

**CRITICAL** | **ECOSYSTEM**  
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2015 Annual Report





'WE SALUTE THE CEPF GRANTEES WHO WORK SO HARD, OFTEN UNDER DIFFICULT CIRCUMSTANCES IN FAR-AWAY PLACES, TO SAVE THE LAST REMAINING HABITATS FOR SPECIES IN DANGER. WE ARE HONOURED TO BE PART OF THEIR WORK.'

Maaïke Manten, Manager, CEPF regional implementation team,  
Eastern Afrotropical biodiversity hotspot

## 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, 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 local, national and international nongovernmental organizations (NGOs).

## Our Grants

- Target biodiversity hotspots in developing and transitional countries.
- Are guided by regional investment strategies—ecosystem profiles—developed with local stakeholders.
- Go directly to civil society groups to build this vital constituency for conservation alongside governmental partners. Grants are awarded on a competitive basis to implement the conservation strategy developed in each ecosystem profile.
- Help governments meet targets related to the U.N.'s Convention on Biological Diversity, Framework Convention on Climate Change, and Sustainable Development Goals.
- 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.

For more information, please visit [www.cepf.net](http://www.cepf.net).

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Hotspot Strategies  
Implemented

2,001

Grantees  
Supported

US\$191M

Grants  
Committed

US\$347M

Amount Leveraged  
by Those Grants

13.1M

Protected Areas  
Created (hectares)

## HOW CEPF WORKS

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## CEPF YEAR IN REVIEW

### OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2014

#### CEPF featured at global events

In the fall of 2014, CEPF participated in global conservation events to raise awareness about the fund and the importance of civil society engagement in biodiversity conservation.

In October, CEPF shared how its results are contributing to global biodiversity conservation targets through panel events, through the “Wonders of the World” photo exhibit, and through a reception at the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), held in South Korea. The CBD LifeWeb Initiative hosted the reception, which also featured Save Our Species (SOS). In conjunction with the CBD, CEPF published a report outlining the many contributions of its grantees to the CBD’s Aichi biodiversity targets. The report can be found on the CEPF website.

In November, multiple events at the World Parks Congress in Sydney, Australia, featured CEPF sharing results and lessons learned. A highlight of the Congress for CEPF was the opening reception for the “Wonders of the World” exhibit at the Royal Botanic Garden Sydney. The event drew more than 180 guests to see the outdoor exhibit; listen to speakers, including CEPF donors and France’s Ambassador for the Environment Xavier Sticker; and enjoy food, wine and entertainment.



### JANUARY 2015

#### CEPF selects new executive director

The CEPF Donor Council, the fund’s governing body, unanimously selected Olivier Langrand, most recently director of global affairs for the nonprofit Island Conservation, to fill the position left vacant by the departure of Patricia Zurita, who left CEPF after nearly five years to become the new CEO of BirdLife International.

### DECEMBER 2014

#### Wallacea and Madagascar and Indian Ocean Islands programs launch

CEPF chose hotspot-based organizations to serve as its regional implementation teams (RITs) for programs in the Wallacea biodiversity hotspot, and in the Madagascar and Indian Ocean Islands biodiversity hotspot. Burung Indonesia will provide this local leadership for CEPF’s US\$6 million, five-year program in the Wallacea biodiversity hotspot in Timor-Leste and Central Indonesia, including the major island groups of Sulawesi, Maluku and the Lesser Sundas. Malagasy organization Tany Meva is the regional implementation team for the US\$7.5 million, five-year program in the Madagascar and Indian Ocean Islands biodiversity hotspot.



### MARCH 2015

#### Grantees assess progress in Indo-Burma

In March, more than 130 representatives of civil society organizations, government conservation agencies and donors gathered in Siem Reap, Cambodia, to attend the mid-term assessment of the CEPF Phase II investment in the Indo-Burma biodiversity hotspot. Hosted by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Asia Regional Office, which leads the CEPF RIT for the hotspot, the mid-term assessment workshop gave participants the opportunity to assess progress of the US\$10.4 million investment in six countries (Cambodia, China, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam) toward the goals set out in the ecosystem profile. The mid-term assessment workshop was bookended by a convening of Margaret A. Cargill Foundation grantees and an evaluation of the MacArthur Foundation’s conservation and sustainable development program in the Lower Mekong Region. These meetings provided opportunities to strengthen cross-linkages between the CEPF portfolio and those of the other two funders.



## MARCH/APRIL 2015

### Cerrado stakeholder workshops held

In March and April, initial stakeholder consultation workshops were held in Brasilia for the development of the ecosystem profile for the Cerrado biodiversity hotspot. Through the course of the consultation process, which was completed in October, the profiling team consisting in Conservation International-Brazil and Instituto Sociedade, População e Natureza organized five workshops, gathering input from more than 170 participants from civil society and the private, academic, research, government and conservation sectors.

## MAY 2015

### Tropical Andes regional implementation team named

In May, the Donor Council approved the selection of a consortium of organizations to help CEPF lead its US\$10 million grant program in the Tropical Andes biodiversity hotspot. The consortium is led by Bolivia's Fundación para el Desarrollo del Sistema Nacional de Áreas Protegidas (FUNDESNA), in partnership with Colombia's Fondo Patrimonio Natural, and Fondo de Promoción de la Áreas Naturales Protegidas del Perú (PROFONANPE).

### Guinean Forests of West Africa profile process under way

The consortium consisting of the West and Central Africa Programme and the Global Species Programme of the International Union for Conservation of Nature and the United Nations Environment Programme-World Conservation Monitoring Centre continued remote stakeholder consultation and preparation of the ecosystem profile of the Guinean Forests of West Africa biodiversity hotspot. The team ultimately collected data and input from more than 140 stakeholders to define and prioritize sites, and to identify civil society capacity-building targets and policy priorities for the CEPF investment set for 2016-2021.



## JUNE 2015

### Helmsley Charitable Trust contributes to CEPF

The Leona M. and Harry B. Helmsley Charitable Trust announced new funding of US\$900,000 to conserve the unique biodiversity of Madagascar and support local communities via a grant to CEPF. The new funding for Madagascar builds on CEPF's US\$7.5 million conservation program in the Madagascar and Indian Ocean Islands biodiversity hotspot. "As the Malagasy leadership takes tremendous steps toward environmental conservation, we are thrilled to support CEPF's collaborative efforts to enable civil society to participate in the protection of critical ecosystems alongside governmental partners," said Renu Saini, program officer of the Helmsley Charitable Trust's Conservation Program.

### CEPF completes eight-year program in India

CEPF held its final assessment workshop for the US\$6 million, eight-year (2008-2015) investment in the Western Ghats, India, part of the Western Ghats and Sri Lanka biodiversity hotspot. The funds supported 108 projects and 56 civil society organizations. More than 120 participants gathered at the Bangalore workshop to share conservation results and exchange lessons learned. One example of results achieved is the adoption of sustainable agricultural practices by 34 tea and coffee estates covering more than 19,000 hectares of land, as well as commitments from major international brands to source supplies from Rainforest Alliance Certified farms in the region.

### Display of biodiversity hotspot photo exhibit continued worldwide

The "Wonders of the World" exhibit, featuring stunning photos of the landscapes and species found in the biodiversity hotspots, was featured at the 2015 Green Week, the biggest annual conference on European environment policy, in Brussels, June 3-5. The Brussels show was one of several during the 2015 fiscal year, when the exhibit also made appearances in Lebanon, Canada, the Dominican Republic, Australia and South Korea. Since its debut in Paris in January 2014, the exhibit—developed by *Terre Sauvage* magazine, the Nature Picture Library and CEPF—has been displayed in more than 30 countries and territories, and has been viewed by thousands of people. The exhibit is presented in partnership with Ligue pour la Protection des Oiseaux-LPO, l'Agence Française de Développement, and le Ministère des Affaires Étrangères et Européennes.





## MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Central to CEPF's mission is the financial, administrative and technical support CEPF delivers to local conservation organizations in the world's biodiversity hotspots. That reach to the grassroots level does not, however, negate the contribution CEPF and its grantees make to the global conservation and sustainable development agenda through implementation of CEPF's strategy for each hotspot. In fact, such contributions are **essential to achieving the UN Convention on Biological Diversity's Aichi Biodiversity Targets and the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).**

Civil society—including nongovernmental organizations (NGOs), communities, academia and the private sector—is a potent agent for biodiversity conservation and sustainable development. Up to now, CEPF has granted US\$191 million to civil society groups in 23 biodiversity hotspots that include part or all of 92 countries and territories. **CEPF's 2,000 grantees have achieved many results that help**

**governments meet their commitments as signatories of international conventions. CEPF grantees have made significant contributions to 15 of the 20 Aichi targets and to 11 of the 17 the SDGs.** A few examples are shown on the table on the next page.

These results arise in part because of the emphasis CEPF places on bringing stakeholders together—including civil society and government—to implement conservation at local, regional and national levels. From the development of its conservation strategy for a hotspot at the start of a regional investment to the final assessment workshop, CEPF emphasizes partnership among communities, nongovernmental organizations, private sector operators and government entities in order to optimize benefits for people and nature.

CEPF also helps to ensure results by prioritizing the development of grantees' organizational and technical capacity



| Selected CEPF Results   | Related Aichi Targets  | Related Sustainable Development Goals   |
|---|--|---|
| <b>13.1 million hectares new or expanded protected area</b>             | Target 5 – Halve loss of natural habitats.<br><br>Target 11 – 17% terrestrial and inland water and 10% of coastal and marine areas protected.  | Goal 15 – Protect, restore, and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation, and halt biodiversity loss.   |
| <b>More than 1,200 IUCN Red-Listed species directly benefiting</b>      | Target 12 – Extinction of known threatened species prevented and their conservation status improved and sustained.   | Goal 15 (See above.)  |
| <b>More than 2,300 local communities directly benefiting</b>            | Target 3 – Eliminate, phase out or reform incentives that are harmful to biodiversity, and develop and apply positive incentives for the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity.                       | Goal 1 – End poverty in all its forms everywhere.<br><br>Goal 2 – End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition, and promote sustainable agriculture.<br><br>Goal 6 – Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all.<br><br>Goal 7 – Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable, and modern energy for all. |
| <b>More than 1.2 billion tonnes of carbon stored at supported sites</b> | Target 15 – Ecosystem resilience and the contribution of biodiversity to carbon stocks has been enhanced.  | Goal 13 – Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts.  |
| <b>77 policies, plans or laws influenced</b>                            | Target 2 – Biodiversity values integrated into national and local development and poverty reduction strategies and planning processes and are being incorporated into national accounting and reporting systems. | Goal 11 – Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable.   |

so that they will be effective long-term advocates for, and agents of, conservation and sustainable development. CEPF grantees cooperate with national-level conservation institutions and build networks at the local, regional, and global levels where skills, funding, and vision can be shared. This effort, in turn, lays the foundation for innovation and sustainability in both conservation and poverty alleviation.

**A thriving civil society is the cornerstone on which realization of the global conservation and sustainable development agenda will be built.**

Through its investments, CEPF is empowering civil society to be a trusted partner to governments and communities alike in creating a healthy, sustainable balance between nature and development.

– Olivier Langrand,  
CEPF Executive Director



## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRPERSON



**The year 2015 was a turning point not only for the fight against climate change but also for biodiversity.** The global agreement that emerged from the UN Climate Conference in Paris in December was an important victory in the ongoing battle to save our planet from the negative impacts of climate change. The hard-won commitments made by 195 countries to reduce emissions, facilitate adaptation, minimize loss and damage, mobilize financing, and do all these things transparently, signal a new era of cooperative action toward the shared goal of holding global average temperature change to well below 2 degrees Celsius above preindustrial levels.

But now we must work hard if we are to succeed. Current commitments and real action plans set our trajectory rather at around 3 degrees Celsius of increase in global average temperature at the

end of the century—a level expected to cause environmental and human disaster. Beyond negotiations, what will really matter is the amount of action and innovation the global community applies to the problem, notably under the framework of the so-called “Paris-Lima action agenda,” which supports partnerships between corporations, civil societies and local or national governments in all relevant areas.

This is an additional incentive to boost the biodiversity agenda, which has an important role in the fight to address climate change. **Though it is sometimes overlooked, biodiversity and nature-based solutions must be included in any effective plan to meet our shared temperature change target.** Three specific nature-based solutions are essential:

- Reducing or eliminating deforestation, because it keeps carbon in the forests.
- Restoring ecosystems on a large scale, because doing so has the potential to pull as much as 0.5 degrees Celsius of temperature increase out of the climate change equation.
- Maintaining natural ecosystems, because they help people and other forms of life adapt to a changing climate by ensuring water and food supplies, preventing soil erosion, tempering extreme weather, and securing sustainable nature-based livelihoods.



The good news for those who signed the climate agreement, and indeed anyone interested in Earth's future, is that there are people already hard at work on some of these nature-based solutions. **Right now, CEPF grantees are implementing projects designed to sustain some of the world's most vital ecosystems in the biodiversity hotspots. These projects are part of a larger strategy, the goal of which is to address the most urgent needs of critical ecosystems while at the same time building up local conservation leadership and networks that are committed to protecting these areas for the long run. These efforts can be scaled up to help nations meet their local and global obligations, and to help us all enjoy a healthier, more secure future.**

CEPF's support of civil society in the biodiversity hotspots has already proved to be a more and more critical part of securing the "global public goods" provided by biodiversity. On top of conserving the inherent value of nature, CEPF addresses in a very unique way some of the more essential human challenges of our century. In 2016, the climate change challenge adds to the urgency and importance of the cause that we at CEPF serve, as it is more and more evident that biodiversity is central to dealing with so many of the most pressing concerns our planet faces.

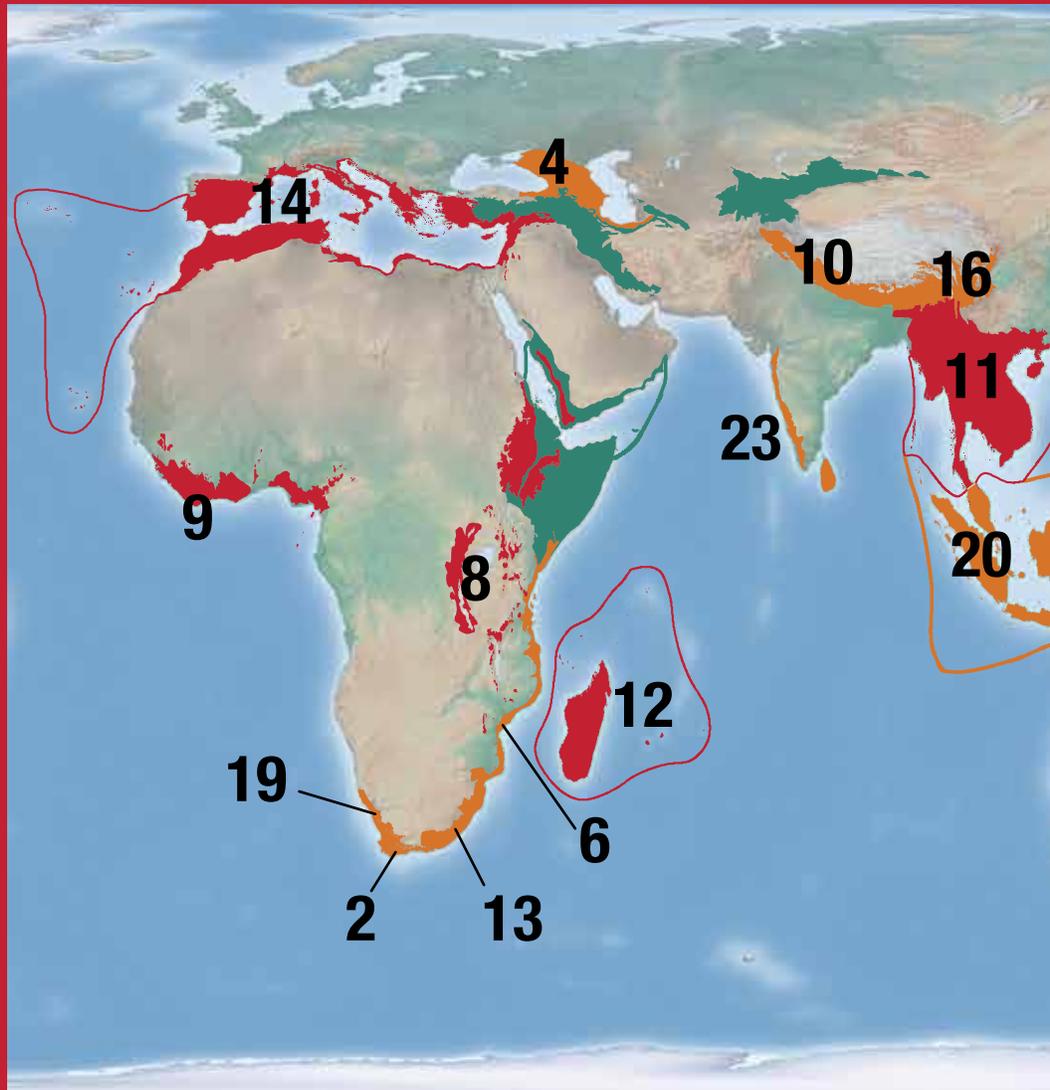
– **Jean-Michel Severino**,  
*CEPF Donor Council Chairperson*



# CEPF AND THE BIODIVERSITY HOTSPOTS

CEPF works in developing and transitional countries and territories within Earth’s 36 biodiversity hotspots. These 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.

