

Call for Letters of Inquiry

Caribbean Islands Biodiversity Hotspot

Large Grants

Eligible Countries:	The Bahamas, Dominica, the Dominican Republic, Jamaica, Saint Lucia, and St. Vincent and the Grenadines
Opening Date:	Friday, 6 June 2025 9.00 a.m. Washington D.C. time
Closing Date:	Friday, 18 July 2025 11:59 p.m. Washington, D.C. time
Grant Size:	US \$51,000 to US \$150,000

The [Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund \(CEPF\)](#) and the [Caribbean Natural Resources Institute \(CANARI\)](#), as regional implementation team (RIT) for the Caribbean Islands Biodiversity Hotspot, are inviting letters of inquiry (LOIs) from non-governmental organizations, community groups, private enterprises, universities and other [civil society organizations](#) active in the eligible countries and geographic areas named below. This call is for large grants only. It targets organizations working at the site and corridor levels and also supports national, regional and multi-country capacity building. CEPF is keen to support projects that complement its existing portfolio of large and small grants in the Caribbean Islands.

BACKGROUND

CEPF is a joint initiative of l'Agence Française de Développement, Conservation International, the European Union, Fondation Hans Wilsdorf, the Global Environment Facility, the Government of Canada, the Government of Japan and the World Bank. The CEPF Phase II investment (August 2021–July 2027) in the Caribbean Islands Biodiversity Hotspot is financed through the Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund – Caribbean Hotspot Project of the World Bank, using funds provided by the Government of Japan.

CEPF's strategy for the current investment is contained in the [Caribbean Islands Biodiversity Hotspot Ecosystem Profile](#) (PDF – 16.6 MB). It comprises a series of strategic directions broken down into investment priorities outlining the types of activities that are eligible for CEPF funding.

This investment phase seeks to improve the capacity of civil society organizations to reduce threats to globally important biodiversity in the Caribbean Islands Biodiversity Hotspot. Projects supported under this phase should help:

- Increase the capacity of civil society organisations to reduce key threats to biodiversity;
- Increase the organizational capacity of civil society organisations;
- Increase the capacity of civil society organizations to participate in conservation-related networks; and/or
- Reduce threats to biodiversity at Key Biodiversity Areas (KBAs).

This is the tenth call for proposals under the CEPF Phase II investment in the Caribbean Islands. It is the final open call for large grant proposals in this region. CANARI may issue a separate call for small grants (up to US \$50,000) and there may be targeted solicitations and awards to fill particular gaps in the grant portfolio.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to familiarize themselves with the CEPF website, particularly the sections on [Eligibility](#), [Before You Apply](#) and [How to Apply](#). Potential applicants who are uncertain of the eligibility of their organization or project concept are encouraged to contact Nicole Brown, RIT Manager, at caribbeanrit@canari.org for clarification.

ELIGIBLE GEOGRAPHIC AREAS BY STRATEGIC DIRECTION

This call for large grant LOIs is focused **only** on activities taking place within the eligible geographic areas listed below, in accordance with the requirements of each Strategic Direction.

Strategic Direction 1: Improve Protection and Management of Priority KBAs.

Only the **11 KBAs** listed in Table 1 are eligible for support under this Strategic Direction in this call for proposals.

- Proposals must target one or more of these sites.
- Site-based proposals that do not focus on these KBAs will not be considered.

Table 1. Priority Sites covered by this Call for Proposals

No.	CEPF Priority Site	Country
1	Graham's Harbor National Park (BHS-13)	The Bahamas
2	Morne Diablotin National Park (DMA-1)	Dominica
3	Monumento Natural Las Caobas (DOM-6)	Dominican Republic
4	Reserva Biológica Loma Charco Azul (DOM-33)	Dominican Republic
5	Parque Nacional Sierra de Neyba (DOM-25)	Dominican Republic
6	Sierra Martín García National Park (DOM-26)	Dominican Republic
7	Negril and Surroundings (JAM-18)	Jamaica
8	Iyanola and Grande Anse, Esperance and Fond D'ors (LCA-3)	Saint Lucia
9	Colonaire Forest Reserve (VCT-2)	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

No.	CEPF Priority Site	Country
10	Dalaway (Buccament Watershed) (VCF-4)	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
11	Richmond Forest Reserve (VCT-8)	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

Strategic Direction 2: Increase landscape-level connectivity and ecosystem resilience

Only **activities taking place within one or more of the six conservation corridors** listed in Table 2 are eligible under this strategic direction in this call for proposals.

- Proposals should target landscape-level or corridor-level interventions that enhance connectivity and resilience.
- These may include work between or around multiple KBAs within the corridor.

Table 2. Conservation Corridors covered by this Call for Proposals

Conservation Corridor	Priority Sites	Country
Cordillera Central	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DOM-6 Monumento Natural Las Caobas DOM-13 Parque Nacional Parque Nacional Dr. Juan Bautista Pérez Rancier (Valle Nuevo) DOM-23 Parque Nacional Montaña La Humeadora DOM-25 Parque Nacional Sierra de Neyba DOM-33 Reserva Biológica Loma Charco Azul DOM-34 Reserva Científica Ébano Verde 	Dominican Republic
Massif de la Selle – Sierra de Bahoruco – Hoya de Enriquillo Basin Binational Corridor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DOM-16 Parque Nacional Jaragua DOM-18 Parque Nacional Lago Enriquillo e Isla Cabritos DOM-24 Parque Nacional Sierra de Bahoruco DOM-34 Refugio de Vida Silvestre Monumento Natural Miguel Domingo Fuerte (Bahoruco Oriental) 	Dominican Republic
Surrey County Corridor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> JAM-2 Blue and John Crow Mountains Protected National Heritage and surroundings 	Jamaica
North Coast Forest Cockpit Country-Black River Great Morass-Central Spinal Forest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> JAM-5 Catadupa JAM-7 Cockpit Country JAM-13 Litchfield Mountain- Matheson's Run JAM-20 Peckham Woods 	Jamaica
Iyanola - Castries and Dennery Waterworks Reserve and Marquis-Mandele Protected Landscape	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LCA-2 Castries and Dennery Waterworks Reserve and Marquis LCA-3 Iyanola and Grande Anse, Esperance and Fond D'ors LCA-4 Mandele Protected Landscape 	Saint Lucia
Saint Vincent Central Mountain Range	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> VCT-2 Colonaire Forest Reserve VCT-3 Cumberland Forest Reserve VCF-4 Dalaway (Buccament Watershed) VCT-8 Richmond Forest Reserve 	Saint Vincent & the Grenadines

Strategic Direction 3: Safeguard Critical Endangered and Endangered Species

Support is available for conservation of Critically Endangered (CR) and Endangered (EN) species that are listed in Appendix 9: Eligible Species list. (The species list is available on CEPF website with this announcement and [here](#).) *This updated list replaces the version that originally appeared in the CEPF Caribbean Ecosystem Profile.*

Only species included in this list and occurring in any of the 43 KBAs prioritized for the current CEPF investment, are eligible for support. This includes the 11 KBAs listed in Table 1 and the KBAs listed in [Table 13.1 of the CEPF Caribbean Ecosystem Profile](#).

