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Report on Progress by the Executive Director

For Information Only:

The Executive Director will highlight key developments since the ninth meeting of the Donor Council on 29 November 2005. For information, a detailed report covering the following activities since that date is attached:

- Portfolio Overview
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Global Portfolio Overview

- Approved more than \$16 million in new grants, bringing the global CEPF grant portfolio to \$89 million.
- Increased the number of groups working with CEPF support to more than 1,000 (across 15 regions within 14 of the originally defined hotspots in 33 countries).
- Expanded the amount of globally significant landscapes protected with the help of CEPF-supported grantees to 9.4 million hectares in 15 countries within 11 hotspots.
- Influenced governmental policies in favor of biodiversity conservation in multiple hotspots, including a presidential executive order in the Philippines declaring all key biodiversity areas identified by CEPF to be “critical habitats” and directing the Department of Environment and Natural Resources to promulgate guidelines for their management and protection.

Partnership Highlights

Independent Evaluation

An independent evaluation of the CEPF global program concluded positively. A team of consultants selected by and reporting to the Donor Council examined progress from the 2000 launch through June 30, 2005.

Specifically, the evaluators assessed CEPF’s role in enabling civil society to engage in conserving the biodiversity hotspots, the strategic underpinnings of CEPF grant portfolios, and overall fulfillment of the program’s niche defined in its region-specific investment strategies. Attention also focused on whether CEPF maximizes the reach of its donor partners in a unique way and on the program’s institutional and governing infrastructure, among other issues.

The evaluators, who visited 10 of the program’s 15 active funding regions, concluded that the program has made strong overall progress toward achieving its main strategic objectives. Citing capacity building in civil society as well as gains in biodiversity conservation, the evaluation found “overall performance from a global perspective has been excellent.”

They identified the following areas where CEPF grants appear to have been particularly effective or to show particular promise:

- Protected areas: Project portfolios in all hotspots have supported the expansion, consolidation, and improved planning and management of protected areas.
- Species conservation: CEPF grants have established research and educational projects at the local level and have supported community organizations in participatory monitoring activities to prevent species extinctions.
- Capacity building and training: Grants to the national offices of international NGOs have helped provide formal training as well as employment for promising local individuals who represent the next generation of national conservation leaders.
- Community development and poverty mitigation: A significant number of grants have provided the basis for improving incomes and economic well being of poor communities.
- Building conservation into development planning: Grants have equipped decisionmakers and planners with tools and knowledge to harmonize conservation with economic development.

- Private sector: Several hotspots have achieved significant conservation contributions from national and international companies in private sector industries due to CEPF-supported projects.
- Multinational hotspots: CEPF has demonstrated that conservation planning and implementation can take place on a regional, multi-country scale.
- Long-term conservation financing: CEPF grants have helped establish conservation trust funds and leverage partner support in several regions.

The evaluators concluded their report with a clear endorsement of the program: “We have no hesitation in recommending that the donor partners continue funding the program and seeking further expansion opportunities.” They also prepared a series of recommendations to further strengthen the global program that have significantly informed plans for the future.

Regional Assessments

CEPF completed assessments for each of the nine regions that have reached the conclusion of their five-year period for investment. The results, compiled in a report for each region, further demonstrate how CEPF has helped build civil society as an effective force for biodiversity conservation in some of the world’s most threatened regions. However, many of the reports also emphasize the fragility of these gains and significant challenges remaining to ensure long-term sustainability. The reports summarize five years of investment in the Atlantic Forest; Cape Floristic Region; Guinean Forests of West Africa; Madagascar; the Philippines; Sundaland; Mesoamerica; Tropical Andes; and Tumbes-Chocó-Magdalena biodiversity hotspots. The assessment process included participatory workshops attended by stakeholders, governmental partners, and CEPF donor representatives to help assess progress as well as lessons learned.

CEPF Working Group

The CEPF Secretariat hosted four meetings of the CEPF Working Group. These meetings, held in January and November 2006 and April and June 2007, all focused primarily on planning for the future. A series of discussions were held about the report of the independent evaluation. Drawing on recommendations from the evaluation and CEPF experience to date, the Working Group also placed major emphasis on developing a common framework for the partnership to guide the future of the global program and also on setting priorities for the future. This new Strategic Framework, which sets out the vision and strategy for the CEPF global program during fiscal years 2008-2012, has now been submitted for Donor Council approval. It proposes that CEPF will build on a rich mix of experience and lessons learned to expand and replicate successful civil society implementation models more broadly within at least 14 biodiversity hotspots to be selected by the CEPF Donor Council. The overarching goal will be to strengthen the involvement and effectiveness of civil society in conservation and management of globally important biodiversity. A separate paper on setting priorities for the future has also been submitted to the Council for approval.

Partnership and Geographic Expansion

In March, Conservation International and l'Agence Française de Développement (AFD) signed a Financing Agreement formalizing each organization’s commitment of \$25 million for implementation of the new Strategic Framework. AFD is a financial institution that is at the heart of France’s Development Assistance Policy. It supports a wide range of social and economic projects in more than 60 countries and is now the sixth donor partner to commit \$25 million to the global program. CI’s new commitment will bring its total contribution to the program to \$50 million.

The new funding will first enable an expansion of the program to the Indochina region of Indo-Burma, the remote Pacific island nations of Micronesia, tropical Polynesia, and Fiji in Polynesia-Micronesia, and the Western Ghats region of southern India. The Council approved ecosystem profiles for these hotspots in late April. The approval includes \$9.5 million for the Indochina region of Indo-Burma, \$7 million for Polynesia-Micronesia, and \$4.5 million for the Western Ghats region extending along the west coast of India. The support will enable hundreds of new partners to make a difference in these highly threatened regions. Nongovernmental organizations and other civil society groups will be able to apply for grants to help implement the investment strategies, which were developed with diverse stakeholders in the regions. The first step for CEPF in the expansion is recruiting a regional implementation team for each hotspot based on new terms of reference and selection criteria also approved by the Donor Council. Each team will provide strategic leadership in the hotspot, building a broad constituency of civil society groups working across institutional and political boundaries toward achieving the shared conservation goals identified in the profiles.

These exciting developments are expected to catalyze formalization of new commitments by the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation and the GEF totaling \$32 million, which would bring the total to \$82 million for the global program over the next five years.

