico Verde/ParksWatch Guatemala

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Associação dos Proprietários de Reservas Particulares do Estado da Bahia

Associação Flora Brasil

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Associação Mico-Leão-Dourado

Associação Super Eco de Integração Ambiental e Desenvolvimento da Criança

Association Burundaise pour la Protection de la Nature

Association de Réflexion, d'Échanges et d'Actions pour L'Environnment et le Développement

Association Fanamby

Association for Nature Protection and Sustainable Use "Mta-Bari"

Association for the Protection and Preservation of Natural Environment in Albania

Association les Amis des Oiseaux

Association Marocaine pour l'Ecotourisme et la Protection de la Nature

Association of Environmental Lawyers of Liberia

Association pour la Gestion Intégrée et Durable de l'Environnement

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