Strategic Direction 4: Improve Enabling Conditions for Conservation in Target Countries

Activities under this strategic direction must be relevant to conservation in and around CEPF priority sites and corridors in any of the following countries: The Bahamas, Dominica, the Dominican Republic, Jamaica, Saint Lucia, and St. Vincent and the Grenadines. This includes the KBAs and conservation corridors listed in Tables 1 and 2 above, as well as the KBAs listed in [Table 13.1 of the CEPF Caribbean Ecosystem Profile](#).

Strategic Direction 5: Support Civil Society Capacity

Activities under this strategic direction must strengthen the technical or institutional capacity of organizations working in the CEPF priority sites and corridors in any of the following countries: The Bahamas, Dominica, the Dominican Republic, Jamaica, Saint Lucia, and St. Vincent and the Grenadines. This includes the KBAs and conservation corridors listed in Tables 1 and 2 above, as well as the KBAs listed in [Table 13.1 of the CEPF Caribbean Ecosystem Profile](#).

ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

LOIs must propose projects that relate to the strategic directions and investment priorities outlined in the ecosystem profile and in Table 3.

Strong preference will be given to proposals that allow for any or all of the following:

- Engagement of national and local organizations that have not previously received a large or small grant from CEPF.
- Engagement of organizations to build their capacity to reduce threats to biodiversity.
- Engagement of organizations to allow for their active participation in conservation-related networks.
- Strengthening of civil society networks not currently supported by CEPF.
- Reduction of threats at the priority KBAs in Table 1.

Table 3. Eligible Strategic Directions and Investment Priorities

Strategic Directions and Investment Priorities	Guidance
<p>1. Improve the protection and management of 33 priority sites for long-term sustainability.</p> <p>1.1 Strengthen the legal protection of priority sites.</p> <p>1.2 Prepare and implement participatory management plans that support broad stakeholder collaboration.</p> <p>1.3 Assess climate change impacts and integrate climate change adaptation into management plans and their implementation responses to protect ecosystem functions and build resilience.</p> <p>1.4 Eradicate, control, or prevent the spread of invasive plants and animals affecting globally threatened species populations at priority sites.</p>	<p>All proposals under Strategic Direction 1 must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) mitigate threats to biodiversity at one or more of the priority sites in Table 1; and b) demonstrably benefit the KBA trigger species listed in Appendix 4 of the Ecosystem Profile. <p><u>CEPF and CANARI particularly encourage applications for projects that address the following threats:</u> over-exploitation of biological resources; habitat destruction and fragmentation due to agricultural, aquacultural, urban, tourist, industrial and/or commercial development; invasive alien species; and climate change/severe weather events.</p> <p>The CEPF investment specifically targets terrestrial and freshwater ecosystems. CEPF will only support activities in nearshore marine ecosystems related to terrestrial ecosystems and KBA trigger species, such as through ridge-to-reef approaches; activities in offshore marine ecosystems will not be eligible for support.</p> <p>CEPF will not fund academic research but it will support focused, applied data gathering for management, testing management responses and investigating climate/ecosystem interactions to improve management to mitigate threats to KBAs and their trigger species.</p> <p>CEPF will not fund purchase of land, major construction or capital investments.</p>

Strategic Directions and Investment Priorities	Guidance
<p>2. Increase landscape-level connectivity and ecosystem resilience in seven priority corridors.</p> <p>2.1 Prepare and support the implementation of participatory local and corridor-scale land-use and watershed management plans to guide future development and conservation efforts.</p> <p>2.2 Support sustainable livelihoods in agriculture, fisheries, forestry, and nature tourism that enhance ecosystem resilience and landscape-level connectivity and deliver gender-equitable benefits to maintain the functionality of priority sites.</p> <p>2.3 Promote the adoption and scaling up of conservation best practices in those enterprises compatible with conservation to promote connectivity and ecosystem services in the corridors.</p>	<p>To qualify for support under Strategic Direction 2, proposals must focus on corridor- or landscape-level activities in one or more of the priority corridors listed in Table 2.</p> <p><u><i>CEPF and CANARI particularly encourage applications focused on production landscapes that strengthen biodiversity management.</i></u></p> <p>Activities supported under Strategic Direction 2 must lead to strengthened biodiversity management in production landscapes.</p> <p>A production landscape is defined as a site outside a protected area where agriculture, forestry, natural product exploitation or other economic activity occurs. For example, shade-grown coffee and cacao farms can harbor significant biodiversity and would benefit from strengthened management of that biodiversity.</p> <p>For an area to be considered as having "strengthened management of biodiversity," it can benefit from a wide range of interventions, such as best practices and guidelines implemented, incentive schemes introduced, sites/products certified, or sustainable harvesting regulations introduced.</p> <p>All corridor-level activities must have a demonstrable link to the ecological function and ecosystem services of priority sites (see Table 2 above) and their trigger species. They must also explicitly contribute to reducing threats to the priority sites.</p>

Strategic Directions and Investment Priorities	Guidance
<p>3. Safeguard priority Critically Endangered and Endangered species.</p> <p>3.1. Prepare and implement conservation action plans for priority Critically Endangered and Endangered species.</p> <p>3.2. Identify climate impacts and develop and implement management plans in response to climate change impacts on priority Critically Endangered and Endangered species.</p>	<p>CEPF investment in species conservation will target globally threatened single-island endemic species occurring in at least one priority site (see Tables 1 above and Table 13.1 of the CEPF Caribbean Ecosystem Profile).</p> <p><i>Please download and review the updated version of Appendix 9, which replaces the list in the Caribbean Ecosystem Profile.</i> Only species occurring in Antigua & Barbuda, The Bahamas, the Dominican Republic, Jamaica, Saint Lucia, and St. Vincent & the Grenadines are eligible for support under this call.</p> <p>Under this call for proposals, <i>CEPF and CANARI particularly encourage applications for projects that implement conservation action plans previously developed with CEPF support.</i></p> <p>Species conservation plans should be developed following the Guidelines for Species Conservation Planning prepared by the IUCN Species Survival Commission's Species Conservation Planning Sub-Committee, which can be found at the following link: https://portals.iucn.org/library/sites/library/files/documents/2017-065.pdf</p> <p>Species action plans must be institutionalized into management plans or local conservation plans. Applications under this strategic direction are strongly encouraged to leverage co-funding.</p>
<p>4. Improve the enabling conditions for biodiversity conservation in countries with priority sites.</p> <p>4.2 Mainstream biodiversity conservation and ecosystem values into development policies, projects, and plans by governments and the private sector, with a focus on addressing major threats, such as unsustainable agriculture, mining, tourism and infrastructure development.</p> <p>4.3 Establish and strengthen sustainable financing mechanisms.</p>	<p>Under this call for proposals, <i>CEPF and CANARI particularly encourage applications for projects that mainstream biodiversity conservation and ecosystem values into development policies, projects and plans, and that support sustainable financing mechanisms.</i></p> <p>Activities supported under Investment Priority 4.2 should support private sector demonstration projects aimed at planning and implementing biodiversity conservation efforts. These projects are integral to mainstreaming biodiversity conservation and ecosystem service values into regional, national policies, and private sector plans. This approach promotes a development path that harmonizes conservation goals with economic activities.</p> <p>Sustainable financing mechanisms under Investment Priority 4.3 include but are not limited to, conservation trust funds, debt-for-nature swaps, payment for ecosystem service (PES) schemes, and other revenue, fee or tax schemes that generate long-term funding for conservation.</p> <p>Activities under these two investment priorities must be implemented in the conservation corridors and priority sites listed in Tables 1 and 2.</p>