From inception through fiscal year 2015, CEPF awarded grants to civil society partners in 23 hotspots to implement its stakeholder-informed strategies—known as *ecosystem profiles*—for protecting the most critical ecosystems in the hotspots. During the fiscal year, CEPF launched new investments in the Tropical Andes Hotspot and the Madagascar and Indian Ocean Islands Hotspot, marking its first funding for the Indian Ocean Islands portion of the hotspot. CEPF also pursued development of ecosystem profiles for a first-time investment in the Cerrado Hotspot and for reinvestment in the Guinean Forests of West Africa.

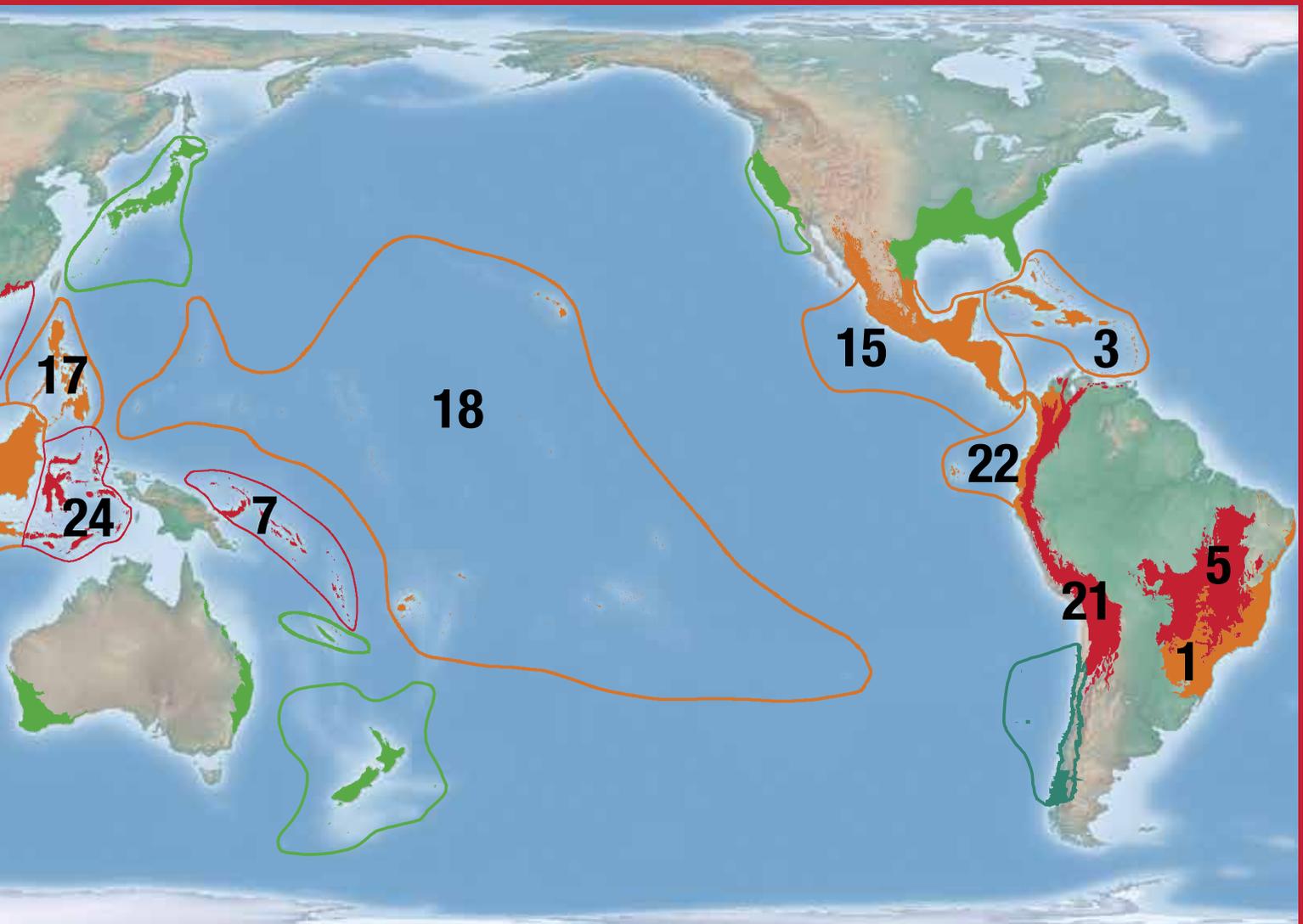


## BIODIVERSITY HOTSPOTS

- Current CEPF Investment
- Past CEPF Investment
- Other Hotspots
- Eligible for CEPF Investment

\* Inception through fiscal year 2016

*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 Afrotropical 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 Afrotropical and the Coastal Forests of Eastern Africa.*



## BIODIVERSITY HOTSPOTS WHERE CEPF HAS INVESTED

- |   |   |                                  |
|---|---|----------------------------------|
| 1. Atlantic Forest                            | 8. Eastern Afromontane                  | 16. Mountains of Southwest China |
| 2. Cape Floristic Region                      | 9. Guinean Forests of West Africa       | 17. Philippines                  |
| 3. Caribbean Islands                          | 10. Himalaya                            | 18. Polynesia-Micronesia         |
| 4. Caucasus                                   | 11. Indo-Burma                          | 19. Succulent Karoo              |
| 5. Cerrado (Grants began in fiscal year 2016) | 12. Madagascar and Indian Ocean Islands | 20. Sundaland                    |
| 6. Coastal Forests of Eastern Africa          | 13. Maputaland-Pondoland-Albany         | 21. Tropical Andes               |
| 7. East Melanesian Islands                    | 14. Mediterranean Basin                 | 22. Tumbes-Chocó-Magdalena       |
|   | 15. Mesoamerica                         | 23. Western Ghats and Sri Lanka  |
|   |   | 24. 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](http://www.afd.fr)

### **Conservation International**

works with partners around the world to protect nature so people can thrive. The organization's approach is simple yet transformative: It identifies and protects spectacular but vulnerable places on land and in the oceans; works with the private sector to promote sustainable business practices; and engages 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](http://www.conservation.org)

### **The European Union (EU),**

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 (GEF)**

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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.worldbank.org)

## MESSAGE FROM THE GEF CHAIRPERSON AND CEO

The Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund (CEPF) brings together global partners that have diverse but complementary perspectives, priorities, and objectives, and that are united by a common belief: **biodiversity is indispensable for sustainable development and human well-being.**

**At least 40 percent of the world's economy and 80 percent of the needs of the poor are derived from biological resources.** Biodiversity supports agriculture—maintaining pollinators, water resources, and fertile soils. It delivers key ingredients for medicines and mitigates climate change by sequestering carbon and buffering people from the effects of extreme weather. And it can become a renewable source of energy and a supplier of indispensable material goods.

For these reasons and many more, our organizations embraced CEPF's mission to ensure that the world's biodiversity hotspots have a future beyond our generation and that of our sons and daughters. Accordingly, we joined forces to provide substantive financial commitments over the years. And the good news is that these commitments are paying off.

From its inception in 2000 through 2015, CEPF provided more than US\$191 million in funding to civil society organizations working in 92 developing countries spanning 23 of the 36 global biodiversity hotspots. **These projects have provided direct benefits to more than 2,300 communities, including women's and youth groups, through jobs, training in sustainable livelihoods, acquisition of land rights, and other economically beneficial activities.**

One example from Africa is the work of the Association de Gestion Intégrée des Ressources in Morocco in the Bou Arg Laguna of Morocco, an area that was facing mounting environmental issues. With a grant from CEPF, this innovative NGO reversed the course of unsustainable development while raising the income of local fishermen through the protection of a strategic section of the lagoon that

acts as a nursery for many important commercial fish species. Shifting continents, CEPF has enabled the use of carbon credits to finance the costs of farmers in the Dominican Republic who are committed to shaded cocoa production grown alongside native trees. This initiative is also connecting local farmers with chocolate companies in major markets, ensuring that premiums are secured for their organic cocoa beans. (See articles on pp. 28–29 and 36–37.)

Some may think that relatively small projects such as these can be very attractive but achieve limited impact. However, each CEPF-funded project is part of a much larger strategy that targets an entire biodiversity hotspot through well-designed ecosystem profiles—which are, in essence, investment strategies that serve to guide not only CEPF but also a multitude of donors coordinated for maximum impact. CEPF projects emerge as bright spots that serve as scalable models capable of replication across much larger swaths of nature and communities.

I am proud of the CEPF partnership and convinced of its capacity to make a significant difference to the fate of the world's top-priority biodiversity hotspots. Equally important, CEPF is going about its business of protecting nature while building solid institutional capacity of local organizations and communities in ways that address the needs of both nature and people.

The Aichi Biodiversity Targets, Sustainable Development Goals, and the Paris climate agreement hold the promise of a fresh start for our planet.

For the CEPF partnership to continue to flourish, I invite other like-minded institutions to join forces with us to help ensure that Earth's rich biodiversity and other global environmental commons are safeguarded now and for generations to come.

– **Naoko Ishii**, CEO and Chairperson  
*of the Global Environment Facility*



*Naoko Ishii*

### CHAIRPERSON

Jean-Michel Severino

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\* Donor Council list as of June 2016



2015 Progress Report





# GLOBAL IMPACT

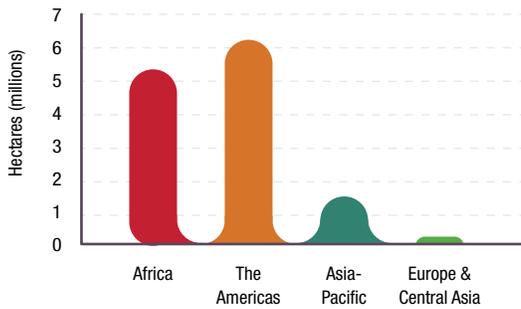
Since its inception in 2000, CEPF has strived to safeguard the world's most critical ecosystems and biodiversity by supporting civil society in implementing stakeholder-informed conservation strategies in biodiversity hotspots. The following data demonstrate the impact CEPF and its grantees have had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

## Biodiversity

### Protected Areas Created or Expanded

Total: 13.1 Million Hectares

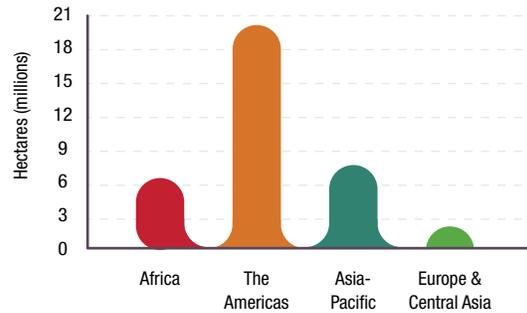
From inception of CEPF through fiscal year 2015



### Key Biodiversity Areas with Strengthened Management

Total: 36.6 Million Hectares

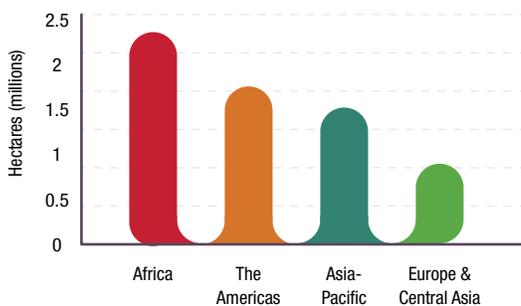
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### Production Landscape with Strengthened Management

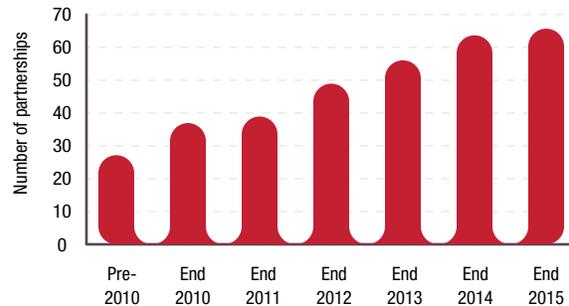
Total: 6.4 Million Hectares

From 2007 through fiscal year 2015



### Number of Partnerships CEPF Has Helped Create

Total: 66



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

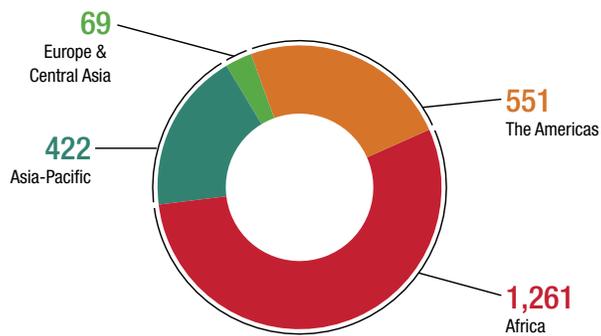
‘THAT’S WHERE THE CRITICAL ECOSYSTEM PARTNERSHIP FUND COMES IN, AS AN INNOVATIVE PARTNERSHIP. THAT’S WHAT WE NEED. WE NEED PARTNERSHIPS THAT CAN REALLY DELIVER.’