Highlights from the Field

- Instituto de Conservação de Ambientes Litorâneos da Mata Atlântica (Ecotuba) worked with government and local communities in the Atlantic Forest Hotspot to establish a 100,000-hectare reserve that will secure a sustainable future for the area's threatened species and the approximately 2,300 families who live there. Support from The Reserva Extrativista Marinha de Canavieiras links vital marine, mangrove, and coastal forest habitat forming an important part of the hotspot's protected area network. The project was supported under CEPF's strategic direction in this hotspot to improve management of existing and future public protected areas through targeted civil society efforts.
- CEPF support for local conservation group Associação Valor Natural helped to lay the framework for a new biodiversity conservation corridor in the Brazilian state of Minas Gerais. The town of Extrema implemented a comprehensive sustainable management action plan, the first step in an overarching management strategy for the new 1.1 million-hectare Mantiqueira Corridor in the Atlantic Forest biodiversity hotspot. As part of a wider participatory planning program, Valor Natural organized five seminars for government officials, councillors, and community representatives to help develop conservation action plans for the remaining 41 municipalities that will form the basis of the corridor's overall management strategy. CEPF supported Valor Natural's work under its strategic direction of stimulating landscape management initiatives led by civil society in the Central and Serra do Mar corridors.
- Corporación Serraniagua helped create a 2,500-hectare network of 60 private reserves linking critical ecosystems in the Tumbes-Chocó-Magdalena Hotspot. Since 2003, Corporación Serraniagua, a community environmental group, has helped to expand the Serranía de los Paraguas Network of Private Reserves by encouraging local landowners to develop agro-ecological projects and engage neighboring communities in sustainable land-use practices. CEPF supported the group's work under its strategic direction in the hotspot of identifying and promoting sustainable development practices in communities near selected protected areas. Corporación Serraniagua also established an educational program for member

landowners and developed a commercial strategy for products and services in the area such as specialty coffees, organic sugarloaf, peach-palm, traditional crafts, and ecotourism.

- CEPF support for the Ecuadorian ecotourism group Asociación Ecuatoriana de Ecoturismo (ASEC) enabled the creation of a manual of best ecotourism practices for operators in the Machalilla National Park in the Tumbes-Chocó-Magdalena Hotspot. In order to take advantage of recent reforms in Ecuador that decentralized responsibility for tourism and park management, ASEC worked with a comprehensive range of local stakeholders including tour operators, national park staff, community representatives, and local government officials from the Ministry of Tourism and Environment to develop the manual. The project was supported by CEPF under its strategic direction in the hotspot of bringing selected protected areas and species under improved management. In addition to researching and publishing the manual, approximately 200 people from local businesses and communities attended related workshops organized by ASEC. A new law based on the project's results is now being drafted at the national level to regulate ecotourism within national parks and protected areas throughout the country.
- Support for the Botanical Society of South Africa helped pilot methods of building biodiversity plans into municipal development planning in the Cape Floristic Region Hotspot. Biodiversity summary maps and land-use guidelines were developed for seven municipalities in the Western Cape Province, with more than 200 individuals from nongovernmental organizations, local government departments, and other stakeholders taking part in capacity-building sessions on how to use the guidelines to curtail habitat loss in selected priority areas. The project was funded under CEPF's strategic direction in the hotspot of supporting civil society efforts to create an institutional environment that enables effective conservation action. A key result is that the province's Spatial Development Framework now incorporates biodiversity priorities, and the Western Cape's Department of Environment Affairs and Development Planning is committed to ensuring that these are reflected in the corresponding frameworks at the district and local level. Local government officials are building on the pilot project, developing a provincial rollout of the program in collaboration with CapeNature and Cape Action for People and the Environment's GEF-funded Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Development Project.
- The Bushmanland Conservation Initiative (BCI) secured protection for almost 25,000 hectares of highly threatened, unique habitat in the Succulent Karoo Hotspot. Anglo Base Metals committed funds and personnel to maintain the area as a conservation management area during BCI's 2-year initial phase while continuing negotiations to establish a regulatory framework for a formal protected area. With its high levels of plant endemism and significant zinc ore reserves, the land owned by Anglo around Black Mountain and the Gamsberg area in South Africa's Bushmanland region is vital both for biodiversity and the mining industry. CEPF support helped establish BCI in 2004 under the strategic direction in the hotspot of expanding protected area corridors through public-private-communal partnerships. BCI creates innovative mechanisms for local landowners to develop stewardship of the land with a long-term aim of bringing 60,000 hectares of unique habitat under protection.
- The Mabuwaya Foundation worked with communities on the island of Luzon in the Philippines Hotspot to protect the Critically Endangered Philippine crocodile (*Crocodylus mindorensis*). Mabuwaya held community workshops and worked with barangay representatives to develop a conservation program based on discussions in the community at large that were then ratified at the municipal level. Of the 18 barangays represented at the workshop, 15 have since developed these plans and 11 have adopted regulations to help

protect the crocodiles. Mabuwaya's project team has also used the individual plans as a basis to develop an overarching strategy for crocodile conservation in the entire Sierra Madre biodiversity conservation corridor, as part of CEPF's strategic direction of establishing an emergency response mechanism to help save species in the hotspot.

- The president of the Philippines issued an executive order declaring all key biodiversity areas (KBAs) identified by CEPF to be "critical habitats" and directed the Department of Environment and Natural Resources to promulgate guidelines for their management and protection. These include 128 KBAs defined for 209 globally threatened and 419 endemic species of freshwater fishes, amphibians, reptiles, birds, and mammals, as well as for 62 species of congregatory birds. The KBAs cover approximately 20 percent of the total land area of the Philippines. Biodiversity conservation also assumed a central role in the development agenda of Region 2 in Northeast Luzon. Region 2 comprises the core of the Sierra Madre Biodiversity Corridor (SMBC). The National Economic Development Authority (NEDA) incorporated the SMBC conservation priorities into the newly updated 30 years Regional Physical Framework Plan for the region. The Regional Development Council adopted the SMBC Strategy and the Regional Geographic Information Network, a consortium of public and private entities led by NEDA established a systematic and organized sharing of geographically referenced information and knowledge in the region. The information network is now being replicated in the CARAGA Region in Eastern Mindanao.
- The Sichuan Academy of Forestry established a database on the mammals and birds in 12 nature reserves of Sichuan province and Chongqing municipality in the Mountains of Southwest China Hotspot. The Academy collaborated with a number of organizations including the Universities of Sichuan and Beijing on the project, and leveraged more than \$200,000 in funding from other sources to cover an additional 16 reserves. Surveys funded by the grant have revealed a new species of vole, 14 new insect species, four new plant species, and 12 algae species not previously found in China, significantly contributing to CEPF's strategic direction in the hotspot of developing hotspot-wide monitoring and evaluation projects. The Academy's database includes nearly 400 maps, as well as information on fish, amphibian, fungi, and algae species, and cultural and socioeconomic data that will help to provide support for sustainable management in the region.