Strategic Directions and Investment Priorities	Guidance
<p>5. Support Caribbean civil society to conserve biodiversity by building local, national and regional institutional capacity and fostering stakeholder collaboration.</p> <p>5.1 Strengthen CSOs' technical knowledge and skills to implement practical, applied biodiversity conservation actions through short-term training in topics that will advance the implementation of projects that support CEPF priorities based on a CSO training assessment and strategy.</p> <p>5.2 Strengthen the administrative, financial, fundraising and project management capacity of strategic CEPF civil society partners to implement biodiversity conservation programs and activities.</p> <p>5.3 Support local, national and regional information exchange, networking, mentorship, and coalition building among civil society organizations.</p>	<p>Training and capacity building under this component are intended to mitigate threats and result in strengthened capacity of civil society organizations, as measured by the CEPF Civil Society Tracking Tool (CSTT) [English, Spanish].</p> <p><i><u>CEPF and CANARI particularly encourage applications for projects to build the capacity of current grantees and organisations working at priority KBAs.</u></i></p> <p>Training activities and capacity building activities must support and complement the portfolio of CEPF grants in implementation (see Appendix A). There must be evidence of demand for these activities.</p> <p>CEPF can fund development and delivery of technical training courses. This could include face-to-face courses, e-learning courses, blended approaches or stand-alone content such as video/podcast. Academic degree or diploma programs are not eligible for support, however.</p> <p>Technical training can be combined with activities that share best practice and knowledge exchange, encourage networking among CEPF grantees and groups working at priority sites, including exchanges, peer learning cohorts and mentorship arrangements.</p> <p>CEPF has a strong interest in actions that: result in lasting knowledge transfer; combine theory with hands-on practical approaches; and integrate follow-up support and mentoring to consolidate knowledge transfer and learning.</p> <p>CEPF will also support networking among civil society organizations at national, sub-regional or regional levels. CEPF will support actions that strengthen or revitalize existing networks or the establishment of networks, particularly where there is evidence of a need or gap that can be filled through a network approach. Networks can be formal or informal groups or alliances.</p> <p>In all cases, sustainability beyond the end of CEPF funding will be an important consideration. Grants can be used to help networks develop sustainability mechanisms.</p> <p>Networks and networking supported under this strategic direction must support the CEPF investment strategy and collective learning and/or action that build capacity and cooperation in strategic areas of importance, including tourism and mining development, invasive species, climate change, site base conservation, policy and legislation.</p>

Proposed projects must address one of the five strategic directions and subordinate investment priorities in Table 3. Even if actions contribute to more than one strategic direction, applicants must identify the primary strategic direction **and** investment priority under which the project falls.

Crosscutting concerns for CEPF include:

- **Climate change:** Building resilience in the face of climate change is an important objective for CEPF. Applicants should identify how climate change is affecting or could affect their proposed activity and objectives and identify how they plan to integrate climate change within their projects to ensure that all results are resilient to climate change.
- **Gender and vulnerable groups:** CEPF is committed to integrating equity for gender and vulnerable groups into its projects. Applicants should design projects that include gender equity and are responsive to the needs of vulnerable groups in the achievement of their conservation impacts.

Proposed activities must observe all relevant environmental and social standards, as set out in the Environmental and Social Management Framework ([English](#); [Spanish](#)) for the CEPF Caribbean Hotspot Project.

Civil society organizations working at one or more priority sites will develop a project biodiversity monitoring framework based on the [global Important Bird Area monitoring framework](#).

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

Non-governmental organizations, community groups, universities and private enterprises may apply for funding. Individuals must work with civil society organizations to develop applications rather than apply directly.

To qualify for a CEPF grant, applicants must not be a government agency or institution. Government-owned enterprises or institutions are eligible only if they can establish that they:

- (i) have a legal personality independent of any government agency or actor;
- (ii) have the authority to apply for and receive private funds; and
- (iii) may not assert a claim of sovereign immunity.

Joint projects with other organizations are eligible, with one lead organization submitting the application and project partners with clear roles stated in the application.

ADDITIONAL ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Proposed projects that address the scope of this call and meet the following eligibility criteria are welcome:

- Project is located in the Caribbean Islands Hotspot.
- Project is located in a country that is not subject to sanctions under U.S. law or other applicable law.
- Project supports a strategic direction outlined in the Caribbean Islands Hotspot ecosystem profile and investment strategy (see Table 3).
- Applicant is authorized under relevant national laws to receive charitable contributions.
- Applicant is not a government agency or institution.

In addition, CEPF encourages proposals that demonstrate the following characteristics as relevant:

- Existence of co-financing or the ability to leverage additional funds.
- Demonstration of coordination with other organizations to reduce duplication of efforts.
- Existence of partnerships or alliances with one or more other organizations.
- Endorsements from other recognized agencies or authorities.
- Transnational or regional projects.
- Clear plans for continuation and/or replication after initial CEPF funding.
- Support to local communities in community-based or co-management activities for biodiversity conservation and actions that enhance local communities' tenure and resource use rights and facilitate equitable and sustainable economic recovery post COVID-19.

Ineligible Activities

CEPF grants cannot be used for activities on the following "negative list":

- The use of child or forced labor.
- Purchase and use of formulated products that fall in the World Health Organization classes IA and IB or formulations of products in Class II if they are likely to be used by, or be accessible to, lay personnel, farmers or others without training, equipment and facilities to handle, store and apply these products properly.
- Financing elections or election campaigning.
- Funding salaries or salary supplements of government security personnel.
- Purchase of firearms or other weapons.
- Purchase of tobacco, alcoholic beverages and other drugs.
- Manufacture of alcohol for local consumption and/or cultivation of crops for this purpose.
- Activities carried out in relation to the adjudication of lands under dispute.
- Physical resettlement of people (voluntary or involuntary).
- Purchase of land.
- Activities that have the potential to cause adverse impacts on critical habitats.
- Conversion, deforestation or degradation of natural forests or other natural habitats, including, among others, conversion to agriculture or tree plantations.
- Activities related to commercialization of illegal timber and non-timber forest products.
- Construction and/or restoration of religious buildings.
- Removal or alteration of any physical cultural heritage property (includes sites having archeological, paleontological, historical, religious or unique natural values).

BUDGET AND TIMEFRAME

CEPF will entertain proposals between US \$51,000 and US \$150,000. Any proposal for more than US \$150,000 may be rejected.

The earliest possible timeframe for award of grants is 1 October 2025 but applicants should more realistically consider start dates of 1 November 2025. Regardless of the start date, the maximum end date of all grants will be 31 July 2027. In other words, projects should be planned for a period of 20-21 months or less.

HOW TO APPLY

All applicants should complete and submit an LOI before the deadline for submission and follow the established procedures and formats. Applications may be submitted in English or Spanish.