Braulio F. de Souza Dias, Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity

## Human Well-Being

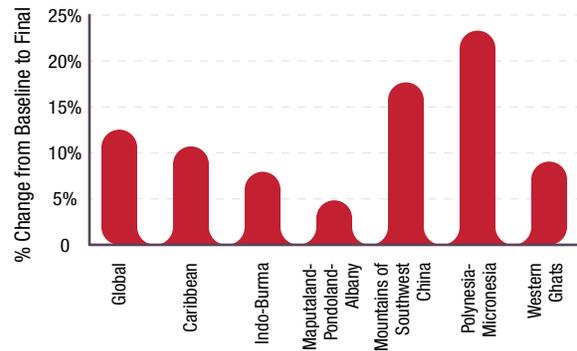
### Number of Communities Directly Benefiting

Total: 2,303



## Civil Society Capacity

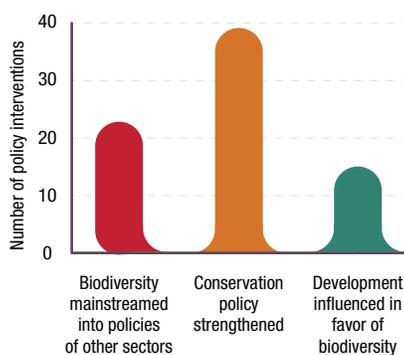
### Average Percentage Change in Civil Society Capacity Scores over Period of CEPF Support



## Enabling Conditions

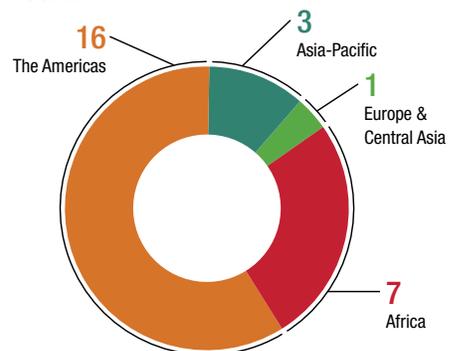
### Types of Policy Interventions

Total: 77



### Sustainable Financing Mechanisms Benefiting from CEPF Support

Total: 27



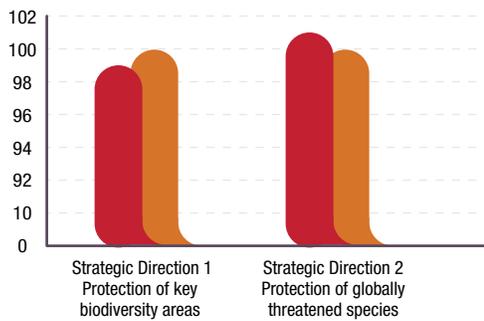


## REGIONAL RESULTS



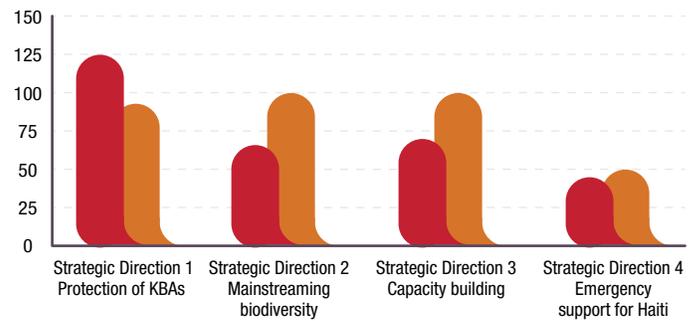
### Western Ghats

2008–2015



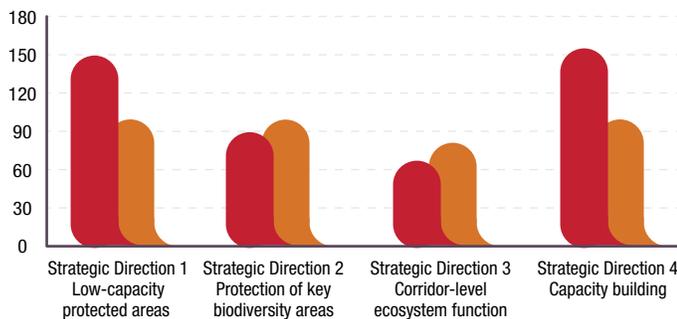
### Caribbean Islands

2010–2015



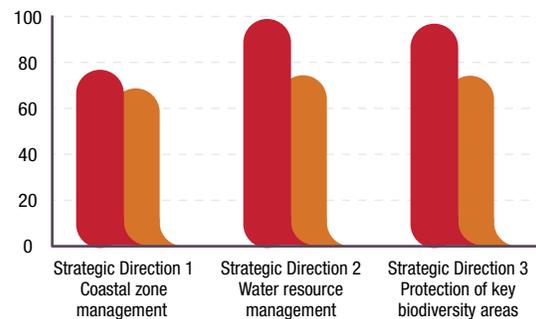
### Maputaland-Pondoland-Albany

2010–2015



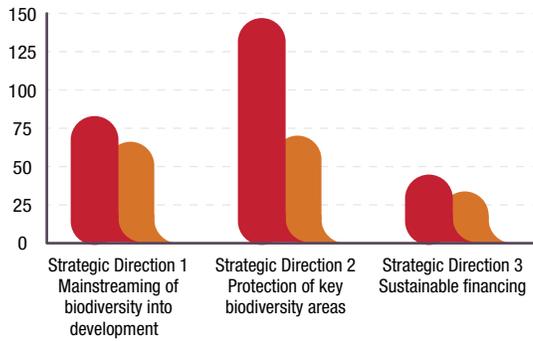
### Mediterranean Basin

2011–2016



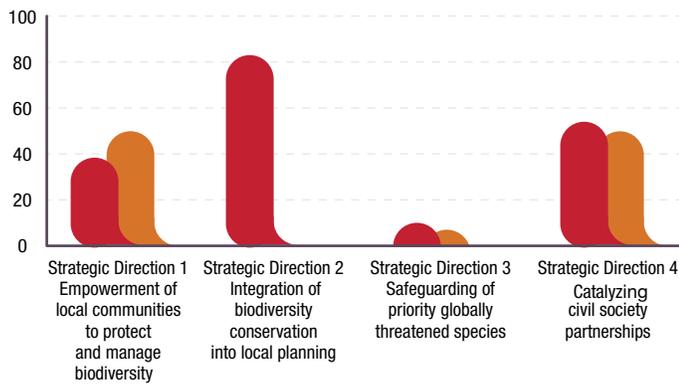
## Eastern Afromontane

2012–2017



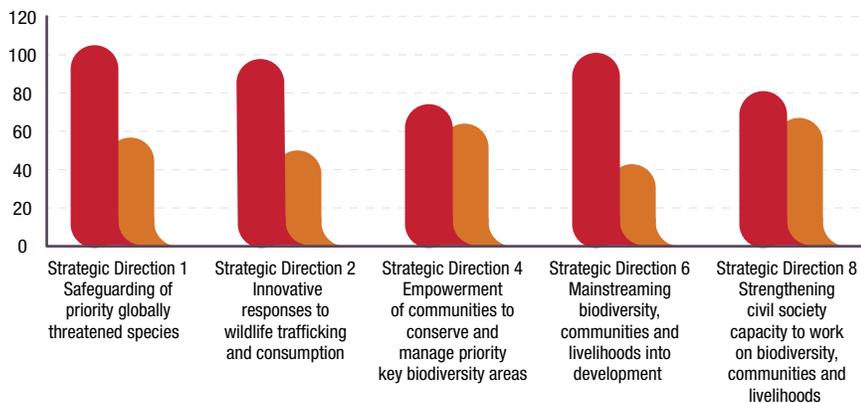
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## STRENGTHENING LOCAL CONSERVATION LEADERSHIP

### Convention on Biological Diversity Aichi Targets



#### Target 19

By 2020, knowledge, the science base and technologies relating to biodiversity,

its values, functioning, status and trends, and the consequences of its loss, are improved, widely shared and transferred, and applied.

### Sustainable Development Goals



#### Goal 17

Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership

for sustainable development.

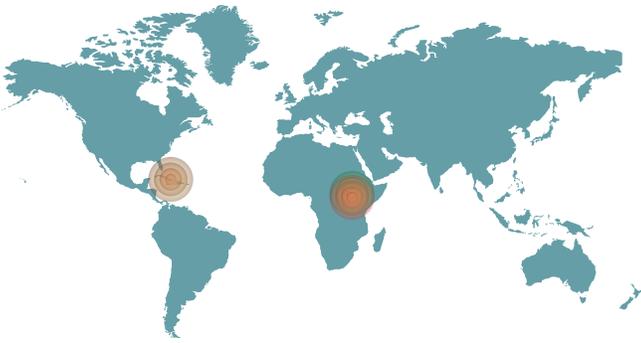
Among the wonders of the world's biodiversity hotspots are the many local people and organizations who take action to save these places. One of CEPF's goals is to provide these environmental champions with the financial and technical support that allows them to grow as conservation leaders.

### Caribbean Islands Biodiversity Hotspot

The islands of the Caribbean host extraordinary biodiversity, but that biodiversity is threatened by invasive alien species. Rats, mice, goats and even mongooses have been wreaking havoc on native species. CEPF grantee Fauna and Flora International (FFI) developed a project in collaboration with local NGOs Environmental Awareness Group (EAG) and the Saint Lucia National Trust (SLNT) to begin eradicating invasive alien species from several islands while building the capacity of the local organizations to protect the area from these invaders for the long term.

In the course of the project, the organizations shared techniques and information they learned in the field, offering participants a much richer learning experience than if they had separately run programs on different islands. They also collaborated occasionally, lending extra hands to the labor-intensive work of invasive species eradication during exchange visits. SLNT raised its capacity score during the project from 66.5 to 79 out of 100, as measured by CEPF's Civil Society Tracking Tool. EAG raised its score from 67 to 77.5 in the same period of time. **Together, they removed invasive alien species or prevented them from returning to Key Biodiversity Areas on 17 islands.**

"I was pleased and surprised by how effective the project's exchange visits were," said Jenny Daltry, FFI's project lead. "These enabled conservationists from several Caribbean countries to meet, observe and even participate in one another's efforts to tackle invasive species and monitor native wildlife. Not only did they swiftly acquire techniques that could be applied to their own countries, but the visits forged new friendships."



‘DURING THIS PROJECT, THE KNOWLEDGE FROM DIFFERENT STAKEHOLDERS HELPED A LOT IN DESIGNING AND IMPLEMENTING DIFFERENT ACTIVITIES. WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT THIS WILL HELP TO DELIVER THE REAL IMPACT NEEDED.’

Thierry Inzirayineza, Project Lead,  
Forest of Hope Association

## Eastern Afromontane Biodiversity Hotspot

More than 98 percent of the original area of Rwanda’s Gishwati Forest has been lost due to deforestation, leaving the remaining forest struggling to provide the ecosystem services local communities rely on. To protect Gishwati, CEPF grantee Forest of Hope Association (FHA) is implementing several programs that enable local residents to develop economic alternatives to their unsustainable use of the forest.

With assistance from CEPF and other donors, FHA has also been empowering itself. When FHA’s parent organization, an international NGO called the Gishwati Area Conservation Program (GACP), lost its funding in 2011 because of the global financial crisis, Madeleine Nyiratuza created FHA as a grassroots organization dedicated to continuing the work. FHA partnered with local, regional and national governments, as well as institutions such as West Chester University, Drake University, the Rufford Small Grant Program and CEPF. Support from these organizations allowed FHA to maintain a full-time staff of 11, run its programs, and build its financial controls and donor relations skills.

The CEPF Secretariat and CEPF’s Eastern Afromontane Regional Implementation Team collaborated with FHA to build its capacity, helping FHA design a successful project and guiding FHA to technical and financial management proficiency, making the organization more attractive to future partners.

Meanwhile, FHA used an entrepreneurial approach to move the communities around Gishwati toward sustainability.

**In place of subsistence farming and gathering of forest materials, FHA helped local farmers set up a beekeepers’ collective that sells honey in markets as far away as Switzerland. FHA also developed ecotourism initiatives, including a women’s group that demonstrates and sells traditional crafts, and traditional healers who cultivate medicinal plants in a community garden and show tourists how to prepare and use the medicines.**

“During this project, the knowledge from different stakeholders helped a lot in designing and implementing different

activities,” said Thierry Inzirayineza, project lead for FHA. “We are confident that this will help to deliver the real impact needed.”

**In September of 2015, the Rwandan government responded to FHA’s tireless protection of the forest by officially declaring it the Gishwati-Mukura National Park.** FHA’s three-year conservation plan served as a basis for the newly created park’s interim management plan. Further, because of FHA’s capacity, the government of Rwanda has made FHA the effective managers of Gishwati until a formal, civil servant cadre is mobilized.





## ENHANCING COMMUNITY BENEFITS FROM BIODIVERSITY

### Convention on Biological Diversity Aichi Targets



#### 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.

### Sustainable Development Goals



#### Goal 8

Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and

productive employment and decent work for all.

CEPF conservation strategies factor in the concerns of local communities and pursue opportunities to meet the immediate needs of the people while ensuring a healthy future for the ecosystems around them.

### Caribbean Islands Biodiversity Hotspot

CEPF grantees have been working in La Humeadora Mountain National Park in the Dominican Republic on projects that provide economic and health benefits while improving environmental awareness and park management.

Although this protected area supplies about 70 percent of the city of Santo Domingo's water supply, the park had very little staff or infrastructure prior to 2013. Park buffer zones were often cleared for cash crops using slash-and-burn techniques.

CEPF grantee Fondo Pro Naturaleza (PRONATURA) engaged local governments and communities in the development of a sustainable management plan for La Humeadora.

**PRONATURA led more than 15 educational workshops for 450 people from the local municipalities—and, in the past three years, trained 14 park rangers and outfitted them with the tools needed for monitoring endangered species. Some who once caught birds to sell to the pet trade now work to protect them, with salaries paid by the national government.**

A community nursery now produces native tree seedlings. PRONATURA provides technical advice to local farmers on topics such as soil conservation, and encourages the use of analog forestry on their plots, including the planting of native trees alongside fruit and cocoa trees, instead of slash-and-burn farming. This effort has increased wildlife corridors around the park, while proving exponentially more profitable. One farmer, for example, reported an income increase from US\$78 to US\$179 every two weeks. That economic boost has, in turn, reduced encroachment into the park.

**Almost 18,200 hectares of parkland are now under better management, and more than 98.5 hectares of forest have been restored.**



**‘MANY FARMERS LIKE ME HAVE BEGUN TO UNDERSTAND THAT THE CONSERVATION OF OUR SOIL AND OUR FORESTS IS CRITICAL TO OUR OWN WELL-BEING.’**

Jacobo de León, beneficiary, PRONATURA project in the Dominican Republic

“The communities and the Ministry of Environment have developed a strong bond that has greatly benefited the park,” said Park Manager Marcos Corporán. “Now we are doing clean-ups, reforestation and maintenance activities, and working on the agroforestry lots, always together. And the communities benefit as well. You can see an increased well-being.”

PRONATURA has also worked through the Pure Water Foundation to provide some local residents with filters to prevent intestinal ailments, particularly for children.

The Instituto Tecnológico de Santo Domingo (INTEC), another CEPF grantee, conducted several studies in the park to determine the economic value of water services provided by the watershed, including human consumption,

irrigation and hydroelectric energy. Surveys showed that water consumers in the region are willing to pay an additional US\$8.60 per year to support the park. If a proposed payment plan is accepted, the money earned could fund the park’s conservation efforts.

It is estimated that the combination of improved parkland and enhanced management has benefitted more than 2 million water users in Santo Domingo.

## Mediterranean Basin Biodiversity Hotspot

In Morocco, the Bou Areg Laguna (also known as Mar Chica) is quickly becoming a priority for North African tourism and development interests. The area’s gorgeous

beaches, flower-filled sand dunes, and clear blue waters make it a magnet for vacationers, and investors are interested in building large luxury hotels.

The unique lagoon—the largest on the southern shore of the Mediterranean—is also a draw for fishing boats and anglers. Bou Areg is home to 13 fish, nine mollusks, two cephalopods and two crustacean species. Those, in turn, attract numerous birds. Many migratory species winter over, while others find ample nesting space in the wide dunes that separate Bou Areg from the sea. Coastal wetlands here have been designated as being of international importance under the Ramsar Convention.

**The Association de Gestion Intégrée des Ressources (AGIR) has used CEPF funding to ensure that future human use and development in the area will be balanced with wildlife needs.**

**One area of the lagoon is soon to be designated as a “no fishing zone,” allowing a fish nursery to develop. AGIR has formed a cooperative, enabling local fishermen to get better prices for their catch.**

AGIR is also providing 150 local fishing boats with isothermic insulation compartments. These units help prevent spoilage in the hot sun, allowing storage of catch for two full days, as opposed to fish becoming unsellable in just an hour or two.