Approved Grants
11/1/2005 - 5/31/2007

Atlantic Forest Hotspot
Brazil

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

Implementation of the "Núcleo de Genética Aplicada à Conservação da Biodiversidade da Mata Atlântica"

Establish a new center within the Federal University of Espírito Santo to be called the "Núcleo de Genética Aplicada à Conservação da Biodiversidade" (NGACB). The vision of this Center is to build the capacity of researchers in the use and application of molecular techniques for the study of species conservation.

Funding: \$200,000
Grant Term: 1/1/06 - 6/30/07
Grantee: Fundação Ceciliano Abel de Almeida

Defense of Waters and Protection of Life: Tres Picos State Park

Help improve the participatory management of Tres Picos State Park and the important mosaic of protected areas in the Central Fluminense portion of the state of Rio de Janeiro. Included in the scope of this project are the protected areas of Serra dos Órgãos National Park, Três Picos State Park, Guapiaçu Ecological Reserve, and the Rio de Janeiro State Primate Center.

Funding: \$119,990
Grant Term: 9/1/05 - 2/28/07
Grantee: Tereviva Associação De Fomento Turístico E Desenvolvimento Sustentável

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

Management Plan for Eucalyptus Trees in the União Biológica Reserve

Develop a management plan for exotic eucalyptus trees found within the União Biological Reserve in the Serra do Mar Corridor. Activities will include geo-referencing of plantations, tracking natural and managed regeneration plots, and developing a plan for utilizing removed trees.

Funding: \$14,700
Grant Term: 1/1/07 - 6/30/07
Grantee: Associação Mico-Leão-Dourado

Strengthening Enforcement of Environmental Laws in the Atlantic Forest of the Central Corridor, Brazil

Develop a more streamlined system of environmental law enforcement in the Bahia State portion of the corridor. Activities include working with a recently established inter-institutional group to plan joint initiatives, host capacity building seminars for enforcement agencies, and aid in the identification and dissemination of best practices for implementing environmental legislation.

Funding: \$75,000
Grant Term: 2/1/06 - 1/31/07
Grantee: Instituto de Estudos Sócio-Ambientais do Sul da Bahia

Coastal Environments of the Atlantic Forest - Phase 3

Develop a management plan for the Extractive Marine Reserve of Canavieiras so that this area effectively contributes to the conservation of local biodiversity and expands the network of protected areas in the Central biodiversity conservation corridor. The project specifically targets an important mangrove crab species, the caranguejo-uçá (*Ucides cordatus cordatus*), one of the principle fishing resources of the area.

Funding: \$31,998

Grant Term: 11/1/05 - 10/31/06

Grantee: Instituto de Conservação de Ambientes Litorâneos da Mata Atlântica

Community Awareness of Threatened Aquatic Species Among the River Islands of the Paraíba do Sul River

Bring conservation awareness to and mobilize action among the communities living around and using the lower-middle portion of the Paraíba do Sul River where extremely diverse fluvial islands are found. Ultimately, create and implement a protected area to conserve these very unique fluvial islands.

Funding: \$20,000

Grant Term: 10/1/05 - 9/30/06

Grantee: Associacao Dos Pescadores E Amigos Do Rio Paraiba Do Sul

Hunting Effects on Bird and Mammal Populations in the Reserva Biológica do Tinguá

Evaluate the effects of hunting on bird and mammal populations within the Tinguá Biological Reserve through the comparison of the abundance of certain species and the correlation of these numbers to hunting intensity, hunting records, and established links between the vulnerability to extinction of certain species and specific characteristics (such as weight, diet, and intrinsic growth rate).

Funding: \$8,766

Grant Term: 10/1/05 - 4/1/07

Grantee: Grupo de Defesa da Natureza

Supporting the Implementation of Mosaics in Protected Areas in the Serra do Mar Corridor

Provide direct support to the creation and implementation of three mosaics of protected areas, contributing to the creation and conservation of biodiversity corridors in the Atlantic Forest. These three areas are all within the Serra do Mar Corridor and include Bocaina, Serra da Mantiqueira, and Serra de Petrópolis/ Teresópolis.

Funding: \$100,000

Grant Term: 9/1/05 - 8/31/06

Grantee: Instituto Amigos da Reserva da Biosfera da Mata Atlântica

Brazilian World Heritage Biodiversity Program (Discovery Coast Atlantic Forest Reserves)

Make available \$800,000, matching CEPF resources, to civil society organizations with solid project plans that meet the conservation strategy for the Discovery Coast Atlantic Forest Reserve World Heritage Site in southern Bahia. This grant supports the Brazilian World Heritage Biodiversity Program's efforts in the Discovery Coast.

Funding: \$421,012

Grant Term: 7/1/05 - 12/30/08

Grantee: United Nations Foundation

Cape Floristic Region Hotspot

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

Biodiversity and Effective Management Assessment of Voluntary Conservation Sites in the Western Cape Province

Evaluate a minimum of 50 voluntary conservation sites (including private nature reserves, natural heritage sites, stewardship voluntary conservation sites, and conservancies declared by legislative frameworks or registered by CapeNature) by assessing their habitat status, management efficiency, and management guidelines and plans.

Funding: \$17,500

Grant Term: 12/1/06 - 3/30/08

Grantee: Western Cape Conservation Stewardship Association

Big Birds on Farms

Monitor the condition of 12 charismatic avian species in the Cape Floristic Region and inform farmers, in particular, about the situation of these birds. The aim is to increase public attention and encourage land-use practices that will continue to maintain or increase habitat for these birds.

Funding: \$15,000

Grant Term: 11/1/06 - 8/30/08

Grantee: Avian Demography Unit, University of Cape Town

Nature's Valley Water Opal Wetland Rehabilitation Project

Rehabilitate a wetland in Nature's Valley, a coastal settlement located in the Garden Route in the eastern portion of the Cape Floristic Region. Remove the dump debris, redirect stormwater canals, and replant the area with appropriate wetland species. Establish the wetland as an outdoor classroom that will be an illustrative link between the river and estuarine classrooms.

Funding: \$4,000

Grant Term: 11/1/06 - 4/30/07

Grantee: Nature's Valley Trust

Providing Guidelines for Game Fencing in the Gouritz Initiative Rooiberg-Gamkaberg to Outeniqua Nature Reserves Corridor

Survey the Rooiberg-Gamkaberg to Outeniqua Nature Reserves corridor to determine game habitat suitability and to provide pragmatic recommendations to locate game fencing on a 1:50,000 topographical map and, where possible, alternative sites that may be more acceptable to landowners. Produce a report that includes site descriptions with photographic reference.

Funding: \$4,000

Grant Term: 2/1/06 - 3/31/06

Grantee: Conservation Management Services

Strategic Direction 2. Promote innovative private sector and community involvement in conservation in landscapes surrounding CFR biodiversity corridors

Baviaanskloof Community Beekeeping Project

Via a community beekeeping project, provide opportunities for job creation and the creation of small enterprises to local community members in the Baviaanskloof Mega-Reserve. Train 10 community members as beekeepers to allow them to produce products from honey that in turn will provide them with an income and improve their socioeconomic status.