The deadline for the submission of LOIs is named in the header of this announcement. Applicants are encouraged to submit LOIs well in advance of the deadline. Applications received after the deadline will not be considered for funding.

LOIs must be prepared and submitted via the [ConservationGrants](#) electronic portal. **LOIs submitted via email or any other mechanism will not be accepted.**

If you have not previously used ConservationGrants, you must [register for a new account](#). If you encounter any technical difficulties with ConservationGrants, please email conservationgrants@conservation.org.

PROPOSAL PREPARATION GUIDANCE WEBINARS

Support Sessions for Prospective CEPF Applicants in the Caribbean Islands

Informational Webinar (English and Spanish)

Overview of CEPF's funding priorities, eligibility and how to apply under the 10th call for proposals

Thursday, 19 June 2025, from 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. (Washington, D.C. time)

[Register for the 19 June 2025 prospective applicants' webinar](#)

LOI Preparation Workshop (English and Spanish)

A more detailed session on how to prepare a large grant Letter of Inquiry (LOI)

Thursday, 26 June 2025 from 10.00 a.m. - 12.30 p.m. (Washington D.C. time)

[Register for the 26 June 2025 LOI preparation workshop](#)

SELECTION AND AWARD PROCESS

All applicants will receive emailed notification following the review of their LOI.

Applicants whose LOI receives a positive review will be invited to submit a full proposal through ConservationGrants. All applicants invited to prepare a full proposal will be required to attend a proposal development workshop. Dates, venue and joining instructions will be included in the invitation letter.

Full proposals that receive a positive review will lead to the award of a grant between Conservation International, as the host of the CEPF Secretariat, and the applicant organization. Grants will be denominated in United States dollars and grant agreements will be in English.

CEPF grants are awarded on a competitive basis. All LOIs must meet the criteria for eligibility set out in Appendix B. Eligible LOIs will be reviewed by CEPF, the RIT, a Regional Advisory Committee and other external technical reviewers where necessary. The evaluation will be conducted according to the following technical and strategic criteria:

1. **Strategic importance:** How well does the project contribute to achieving the priorities of the CEPF investment strategy in the ecosystem profile? (35 points)
2. **Project approach and methodology:** Are the project approach and methodology likely to achieve the project's stated objectives and (where applicable) contribute strongly to sustainable conservation outcomes? (20 points)
3. **Applicant capacity:** Does the applicant have the capacity and experience to implement this project effectively and efficiently, given its scale and complexity? (15 points)
4. **Potential to strengthen Caribbean civil society capacity:** Will the project help to strengthen Caribbean civil society organizations? (10 points)
5. **Sustainability:** Will the project results be sustained beyond the phase of CEPF funding? (10 points)
6. **Budget:** Is the proposed funding request commensurate and reasonable given the project's scale, objectives and likely cost of the work? (10 points)

REFERENCE MATERIALS

All applicants are advised to review the ecosystem profile for the Caribbean Islands Biodiversity Hotspot, which provides more detail on the types of activities CEPF will fund under each investment priority.

Ecosystem Profile

- [English](#) (PDF - 16.6 MB)
- [Spanish](#) (PDF - 18.1 MB)

Ecosystem Profile Summary

- [English](#) (PDF - 3.3 MB)
- [Spanish](#) (PDF - 4.1 MB)

Updated List of Prioritised Species

- [Revised Appendix 9](#)

Gender

To learn more about how CEPF addresses gender in the projects it supports, visit the [CEPF and Gender webpage](#).

For information on what CEPF seeks in a proposal see: [CEPF Gender Fact Sheet](#) (PDF – 318 KB).

For help in designing, implementing and evaluate gender-aware projects, see: CEPF Gender Toolkit in [English](#), [PDF – 351 KB] and [Spanish](#) [PDF - 375 KB]

Additional Resources

- [Before You Apply](#)
- [12 Tips for Getting Your Grant Idea Funded](#)
- CEPF Gender Toolkit [English](#), [PDF – 351 KB] and [Spanish](#) [PDF - 375 KB]
- [ConservationGrants Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [Environmental and Social Management Framework for the CEPF Caribbean Hotspot Project](#) (PDF – 2.2 MB)
- [RIT Project Page](#)
- [RIT Call for Proposals Page](#)
- [How to open an account in ConservationGrants for a large grant](#) (Video in English)

CONTACT

Before applying, ***applicants are strongly encouraged to discuss project ideas***, eligibility and alignment with the specific priorities for this call for proposals and ***to attend one of the proposal development workshops listed above***. Please contact the RIT at caribbeanrit@canari.org. Members of the RIT are available for one-on-one consultations throughout the call period.

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Appendix A. CEPF Phase II Portfolio of Projects

Project Code: CEPF-112652

Grantee: Caribbean Coastal Area Management Foundation (C-CAM)

Amount: US\$388,483.58

Grant Term: July 2022 - September 2025 (39 months)

Project Title: Management Planning and Implementation in the Portland Bight Protected Area, Jamaica

Summary Actions: The project will strengthen management of the Portland Bight Protected Area to mitigate threats through the updating of the management and zoning plan, preparation and implementation of species conservation action plans, control of invasive alien species, stakeholder engagement in management actions and monitoring, and institutional strengthening of the Caribbean Coastal Area Management Foundation.

Project Code: CEPF-112670

Grantee: Fundación José Delio Guzmán (FJDG)

Amount: US\$209,892.12

Grant Term: July 2022 - June 2025 (31 months)

Project Title: Reducing Threats in Valle Nuevo National Park, Dominican Republic

Summary Actions: The project will focus on management actions at the Valle Nuevo National Park (Parque Nacional Dr. Juan Bautista Pérez Rancier) for threats mitigation and species conservation through strengthening protected areas management capacity, promoting ecotourism, preparing and implementing species conservation action plans, habitat restoration, community engagement and fire control.

Project Code: CEPF-112649

Grantee: Sociedad Ornitológica de la Hispaniola (SOH)

Amount: US\$430,660.62

Grant Term: July 2022 - June 2025 (36 months)

Project Title: Threat Mitigation in Sierra de Bahoruco and Bahoruco Oriental Key Biodiversity Areas, Dominican Republic

Summary Actions: The project will strengthen the management of the Sierra de Bahoruco and Bahoruco Oriental (Refugio de Vida Silvestre Monumento Natural Domingo Fuerte) protected areas and their buffer zones to mitigate threats. It will also build management capacity, develop bird-friendly coffee demonstration plots and promote ecotourism, as well as prepare and implement species conservation action plans and establish a stakeholder management committee and community extension.

Project Code: CEPF-113659

Grantee: Jamaica Environment Trust (JET)

Amount: US\$47,143.71

Grant Term: January 2023 – January 2024 (13 months)

Project Title: Climate Change Assessment and Adaptation Plan for Cockpit Country, Jamaica

Summary Actions: The project will lay the groundwork for future engagement by the Southeast Cockpit Country Local Forest Management Community (SELFMC) and surrounding communities in biodiversity monitoring and conservation in the Cockpit Country Protected Area, through the preparation of a local adaptation plan. This plan will complement the larger participatory management strategy being developed by the National Environment and

Project Code: CEPF-112938

Grantee: Environmental Awareness Group (EAG)

Amount: US\$393,385.39

Grant Term: May 2023 - April 2026 (36 months)

Project Title: Accelerating Locally-led Conservation Action at Key Biodiversity Areas in Antigua and Barbuda

Summary Actions: This project will safeguard habitats and their global threatened species in the North East Marine Management Area and Redonda Key Biodiversity Areas (KBAs) through community management and sustainable financing. It will support the development of sustainable financing mechanisms for KBA management and NGO operations, species conservation action planning and implementation, biosecurity monitoring for invasive alien species, biodiversity monitoring, ecotourism development and institutional strengthening.