Both the better pricing and the coolers allow fishermen to make a living wage without sacrificing the fishery’s health, and workshops have helped members of the cooperative adopt sustainable fishing practices.





## INCORPORATING BIODIVERSITY INTO DEVELOPMENT PLANNING AND POLICY

### Convention on Biological Diversity Aichi Targets



#### Target 2

By 2020, at the latest, biodiversity values have been integrated into national and local

development and poverty reduction strategies and planning processes and are being incorporated into national accounting, as appropriate, and reporting systems.

### Sustainable Development Goals



#### Goal 16

Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide

access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels.

Maintaining biodiversity and vital ecosystems is essential to sustainable societies. CEPF helps NGOs work with governments to establish policies or laws that incorporate conservation concerns into development decisions.

### Western Ghats and Sri Lanka Biodiversity Hotspot

The Western Ghats Region, along India's southwest coast, comprises some of the oldest mountains on Earth, and is home to at least 325 globally threatened species, including numerous plants, birds, amphibians, reptiles and fish. More than 250 regionally threatened plant species are found only there. The area is also experiencing a tremendous increase in economic development and population.

Recognizing the need for a coordinated effort to protect the area's unique biodiversity, CEPF grantee Care Earth Trust supported the drafting of guidelines for a new "Special Area Development Programme," aimed at building a more systematic approach to conservation and development planning.

Care Earth Trust gathered input from communities, local governments and researchers, as well as lessons learned and good practices from CEPF's eight-year investment in the state, and shared this information with officials developing the program.

After three years of hard work, the program was adopted as an official directive of the state government, with an annual budget of US\$11 million—more than 10 times the average annual CEPF investment during its Western Ghats program.

**"I greatly appreciate the fact that as a donor entity, CEPF was rather different," said Care Earth Trust's Jayshree Vencatesan. "There was no hard selling of a predetermined agenda, which made it easy for entities like us to pursue the goals with confidence."**

### Eastern Afromontane Biodiversity Hotspot

In Eastern and Central Africa, the rapid development of the mining sector and weak enforcement of environmental laws have caused tremendous devastation in



'IT IS NOT LIKE ONCE THIS PROJECT IS DONE WE WILL SAY THAT IS THE END. THIS PROJECT HAS RATHER ALLOWED US TO TAKE THE FIRST STEP IN THE AREAS OF MINING, ENVIRONMENT, NATURE AND SO ON. IT IS SOMETHING VERY IMPORTANT FOR GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, NGOs AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR IN THE FUTURE.'

Chantal Shalukoma, Horizon Nature

both protected and unprotected natural areas. To address these problems, CEPF grantee Horizon Nature has worked with government agencies and local NGOs in the South Kivu Province of the Democratic Republic of Congo to improve the status of Kahuzi Biega National Park, a World Heritage Site that UNESCO lists as being "In Danger." The park is home to Endangered eastern lowland gorillas (*Gorilla beringei graueri*), and a recently completed count shows an 87 percent decrease in the gorilla population in and around the park since 1994.

**Horizon Nature has been mapping and making baseline assessments of mining activities around the park, and established a network of leaders from both inside and outside the government that holds frequent discussions. Horizon Nature regularly produces radio programs in order to reach a large audience in South Kivu and share mining practices that are compatible with environmental protection. Horizon Nature also compiled the country's mining laws, which it shares in an easy-to-read brochure and website.**

## Caribbean Islands Biodiversity Hotspot

Jamaica's Portland Bight Protected Area is home to more than 20 globally threatened species, including seven species found nowhere else on Earth. Its rich waters and unique vegetation also provide income and food for some 4,000 fishermen and women.

The Caribbean Coastal Area Management Foundation (C-CAM) had been at work on a management plan for Portland Bight in August 2013 when the Jamaican government announced plans to allow the China Harbour Engineering Company to build a massive shipping port in the Goat Islands section of Portland Bight.

C-CAM contracted economists from the Conservation Strategy Fund to conduct a cost-benefit analysis of four alternative sites for the port. The analysis found that the Goat Islands were not the best site for the project from an engineering, environmental or economic perspective.

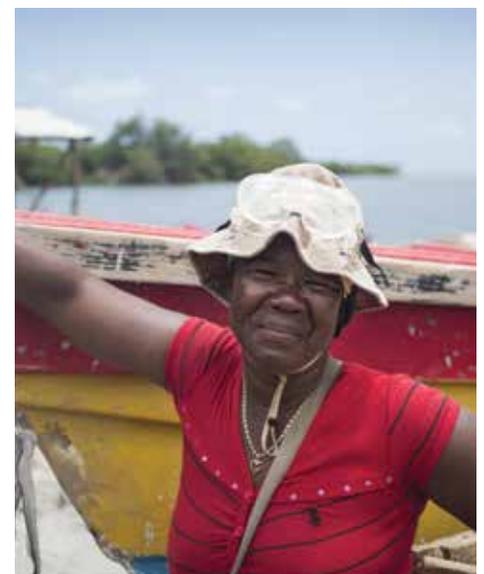
"It was impactful to have that report," said C-CAM Executive Director Ingrid Parchment. **"It raised our profile and**

**helped people to know what Portland Bight and the Goat Islands are."**

**The report became the springboard of a successful advocacy campaign, including a town hall meeting attended by more than 250 people and broadcast live on national TV and radio. CEPF grantee Jamaica Environment Trust made videos and posted them to YouTube, reaching thousands of viewers around the world.**

**The story was picked up by more than 300 international media outlets, including the BBC, CNN and the *New York Times*. Report summaries were also delivered to all 63 members of the Jamaican Parliament.**

As of early 2016, the port project seemed to have been put on hold. No further government announcements had been made on the matter, and the newly elected national leaders pledged to continue protecting the area.





## ENGAGING THE PUBLIC AND GOVERNMENTS TO FIGHT WILDLIFE TRAFFICKING

### Convention on Biological Diversity Aichi Targets



#### Target 1

By 2020, at the latest, people are aware of the values of biodiversity and the

steps they can take to conserve and use it sustainably.

### Sustainable Development Goals



#### Goal 15

Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems,

sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss.

Wildlife crime is on the rise across the globe, decimating species while funding criminal and terrorist organizations. To combat the problem in the Indo-Burma biodiversity hotspot, several CEPF grantees are conducting innovative prevention and law enforcement projects.

### Guangdong and Guangxi Provinces, China

Along the coast of southern China, the Hong Kong Bird Watching Society (HKBWS) and local conservation groups in Guangdong and Guangxi provinces are monitoring key sites and mapping species that migrate through this section of the East Asian–Australasian Flyway to prevent illegal bird trapping.

**Participants found several previously unknown wintering sites for the spoon-billed sandpiper (*Calidris pygmaea*), a Critically Endangered species with only about 120 to 200 breeding pairs remaining worldwide. They also identified several new sites for the black-faced spoonbill (*Platalea minor*), a once-common species now classified as Endangered.**

To expand the capacity of the local groups, HKBWS held workshops and distributed information about shorebirds and how to map them. Monitoring then began within wetlands where hunting and trapping has been a problem. Monitors were instructed to call the forestry police as soon as they saw anything illegal taking place, resulting in a greater coordination with forest police and border guards. **After two years, surveys revealed that illegal use of mist nets had been dramatically reduced at project sites in Guangdong Province, although it was still prevalent at some sites in Guangdong and Guangxi.**

Local groups were also given guide training and encouraged to lead free tours at parks in Beihai, Zhanjiang and Zhuhai cities. Promotional events for wildlife protection such as “Bird-Loving Week” were held in cities and villages. Volunteers also met with local government officials to advocate for better enforcement of wildlife protection laws.





'WILDLIFE IS AN IMPORTANT ELEMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT. TRADING AND TRAFFICKING WILDLIFE IS NO DIFFERENT FROM TRADING AND TRAFFICKING HEROIN AND WEAPONS.'

Ho Gap Ba of Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, a participant in the iTHINK campaign.

## Da Nang, Vietnam

In Vietnam, the rapid growth of the urban middle class has increased demand for items that were once only available to the extremely wealthy. Exotic meats; alcohol with preserved cobras, pangolins or bear paws; exotic pets; ornaments and medical cures made from wildlife—all have become more popular in recent years.

Through a CEPF grant, the group GreenViet has been working to change public opinion about this kind of trade, which is in many cases illegal and is almost entirely unsustainable.

“Our project’s goal is to ensure Da Nang City is no longer a site of significant wildlife consumption in Vietnam,” said Le Thi Trang, project coordinator for GreenViet. “With the growth of the economy, the demand for wild animal products has grown substantially in recent years. The situation is now very serious.”

**GreenViet partnered with the leading cab company in Da Nang, Mai Linh Taxi, and worked with the Tourism**

**Promotion Center at the city’s main airport to distribute educational materials to tourists about the negative environmental impacts of wildlife products. GreenViet also produced a talk show on illegal wildlife trade, broadcast on Da Nang radio and television around the Tet New Year holiday.**

**TV talk show hosts and other popular media figures joined the campaign,** and shirts, stickers and informational materials with slogans such as: “Wildlife is a National Treasure, Not Your Lunch” were distributed widely. GreenViet also trained government officials from five local natural resource divisions.

## Multiple Locations in the Indo-Burma Hotspot

Thailand-based CEPF grantee Freeland and partners Beijing Normal University, Education for Nature–Vietnam, and International Fund for Animal Welfare have been working in several parts of

the Indo-Burma Hotspot to increase public awareness of the illegal wildlife trade and reduce demand for wildlife products. For their CEPF-funded project, the group has developed and shared several communication tools and media platforms used by participants in the iTHINK campaign to stop wildlife trafficking. **The CEPF grant has built upon iTHINK, which has issued more than 1,200 public service announcements reaching tens of millions of people.**

**The group’s new online portal [ithink-now.org](http://ithink-now.org) is a one-stop shop for the fight against trafficking in Asian countries.** Included are job announcements, scientific studies and news alerts. The site has been translated into several languages and each section is run by local teams in Thailand, Vietnam and China. Freeland is also developing a downloadable toolkit that other NGOs can use to develop awareness campaigns. It will be available in summer 2016.

The group has made a special effort to engage the public through social media such as Facebook and also in China by integrating popular social media platforms Weibo and WeChat.

Freeland’s Deputy Director of Communications Matthew Pritchett says the project has brought the broader conservation community and the people of the Indo-Burma Hotspot closer together. “It has also allowed us to develop conservation tools that can continue to be used and developed for many years after the grant ends,” he said.





## FUNDING WATERSHED CONSERVATION THROUGH PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP

### Convention on Biological Diversity Aichi Targets



#### Target 9

By 2020, invasive alien species and pathways are identified and prioritized, priority

species are controlled or eradicated, and measures are in place to manage pathways to prevent their introduction and establishment.

### Sustainable Development Goals



#### Goal 6

Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all.

Thirsty alien plants are among many threats to water supply for people and habitats in drought-prone South Africa.

### Maputaland-Pondoland-Albany Biodiversity Hotspot

In KwaZulu-Natal Province, part of the Maputaland-Pondoland-Albany biodiversity hotspot, clearing non-native plant species is at the heart of an innovative project to protect both biodiversity and the water supply for around 5 million people. **Led by World Wildlife Fund–South Africa (WWF-SA), the Water Balance Program brings together farmers, companies, conservationists, and the provincial government in an unusual alliance. Over the past three years, their combined efforts have cleared black wattle, gum, and pine from around 19 kilometers of the uMngeni River's upper catchment, a rich landscape of threatened grassland, wetland, and forest.**

**As a result, around 300 million liters of precious water are no longer lost to these water-thirsty plants each year.** Instead, the water remains in the river catchment, which supplies almost half the province, including Durban, South Africa's second largest city. Stripping invasive alien plants from private farmland has also brought big biodiversity benefits. Habitat has increased for threatened species, including antelope, cranes and many indigenous amphibians, invertebrates and plants. And two farms involved have agreed to place cleared land under binding, long-term biodiversity protection agreements.

"Alien plant species, such as black wattle and eucalyptus trees, easily outcompete indigenous plants, and use much higher amounts of water," says Gareth Boothway, WWF-SA's water stewardship project manager for the Mondi Wetlands Programme. "This causes huge problems for critically endangered, locally iconic species, such as oribi antelope and wattled cranes,\* which depend heavily on the area's remaining highland, moist grassland and wetlands." In addition to water hogging, invasive alien species have altered aquatic invertebrate life and grassland species, increased fire risk, and destabilized river banks, causing silting downstream.



**LESSON LEARNED:** THE FACT THAT 21 ORGANIZATIONS HAVE BEEN WILLING TO PARTICIPATE VOLUNTARILY IN THE INITIATIVE IS NOTEWORTHY, AS IS THE LEADERSHIP ROLE TAKEN BY MUNICIPALITIES. THROUGH A FOCUS ON ECOLOGICAL INFRASTRUCTURE, IT HAS BEEN EASIER TO COMMUNICATE THE RELEVANCE OF FUNCTIONING NATURAL ECOSYSTEMS TO GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES.

WWF–South Africa

Removing them, says Boothway, presented a “practical and effective solution” to water supply risk while protecting the area’s rich plant and animal life.

The project’s success is based on a pioneering public-private sector model for rewarding landowners for ecosystems services. In addition to a US\$258,712 grant from CEPF and support from the national government’s Department of Environmental Affairs, **WWF enlisted Nedbank, a local commercial bank. Nedbank sought to balance its operational water use of 550 million liters by investing more than US\$578,000 over five years in four Water Balance Programme projects, including the uMngeni catchment. “It’s an attractive model for companies as it delivers social, economic and environmental benefits in tangible ways, and where it counts the most for the country’s economy,” says Helen Gordon, program development manager, WWF Water Balance Programme.**

Equally critical was the cooperation of local landowners. In return for having their land cleared, which reduced fire

risk and increased valuable livestock grazing, farmers signed legal contracts with WWF to maintain the cleared areas. WWF organized removal of alien species by hiring independent contractors or paying farmers to use their own workers. Six properties signed up, including 6,000-hectare Ivanhoe Farm, which combines extensive beef ranching and potato crops.

“Our farm is at the top of the catchment area for Durban, so these invasive plants affected the city’s water supply quite a lot,” Ivanhoe’s manager John Campbell explained. “We also wanted to do something for conservation, and there were other spin-off benefits. WWF employed local people to do the clearing, and we sold the wood that had commercial value and used the funds to rebuild classrooms for the farm school. It was a win-win all round.”

In 2015, Ivanhoe Farm finalized a binding agreement with the provincial government to turn 800 hectares into the protected uMngeni Plateau Nature Reserve. “We have wattled crane on the land, which

are extremely endangered. It’s a good feeling to make that kind of difference,” says Campbell. Cattle still graze the reserve, but the farm manages the land with the Kwazulu-Natal conservation agency. “Other farmers are suspicious of losing control over their land, but that has not been our experience at all,” reports Campbell. “We discuss things in a very informal way and work it out.”

Helen Gordon sees significant potential in combining corporate, public and CEPF-style funding to finance similar ecosystems services projects. “Investment into the ecological health of these catchments is imperative. Combining funding avenues allows for a broader, more impactful approach, increasing the gains achieved.”

\*Note: According to the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species, the oribi (*Ourebia ourebi*) is in the category of “Least Concern,” and the wattled crane (*Bugeranus carunculatus*) is categorized as “Vulnerable.”





## INNOVATING WITH THE PRIVATE SECTOR TO FIGHT CLIMATE CHANGE

### Convention on Biological Diversity Aichi Targets



#### Target 15

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 per cent of degraded ecosystems, thereby contributing to climate change mitigation and adaptation and to combating desertification.