Funding: \$16,968
Grant Term: 12/1/06 - 11/30/08
Grantee: Wilderness Foundation – South Africa

Baviaanskloof Decision-Makers Trails

Introduce decisionmakers from local communities, youth, and municipal leaders in the region to the Baviaanskloof Megareserve via eight guided wilderness trails. A skilled wilderness guide will mentor local community guides as part of the initiative.

Funding: \$12,503
Grant Term: 12/1/06 - 11/30/08
Grantee: Wilderness Foundation – South Africa

Custodians of Rare and Endangered Wildflowers Phase 2

Conserve threatened plants and habitats in the Mamre region on the west coast of the Cape Floristic Region by involving local civil society in sampling priority areas and monitoring threatened plants. Support the local community to develop conservation livelihoods, in particular those related to tourism.

Funding: \$29,990
Grant Term: 12/1/06 - 11/30/08
Grantee: South African National Biodiversity Institute

Developing a Wild Rooibos Business Strategy for Sustainable Marketing

Support the Wupperthal Rooibos Association and the Heiveld Co-operative to develop sustainable harvesting strategies for wild rooibos and ensure that the strategies are followed by all harvesters and are monitored at a processing facility.

Funding: \$20,000
Grant Term: 12/1/06 - 11/30/08
Grantee: Environmental Monitoring Group

Elim Botanical Garden, Endemic Nursery, and Natural Corridors to Geelkop Nature Reserve

Develop a concept and implementation plan for an endemic botanical garden. The project includes conducting a feasibility study for a proposed nursery for endemic species, in particular for rare fynbos plants; rehabilitating Geelkop Nature Reserve and the natural corridor between the reserve and the proposed botanical garden; and mainstreaming biodiversity corridor management into the provincial road maintenance program.

Funding: \$20,000
Grant Term: 12/1/06 - 5/31/08
Grantee: Protea Permaculture

Empowering Local Communities along the Baviaanskloof Route: Training in Tourism and SMME development

Provide training opportunities to 50 community members who live and work in the five geographic areas that make up the sub-routes of the Baviaanskloof Tourism Route, an initiative of the Baviaanskloof Mega-Reserve. Empower these individuals with knowledge so they can benefit from the development of nature-based tourism as a result of the expansion of the reserve.

Funding: \$14,967
Grant Term: 12/1/06 - 11/30/08
Grantee: Wilderness Foundation – South Africa

Feasibility Study and Management Plan in Support of the Re-opening of Gamkaskloof Donkey Route as a Guided Heritage Walk

Conduct a feasibility study and prepare an implementation plan for the Gamkaskloof Donkey Route in Calitzdorp District in the Western Cape. The route starts in Groenfontein and crosses Swartberg Mountain in the Little Karoo (a proclaimed World Heritage Site) to "The Hell" in Gamkaskloof. This project will contribute to making the World Heritage Site accessible to the public, through partnerships, by reinstating cultural-historical practices and creating employment for local communities, while making private conservation land a financial viable entity.

Funding: \$20,000
Grant Term: 12/1/06 - 1/31/08
Grantee: Calbitz Holdings t/a The Donkey Trail

Greater Cederberg Biodiversity Corridor Biodiversity and Business Program

Help develop and grow biodiversity and business processes to secure biodiversity conservation targets in the Greater Cederberg Biodiversity Corridor. Engage the rooibos, potato, and 4x4 industries to develop and endorse best practice guidelines, and to develop and implement sustainable management systems and production models.

Funding: \$135,000
Grant Term: 12/1/06 - 12/31/08
Grantee: Western Cape Nature Conservation Board

Green Futures on the Cape Flats

Assess the feasibility of applying the Green Futures model on the Cape Flats in a way that restores two priority sites in the City of Cape Town's Biodiversity Network - the Edith Stephens Wetland Park and Harmony Flats Nature Reserve - to full ecological integrity, supported by off-site urban ecological corridor linkages, by developing the capacity and entrepreneurship of unemployed urban people in indigenous horticulture and landscaping.

Funding: \$19,998
Grant Term: 12/1/06 - 6/30/07
Grantee: Grootbos Green Futures Foundation

Greenline 24°15' E Trail Project

Assist private landowners in establish a hiking trail along the shortest route between two of the most extreme ecosystems in the country (arid interior karoo and moist coastal forest as well as critical lowland fynbos). The six-day-long trail will help promote innovative private sector and community involvement in conserving landscapes around the Baviaanskloof Mega-reserve.

Funding: \$18,700
Grant Term: 12/1/06 - 11/30/08
Grantee: Eersterivier Projects Organization

Walk With Me Indigenous Forest Trails/Hamba Nam Indigenous Forest Trails

Establish a guided hiking trail in partnership with the South African National Parks in the indigenous forest surrounding Karatara Forestry Village, a previously disadvantaged rural community adjacent to the indigenous Knysna State Forest.

Funding: \$4,000
Grant Term: 12/1/06 - 6/30/07
Grantee: Walk With Me / Hamba Nam

Linking Landowners and Small Businesses with Gamebird Conservation and Sustainable Use in Threatened Habitats in the Cape Floristic Region

Assess whether managing renosterveld for gamebirds is beneficial to overall biodiversity and ecosystem functioning in renosterveld patches. Investigate strategies for optimizing habitats for Cape spurfowl and greywing francolin within renosterveld patches in the lowlands of the Overberg, as well as the potential for commercial harvesting of gamebirds as an incentive for landowners to alter land management practices.

Funding: \$20,000
Grant Term: 11/1/06 - 9/30/07
Grantee: DST/NRF Centre of Excellence at the Percy FitzPatrick Institute

Eden to Addo Corridor Initiative

Establish a biodiversity conservation corridor through land management agreements within the area of private land stretching from the District Municipality of Eden to Greater Addo National Park. Activities include establishing partnerships, securing landowner support, and identifying and setting up pilot sites for stewardship.

Funding: \$70,000
Grant Term: 5/1/06 - 12/31/08
Grantee: Eden to Addo Corridor Initiative

Implementation of the Cape West Coast Biosphere Reserve Strategic Plan and Business Plan

Establish a project management unit to prepare a business plan and an awareness strategy, and facilitate economic development in the local communities in and around the Cape West Coast Biosphere Reserve. The reserve was established in the early 1990s, and became a biosphere reserve in 2000.