Project Code: CEPF-112560

Grantee: Instituto Dominicano de Desarrollo Integral Inc. (IDDI)

Amount: US\$247,696.87

Grant Term: July 2023 – October 2025 (28 months)

Project Title: Management Planning and Implementation in Parque Nacional Montaña La Humeadora, Dominican Republic

Summary Actions: This project will strengthen management of and reduce agricultural encroachment into Parque Nacional Montaña La Humeadora by updating of the park's management plan, supporting agroforestry in buffer zone communities, preparing species conservation action plans, building ecotourism capacity, and strengthening park guard capacity.

Project Code: CEPF-114038

Grantee: Fundación para el Mejoramiento Humano (Fundación PROGRESSIO)

Amount: US\$49,473.00

Grant Term: July 2023 – April 2025 (21 months)

Project Title: Update of the Management Plan for the Ébano Verde Scientific Reserve, Dominican Republic

Summary Actions: The project will strengthen the management of the Ébano Verde Scientific Reserve by updating the protected area's management plan, preparing a zoning plan, and developing a 10-year strategic management framework and a one-year operational plan. The project will also carry out an analysis of women's participation in social and economic activities in and around the protected area and build the capacity of local stakeholders to engage in management and oversight of the protected area.

Project Code: CEPF-113657

Grantee: International Iguana Foundation (IIF)

Amount: US\$49,946.00

Grant Term: July 2023 - December 2025 (30 months)

Project Title: Protecting the Jamaican Rock Iguana from Threats posed by Invasive Species, Hellshire Hills, Portland Bight Protected Area, Jamaica

Summary Actions: The project will support the protection of biodiversity within the dry forest ecosystem of the Hellshire Hills, Portland Bight Protected Area in Jamaica by working to minimise the threat of invasive alien species to the critically endangered Jamaican Rock Iguana.

Project Code: CEPF-113998

Grantee: Saint Lucia National Trust (SLNT)

Amount: US\$50,000.00

Grant Term: January 2023 – September 2024 (20 months)

Project Title: Establishing the Enabling Environment for Sustainable Management of the Point Sable Environmental Protected Area, Saint Lucia

Summary Actions: The project will support the preparation of a draft national protected areas policy for Saint Lucia as well as the updating of the Pointe Sable Environmental Protection Area (PSEPA) management plan (2020 – 2030) and a complementary sustainable financing strategy for the KBA. The project will also strengthen the organisational capacity of the SLNT for improved sustainable management of, and income generation within, the PSEPA.

Project Code: CEPF-113662

Grantee: Fundación De Apoyo Al Suroeste (FUNDASUR)

Amount: US\$49,964.20

Grant Term: October 2023 – March 2025 (18 months)

Project Title: Promotion of Participatory Management of the Miguel Domingo Fuerte Natural Monument Wildlife Refuge (Bahoruco Oriental), Dominican Republic

Summary Actions: The project will strengthen the management of the Padre Miguel Domingo Fuertes Natural Monument in the Dominican Republic through the preparation of a management plan for the protected area. The plan will include zoning of the protected area with considerations for the land use and the current legislative framework.

Project Code: CEPF-114600

Grantee: Jamaica Conservation and Development Trust (JCdT)

Amount: US\$252,880.84

Grant Term: April 2024 – March 2027 (36 months)

Project Title: Improving Strategic Management of the Blue and John Crow Mountains National Park, Jamaica

Summary Actions: The project will strengthen management and monitoring of the Blue and John Crow Mountains National Park by updating the area's management plan, enhancing biodiversity monitoring and research capacity, and implementing the conservation action plan for the Wild Pine Sargent (Jamaican Blackbird).

Project Code: CEPF-114942

Grantee: Fundación CI-ATABEY

Amount: US\$43,065.00

Grant Term: May 2024 – April 2025 (12 months)

Project Title: Control of the Invasive Species *Leucaena leucocephala* in the Jaragua-Bahoruco- Enriquillo Biosphere Reserve, Dominican Republic

Summary Actions: The project will mitigate the threat posed by the invasive alien species *Leucaena leucocephala* in the Jaragua-Bahoruco-Enriquillo Biosphere Reserve of the Dominican Republic. To achieve this goal, the project will implement a public awareness campaign highlighting the risks associated with the invasive species and emphasizing the importance of its control. Additionally, it will conduct removal activities and enhance the technical capacity of key local stakeholders in controlling *Leucaena leucocephala*.

Project Code: CEPF-114064

Grantee: Fundación CODESPA

Amount: US\$329,652.25

Grant Term: June 2024 – May 2026 (23 months)

Project Title: Ecotourism Development and Management Planning in Cabo Samana, Dominican Republic

Summary Actions: The project will strengthen conservation of Cabo Samana Key Biodiversity Area by updating the management plan of Cabo Samana Natural Monument, building community capacity for conservation, taking targeted action for globally threatened species, and promoting community- based ecotourism.

Project Code: CEPF-113885

Grantee: American Bird Conservancy (ABC)

Amount: US\$477,375.71

Grant Term: July 2024 – December 2026 (30 months)

Project Title: Removal of Alien Invasive Species for Habitat Restoration in Isla Alto Velo, Dominican Republic

Summary Actions: The project will remove invasive alien species (IAS) from 152 hectares of Alto Velo island to restore oceanic island habitat and promote the survival of two Critically Endangered reptile species. It will also plan and implement biosecurity measures to prevent future invasions, species action planning and environmental education.

Project Code: CEPF-115381

Grantee: Fondazione AVSI

Amount: US\$360,031.80

Grant Term: July 2024 – June 2026 (23 months)

Project Title: Strengthen Management of Parque Nacional Lago Enriquillo, Dominican Republic

Summary Actions: The project will strengthen the management of Lago Enriquillo and Isla Cabrito National Park to mitigate threats from agricultural encroachment, hunting and fishing. It will also update the national park management plan, strengthen the capacity of park guards, promote ecotourism, raise local awareness of the park and its ecosystem services and restore ecological connectivity through reforestation and agroforestry in the buffer zone.

Project Code: CEPF-115409

Grantee: Clarendon Parish Development Committee Benevolent Society (CPDCBS)

Amount: US\$46,281.00

Grant Term: January 2025 – December 2025 (12 months)

Project Title: Planning for Participatory Conservation of Biodiversity in Peckham Woods, Clarendon, Jamaica

Summary Actions: The project will demonstrate how community and partner engagement can drive biodiversity conservation in the Peckham Woods through participatory approaches and education. It will also update biodiversity status, stakeholder engagement and develop a participatory action plan that integrates public awareness, sustainable livelihoods and forest management. Lastly, the project will explore opportunities for Other Effective Area-Based Conservation Measures (OECMs) and provide actionable recommendations to stakeholders, including policymakers.