### Sustainable Development Goals



#### Goal 13

Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts.

Though they contribute little in the way of the carbon emissions, small island states are among the most vulnerable to sea level rise resulting from climate change. Some of these islands face levels of flooding that could render them uninhabitable by the end of the century. Already some low-lying islands have been submerged.

CEPF grantees are assisting island nations as they implement one of the most significant actions they can take to have an impact in the fight against climate change, both locally and globally—conserving and restoring forests and natural ecosystems.

### Caribbean Islands Biodiversity Hotspot

The Dominican Republic is one of the island nations at risk from sea level rise. In fact, a study by the World Bank found that Santo Domingo, the capital of the Dominican Republic, is one of the five cities in the world most at risk from climate change. By 2050, saltwater erosion and flooding could displace many of the country's residents and infiltrate fresh groundwater.

Though averting such disaster will require global effort, Dominicans are taking local action to address climate change. Environmental group Consorcio Ambiental Dominicano (CAD) has developed a complex project with funding from CEPF and others to sequester carbon through a carbon credit program.

**CEPF had previously helped CAD in setting up the Dominican Republic's first private nature reserve, the Reserva Privada el Zorzal.** The majority of land within the reserve has been set aside as a permanent natural area, but a portion of it is used to plant cash crops like cacao and macadamia trees. Farmers on the reserve also plant native trees alongside the cacao and macadamia, and these provide an additional source of income to the local community involved in the reforestation. Reserva Privada el Zorzal partnered with Plan Vivo to sell carbon credits based on the trees' rate of carbon storage.

These carbon credits are sold together with the organic cacao to chocolatiers in the United States and Canada. **The participating companies are able to market their sustainable, single-source chocolate at premium prices, ensuring profit for them as well as for the farmers who grow the cacao, and the private**



**LESSON LEARNED:** IN EXPANDING THE CURRENT NETWORK OF PROTECTED AREAS, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT NEW RESERVES DO NOT TAKE AWAY HUMAN OR ECONOMIC RESOURCES THAT SUPPORT EXISTING PROTECTED AREAS. INNOVATIVE FINANCE MECHANISMS, INCLUDING INVESTMENT FROM THE PRIVATE SECTOR AND PAYMENTS FOR ECOSYSTEM SERVICES, CAN AND SHOULD PROVIDE ADDITIONAL REVENUE.

Consorcio Ambiental Dominicano

**reserve itself. A sustainable market for premium chocolate ensures the sustainability of the local economy that has sprung up around Reserva Privada el Zorzal.**

Jesús Moreno, president of CAD, is optimistic about the entrepreneurial conservation project. “We turned a big, old cattle ranch into a private reserve where 60 percent of the land is conserved as forest and 40 percent is planted with organic cocoa and macadamia nut, which are sold to help finance reforestation activities inside and outside the reserve,” he said. “This project is good for the environment, it’s sustainable and it’s profitable.”

The reserve has increased protection over Bicknell’s thrush (*Catharus bicknelli*), a small bird listed on the IUCN Red List as Vulnerable, due in part to threats from

deforestation of its wintering quarters in the Dominican Republic as well as to its breeding territory in the Northeastern United States and Canada.

Helados Bon, the largest ice cream franchise in the Dominican Republic, formerly owned by Moreno and his family, noticed both the need for conservation and the potential for profit in Reserva Privada el Zorzal. In addition to funding the project, the company created a special ice cream flavor that combines the organic cacao from the birds’ wintering location with maple from the trees of their northern breeding territory. This partnership between business and conservation is a pioneering vision of a world where sustainability and profit are not competing goals, but rather integrated outcomes of the green business economy.

## Results

- Completed the carbon quantification, initial planting system, and sale of the Caribbean’s first forest carbon offset credits to chocolate companies in North America. It is estimated that the project will exceed US\$750,000 in the sale of forest carbon credits over a 30-year period, ensuring long-term financing for the reserves.
- Developed a comprehensive habitat-monitoring protocol.
- Planted more than 32,000 native species trees with eight landowners participating in the Plan Vivo program in the Quita Espuela and Guaconejo ecological corridor.
- Created land-use plan, biological inventory, and management plan for Reserva Privada el Zorzal, which was adopted by the Ministerio de Medio Ambiente y Recursos Naturales (MIMARENA). These documents strengthened the environmental law and resolution that allow for the creation of private reserves.
- Created a mechanism for companies to offset their climate change impact, which combines the sale of cacao beans with Plan Vivo offset credits. This model is likely to be replicated at the national level.





## SAFEGUARDING SPECIES AND SECURING CRITICAL NATURAL RESOURCES

### Convention on Biological Diversity Aichi Targets



#### Target 12

By 2020, the extinction of known threatened species has been prevented

and their conservation status, particularly of those most in decline, has been improved and sustained.

### Sustainable Development Goals



#### Goal 15

Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems,

sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss.

Biodiversity conservation is the core of CEPF's work. The amazing array of species in the world's biodiversity hotspots has an intrinsic value, but is also critical to maintaining healthy ecosystems that people rely on for resources such as pollination, fresh water and energy. All native species have a role to play—even those that are not cute and furry.

### Mediterranean Basin Biodiversity Hotspot

A team of CEPF-funded scientists are using an innovative technique to track a mysterious species in the Balkan Peninsula whose presence is a sign of freshwater quality.

Olms (*Proteus anguinus*) are 30-centimeter-long unpigmented salamanders, the largest exclusively cave-dwelling animal on Earth. Though rarely seen, this species has long symbolized environmental harmony and good fortune to people of the Balkans.

Olms' dependence on clean water has also turned these amphibians into important indicators of ecosystem health. When unregulated urbanization, intensive agriculture, and hydroelectric energy production began to negatively impact groundwater quality, the already elusive olms began a dramatic decrease in number, earning them a place on the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species and priority under the Bern Convention on the Conservation of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats.

**Conservation of olms “should become an important issue directly related to public health,” said Gregor Aljančič of CEPF grantee Društvo za Jamsko Biologijo (in English, the Society for Cave Biology, or SCB), noting that the species depends on the same clean springs that many European cities depend upon for drinking water.** “With pollution of groundwater we poison ourselves.”

Considering that olms shed skin cells in water where they live, SCB and its partners pioneered a new method that uses environmental DNA (eDNA) to track the occurrence of those skin cells in caves and karst springs. Their search for olms in Slovenia, Montenegro, and Bosnia and Herzegovina **revealed the**



‘TOO OFTEN PEOPLE SEE VULTURES AS THEY RELATE TO DEATH. BUT WE RELATE THEM WITH LIFE. THEY HELP TO PROTECT OUR LIFE SYSTEM.’

S. Bharathidasan, Secretary of CEPF grantee Arulagam

**presence of olms in nine verified new localities, and identified 11 plausible sites. The project marks the first time eDNA has been successfully used in subterranean monitoring.**

In addition to improving the tracking of the olms, SCB engaged with local communities to raise awareness about the importance of the natural areas that support the olm and provide fresh water to people. Educational leaflets were distributed, informational billboards were put up, and a lecture tour was held, all focusing on water management methods, threats to groundwater, and the role that olms play in the future of the region’s water resources.

## Western Ghats and Sri Lanka Biodiversity Hotspot

Vultures play an important role in many ecosystems around the globe, where their scavenging habits help prevent the spread of disease from animal carcasses to wildlife, livestock and humans alike. When an anti-inflammatory drug called diclofenac hit the market in the mid-1990s, vultures began dying in huge numbers in India, with some species dwindling to less than 1 percent of previous populations. Research revealed that the drug, which was being used on livestock, is deadly to birds that feed on deceased livestock, resulting in the die-off of vultures.

“Vulture conservation is an absolute necessity,” said S. Bharathidasan, secretary of Arulagam, an Indian-based CEPF grantee working on solutions to the vultures’ decline.

India banned the veterinary use of diclofenac in 2006, but vulture populations in the country have struggled to rebound. Arulagam, with the guidance of Tamil Nadu State Forest Department and the support of eight partnering NGOs and government agencies, has been **implementing a recovery plan for vultures in Tamil Nadu State, including the creation of a working plan for vulture conservation within the Nilgiri North Forest Division. A similar agenda was woven into the management plan for the Mudumalai Tiger Reserve in 2015, and Tamil Nadu State Forest Department began leaving disease-free and diclofenac-free wild animal carcasses out for the scavengers. Local governments in the Coimbatore, Erode and Nilgiri districts also helped create a vulture-safe zone of more than 100 square kilometers by declaring their villages diclofenac free.**

Arulagam and its partners successfully advocated for the drug to be available for human use by prescription only, and encouraged retailers to only sell it in smaller, human-sized doses to prevent its use in veterinary medicine. Government

drug inspectors have conducted a number of raids to discourage black marketeering.

Engaging with local communities, including youth, through activities like puppet shows and a volleyball tournament, has helped raise local awareness and appreciation for vultures. Community members have been converted into volunteers, and in 2013, one of these volunteers spotted an Asian white-backed vulture chick (*Gyps bengalensis*, Critically Endangered) that had fallen from its nest and notified the project team. Arulagam, community members and state forest staff worked together to rescue the chick and build it a temporary home until it was ready to return to the wild. One forest guard even contributed a day’s salary to buy food for the chick.

The project has also given vultures a media makeover, with Arulagam conducting media outreach that led to more than 160 articles and broadcasts in news outlets in multiple local languages.

There are now signs of a possible population recovery, with nest counts increasing. **“Definitely there is an improvement in vulture numbers,” said S. Bharathidasan. “Hopefully they will recolonize new areas in the near future.”**





## APPROVED GRANTS

July 1, 2014–June 30, 2015

### Caribbean Islands

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

Ecosystem Threat Assessment and Protected Area Strategy for the Massif de la Hotte Key Biodiversity Area in Haiti

**US\$103,135**

Temple University

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

Final Assessment of the CEPF Caribbean Islands Program in Haiti and Jamaica

**US\$63,791**

The Caribsave Partnership

Final Assessment of the CEPF Caribbean Islands Program in the Dominican Republic

**US\$19,965**

Kiunzi—Gestión de proyectos de comunicación

### 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.

Derimbat Community Restoration Project in Papua New Guinea

**US\$20,000**

Partners With Melanesians Inc.

Partulid Tree Snails of the Solomon Islands: Endemic Species or Products of Prehistoric Exchange Networks

**US\$19,500**

Regents of the University of Michigan

Plants and People: Baseline Floristic and Ethnobotanical Surveys in Tafea Province, Vanuatu

**US\$156,849**

The New York Botanical Garden

Protecting Areas of Significant Biodiversity in the Solomon Islands' Temotu Province

**US\$94,993**

OceansWatch

Status and Conservation of the Solomon Islands' Most Threatened Endemic Terrestrial Vertebrates

**US\$78,549**

The University of Queensland

**Strategic Direction 2.** Integrate biodiversity conservation into local land-use and development planning.

Mapping Customary Lands from Mount Maetambe to Kolombangara River, Solomon Islands

**US\$80,000**

Ecological Solutions, Solomon Islands

**Strategic Direction 3.** Safeguard priority globally threatened species by addressing major threats and information gaps.

In Search of the Makira Moorhen in the Solomon Islands

**US\$49,916**

Solomon Islands Community Conservation Partnership (SICCP)

The Emperor, the King, and the Little Pig: Status of the Lost Rats of Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands

**US\$19,796**

The University of Queensland

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

Alleviating Pressures on Upland Kolombangara in the Solomon Islands

**US\$19,500**

Solomon Islands Community Conservation Partnership

Capacity-Building and Training Course for Conservation Management of Giant Clams in Papua New Guinea

**US\$20,000**

University of Papua New Guinea

Developing Conservation Champions: Community-Based Conservation Management Course in the East Melanesian Islands

**US\$154,933**

University of the South Pacific

Field Training for Solomon Islands' Protected Area Managers and Rangers

**US\$98,698**

The University of Queensland

Relaunching the Solomon Islands Environmental Law Association

**US\$79,995**

Solomon Islands Environmental Lawyers Association

‘HERE CEPF PLAYS THE ROLE OF A CATALYST, IN FACT, THE KICKSTART TO ACTIVITIES THAT WOULD NOT HAVE COME TO PASS WITHOUT THESE SMALL START-UP FUNDS.’

Gilles Genre-Grandpierre, Director,  
AFD in the Dominican Republic

Strengthening the Governance and Project Management Capacity of the Tawatana Community Conservation Development Association, Solomon Islands

**US\$19,681**

Tawatana Community Conservation Development Association

Supporting the Vanuatu Environmental Science Society

**US\$20,000**

Vanuatu Environmental Science Society

## Eastern Afromontane

**Strategic Direction 1. Mainstream biodiversity into wider development policies, plans and projects to deliver the co-benefits of biodiversity conservation, improved local livelihoods and economic development in priority corridors.**

Building Capacity of Farmers' Associations for Land-Use Planning and Conservation of Lake Kivu Landscape, Rwanda

**US\$20,000**

Association pour la Promotion des Etudes d'Impacts Environnementaux au Rwanda

Civil Society Engagement in and Around Kibira National Park in Burundi

**US\$150,000**

Resilience Now

Improving Conservation, Agribusiness and Land Use Planning at Mount Rungwe, Tanzania

**US\$159,432**

African Wildlife Foundation

Lost Mountain Phase III: Scalable Innovative Conservation and Development on Mozambique's Mount Namuli

**US\$150,000**

Additive Adventure

Mafinga Hills Conservation Programme, Zambia

**US\$19,982**

Wildlife and Environmental Conservation Society of Zambia

Mainstreaming Biodiversity into District Development Planning and Improving Livelihoods in Ethiopia

**US\$149,399**

Lem Ethiopia (The Environment & Development Society of Ethiopia)

Manda Wilderness Biodiversity Project Phase 2, Mozambique

**US\$139,325**

Manda Wilderness Community Trust

Participatory Process for Conservation: Implementing a Socio-ecological Baseline in Mount Chipirone Key Biodiversity Area, Mozambique

**US\$19,990**

Verde Azul

Promoting Sustainable Livelihoods for Improved Forest Conservation in Njombe, Tanzania

**US\$20,000**

Save Tanzania Forests

Strengthening Emerging Conservation Efforts in Mount Guna, Ethiopia, Through Community-Based Ecotourism and Agroforestry

**US\$18,663**

University of Gondar

The African Great Lakes Summit: Improving Conservation in the African Great Lakes through Cross-Basin Collaboration

**US\$150,000**

The Nature Conservancy

**Strategic Direction 2. Improve the protection and management of the key biodiversity area network throughout the hotspot**

Capacity Building on Environmental Safeguards and the Environmental Impact Assessment Process in Yemen

**US\$132,020**

The United Society for Developing Water Resources and Environment

Catalyzing the Application of Site Safeguard Policies and Procedures in Kenya: Using Lake Bogoria National Reserve Key Biodiversity Area as a Case Study

**US\$10,000**

Nature Kenya

Community-Based Biodiversity Conservation in Ethiopia's Mount Guna Area

**US\$145,024**

Organization for Rehabilitation and Development in Amhara

Community Information, Education, and Communication for Healthy Biodiversity Habitats and Ecosystems Around Murchison Falls National Park Key Biodiversity Area, Uganda

**US\$9,944**

Gulu University

Community-Oriented In Situ and Ex Situ Conservation of Plant Species in Ethiopian Hotspots

**US\$144,000**

Gullele Botanic Garden



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Designing Management and Monitoring Plans for Tanzania's Livingstone Mountain Forests

**US\$185,403**

Wildlife Conservation Society

Facilitating Elections of Village Action Groups for the Nsama Community Resource Board in Zambia

**US\$8,864**

Conservation Lake Tanganyika

Mapping the Remaining Unprotected Natural Forests and Assessing Their Resources and Threats as a Roadmap to Conserve the Eastern Afromontane Biodiversity Hotspot in Ludewa, Tanzania

**US\$79,033**

Faculty of Forestry and Nature Conservation Consultancy Bureau at Sokoine University of Agriculture

Multi-Stakeholder Partnership for Applying the World Bank Safeguard Policies and Procedures on Natural Habitats in the Malagarasi River System Key Biodiversity Area, Tanzania

**US\$10,000**

Governance Links Tanzania

Participatory Action to Safeguard Ecosystems and Enforce Environmental Impact Assessments in the Malagarasi River System Key Biodiversity Area, Tanzania

**US\$10,000**

Nyakitonto Youth for Development Tanzania

Promoting Energy Efficiency for Sustainable Conservation of the Cyamudongo Forest, Rwanda

**US\$25,000**

Association Rwandaise des Ecologistes

Rabies Emergency Response in Ethiopian Wolves

**US\$9,925**

Ethiopian Wolf Conservation Programme

Rehabilitation and Sustainable Utilization of Ethiopia's Little Abbai River Mouth Wetlands

**US\$149,307**

Bahir Dar University

Strengthening the Conservation of the Gishwati Forest Reserve in Rwanda

**US\$39,937**

Forest of Hope Association

**Strategic Direction 3.** Initiate and support sustainable financing and related actions for the conservation of priority key biodiversity areas and corridors.