Funding: \$100,000
Grant Term: 3/1/06 - 2/28/08
Grantee: Cape West Coast Biosphere Reserve Company

Baviaanskloof East Conservancy Land-use Conversion Strategy

Pilot the land-use conversion from active citrus and fruit farming to a tourism-driven conservation economy in the 1,150-hectare Baviaanskloof East Conservancy, located at Cambria, the eastern gateway to the Baviaanskloof Mega-reserve.

Funding: \$20,000
Grant Term: 12/1/05 - 7/31/06
Grantee: Landmark Foundation

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

The Gamtoos Valley Collective Land Management Project Phase 1: Assessing the Viability of Collective Land Management as a Model for Conservation in the Baviaanskloof Mega-Reserve Coastal Corridor

Conduct a three-month assessment to support a subsequent private landowner-based project in the Gamtoos Valley, a high-priority corridor linking the Baviaanskloof Megareserve with the coast, and seek innovative ways (e.g. collective property management) to secure biodiversity on private land. The assessment will be used to develop a plan of action to secure hectares within the conservation estate while enhancing private landowners' perceptions of the value of conservation initiatives.

Funding: \$14,990
Grant Term: 11/1/05 - 1/31/06
Grantee: Wildlife and Environment Society of South Africa

Caucasus Hotspot

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

Wetland Management Training Course for the Staff of Sevan National Park (Armenia) and Kolkheti National Park (Georgia)

Increase the capacity of the staff of Lake Sevan and Kolkheti national parks and improve the management of the protected areas (inventory and monitoring). The project will be implemented through training seminars for park staff as well as representatives from other environmental entities, including nongovernmental organizations, research institutes, and universities.

Funding: \$30,000
Grant Term: 10/1/06 - 12/31/07
Grantee: Professional and Entrepreneurial Orientation Union

Enhancing Conservation in the West Lesser Caucasus through Transboundary Cooperation and Establishing a Training Program on KBA Conservation

Promote transboundary cooperation between Turkey and Georgia by carrying out joint initiatives that support the conservation of the West Lesser Caucasus biodiversity conservation corridor by implementing strategies relevant to priority species and site outcomes and organizing exchanges across the project sites and key experts in biodiversity conservation.

Funding: \$254,705
Grant Term: 7/1/06 - 6/30/08
Grantee: Doğa Derneği

Development of the Econet Scheme of the North Caucasus on the Base of Analysis of Satellite Images and Topographical Maps

Enhance the ability of civil society to influence the process of land-use planning in the Russian portion of the Greater Caucasus Corridor through development of an Econet plan - a high-resolution landscape-scale conservation planning framework.

Funding: \$94,950
Grant Term: 4/1/06 - 3/31/08
Grantee: World Wide Fund for Nature - Russia

Assistance to Establishment of New Protected Area Zangezur in Southern Armenia

Enhance the ability of civil society to partner with the government of Armenia in expanding an effective network of protected areas in the East Lesser Caucasus biodiversity conservation corridor. The organization, Khustup, will work closely with government to create a new specially protected natural area "Zangezur."

Funding: \$174,769
Grant Term: 3/1/06 - 6/30/08
Grantee: Khustup Nature Protection NGO

Creation of the System of Protected Areas of the North Caucasus (Green Corridor of the North Caucasus)

Create a Green Corridor stretching nearly 1,500 kilometers from the Black to the Caspian seas along the Great Caucasus Range - the backbone of the Caucasus Mountains. The Green Corridor will incorporate protected areas, flora and fauna migration routes, corridors, stepping stones, and multiple-use areas into a continuous and efficiently managed system.

Funding: \$250,000
Grant Term: 1/1/06 - 12/31/08
Grantee: World Wide Fund for Nature - Russia

Assistance to Establishment of New Specially Protected Natural Area "Arevik" in Southern Armenia

Assist the government of Armenia in establishing a new protected area "Arevik" in Southern Armenia. The project site is located in an area of importance for corridor-wide conservation adjacent to the Shikahogh State Reserve and will complement recent CEPF and WWF investments to maintain the integrity of this critical area.

Funding: \$156,237
Grant Term: 12/1/05 - 5/31/08
Grantee: Ecotourism Association Public Organization

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

Establishing the Conservation Status of the Acipenseridae Family in Georgia

Define the current status of the Acipenseridae species of sturgeon along the Georgian Black Sea coast, where no survey has been conducted over the last 15 years. The results will be used to elaborate recommendations on the current / updated status of the Acipenseridae species in a National Conservation Action Plan that will be submitted to the Ministry of Environment Protection and Natural Resources of Georgia and IUCN-The World Conservation Union.

Funding: \$55,000
Grant Term: 9/1/06 - 6/30/08
Grantee: Black Sea Eco Academy

NBSAP Implementation Program – International Conventions and Local Communities

Promote biodiversity conservation in Georgia by developing a local nongovernmental and community-based sector and promoting involvement in participatory planning and implementation of species and habitat conservation activities and mitigation and monitoring of development projects in selected areas.

Funding: \$235,000
Grant Term: 9/1/06 - 8/31/08
Grantee: Noah's Arc Centre for the Recovery of Endangered Species

Development and Capacity Building of Transboundary Bats Monitoring Network in the Caucasus

Establish and build capacity of a transboundary bats monitoring network in four countries of the Caucasus region: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, and Russia. The project includes development of a key habitat database, national and regional conservation action plans, establishment of a model protected area in the region, and a public awareness campaign for globally threatened bats.

Funding: \$175,000
Grant Term: 7/1/06 - 2/29/08
Grantee: Field Research Union "Campester"

Provide Support to Conservation Agencies Specifically to Improve Implementation of International Conventions (CBD, CITES and Ramsar)

Improve protection and sustainable use of biodiversity resources in the Caucasus by supporting officials in implementation of international conventions directed toward protection, use and biodiversity management. Activities also include deepening cooperation between government bodies, nongovernmental groups, and public structures both within the country and on regional and international levels.

Funding: \$34,963
Grant Term: 4/1/06 - 1/31/07
Grantee: Environmental Law Center

Reduction of Illegal Catch of Sturgeons by the Slowdown of the Demand for Caviar and Sturgeon Flash on the Domestic Market

Support the updating of data on sturgeon populations within the Caucasus Hotspot and enhance the ability of civil society to contribute to reducing demand for illegally harvested and processed caviar in Russia and Azerbaijan.

Funding: \$39,980
Grant Term: 4/1/06 - 3/31/07
Grantee: World Wide Fund for Nature – Russia

This grant is financially administered by World Wide Fund for Nature on behalf of TRAFFIC Europe-Russia.

Site Network for Birds and Wetlands: Inventory, Protection, and Community Management

Expand the CEPF-supported network of Important Bird Areas caretakers into the Russian areas of the Greater Caucasus and Caspian biodiversity conservation corridors by generating new knowledge on the conservation needs of globally threatened species, particularly birds, and by developing and implementing management recommendations at key sites.