Project Code: CEPF-116641

Grantee: Fundación De Apoyo Al Suroeste (FUNDASUR)

Amount: US\$49,995.00

Grant Term: March 2025 – February 2026 (12 months)

Project Title: Updating and Promotion of the Management Plan for the Sierra de Bahoruco National Park

Summary Actions: The project will collaboratively develop, update, and promote the Management Plan for the Sierra de Bahoruco National Park (PNSB). The plan will be prepared in a participatory manner, following the methodological guidelines set by the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources (MMARN).

Project Code: CEPF-116655

Grantee: Fundación Deep Green (FDG)

Amount: US\$49,320.93

Grant Term: April 2025 – March 2026 (12 months)

Project Title: Update of the Management Plan of Los Haitises National Park, Dominican Republic

Summary Actions: The project will strengthen the management of Los Haitises National Park by updating its management plan in alignment with the National Policy for the Effective Management of Protected Areas, aiming to enhance the park's sustainable management and conservation initiatives.

Project Code: CEPF-115191

Grantee: Northumbria University

Amount: US\$210,707.80

Grant Term: February 2025 – March 2027 (24 months)

Project Title: Building local capacity to improve the protection and management of the Blue and John Crow Mountains National Park

Summary Actions: The project will build capacity among civil society organizations and government institutions to collect and analyze data on threats and biodiversity status and formulate strategies to reduce the impact of threats to the Blue and John Crow Mountains Key Biodiversity Area. It will also develop and implement a long-term participatory monitoring framework for the site that can yield up-to-date data on species and forest status, threat impact and threat reduction efforts.

Project Code: CEPF-115169

Grantee: JEMS Environment Management Services

Amount: US\$48,635.00

Grant Term: March 2024 – April 2025 (18 months)

Project Title: Climate and Conservation risk mapping initiative in St Vincent and the Grenadines

Summary Actions: The project will facilitate the collaborative preparation of GIS maps illustrating the effects of climate change and conservation challenges on biodiversity within the St. Vincent Central Mountain Range. Additionally, it will involve the development of alternative livelihood options and action plans for the conservation of biodiversity.

Strategic Direction 2: Increase landscape-level connectivity and ecosystem resilience in seven priority corridors

Project Code: CEPF-112944

Grantee: Fondazione AVSI

Amount: US\$120,514.89

Grant Term: January 2023 – March 2025 (27 months)

Project Title: Promoting conservation through Beekeeping in Sierra de Bahoruco National Park, Dominican Republic

Summary Actions: The project will mitigate and reduce threats to the biodiversity of the Sierra de Bahoruco National Park, by promoting beekeeping for sustainable livelihoods, creating buffer zone communities and reforesting 10 hectares with native trees to trigger a “payments for ecosystems services” scheme to benefit local communities.

Project Code: CEPF-113721

Grantee: Northern Cockpit Country Local Forest Management Committee Benevolent Society (NCCLFMCBS)

Amount: US\$47,022.00

Grant Term: June 2023 – March 2025 (24 months)

Project Title: Maintaining Biodiversity Through Sustainable Livelihoods and Environmental Awareness in Northern Cockpit Country, Jamaica

Summary Actions: The project will address the threats of deforestation, forest fires and illegal logging impacting the Linton Park Mountain Forest Reserve within the Cockpit Country Protected Area, Jamaica. It will also build capacity for community-based forest management, strengthen the Local Forest Management Committee and improve community awareness of forest conservation.

Project Code: CEPF-114894

Grantee: Sawyers Local Forest Management Committee Benevolent Society (Sawyers LFMCBS)

Amount: US\$50,000.00

Grant Term: December 2023 – May 2025 (17 months)

Project Title: Preserving Biodiversity through Sustainable Alternative Livelihoods within the Cockpit Country, Jamaica

Summary Actions: The project will support the reforestation of degraded lands and promote sustainable alternative livelihoods to reduce the threat of deforestation within sections of the Cockpit Country, Jamaica.

Project Code: CEPF-115168

Grantee: Dolphin Head Local Forest Management Committee Cooperative Society (DHLFMCCS)

Amount: US\$47,750.88

Grant Term: December 2023 - July 2025 (18 months)

Project Title: Promoting Sustainable Livelihoods through Ecotourism in the Dolphin Head Forest Reserve, Jamaica

Summary Actions: The project will establish sustainable alternative livelihoods to incentivise ongoing conservation of the Dolphin Head Forest Reserve and improve awareness among youth and community members about the value of biodiversity conservation in the Dolphin Head Forest Reserve.

Project Code: CEPF-114941

Grantee: South East Cockpit Country Local Forest Management Committee Benevolent Society (SECCLFMCBS)

Amount: US\$49,480.40

Grant Term: December 2023 - May 2025 (18 months)

Project Title: Promoting and Supporting Sustainable Livelihoods in South East Cockpit Country, Jamaica

Summary Actions: The project will promote adoption of live yam sticks in yam cultivation and the diversification of income streams through sustainable alternative livelihoods, such as beekeeping, as a means of reducing the threat of deforestation in the Cockpit Country, Jamaica.

Project Code: CEPF-115190

Grantee: Fundación CI-ATABEY

Amount: US\$271,161.05

Grant Term: July 2024 – December 2026 (30 months)

Project Title: Promoting Ecosystem-Based Adaptation and Biodiversity Conservation in Los Haitises, Dominican Republic

Summary Actions: The project will support ecosystem-based climate resiliency and species conservation in Los Haitises National Park and its buffer zone. It will also safeguard four globally threatened species, restore 20 hectares of degraded habitat, provide sustainable livelihoods for two communities through reforestation and agroforestry, and raise environmental awareness through communications outreach.

Project Code: CEPF-115896

Grantee: CESAL

Amount: US\$50,000.00

Grant Term: October 2024 – March 2026 (18 months)

Project Title: Strengthening Resilience and Protecting Biodiversity in Sierra de Batoruco, Dominican Republic

Summary Actions: The project will combat deforestation, poor agricultural practices and the threats posed by unsustainable tourism development in the Sierra de Batoruco National Park. It will also strengthen local civil society organisations and train community members in environmental conservation, resource management and sustainable agriculture. Importantly, the project will establish a Youth Network of Eco-Activists, promote gender equity in decision-making and support reforestation efforts to protect the area's biodiversity and water resources.

Project Code: CEPF-116010

Grantee: Fundación Sur Futuro

Amount: US\$399,992.63

Grant Term: February 2025 – January 2027 (24 months)

Project Title: Strengthening governance and ecological connectivity in the Cordillera Central, Dominican Republic

Summary Actions: The project will improve conditions for ecosystem connectivity between Dr. Juan Bautista Pérez Rancier National Park (Valle Nuevo) and José del Carmen Ramírez National Park, by reducing threats that affect the ecosystem connectivity of the southern slope of the Cordillera Central Corridor, promoting sustainable livelihoods, such as shade-grown coffee, and strengthening governance and sustainable management of natural resources.