Assessing Plant Conservation Capacity in South Sudan

**US\$19,500**

East Africa Plant Red List Authority

Building Community and National Partners' Capacity for Sustainable Conservation Financing at Rwanda's Rugezi Marsh Key Biodiversity Area

**US\$19,956**

Endangered Wildlife Trust

Improved Protection of Kibira National Park, Burundi, by Increasing Civil Society's Accountability

**US\$9,880**

Organisation pour la défense de l'environnement au Burundi

Systematic Evaluation of CEPF and Capacity Development of CEPF Grantees in the Eastern Afromontane

**US\$249,999**

Fauna & Flora International

Systematic Evaluation of CEPF and Capacity Development of CEPF Grantees in the Eastern Afromontane

**US\$249,938**

Tropical Biology Association

Training Workshop for Monitoring, Management and Conservation in Yemen

**US\$18,400**

Ahmed Yehia Ali

## Indo-Burma

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

Building a Comprehensive Chelonian Conservation Program in Myanmar

**US\$99,000**

Turtle Survival Alliance

Conservation of Vultures in Myanmar

**US\$19,947**

Friends of Wildlife

Development of a Holistic Approach to the Conservation of the Cat Ba Langur in Vietnam

**US\$70,000**

Fauna & Flora International

Embedding Sustainable Community Management Practices at Key Sarus Crane Wetlands in the Cambodian Lower Mekong

**US\$69,949**

Mlup Baitong

‘FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THE HISTORY OF THAT PARTICULAR LANDSCAPE, PEOPLE WERE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN DEVELOPING PLANS FOR CONSERVING A RIVER. WE STARTED GETTING THE RECOGNITION THAT WAS LONG OVERDUE FOR US AS AN ORGANIZATION. THAT, I WOULD SAY, IS THE BIGGEST CONTRIBUTION THAT CEPF MADE.’

Jayshree Vencatesan, Managing Trustee, Care Earth Trust, India

Identifying Priority Sites and Conservation Actions for the Fishing Cat in Cambodia

**US\$19,999**

Royal University of Phnom Penh, Centre for Biodiversity Conservation

In Search of Edwards’s Pheasant in the Annamese Lowlands of Vietnam

**US\$90,000**

Centre for Natural Resources and Environmental Studies

Leveraging Long-Term Support for Saola Conservation in the Central Annamites of Vietnam

**US\$199,528**

World Wide Fund for Nature–Vietnam

Promoting the Conservation of Eld’s Deer in Myanmar’s Chatthin Wildlife Sanctuary through Core Zone Management and Community Participation

**US\$19,993**

Friends of Wildlife

Securing Endangered Tortoises and Freshwater Turtles in the Indo-Burma Hotspot

**US\$150,000**

Indo–Myanmar Conservation

Stimulating Sustainable Saola Snare Removal: Leveraging Long-Term Support for Saola Conservation in the Central Annamites of Vietnam

**US\$199,528**

World Wide Fund for Nature

Strengthening Conservation of the Most Critically Endangered Turtles in Vietnam

**US\$19,990**

Centre for Natural Resources and Environmental Studies

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

Breaking the Chain: Building a Transnational Partnership Between Civil Society and Governments to Combat Major Wildlife Trade Networks in Lao PDR, Vietnam and China

**US\$324,550**

Wildlife Conservation Society

Mobilizing Public Action in Reducing Demand for Wildlife Products and Combatting Wildlife Crime in Vietnam

**US\$227,678**

Education for Nature–Vietnam

Reducing Wildlife Consumption in Da Nang, Vietnam

**US\$19,992**

GreenViet Biodiversity Conservation Center

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

A Gap Analysis for the Conservation of Freshwater Biodiversity in the Upper Ayeyarwady Basin of Myanmar

**US\$149,973**

Fauna & Flora International

Changing Perceptions for Active Biodiversity Conservation in Stung Treng Ramsar Site, Cambodia

**US\$79,959**

Cambodian Rural Development Team

Conducting a Key Biodiversity Area Gap Analysis to Promote Protected Area Expansion in Three Little-Known Corridors in Myanmar

**US\$99,994**

Wildlife Conservation Society

Empowering Local Communities to Engage in Conservation and Management of Priority Key Biodiversity Areas and Threatened Primate and Plant Species in the Sino-Vietnamese Limestone Corridor

**US\$400,000**

Fauna & Flora International

Enhancing Co-management of Sustainable Aquatic Resources in Tuyen Quang Province, Vietnam

**US\$100,000**

Center for Water Resources Conservation and Development

Establishing a Protected Area-friendly System in Tropical China

**US\$199,998**

Institute of Zoology, Chinese Academy of Sciences

Establishing Multi-community Co-management of an Aquatic Biodiversity Hotspot with Probarbus Fishes and Softshell Turtles in the Mekong River at Keng Mai Rapids, Lao PDR

**US\$20,000**

FISHBIO

Feasibility Study on the Establishment of a Community-Managed Protected Area in Na Chi, Vietnam

**US\$19,992**

Centre for People and Nature Reconciliation

Strengthening Community-Based Bird Biodiversity Conservation and Monitoring in Cambodia’s 3S River Basin

**US\$150,000**

Royal University of Phnom Penh



## APPROVED GRANTS

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

Addressing Vietnam's Ecological Footprint in the Lower Mekong Region

**US\$244,920**

Center for People and Nature Reconciliation

Advancing Environmental Media and Communications for Navigating the Public Discourse on Development and Conservation in Vietnam

**US\$200,000**

Center for People and Nature Reconciliation

Biodiversity, Community and Development of Sustainable Livelihoods in Hainan, China

**US\$19,906**

Hainan Hele-Crab Conservation Center

Biodiversity Information-Sharing Platform for Mainstreaming Biodiversity into Policy Making in China

**US\$219,660**

Shan Shui Conservation Center

Developing Policies for Sustainable Tourism in the Upper Ayeyarwady River Corridor, Myanmar

**US\$20,000**

Harrison Institute

Evaluation of Co-Management as an Alternative Model for Aquatic Resource Conservation with Greater Participation by Local People in Northern Vietnam

**US\$19,985**

Center for Water Resources Conservation and Development

Nu River Biodiversity in Myanmar: Increasing Knowledge and Capacity on Infrastructure Impacts

**US\$61,982**

Yi Tai Rui Wo Environmental Consulting Company Limited

Strengthening Community Advocacy in Cambodia's 3S River Basin

**US\$120,000**

Fisheries Action Coalition Team

Strengthening Local Community Networks for Restoration of Fish Habitats in Northern Thailand

**US\$90,000**

Living River Siam Association

Strengthening Mekong Local Youth Networks for Riverine Biodiversity Conservation in Thailand

**US\$80,000**

Mekong Community Institute Association

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

Building Civil Society Capacity to Assess the Impacts of Hydropower Development on the Biodiversity in Vietnam's Srepok River

**US\$19,618**

Centre for Sustainable Water Resources Development and Adaptation to Climate Change

Building Local Conservation Groups to Protect Important Areas for Bird Conservation in Thailand

**US\$19,999**

Bird Conservation Society of Thailand (BCST)

Capacity Building of Local Communities in Bird Conservation in Huang Lianshan, China

**US\$19,950**

The Zoological Society of Yunnan Province

Capacity Building of Local Conservation Groups in Guangdong and Guangxi Provinces, China, to Address the Illegal Shorebird Trapping Problem

**US\$99,975**

The Hong Kong Bird Watching Society

Conservation Leadership Program

**US\$19,950**

Bring the Elephant Home Foundation

Conservation Planning for Swinhoe's Softshell Turtle in China, Lao PDR and Vietnam

**US\$5,650**

Centre for Natural Resources and Environmental Studies

Core Capacity Building for Pha Tad Ke Botanical Garden, Lao PDR

**US\$74,810**

Pha Tad Ke Botanical Garden

Creating Conservation Leaders for Vietnam's West Nghe An Biosphere Reserve

**US\$19,991**

Center for Environmental and Rural Development, Vinh University

Developing Best Practices for Evaluating Fish Conservation Zone Effectiveness in Lao PDR

**US\$109,970**

FISHBIO

Fostering Wildlife Guardians for Thailand's Thap Lan National Park

**US\$19,839**

Freeland Foundation

‘CEPF FUNDING HAS FACILITATED THE PARTNERSHIPS, THE COLLABORATIONS, THE BRINGING TOGETHER OF PEOPLE, THE SHARING OF IDEAS, THE SHARING OF EXPERIENCES, THE SHARING OF STORIES. ALSO WE HAVE HAD MULTITUDES OF LEARNING EXCHANGES WHICH HAVE BEEN FACILITATED THROUGH THE CEPF FUNDING.’

Sinegugu Zukulu, Program Manager,  
Conservation South Africa

Managing Natural Resources to Safeguard Livelihoods in Oddar Meanchey, Cambodia  
**US\$19,987**  
Day Ku Aphiwat

Supporting the Growth of Environmental Societies at Colleges in Beihai, China  
**US\$19,872**  
Beihai Citizen Volunteer Association

Training for Monitoring Spoon-Billed Sandpiper in Gulf of Mottama, Myanmar  
**US\$17,985**  
Biodiversity and Nature Conservation Association

## Madagascar and Indian Ocean Islands

**Strategic Direction 2.** Enable civil society to mainstream biodiversity and conservation into policy making and business practices. Fulfilling Madagascar’s ‘Sydney Promise’ through a National Process of Marine Protected Area Planning  
**US\$177,803**  
Madagascar Wildlife Conservation Society

Identifying and Monitoring Terrestrial Conservation Priorities in the Comoro Islands, and Building Results into Policy and Practice  
**US\$175,000**  
Dahari

Mobilizing Freshwater Biodiversity Information for Better Representation within Protected Areas in Madagascar  
**US\$226,835**  
International Union for Conservation of Nature

Seychelles Magpie Robin Project  
**US\$20,000**  
BirdLife International

**Strategic Direction 4.** Provide strategic leadership and effective coordination of CEPF investment through a regional implementation team.  
CEPF Regional Implementation Team in Madagascar and Indian Ocean Islands  
**US\$1,425,000**  
Fondation Tany Meva

## Maputaland-Pondoland-Albany

**Strategic Direction 2.** Expand conservation areas and improve land use in 19 key biodiversity areas.  
Development of a Regional Action Plan for Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services in South Africa  
**US\$20,000**  
Kruger to Canyons Biosphere Region Non-profit Company

iziKhwenene Project in South Africa  
**US\$20,000**  
The Wild Bird Trust

Kranskop Community Conservation Project, South Africa  
**US\$8,500**  
Endangered Wildlife Trust

**Strategic Direction 3.** Maintain and restore ecosystem function and integrity in the Highland Grasslands and Pondoland corridors. Declaration Agreements for South Africa’s AmaNgwane and AmaZizi Community Conservation Areas  
**US\$19,850**  
Zunckel Ecological + Environmental Services

Forest Carbon Market Development in South Africa’s Eastern Cape  
**US\$56,265**  
World Wide Fund for Nature–South Africa

Midmar to Albert Falls Biosphere Reserve, South Africa  
**US\$69,995**  
Wildlife and Environment Society of South Africa

Supporting Estuary Management on the Eastern Cape Wild Coast—Mngazana, Umngazi and Ntafufu, South Africa  
**US\$20,000**  
Fieldwork

**Strategic Direction 4.** Create an enabling environment to improve conservation and management of Maputaland-Pondoland-Albany priority sites.  
Amathole Endangered Species Conservation Plans, South Africa  
**US\$4,384**  
Endangered Wildlife Trust

Building Capacity for the Proposed Lambasi Provincial Reserve and Mtentu Gorge Protected Area in South Africa  
**US\$20,000**  
Wild Side Environmental Services (Pty) Ltd



## APPROVED GRANTS

Transformation of South Africa's Somkhanda Community

**US\$20,000**

Southern African Wildlife College

### 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.

Circuit Ecotourism within Tunisia's Dunes of Ras Alby

**US\$19,961**

Association de protection de l'environnement Hammem Ghezaz

Contribute to the Conservation of Bou Areg Laguna in Morocco Through the Involvement of Civil Society in Integrated Coastal Zone Management

**US\$172,072**

Association de Gestion Intégrée des Ressources

Contribute to the Conservation of Tunisia's Kuriat Islands and the Bay of Monastir through the Involvement of Civil Society and the Private Sector

**US\$159,994**

Notre Grand Bleu

The Essaouira Dunes: Mapping a Sustainable Future for the Coastal Atlantic Plains of Morocco

**US\$19,871**

Groupe de Recherche pour la Protection des Oiseaux au Maroc (Grepom)

Fair Access: Managing Turtle Watching and Quad Bike Traffic on the Nesting Beaches of Boavista, Cape Verde

**US\$77,922**

Turtle Foundation

Mapping Integrated Coastal Zone Management Initiatives and Lessons Learned in North Africa

**US\$72,000**

Cabinet Sami Ben Haj

Mediterranean Mid-Term Assessment Regional Meeting

**US\$9,939**

Association Les Amis des Oiseaux

Mediterranean Mid-Term Assessment Regional Meeting—Montenegro

**US\$33,940**

Center for Protection and Research of Birds of Montenegro

Montenegro Mid-Term Stakeholder Assessment of the CEPF Investment

**US\$1,945**

NGO Green Home

Promotion of Biodiversity Conservation Actions in Ulcinj Salina, Montenegro

**US\$16,980**

Kawka Production

Strengthening Tunisian Organizations' Environmental and Technical Skills

**US\$76,770**

Association Tunisienne des Ingénieurs Agronomes

Studying the Involvement of the Tourism Sector in Financing Mediterranean Marine Protected Areas

**US\$19,976**

KANOPEE SAS (Horwath)

Tunisian and Libyan Mid-Term Stakeholder Assessment of the CEPF Investment

**US\$4,308**

Reseau Enfant de la Terre

**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.

Agricultural Water Stewardship Initiative in Ohrid Lake Basin between Southwestern Macedonia and Eastern Albania

**US\$13,100**

Gaus Institut—Fondacija za novi tehnologii, inovacii i transfer na znanje

Albanian Mid-Term Stakeholder Assessment of the CEPF Investment

**US\$2,270**

Urban Research Institute

Communication Support for Morocco's Ifrane National Park

**US\$15,594**

Addict.com

‘WE FELT VERY ALONE AND IN A BIT OF A VACUUM FOR A LONG TIME, AND THROUGH THE CEPF INTERVENTION, WE CONNECTED WITH A WHOLE BUNCH OF OTHERS, AND WE NOW HAVE AN ALLIANCE OF AMAZING PARTNERS. SO CEPF FUNDING HAS GIVEN US AS CIVIL SOCIETY A VOICE THAT THE STATE IS LISTENING TO. THEY’RE TAKING US SERIOUSLY NOW.’