Funding: \$144,000
Grant Term: 4/1/06 - 3/31/08
Grantee: World Wide Fund for Nature – Russia

This grant is financially administered by World Wide Fund for Nature on behalf of the Russian Bird Conservation Union.

Global Reptile Assessment – Wider Caucasus Regional Workshop

Support a regional workshop to assess the current conservation status of reptile species within the Caucasus region. The project will produce electronic maps of the current known distribution for each reptile species and assess their conservation status through the use of the IUCN Red List categories and criteria classification system. This will contribute significantly to the refinement of key biodiversity area targets for conservation within the Caucasus region.

Funding: \$19,870
Grant Term: 1/1/06 - 11/30/06
Grantee: IUCN-The World Conservation Union

Global Mammal Assessment – Wider Caucasus Regional Workshop

Support a regional workshop to assess the current conservation status of mammal species within the Caucasus region. The project will produce electronic maps of the current known distribution for each mammal species and assess their conservation status through the use of the IUCN Red List Categories and Criteria classification system.

Funding: \$19,910
Grant Term: 11/1/05 - 4/30/06
Grantee: IUCN-The World Conservation Union

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

Evaluation and Implementation of Sustainable Forestry Models in Northern Armenia

Evaluate the current status of the forest in the project site, develop a strategy on sustainable forestry practice, carry out a training program on sustainable forestry and a pilot program based on sustainable forestry principles, and provide training and projects for local stakeholders on alternative income-generating activities.

Funding: \$100,000
Grant Term: 10/1/06 - 6/30/08
Grantee: Armenia Tree Project

Training for Conservation - Biodiversity Assessment and Monitoring Training Program in the Turkish Caucasus

Adapt and develop training materials on biodiversity assessment and monitoring techniques for protected area management. The course will be adapted from the Smithsonian Institution's internationally respected Biodiversity Monitoring and Assessment Course and will be tailor-made for the forest and alpine regions of the West Lesser Caucasus Corridor.

Funding: \$146,863
Grant Term: 9/1/06 - 8/31/07
Grantee: Nature Conservation Centre

Integrated River Basin Management in the Turkish West Lesser Caucasus

Promote sustainable resource use through integrated river basin management in the Firtina Valley and the Turkish part of the West Lesser Caucasus. Priorities include reducing resource use pressure on the Kackar Mountains National Park and building new partnerships for improved management of these resources.

Funding: \$350,000
Grant Term: 7/1/06 - 6/30/08
Grantee: World Wide Fund for Nature - Turkey

Model Project on Sustainable Forestry and Introduction of Alternative Energy Sources for Saving Habitats of CEPF Priority Species

Produce briquettes from sawdust and replace the use of forests for heating purposes. Creating this small enterprise producing wooden briquettes will generate income for the local community, make them less dependent on natural resources, and reduce pollution.

Funding: \$45,000
Grant Term: 5/1/06 - 12/31/06
Grantee: Sumgayit Center for Environmental Rehabilitation

Strategic Direction 4. Increase the awareness and commitment of decisionmakers to biodiversity conservation in five target corridors

Mobilization of Civil Society to Solve Biodiversity Conservation Problems

Increase public awareness of the threats facing local biodiversity through production of a series of publications and television broadcasts and by organizing a special trip for journalists to visit remote and vulnerable sites.

Funding: \$100,000
Grant Term: 12/1/06 - 12/31/07
Grantee: Independent Producer Center Yeni Dalga

Building Awareness of Conservation in the Caucasus

Enhance journalists' capacity to cover biodiversity conservation issues and create new incentives for them to do so. An increase in quantity and quality of coverage will heighten public interest and encourage decisionmakers to take additional steps to protect habitat for globally threatened species. Activities include a training program for journalists, ongoing coaching for journalists and editors, and conducting a special awards program for biodiversity reporting.

Funding: \$275,168
Grant Term: 10/1/06 - 9/30/08
Grantee: International Center for Journalists

Increasing the Awareness and Commitment of Decisionmakers to Biodiversity and Ecosystem Conservation in Armenia's East Lesser Caucasus Corridor

Increase decisionmakers' and communities' awareness and commitment to biodiversity conservation, with a particular focus on the Armenian mouflon and Bezoar goat. This will be done through trainings, publications, posters, contests among photojournalists, and other activities tailored for these target audiences.

Funding: \$100,000
Grant Term: 10/1/06 - 6/30/08
Grantee: Armenian Forests NGO

Environmental Communication Campaign – “Conservation for Sustainable Development in the Caucasus Ecoregion”

Increase knowledge and awareness of biodiversity conservation among decisionmakers, the private sector, local communities, and other stakeholders. This is a national project to be implemented at local communities, districts, and national levels with a special focus on CEPF priority species and sites.

Funding: \$67,687
Grant Term: 9/1/06 - 9/30/07
Grantee: Caucasus Environmental NGO Network

Magazine on Nature Conservation in Georgian

Establish a Georgian periodical magazine titled "Nature and Society" to increase environmental awareness of decisionmakers and the public and providing pivotal environmental information with special emphasis on biodiversity conservation. The magazine will cover specific biodiversity conservation-related topics and reflect on decision-making processes in the field of environmental protection.

Funding: \$45,000
Grant Term: 9/1/06 - 2/29/08
Grantee: Georgian Center for the Conservation of Wildlife

Environmental Hot Spots Journalistic Monitoring

Develop local environmental journalists` capacity at the provincial/district level and increase commitment among decisionmakers toward biodiversity conservation. This project will promote dialogue among environmental journalists, governmental, nongovernmental, and private sectors that will engage decisionmakers on issues dealing with biodiversity conservation and sustainable use.

Funding: \$100,000
Grant Term: 8/1/06 - 7/31/07
Grantee: Regional Environmental Centre for the Caucasus

Public Campaign for Western Greater Caucasus Biodiversity Protection from Planning of Olympic Games in Sochi Region / Russia

Conduct a public campaign to inform and assist preparations for the 2014 Olympic Games in Sochi to adhere to environmental requirements. The campaign will involve mass media, local citizens, regional, Russian and international organizations, authorities, and other stakeholders.

Funding: \$9,305
Grant Term: 5/1/06 - 10/31/06
Grantee: Environmental Watch on the North West Caucasus

Eastern Arc Mountains and Coastal Forests of Tanzania and Kenya Region

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

Saintpaulia Project: Wildflower Field Guides for the Eastern Arc Mountains

Produce pocket field guides of the wild flowers and butterflies for priority areas within the Eastern Arc Mountains.