Strategic Direction 3: Safeguard priority Critically Endangered and Endangered species

Project Code: CEPF-112640

Grantee: International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (IUCN)

Amount: US\$101,944.95

Grant Term: July 2022 - June 2024 (24 months)

Project Title: Conservation action planning of selected threatened conifers and palm species in the Dominican Republic

Summary Actions: The project will prepare two species action plans for 18 palm and conifer species and build the capacity of local botanists by supporting field surveys, conducting Red Listing planning and training, and supporting outreach and technical assistance for integrating the action plans into management plans of three protected areas.

Project Code: CEPF-113658

Grantee: BirdsCaribbean

Amount: US\$49,986.00

Grant Term: December 2022 – November 2025 (36 months)

Project Title: Developing a Conservation Action Plan for the Endangered Whistling Warbler in the Cumberland Forest Reserve and the Central Mountain Range, St. Vincent

Summary Actions: The project will develop a conservation action plan to monitor, track and manage the Whistling Warbler, an endemic endangered bird species found in the Cumberland Forest Reserve and the Central Mountain Range of St. Vincent. Field surveys will be conducted to collect data on the species and inform the preparation of the plan.

Project Code: CEPF-112943

Grantee: Re:wild

Amount: US\$336,614.05

Grant Term: March 2023 – December 2026 (36 months)

Project Title: Call to Action: Conservation Action Plans for Endangered Caribbean Species

Summary Actions: The project will support the preparation and implementation of conservation action plans for 10 Endangered and Critically Endangered amphibian, bird, plant and reptile species in Antigua & Barbuda, the Bahamas, Jamaica, Saint Lucia and St. Vincent & the Grenadines. It will also support baseline field research, stakeholder and species action planning and implementation, capacity building, networking and knowledge exchange, monitoring and evaluation, and fundraising.

Project Code: CEPF-112857

Grantee: Durrell Wildlife Conservation Trust (DWCT)

Amount: US\$241,833.71

Grant Term: April 2023 – March 2026 (36 months)

Project Title: Conserving the Saint Lucia Racer and Strengthening Regional Capacity for Racer Conservation

Summary Actions: The project will support the conservation of three threatened reptilian species through funding ex-situ conservation of the Saint Lucia Racer, capacity building and networking between practitioners working on racer conservation in Antigua and Saint Lucia, and biosecurity monitoring and habitat enhancement on four islands in Saint Lucia.

Project Code: CEPF-112934

Grantee: International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (IUCN)

Amount: US\$147,105.94

Grant Term: June 2023 – February 2025 (20 months)

Project Title: Preparing Conservation Action Plans for Jamaica's Threatened Plants

Summary Actions: This project will prepare conservation action plans dedicated to conserving 100 threatened plant species in priority Key Biodiversity Areas of Jamaica. It will support data compilation on plants, training of Jamaican botanists, global Red Listing, and preparation, approval and dissemination of action plans, working in close collaboration with Jamaican civil society and government authorities.

Project Code: CEPF-113840

Grantee: The Peregrine Fund

Amount: US\$166,668.24

Grant Term: August 2023 – January 2025 (18 months)

Project Title: Conservation Action Planning and Implementation for Ridgway's Hawk, Dominican Republic

Summary Actions: This project will increase the population of the Critical Endangered Ridgway's Hawk in Los Haitises National Park to serve as a stronghold source population for reintroduction efforts across Hispaniola. This grant supports components dedicated to preparing a ten-year species conservation action plan, managing 125 -150 pairs of Ridgway's Hawks, and environmental outreach and capacity development targeting 10 communities.

Project Code : CEPF-115171

Grantee: Jamaica Environment Trust (JET)

Amount: US\$183,742.00

Grant Term: June 2024 – May 2026 (24 months)

Project Title: Implementing the Jamaican Blackbird Conservation Action Plan in the Blue and John Crow Mountains KBA, Jamaica

Summary Actions: The project will implement the Jamaican Blackbird Conservation Action Plan in the buffer zone of the Blue and John Crow Mountains National Park. It will also support bird-friendly coffee cultivation, awareness building, and a policy review supporting protection of the blackbird and its habitat.

Project Code: CEPF-115614

Grantee: International Iguana Foundation (IIF)

Amount: US\$49,914.00

Grant Term: January 2025 – December 2026 (24 months)

Project Title: Plan and Implement Critical Conservation Actions for the Jamaican Rock Iguana, Jamaica

Summary Actions: The project will perform ecological monitoring within the Hellshire Hills to assess invasive and native species, enhance control measures, and build local capacity. It will improve the headstart facility at Hope Zoo, ensuring optimal health of iguanas through rigorous veterinary assessments and local training. The project will also emphasize public education on the iguana's ecological importance and update the conservation action plan through collaborative stakeholder engagement.

Project Code: CEPF-115937

Grantee: The Peregrine Fund (TPF)

Amount: US\$299,772.96

Grant Term: February 2025 – January 2027 (24 months)

Project Title: Critically Endangered Ridgway's Hawk Conservation Action Plan Implementation

Summary Actions: The project will implement priority actions from the Conservation Action Plan for the Ridgway's hawk. It will also prevent the extinction of the species by supporting growth of a robust, interconnected population across its distribution and conduct environmental education and outreach activities.

Project Code: CEPF- 116545

Grantee: Grupo Jaragua Inc.

Amount: US\$49,927.00

Grant Term: March 2025 – February 2027 (24 months)

Project Title: From Planning to Action: Conservation of Threatened Palms and Conifers, Dominican Republic

Summary Actions: The project will develop a collaborative action plan and implement three key conservation strategies outlined in the "Conservation Plan for Threatened Palms and Conifers of the La Selle – Bahoruco –Jaragua – Enriquillo Corridor."

Project Code: CEPF-116175

Grantee: University of The Bahamas

Amount: US\$209,993.70

Grant Term: April 2025 – July 2027 (28 months)

Project Title: Capacity building to enhance management of threats to Rock Iguanas in The Bahamas

Summary Actions: The project will develop and implement a monitoring plan for the Central Bahamian Rock Iguana and the threats it faces. It will also investigate the population status of the species on San Salvador and train students, local stakeholders and civil society organizations in survey methodologies. Lastly, the project will educate residents and visitors, to limit negative interactions with iguanas and develop a mechanism to collect citizen science data on iguanas that can enable faster responses to threats like invasive species, disease and storms.

Project Code: CEPF-116488

Grantee: Environmental Awareness Group (EAG)

Amount: US\$50,000.00

Grant Term: April 2025 – September 2026 (17 months)

Project Title: Preserving the Antiguan Racer: An Urgent Call to Action

Summary Actions: The project will strengthen the technical capacity of the Environmental Awareness Group (EAG) to conserve the Critically Endangered Antiguan Racer through regional collaboration, strategic planning, and community engagement in the North East Marine Management Area (NEMMA), Antigua and Barbuda. It will prepare a detailed feasibility study and operational plan for the establishment of a secure mainland Ark Site to support species recovery and facilitate a knowledge exchange to enhance implementation using regional best practices. Lastly, the project will build long-term local support through education, field experiences, and a Community Champions Programme.