Nicky McLeod, Manager, Environmental and Rural Solutions, South Africa

Developing Sustainable Water Management Practices for Albania’s Ohrid Lake Region

**US\$13,050**

Instituti i Politikave Mjedisore

Integrated Natural Water Management of Shkumbini River, Albania

**US\$29,470**

Agro-Environmental & Economic Management-Center

Macedonian Mid-Term Stakeholder Assessment of the CEPF Investment

**US\$4,996**

Regional Environmental Centre for Central and Eastern Europe

Promoting Conservation in the Transboundary Prespa Eco-Region of Albania, Macedonia, and Greece: Establishment of the Prespa Ohrid Nature Trust

**US\$76,981**

World Wide Fund for Nature–Greece

River Morača, Montenegro: Sustainable Development Against Floods

**US\$89,999**

Center for Protection and Research of Birds of Montenegro

River Morača, Montenegro: The New Way Forward

**US\$39,996**

The Network for the Affirmation of NGO Sector

Smart Water Use in the Republic of Macedonia’s Ohrid Lake Region

**US\$18,989**

Environmental Organization “Grashnica”

Support Communities in Improving Water Management Practices and Biodiversity Conservation Near Morocco’s Wadi Micro-Watershed of Oued Outat

**US\$102,817**

Association Haute Moulouya pour l’Ecotourisme et la Protection de la Nature

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

Bosnian and Herzegovina Mid-Term Stakeholder Assessment of the CEPF Investment

**US\$4,830**

Regional Environmental Centre for Central and Eastern Europe–Country Office Bosnia and Herzegovina

Enforcing Hunting Legislation and Strengthening Institutional Capacities for Wildlife Management in Albania

**US\$104,120**

Albanian Society for the Protection of Birds & Wild Fauna (Mammals)

Jordanian Mid-Term Stakeholder Assessment of the CEPF Investment

**US\$2,231**

The United Society for Developing Water Resources and Environment

Lebanon Mid-Term Stakeholder Assessment of the CEPF Investment

**US\$2,690**

Université Saint Joseph de Beyrouth

Multimedia Communications Campaign for Lake Skadar, on the Border of Albania and Montenegro

**US\$17,000**

Asociación Beyond Light (The Living Med)

Rehabilitation of the Sweimeh Eco-Park in Jordan

**US\$19,800**

Sweimeh Association Charity

## Tropical Andes

**Strategic Direction 7. Provide strategic leadership and effective coordination of CEPF investment through a regional implementation team.**

Tropical Andes Regional Implementation Team

**US\$1,500,000**

Fundación para el Desarrollo del Sistema Nacional de Areas Protegidas

## Wallacea

**Strategic Direction 7. Provide strategic leadership and effective coordination of conservation investment through a regional implementation team.**

CEPF Regional Implementation Team in Wallacea

**US\$1,499,389**

Burung Indonesia



## FINANCIAL SUMMARY

During the 2015 fiscal year, CEPF awarded US\$15.5 million in new grants, bringing the amount it has invested in conserving critical ecosystems since 2000 to US\$191 million. By the end of the fiscal year, more than 2,000 grantees had received support from the fund since its inception.

CEPF secured commitments of US\$2.6 million, including US\$1.5 million from the World Bank, US\$900,000 from the Leona M. and Harry B. Helmsley Charitable Trust targeted to the Madagascar and Indian Ocean Islands Hotspot, and \$200,000 from the GEF Project Agency as an initial contribution toward the US\$10.7 million grant that the GEF has since awarded to CEPF to enhance the mainstreaming of biodiversity conservation factors into development decision making and to expand and increase the effectiveness of CEPF grantee learning opportunities.

Investing commenced in the Wallacea, Tropical Andes, and Madagascar and Indian Ocean Islands biodiversity hotspots. Ecosystem profiling—the stakeholder-informed analysis that includes development of our funding strategy—for the Guinean Forests of West Africa moved forward after undergoing delays due to the outbreak of Ebola in the region. CEPF also completed profiling for the Cerrado Hotspot, and continued active granting in the Caribbean Islands, the East Melanesian Islands, Eastern Afrotropical, Indo-Burma, Maputaland-Pondoland-Albany, and the Mediterranean Basin biodiversity hotspots. And in June 2015, CEPF held its final assessment workshop for its eight-year, US\$6.1 million program in the Western Ghats Region of India.

**CEPF STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**

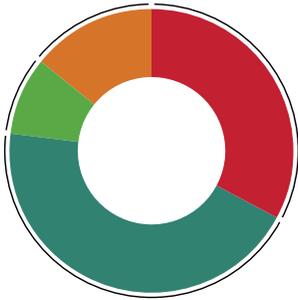
For fiscal year ended June 30, 2015

| REVENUE   | FY15                  | CUMULATIVE             |
|---|-----------------------|------------------------|
| Grants and Contributions  | 2,600,000             | 268,311,665            |
| Gain (Loss) in Foreign Exchange                                     | (3,298,221)           | (1,612,479)            |
| Interest Earned   | 177,856               | 2,719,123              |
| <b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>  | <b>(US\$520,365)</b>  | <b>US\$269,418,309</b> |
| <b>EXPENSES AND GRANTS AWARDED (Grants by funding region*)</b>      |                       |                        |
| Atlantic Forest   |                       | 10,010,403             |
| Cape Floristic Region   |                       | 7,551,147              |
| Caribbean Islands   | 397,986               | 7,018,978              |
| Caucasus  |                       | 9,295,406              |
| East Melanesian Islands   | 809,520               | 3,952,791              |
| Eastern Afromontane   | 2,718,931             | 8,289,664              |
| Eastern Arc Mountains & Coastal Forests                             | (10,720)              | 8,812,442              |
| Eastern Himalayas   |                       | 4,882,859              |
| Guinean Forests of West Africa                                      |                       | 8,072,696              |
| Indo-Burma  |                       | 9,656,797              |
| Indo-Burma Reinvestment   | 4,440,002             | 9,498,194              |
| Madagascar & Indian Ocean Islands                                   | 2,224,638             | 7,780,239              |
| Maputaland-Pondoland-Albany   | 166,282               | 6,645,816              |
| Mediterranean   | 1,344,832             | 10,275,535             |
| Mountains of Southwest China  | (600)                 | 7,886,147              |
| Northern Mesoamerica  |                       | 7,079,430              |
| The Philippines   |                       | 6,970,399              |
| Polynesia-Micronesia  |                       | 6,828,576              |
| Southern Mesoamerica  |                       | 7,046,928              |
| Succulent Karoo   |                       | 9,220,999              |
| Sundaland   |                       | 9,901,465              |
| Tropical Andes  |                       | 8,287,386              |
| Tropical Andes Reinvestment   | 1,800,000             | 1,800,000              |
| Tumbes-Chocó-Magdalena  |                       | 6,797,978              |
| Wallacea  | 1,599,389             | 1,599,389              |
| Western Ghats & Sri Lanka   | (185)                 | 6,093,466              |
| <b>TOTAL GRANTS</b>   | <b>US\$15,490,075</b> | <b>US\$191,255,130</b> |
| Ecosystem Profile Preparation                                       | 452,285               | 10,474,105             |
| Use of Interest: External Evaluations, Audit, and Special Projects  | 411,434               | 1,934,797              |
| Donor-Funded Non-Recurring Activities (GEF-PPG)                     | 125,534               | 125,534                |
| Operations  | 2,985,731             | 34,387,592             |
| <b>TOTAL OTHER EXPENSES</b>   | <b>US\$3,974,984</b>  | <b>US\$46,922,028</b>  |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENSES AND GRANTS AWARDED</b>                            | <b>US\$19,465,059</b> | <b>US\$238,177,158</b> |
| Revenue Less Expenses   | (19,985,424)          | 31,241,150             |
| Fund Balance at Beginning of Period                                 | 51,226,574            |                        |
| Fund Balance at End of Period                                       | 31,241,150            |                        |
| <b>FUND BALANCE AT END OF PERIOD CONSISTED OF:</b>                  |                       |                        |
| Cash & Interest Accrued, Net of Amount Due to or from CI            |                       | 43,187,263             |
| Accounts Receivable   |                       | 10,771,462             |
| Grants Payable  |                       | (22,717,575)           |
| Fund Balance at End of the Period (Fully Earmarked for Investments) |                       | 31,241,150             |

\*The grant expenses include new grants awarded in FY15. Negative amounts represent deobligations.

**Grants by Region**

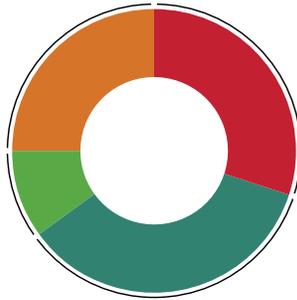
Awarded in Fiscal Year 2015  
US\$15.5 million



- 33% Africa & Madagascar
- 9% Europe & Central Asia
- 44% Asia-Pacific
- 14% The Americas

**Grants by Region**

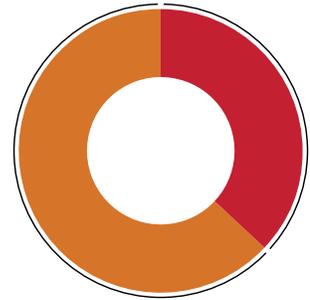
Inception through June 30, 2015  
US\$191.2 million



- 30% Africa & Madagascar
- 10% Europe & Central Asia
- 35% Asia-Pacific
- 25% The Americas

**Local vs. International**

Grant funds awarded since 2007  
US\$92.3 million



- 63% Local
- 37% International



## GRANTEE PARTNERS

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| !Khwa Ttu  | Algeria Community   | Arts, Sciences and Technology University in Lebanon   | Asociación para la Investigación y Desarrollo Integral   |
| 3S Rivers Protection Network   | Alianza para la Conservación y el Desarrollo                | Arulagam  | Asociación Peruana para la Conservación de la Naturaleza   |
| Aaranyak   | Alianza para las Áreas Silvestres                           | ASEAN Focus Group Pty. Ltd.   | Asociación Red Colombiana de Reservas Naturales de la Sociedad Civil   |
| Acharya, Pushpa Raj  | Alicat Tours  | Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment  | Asociación Trópico Verde/ParksWatch Guatemala  |
| ACT India Foundation   | All Out Africa  | Asia Biodiversity Conservation Trust  | Assis, Darnício  |
| Action Ceinture Verte pour l'Environnement   | Allan, Tamryn   | Asian Nature Conservation Foundation  | Associação Amigos de Iracambi  |
| Action for Community Organization, Rehabilitation and Development                                    | Alliance of Rural Communities                               | ASITY   | Associação Amigos do Museu Nacional  |
| Action For Development (AFD)   | Almeida, Afrânio Silva                                      | Asociación Agricultura Ecológica  | Associação Baiana para Conservação dos Recursos Naturais   |
| Action for Environmental Sustainability  | Amanagua  | Asociación Balam para la Conservación de los Recursos Naturales y Culturales Integrados   | Associação Bombeiros Voluntários   |
| Active Youth Community Initiative  | Amani Nature Reserve  | Asociación Beyond Light (The Living Med)  | Associação Civil Muriqui de Desenvolvimento Sustentável  |
| Adams, Agnes   | Amar Caparó   | Asociación Caritas Madre de Dios  | Associação Comunitária Alternativa   |
| Adams, Robin   | Amauri Range Post Level FECOFUN                             | Asociación Centro de Acción Legal–Ambiental y Social de Guatemala   | Associação Cunhambebe  |
| Adams, Trevor  | Amazon Conservation Association                             | Asociación Comercial y Agropecuaria de Chiriqui Grande  | Associação de Apoio à Escola do Colégio Estadual José Martins da Costa   |
| Adansonia Consulting   | American Bird Conservancy                                   | Asociación de Agricultura Ecológica del Perú para la Conservación del Medio Ambiente de la Amazonia Peruana                           | Associação de Certificação de Produtos Orgânicos do Espírito Santo   |
| ADDICT.COM, Agence de communication  | American College of Traditional Chinese Medicine            | Asociación de Amigos y Vecinos de la Costa y la Naturaleza  | Associação de Cultura e Educação Ambiental   |
| Addis Ababa University   | American Museum of Natural History                          | Asociación de Desarrollo y Promoción Humana de la Costa Atlántica   | Associação de Defesa da Lagoa de Araruama  |
| Additive Adventure   | Amigos del Museo de Historia Natural Noel Kempff Mercado    | Asociación de Moradores la Torre de Uso Sostenible y Ecoturismo   | Associação de Defesa do Meio Ambiente  |
| Adonis, Andries  | Amil, Celso Miguez  | Asociación de Organizaciones del Corredor Biológico Talamanca Caribe  | Associação de Estudos Costeiros e Marinhos dos Abrolhos  |
| AfriBugs CC  | Amorim, Valmor  | Asociación de Practicantes de Medicina Tradicional Naso   | Associação de Fomento Turístico e Desenvolvimento Sustentável  |
| Africa Conservation Fund   | Anand, Gazmer   | Asociación de Profesionales y Técnicos Ngöbe Bugle  | Associação de Moradores do Marimbu, Santo Antônio e Rio Negro  |
| Africa Environmental News Service  | Anand, M.O.   | Asociación de Reservas Naturales Privadas de Guatemala  | Associação de Pescadores e Amigos do Rio Paraíba do Sul  |
| Africa Insights  | Aneri Vlok  | Asociación de Shiringueros Sector Alerta  | Associação de Programas em Tecnologias Alternativas  |
| Africa Wildlife Foundation   | Angkor Center for Conservation of Biodiversity              | Asociación de Turismo de Tres Colinas   | Associação de Proprietários de Reservas Particulares da Bahia  |
| Africa, Henry  | Anglia Ruskin University                                    | Asociación Económica de Productores y Acopiadores de Cacao  | Associação de Proprietários de Reservas Particulares do Patrimônio Natural (RPPN) do Mato Grosso do Sul–REPAMS |
| African Butterfly Research Institute   | Angweng Reincarnated Buddha                                 | Asociación Ecuatoriana de Ecoturismo  | Associação de Proprietários em Reserva Ibirapitanga  |
| African Conservation Trust   | Ano & Vano Union NGO  | Asociación Isuyama Bajo Tambopata   | Associação de Proteção Ambiental do Vale e da Serra das Garcias  |
| African Rainforest Conservancy   | Another Way Trust   | Asociación IXACAVAA de Desarrollo e Información Indígena  | Associação do Patrimônio Natural   |
| African Safari Lodge Foundation  | Anti Illegal Logging Institute                              | Asociación Mejorando al Desarrollo Rural de la Región a Traves de la Conservación de la Vida Silvestre (formerly Asociación Meralvis) | Associação dos Agricultores Familiares de Alto Santa Maria, Rio Lamego e Barra do Rio Claro                    |
| African Wildlife Foundation  | Antique Outdoors Inc.                                       | Asociación Nacional para la Conservación de la Naturaleza   | Associação dos Amigos do Rio Piraquê-Açu em Defesa da Natureza e do Meio Ambiente                              |
| Afrique Nature International   | Appel, Alliston   | Asociación para el Desarrollo Económico y Social del Agro   | Associação dos Moradores do Vale do Rio do Braço/Santana   |
| Afya na Maendeleo Self Help Group  | Appel, Beverly  | Asociación para la Conservación de la Cuenca Amazónica  | Associação dos Pequenos Produtores Rurais de Aruanda   |
| Agoo, Esperanza Maribel G.   | Appels, Andrew  | Asociación para la Investigación de la Biodiversidad y el Desarrollo Sustentable  |  |
| AGORO Centre for Intercultural Learning and Talent Development                                       | Applied Environmental Research Foundation                   |   |  |
| Agri-Kameelkrans Farmers Union   | Aquamedia Fund  |   |  |
| Agricultural and Forestry Research and Development Center for Northern Mountainous Region of Vietnam | Arabuko Sokoke Guides Association                           |   |  |
| Agricultural Research Council and Range and Forage Institute   | Arboretum d'Antsokay  |   |  |
| Agro-Environmental & Economic Management-Center (AEEM-Centre)  | Arche aux Plantes   |   |  |
| Agro-Meslehet Non-Governmental Organization  | Arid Zone Ecology Forum                                     |   |  |
| Ahmed Yehia Ali  | Arizona State University                                    |   |  |
| Akatov, Valeriy  | Armenian Assembly of America, Inc.                          |   |  |
| Al-Shouf Cedar Society   | Armenian Forests NGO  |   |  |
| Alas Indonesia   | Armenian National Academy of Sciences, Institute of Zoology |   |  |
| Albanian Society for the Protection of Birds & Wild Fauna (Mammals)                                  | Armenian Nature Protectors Union                            |   |  |
| Albertine Rift Conservation Society  | Armenian Society for the Protection of Birds                |   |  |
| Albuquerque, Jorge Luiz  | Armenian Tourism Association                                |   |  |
|  | Arnold Arboretum of Harvard University                      |   |  |