Funding: \$13,140
Grant Term: 4/1/07 - 3/31/08
Grantee: Wildlife Conservation Society of Tanzania

Capacity Building to Improve the Management of the Amani Nature Reserve

Update the infrastructure, communication, and management of the Amani Nature Reserve headquarters to enhance conservation effectiveness and increase tourism-related revenue to the reserve.

Funding: \$19,500
Grant Term: 1/1/07 - 12/31/07
Grantee: Amani Nature Reserve

Forest Use and Conservation of Biodiversity in Witu Forest

Survey both wildlife distribution and abundance as well as human activities on a 100,000-hectare conservancy. Using these data, assess the potential to develop an integrated conservation and development plan in conjunction with the local communities through ecotourism and sustainable natural resource management activities.

Funding: \$19,942
Grant Term: 1/1/07 - 3/30/07
Grantee: Danish Zoological Society

Kwale Herbal and Beauty Production Centre

Improve the quality control on a range of beauty products that are derived using essential oils extracted from plants growing in the natural and sacred forests in Kwale District in order to obtain Kenya Bureau of Standards certification and expand the available market.

Funding: \$12,030
Grant Term: 1/1/07 - 5/31/08
Grantee: National Museums of Kenya

Rubeho Environmental Action Plan (REAP) Project – Phase I

Engage all relevant stakeholders in developing an action plan that will improve the conservation of the Mafwomero Forest landscape and promote environmentally sound alternatives to reduce the impact of the demand for building materials and firewood among the local community.

Funding: \$100,000
Grant Term: 12/1/06 - 12/31/07
Grantee: African Rainforest Conservancy

Mangabey Educational Tourism Project in the Udzungwa Mountains, Tanzania: Phase 1

Complete the habituation of a troop of Endangered Sanje mangabeys (*Cercocebus galeritus sanjei*) around the Udzungwa Mountains National Park headquarters at Mang'ula to enhance educational tourism for both local and international visitors. In so doing, train and build the skills of rangers and local guides to ultimately increase revenue for the park and local community.

Funding: \$20,000
Grant Term: 11/1/06 - 8/31/07
Grantee: Trevor P. Jones

Managing the Interface between Forest Product Extraction and Rural Livelihoods in the Eastern Arc Mountains and Coastal Forests

Mitigate threats to the long-term conservation of Tanzania's forests from unsustainable timber trade and extraction through a combination of strengthening civil society and improved community management of forest reserves that will provide the tools necessary to prevent unsustainable trade.

Funding: \$100,000
Grant Term: 10/1/06 - 9/30/08
Grantee: TRAFFIC International

Protecting Biological Diversity on Unilever's Mufindi Tea Estate

Analyze the causes of forest degradation around the Mufindi Tea estate. Based upon this, and in conjunction with select user communities, develop projects to promote alternative sources of energy and agroforestry practices to supply fuelwood, building materials, and medicinal plants as a means to conserve these forests.

Funding: \$20,000
Grant Term: 10/1/06 - 9/30/07
Grantee: Unilever Tanzania Limited

The Wildlife Works/Verde Ventures Kasigau Reforestation Project

Reduce the pressure on the montane forest of Mt Kasigau through a reforestation program on the surrounding lowlands. Activities include empowering and involving communities in propagating indigenous tree species and replanting areas seriously denuded by uncontrolled charcoal burning and logging for domestic timber usage, as well as restoring depleted hardwood tree species to improve soil conservation and water catchments in the area.

Funding: \$18,154
Grant Term: 9/1/06 - 9/30/09
Grantee: Wildlife Works EPZ Ltd.

Socioeconomic Study of the Udzungwa Scarp Area: A Potential Wildlife Corridor

Undertake a socioeconomic study of villages between the Udzungwa Mountains National Park and the Uzungwa Scarp Forest Reserve. These data will be used to evaluate the most effective approaches required to improve conservation and reconnect these important forest blocks.

Funding: \$20,000
Grant Term: 2/1/06 - 4/30/06
Grantee: World Wide Fund for Nature

TALK (Training, Awareness, Learning, and Knowledge) about the Eastern Arc and Coastal Forests of Kenya and Tanzania

Raise awareness about the importance of these forests, the biodiversity they contain, the services they provide, and the threats confronting their long-term conservation through a variety of media including drama and music competitions, publications, radio, and TV programs to be broadcast in BBC's Earth Report.

Funding: \$143,600
Grant Term: 2/1/06 - 1/31/08
Grantee: Tanzania Forest Conservation Group

Assessment of Tumbatu Flora and Fauna Species

Reinforce the capacity of the local population of this island to undertake a survey to determine species abundance and distribution. Using these data, explore how best to develop appropriate management and conservation mechanisms based upon the local cultural and spiritual values.

Funding: \$7,000
Grant Term: 1/1/06 - 12/31/06
Grantee: Jongowe Environmental Management Association

Community Biodiversity Conservation Micro-Grants in the Eastern Arc and Coastal Forests of Kenya and Tanzania

Support community-based organizations reliant upon the forest resources with funds to undertake small-scale activities that serve to improve livelihoods and contribute to the conservation of the forests. Grants will include activities at individual sites as well as actions that have indirect conservation benefits including training and exchange visits.

Funding: \$400,000
Grant Term: 1/1/06 - 12/31/08
Grantee: World Wide Fund for Nature

Conservation of Zanzibar's Unique Flora and Fauna via Community-Based Forest Management and Socioeconomic Development Around Jozani-Chwaka Bay National Park

Expand the conservation and development activities around Jozani-Chwaka Bay National Park, in conjunction with village conservation committees, community-based organizations, and the Zanzibar Government to ensure the long-term survival of Zanzibar's endemic flora and fauna, including the Endangered Zanzibar red colobus and Aders' duiker.

Funding: \$174,985
Grant Term: 1/1/06 - 12/31/07
Grantee: CARE International (\$91,908); Wildlife Conservation Society (\$83,077)

Promoting Community Involvement in Resource Protection in and around the Boni-Dodori-Kiunga Protected Area Complex

Strengthen community participation and collaboration between local organizations, the Kenya Wildlife Service, and other stakeholders to improve the conservation of these remote coastal forests of northern Kenya. Undertake a participatory assessment of the current level of off-take of natural resources and develop self-regulating mechanisms to moderate over extraction.

Funding: \$19,930
Grant Term: 1/1/06 - 12/31/06
Grantee: Africa Conservation Fund

The Amani Butterfly Project

Expand the current operations of the Amani butterfly project to enable more communities to engage in butterfly farming as an income generating activity, in so doing defining the link between livelihoods and maintaining healthy, intact forest cover.

Funding: \$9,880
Grant Term: 11/1/05 - 10/31/06
Grantee: Tanzania Forest Conservation Group

Investigating the Benefits of Participatory Forest Management in Uluguru Forest Reserves

Extrapolate the relationships between community livelihoods and forest cover in six locations within the Uluguru Mountains to identify the best practices and constraints to forest management approaches and assist in refining these approaches accordingly.