Strategic Direction 4: Improve the enabling conditions for biodiversity conservation in countries with CEPF priority sites

Project Code: CEPF-113661

Grantee: Southern Trelawny Environmental Agency (STEA)

Amount: US\$49,232

Grant Term: January 2023 – February 2024 (14 months)

Project Title: Using Nature-Based Tourism to Strengthen Biodiversity Conservation in the Cockpit Country, Jamaica

Summary Actions: The project will strengthen the STEA/Cockpit Country Adventure Tours (CCAT) eco- and community-based tourism programme that promotes the sustainable use of the Cockpit Country and offers alternative income-generating opportunities for the local communities, while maintaining the integrity of the landscape and biodiversity.

Project Code: CEPF-113724

Grantee: Fitches Creek Residents Association Inc. (FCRA)

Amount: US\$48,940.00

Grant Term: July 2023 – June 2024 (12 months)

Project Title: Building a Community Constituency for Conservation of Fitches Creek Bay and the Northeast Marine Management Area, Antigua and Barbuda

Summary Actions: The project will strengthen participatory management of the Northeast Marine Management Area (NEMMA) and Fitches Creek Bay in Antigua through collaborative social accountability approaches and community and collective actions to prevent further erosion of the KBA's protective status.

Project Code: CEPF-114126

Grantee: Instituto Dominicano de Desarrollo Integral, Inc. (IDDI)

Amount: US\$49,417.00

Grant Term: June 2024 – September 2025 (15 months)

Project Title: Improving the Capacity and Enabling Conditions for the Protection of Key Biodiversity Areas (KBAs) of the Dominican Republic

Summary Actions: The project will enhance the capacities of civil society organisations (CSOs) operating within Key Biodiversity Areas (KBAs) in the Dominican Republic. It will foster sustainable biodiversity conservation and reduce climate risks through an Ecosystem-based Adaptation (EbA) approach. Additionally, the project will establish a network of CSOs focused on participatory learning and experience sharing. This network will emphasize the protection, conservation and sustainable management of KBAs through EbA strategies.

Project Code: CEPF-115615

Grantee: Southern Trelawny Environmental Agency (STEA)

Amount: US\$50,000.00

Grant Term: September 2024 – August 2025 (12 months)

Project Title: Using Alternative Livelihood Ventures to Strengthen Biodiversity Conservation in the Cockpit Country, Jamaica

Summary Actions: The project will strengthen the Southern Trelawny Environmental Agency (STEA)/Cockpit Country Adventure Tours (CCAT) eco- and community-based tourism program that promotes the sustainable use of the Cockpit Country and offers alternative income-generating opportunities for the local communities, while maintaining the integrity of the landscape and biodiversity.

Project Code: CEPF- 116108

Grantee: IHO Nature Rangers

Amount: US\$49,980.00

Grant Term: March 2025 – June 2026 (15 months)

Project Title: Strengthening Conservation Actions in the North East Marine Management Area, Antigua and Barbuda

Summary Actions: The project will support community-driven conservation of the North East Marine Management Area (NEMMA) in Antigua and Barbuda by using collaborative social accountability (CSA) tools to enhance local engagement.

Strategic Direction 5: Support Caribbean civil society to conserve biodiversity by building local, national and regional institutional capacity and fostering stakeholder collaboration

Project Code: CEPF-113415

Grantee: Fauna & Flora

Amount: US\$249,987.06

Grant Term: June 2023 – May 2025 (23 months)

Project Title: Building Sustainable Financial Capacity for Caribbean Civil Society Organisations

Summary Actions: The project will strengthen the financial resilience of civil society organisations working at priority Key Biodiversity Areas in the Caribbean islands, with a focus on four organisations in Antigua, Saint Lucia, and St. Vincent and the Grenadines. It will also support the development and implementation of sustainable financing plans, provide training and mentoring on project design and fundraising, and promote eco-tourism products.

Project Code: CEPF-115350

Grantee: Vermont Center for Ecostudies (VCE)

Amount: US\$49,861.00

Grant Term: April 2024 – June 2025 (13 months)

Project Title: Conservation standards online training workshop pilot project

Summary Actions: The project will enhance the technical capacities of civil society organisations across the hotspot in the use and application of the Open Standards for the Practice of Conservation (Conservation Standards) for project and programme design, management, and monitoring in order to help improve the practice of conservation in the Caribbean.

Project Code: CEPF-115701

Grantee: Fundación CIDEAL de Cooperación e Investigación (CIDEAL)

Amount: US\$49,434.00

Grant Term: August 2024 – July 2025 (12 months)

Project Title: Training Local Communities in Drone Technology to Restore Degraded Forest in the Sierra de Bahoruco KBA, Dominican Republic

Summary Actions: The project will contribute to the reforestation of 150 hectares of degraded land in the Sierra de Bahoruco Key Biodiversity Area (KBA) using innovative drone and sensor technology. It will also strengthen the capacities of civil society and other stakeholders by transferring skills in utilising this advanced technology for biodiversity conservation and protection, as well as in the fight against climate change.

Project Code: CEPF-115799

Grantee: Fondazione AVSI

Amount: US\$149,600.00

Grant Term: September 2024 – February 2025 (6 months)

Project Title: CEPF Regional Midterm Assessment Meeting for the Caribbean Islands Biodiversity Hotspot

Summary Actions: The project will facilitate exchange of experience and lessons learned among CEPF grantees by organising a midterm assessment workshop in the Dominican Republic for participants from across the Caribbean Islands Biodiversity Hotspot. It will enable networking among grantees, expose them to the work of peer organisations through a site visit, and solicit feedback on the CEPF grant making approach and investment strategy.

Project Code: CEPF-114911

Grantee: The Cropper Foundation (TCF)

Amount: US\$36,750.00

Grant Term: November 2024 – August 2025 (10 months)

Project Title: Project preparatory grant to support integration of data science and technology in Caribbean conservation efforts by civil society

Summary Actions: This project preparatory grant seeks to empower Caribbean civil society organisations (CSOs) by integrating data science and technology into biodiversity conservation. Through assessments and tailored capacity-building, it will identify opportunities, enhance skills and develop a large-scale grant proposal to advance data-driven, sustainable conservation efforts.

Project Code: CEPF-116644

Grantee: Fundación José Delio Guzmán (FJDG)

Amount: US\$49,515.00

Grant Term: March 2025 – February 2026 (12 months)

Project Title: Promoting Alliance among CEPF partners in the Dominican Republic

Summary Actions: The project will support collaboration, knowledge exchange and networking among CEPF grantees in the Dominican Republic through a series of inter-organizational visits and exchanges to build relationships, identify synergies for future collaboration, and share relevant experiences and lessons learned.

Project Code: CEPF-116163

Grantee: Environmental Foundation of Jamaica (EFJ)

Amount: US\$242,824.86

Grant Term: March 2025 – May 2026 (14 months)

Project Title: Capacity building for Local Forest Management Committees in Jamaica

Summary Actions: The project will strengthen the capacity of five local forest management committees to enhance their effectiveness at sustainably managing forest reserves and implementing applied biodiversity conservation actions. It will also strengthen collaboration and coordination among committees through a national umbrella body. Lastly, the project will increase awareness and integration of community forestry initiatives among local communities bordering forest reserves in Jamaica.