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| Associação dos Pescadores e Amigos do Rio Paraíba do Sul                                   | Association for Sustainable Human Development                                     | Badaró, Marama de Mello                                    | Biodiversity Conservation Center  |
| Associação dos Proprietários de Reservas Particulares do Estado da Bahia                   | Association for the Protection and Preservation of Natural Environment in Albania | Bahamas National Trust                                     | Biome Conservation Foundation   |
| Associação dos Proprietários de RPPN e Reservas Privadas de Minas Gerais                   | Association Haute Moulouya pour l'Écotourisme et la Protection de la Nature       | Bahir Dar University                                       | BioResource Conservation Trust for the Philippines Inc.                                   |
| Associação Flora Brasil  | Association les Amis des Oiseaux  | Bailey, Roger  | BIOS.CV – Association for the Conservation of the Environment and Sustainable Development |
| Associação KUWUKA—Juventude Desenvolvimento e Advocacia Ambiental                          | Association les Amis des Oiseaux Cap Bon  | Baimaxueshan National Nature Reserve Management Office     | Biosfera 1  |
| Associação Macambira de Reservas Privadas  | Association les Amis des Oiseaux Section de Sfax                                  | Baiposhan Nature Reserve                                   | Bird Conservation Nepal   |
| Associação Mico-Leão-Dourado   | Association Marocaine pour l'Écotourisme et la Protection de la Nature            | Baiyu Monastery  | Bird Conservation Society of Thailand (BCST)  |
| Associação para a Conservação das Aves do Brasil   | Association Nationale d'Actions Environnementales (ANAE)                          | Barabashin, Timofey  | BirdLife International  |
| Associação para a Proteção da Mata Atlântica do Nordeste (AMANE)                           | Association of Ecology and Tourism  | Barboza, Enoc dos Reis                                     | BirdLife South Africa   |
| Associação Patrimônio Natural (APN)  | Association of Environmental Lawyers of Liberia                                   | Barkinkhoev, Boris   | BirdLife Zimbabwe   |
| Associação Pedagógica Dendê da Serra   | Association of Friends of Nature "Tskhratskharo"                                  | Barkinkhoev, Murad   | Bitterfontein Traditional Dancers   |
| Associação pelo Meio Ambiente de Juiz de Fora  | Association of Journalists and the Society  | Barkinkhoev, Lousa   | Black Sea Eco Academy   |
| Associação Plantas do Nordeste   | Association of Natural Reserves and National Parks of the Caucasus                | Barkinkhoeva, Rosa   | Blagovidov, Aleksei   |
| Associação Pró-Melhoramento Ambiental da Região do Caparaó                                 | Association of Scientists-Ecologists— "Caucasian Eco-House"                       | Barnett, Mandy   | Blanchard, Ryan   |
| Associação Protetora da Infância Provincia Paraná  | Association of Social Economic Research   | Barodien, Glynnis  | Blankenberg, George   |
| Associação Super Eco de Integração Ambiental e Desenvolvimento da Criança                  | Association pour la Gestion Intégrée et Durable de l'Environnement                | Barrie, Abdulai  | Bluefields Indian and Caribbean University  |
| Associação Vila-Velhense de Proteção Ambiental   | Association pour la Promotion des Etudes d'Impacts Environnementaux au Rwanda     | Bat Conservation International                             | Blumeris, Hilton  |
| Association BBD  | Association Promotion des Femmes Rurales de Wilaya de Skikda                      | Baviaans Conservancy                                       | Bomani Women Group  |
| Association Burundaise pour la Protection de la Nature                                     | Association Rwandaise des Ecologistes   | Baviaanskloof Nature Awareness Group                       | Bombay Natural History Society  |
| Association Burundaise pour la Protection des Oiseaux                                      | Association "Synapse"   | Becker, Vitor Osmar  | Booth, Pam  |
| Association Club Vintsy Ankomba  | Association Tunisienne des Ingénieurs Agronomes                                   | Bees for Development Ethiopia                              | Booyse, Pieter Eric   |
| Association de Gestion Intégrée des Ressources   | Association "Zekari"  | Behr, Walter   | Booyesen, Dennis  |
| Association de la Protection de la Nature et de l'Environnement de Korba                   | Associazione Volontari per il Servizio Internazionale                             | Beihai Citizen Volunteer Association                       | Border Rural Committee  |
| Association de Protection de l'Environnement Hammem Ghezaz (APEHG)                         | Auckland UniServices Limited  | Beijing Forestry University                                | Botanical Society of South Africa   |
| Association de Réflexion, d'Échanges et d'Actions pour l'Environnement et le Développement | Augustus, Delricia  | Beijing Normal University                                  | Botha, Pierre   |
| Association des Fans de la Chebba (AFC)  | Auristela Toledo de Villafuerte   | Beijing Shanmo Investment Consultancy Co.                  | Boyana, Nondumiso Faith   |
| Association des Footballeurs d'Antsahampano  | Aurora Resource Development Initiatives Association Inc.                          | Beijing Shanshui Conservation Center                       | Bratkov, Vitalii  |
| Association Fanamby  | Aus Community Conservation Trust  | Bekker, Karin  | Breganza, Edwin   |
| Association Fikambanan'ny Tantsaha Miara-Mizotra Antsahampano                              | Azerbaijan Center for Biodiversity  | Belau Cares  | Briel, Philip   |
| Association Fikambanana Miaro Kijaha sy Alan'i Bobankora                                   | Azerbaijan Ornithological Society   | Belau National Museum                                      | Bring the Elephant Home Foundation  |
| Association Flora and Fauna—Georgia  | Azerbaijan Society of Zoologists  | Belik, Victor  | Brink, William  |
| Association for Nature Protection and Sustainable Use "Mta-Bari"                           | Baatjies, Michelle  | Belize Association of Private Protected Areas              | Bristol, Clifton and West of England Zoological Society Ltd.                              |
|  | Bab Assalam Women's Cooperative   | Belize Foundation for Research and Environmental Education | Brown Hyena Research Project  |
|  | Baboo Ram Gurung  | Belize Tropical Forest Studies                             | Bucol, Abner  |
|  | Bac Lieu University   | Benetti, Amilcar   | Buddhist Association for Environmental Development  |
|  | Bachan, Amitha  | Bengjinmeiduo Women's Group                                | Bukreev, Sergey   |
|  | Badan Perencanaan Pembangunan Daerah, Lampung Barat                               | Benny, John  | Burger, Elzanne   |
|  |   | Benzilan Village   | Burrows, Hendrik Jakobus  |
|  |   | Berbert, Henrique  | Burrows, Jannie   |
|  |   | Besten, Sheila   | Burundi Nature Action   |
|  |   | Bhat, Ganapati   | Burung Indonesia  |
|  |   | Bigger Picture TV Production CC                            | Buthelezi, Siyabonga  |
|  |   | Binhi Sang Kausawagan Foundation Inc.                      | Buzurtanova, Aza  |
|  |   | Biodiversity and Landscape Conservation Union              | CAB International   |
|  |   | Biodiversity and Nature Conservation Association           | Cabinet Sami Ben Haj  |
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| Calil, Nelson Antonio  | Center for Russian Nature Conservation  | Centro para el Desarrollo del Indígena Amazónico   | Colville, Jonathan   |
| Cámara Nacional de la Producción y el Emprendimiento                   | Center for Social, Economic and Environmental Development                                     | Centro para la Investigación en Sistemas Sostenibles de Producción Agropecuaria                | Comitato Internazionale per lo Sviluppo dei Popoli   |
| Cambodian Centre for Agricultural Research and Development             | Center for Water Resources Conservation and Development                                       | Centro Terra Viva—Estudios e Advocacia Ambiental   | Commanditaire Vennootschap Way Mengaku Indah   |
| Cambodian Institute for Research and Rural Development (CIRD)          | Central de Pueblos Indígenas de La Paz  | Cesvi Onlus  | Community Aid for Rehabilitation and Development   |
| Cambodian Rural Development Team                                       | Central Mindanao University   | Chamroen Chiet Khmer   | Community and Biodiversity Conservation Research Center of Lanzhou University  |
| Cambria, Patensi   | Centre Ecologique de Libanona   | Chamroeun Phal Community   | Community Development Resource Association   |
| Caminhos de Cunha Centro de Fomento Social e Cidadania                 | Centre for Environment and Development (CED)  | Channing, Alan   | Community Economic Development   |
| Canal Studio Association   | Centre for Environmental Education  | Chão Vivo  | Community Organisation Resource Center   |
| Canongia, Paulo Marcio Goulart   | Centre for Forest Studies and Consulting (Albaforest)   | Chapembe Kajiwani Mikoko Group   | Comunidad Nativa de Infierno   |
| Capacity Building and Leadership Institute                             | Centre for International Forestry Research  | Charitable Fund for Protection of Natural and Cultural Value in the Nature Reserves of Armenia | Concerned Environmentalists for the Enhancement of Biodiversity  |
| Cape Leopard Trust   | Centre for Natural Resources and Environmental Studies  | Charles Darwin University  | Confederation Regionale des Organisations du Sud-Est   |
| Cape West Coast Biosphere Reserve Company                              | Centre for People and Nature Reconciliation   | Chen, Youping  | Conrado, Maria da Conceição Carvalho   |
| Capestorm Outdoor Apparel Pty. Ltd.                                    | Centre for Plant Conservation   | Chengdu Bird Watching Society  | Consejo Interinstitucional para el Desarrollo de Constanza, Inc. (CICD)  |
| Cardoso, Luis Nelson Faria   | Centre for Policy and Law, Yunnan Forestry Bureau   | Chengdu Institute of Biology   | Consejo Regional Tsimane Mosestén  |
| Care Earth Trust   | Centre for Protection of Natural and Cultural Heritage  | Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding Center   | Conservación Ambiental y Desarrollo en el Perú (CAMDE)   |
| CARE International   | Centre for Sustainable Water Resources Development and Adaptation to Climate Change (CEWAREC) | Chengdu Urban Rivers Association   | Conservation et Restauration des Iles de Polynésie Fa'a' Api   |
| Caribbean Coastal Area Management Foundation                           | Centre for Wildlife Studies   | Chettri, Basundhara  | Conservation International   |
| Caribbean Natural Resources Institute                                  | Centre National des Sciences Halieutiques de Boussoura  | Chikira, Hassan Senkondo   | Conservation Lake Tanganyika   |
| Caribbean Wildlife Alliance  | Centro Agronómico Tropical de Investigación y Enseñanza                                       | Chilikin, Vitalii  | Conservation Management Ltd.   |
| Caribsave Partnership  | Centro Científico Tropical  | China Institute of Water Resources and Hydropower Research                                     | Conservation Management Services   |
| Cáritas del Perú   | Centro Comunitário Rural da Colina  | China Society of Territory Economics   | Conservation Society of Pohnpai  |
| Carlse, Alberto Frederick  | Centro de Desenvolvimento Agroecológico do Extremo Sul da Bahia Terra Viva                    | China West Normal University   | Conservation Society of Sierra Leone   |
| Carlse, Carol Leigh  | Centro de Desenvolvimento Sustentável Guaçu-Virá  | China Youth Daily—Green Island   | Conservation Strategy Fund   |
| Carolus, Berenice  | Centro de Estudios y Acción Social Panameño   | Chinese Academy of Forestry  | Conservation Trust of Puerto Rico  |
| Carolusberg Garden of Hope   | Centro de Estudos e Pesquisas para o Desenvolvimento do Extremo Sul da Bahia                  | Chinese Academy of Sciences  | Conserve Africa Foundation   |
| Carrick, Peter   | Centro de Estudos Ecológicos e Educação Ambiental   | Chitsanze Falls/Cheka Cheka Medicinal Woodland Group   | Consorcio Ambiental Dominicano   |
| Castro, Aristides de Oliveira  | Centro de Estudos para Conservação da Natureza  | Clanwilliam Living Landscape   | Consorcio Intermunicipal Lagos São João  |
| CATA Communal Property Association                                     | Centro de Investigación y Estudios en Biodiversidad y Recursos Genéticos                      | Clanwilliam News Agency  | Construction Planning Office of Shangri-La Alpine Botanic Garden   |
| Caucasian Endemics Research Centre                                     | Centro Euro-Mediterráneo sui Cambiamenti Climatici S.c.a r.l.                                 | Clarendon Parish Development Committee   | Cook Islands Natural Heritage Trust  |
| Caucasus Center for Ethological Research                               | Centro Experimental de Asistencia Técnica Agropecuaria  | Benevolent Society   | Cooperativa AMBIO Sociedad Cooperativa de Responsabilidad Limitada   |
| Caucasus Environmental NGO Network                                     | Centro Guatemalteco de Producción Más Limpia  | Cleaver, Gail  | Cooperativa do Produtores Orgânicos do Sul da Bahia  |
| Caucasus Nature Fund   | Centro Mexicano de Derecho Ambiental, Asociación Civil  | Cleveland Zoological Society   | Cooperative for Consulting and Supporting Rural Development Ha Hoa   |
| Caucasus Wild Plants Certification Centre                              |   | Cloete, Cindy-Lee  | Coral Reef Research Foundation Inc.  |
| Cebu Biodiversity Conservation Foundation Inc.                         |   | Coalición para la Conservación de la Biosfera del Sureste                                      | Cornell University   |
| Cecchi, Susie Lee  |   | Coast Farm Forest Association  | Corporación Oro Verde  |
| Cedarville Conservancy   |   | COCOBA (Community Conservation Bank) Tamburu   | Corporación para la Investigación, Capacitación y Apoyo Técnico para el Manejo Sustentable de los Ecosistemas Tropicales |
| Center for Biodiversity and Indigenous Knowledge                       |   | COCOBA (Community Conservation Bank) Tong'omba   | Corporación Serraniagua  |
| Center for Environmental and Rural Development (CERD), Vinh University |   | Coelho, João Lopes   |  |
| Center for Karst and Speleology  |   | Collectif Developpement  |  |
| Center for Legal Assistance to Pollution Victims                       |   | Collège d'Enseignement Général Daraina   |  |
| Center for Mountainous Resources and Environment                       |   | Coller, Terence  |  |

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