Funding: \$19,933
Grant Term: 10/1/05 - 3/31/07
Grantee: Wildlife Conservation Society of Tanzania

Strategic Direction 2. Restore and increase connectivity among fragmented forest patches

Improving the Conservation of Magombera Forest and Community Livelihoods

Lead the process that involves all stakeholders - including the local community, private sector, and government departments - to formally gazette Magombera Forest as part of the Selous Game Reserve. In so doing, develop alternative livelihood activities to improve local livelihoods and conserve the *Iringa red colobus*.

Funding: \$70,000
Grant Term: 11/1/06 - 12/31/07
Grantee: World Wide Fund for Nature

Restoring Forest Connectivity in the Udzungwa Mountains

Identify biodiversity corridors combining both biological imperative and community use between existing forest fragments. In consultation with the local communities, the appropriate mechanisms to establish forest corridors will be put in place and the corridors will be replanted and tended to ensure the seedlings survive.

Funding: \$77,450
Grant Term: 8/1/06 - 12/31/08
Grantee: Tanzania Forest Conservation Group

Assessing the Potential for Restoring Connectivity and Evaluating Options for Improved Management of the Udzungwa Scarp, Iyondo, Matundu, and Nyanganje Forest Reserves in the Udzungwa Mountains of Tanzania

Assess the condition of the forests, ecosystem integrity, and human impacts between the Udzungwa Mountains National Park and the Uzungwa Scarp Forest Reserve to identify and map potential corridors between these critical conservation areas. Explore options for improving the management and conservation status of these areas.

Funding: \$88,535
Grant Term: 1/1/06 - 12/31/06
Grantee: Museo Tridentino di Scienze Naturali

Strategic Direction 3. Improve biological knowledge in the hotspot

Assessment of the Amphibian Species Diversity, Population Status and Trends within the Forest Fragments of the Taita Hills, Kenya

Survey and consolidate information on amphibian populations, their range, and abundance within the forest fragments comprising the Taita Hills and Mount Kasigau as a barometer of environmental health. Working through local counterparts, this project will train local field assistants with a view to developing a sustainable long-term monitoring program.

Funding: \$65,000
Grant Term: 9/1/05 - 12/31/08
Grantee: Dr. G. John Measey

Malundwe's Afromontane Forest and River Catchments: Discovery and Capacity Building

Describe and map the fauna and flora of Mount Malundwe located within Mikumu National Park to improve the management of the important forest habitats within the protected area.

Funding: \$30,000
Grant Term: 7/1/05 - 12/31/07
Grantee: Anglia Ruskin University

Strategic Direction 4. Establish a small grants program in the hotspot (all 161 sites eligible) that focuses on Critically Endangered species and small-scale efforts to increase connectivity of biologically important habitat patches

Coordinated Monitoring of the Endangered Spotted Ground Thrush in the East African Breeding and Non-breeding Grounds

Provide information that increases the knowledge about the spotted ground thrush (*Zoothera guttata*), its habitat, and the sites it occupies. Detect and act on threats to the species and other biodiversity of those sites, and help assess the effectiveness and progress of conservation efforts.

Funding: \$20,000
Grant Term: 3/1/07 - 12/31/08
Grantee: BirdLife International

A Second Population Assessment of the Uluguru Bush Shrike *Malaconotus Alius*, Uluguru Mountains

Complete a second population census of the Uluguru bush shrike *Malaconotus alius*, an Alliance for Zero Extinction species within the Eastern Afromontane Hostpot. Combined with the data from the 2000 census, these data will be used to measure the status and trends of this Critically Endangered species.

Funding: \$14,577
Grant Term: 11/1/06 - 4/30/07
Grantee: Wildlife Conservation Society of Tanzania

Assessment of Overall Spider Diversity and Establishment of the Status and Ecology of Two New Species of Spiders from Taita Hills

Establish a full checklist of the spider fauna of the Taita Hills and also carry out a detailed ecological survey of two recently described endemic species of spiders *Toxoniella taitensis* and *Toxoniella rogoae* to assess their conservation status

Funding: \$17,902
Grant Term: 10/1/06 - 12/31/08
Grantee: National Museums of Kenya

Small Grants for Building Research Capacity Among Tanzanian and Kenyan Students

Provide bursaries for students to undertake research at the species, site, and landscape levels.

Funding: \$200,000
Grant Term: 9/1/06 - 12/31/08
Grantee: BirdLife International

Assessment of Baseline Ecological and Socioeconomic Factors for Forest Restoration Planning in the Bunduki Gap of the Uluguru Mountain Forests of Tanzania

Assess baseline ecological and socioeconomic factors for forest restoration planning in the Bunduki Gap in order to increase forest connectivity between the Uluguru North and South forest reserves and enhance biodiversity conservation.

Funding: \$6,628
Grant Term: 7/1/06 - 6/30/07
Grantee: CARE International

Threatened Plant Species of not yet Surveyed Coastal Forest Patches in Handeni District, Tanzania

Complete a botanical survey of the little known coastal forest of Kwedijela in Handeni District on the western boundary of Saadani National Park to contribute to the protection of globally threatened plants and help guide conservation investment.

Funding: \$15,300
Grant Term: 5/1/06 - 12/31/07
Grantee: Adansonia Consulting

Population Density Estimates and Threats Evaluation of the Highly Endangered Udzungwa Forest Partridge in the Udzundwa Mountains of Tanzania

Survey the known and potential range of the Udzungwa forest partridge *Xenoperdix udzungwensis* to determine the population size, density, and abundance to update the status in the IUCN Red List. Document the population structure and obtain genetic material for analysis as well as gain an idea of the food preferences of this threatened species.

Funding: \$19,778
Grant Term: 2/1/06 - 1/31/07
Grantee: University of Copenhagen

Instituting a Biodiversity Monitoring System of Globally Threatened Species in Dakatcha Woodland

Engage the local community in an ecological monitoring program by providing training on methods to measure environmental factors. The community will then undertake a baseline assessment of the woodlands and continue to monitor changes and effects on the bird community.

Funding: \$19,978
Grant Term: 1/1/06 - 12/31/08
Grantee: Nature Kenya

Making Available Copies of WWF Ecoregion Books

Disseminate, to key institutions and policymakers in East Africa, the recently published Terrestrial Ecoregions of Africa: A Conservation Assessment and Freshwater Ecoregions of Africa: A Conservation Assessment. These publications represent the culmination of current understanding of these ecoregions. Improving access to these publications will strengthen the case for conservation interventions.

Funding: \$19,000
Grant Term: 1/1/06 - 3/31/06
Grantee: World Wide Fund for Nature

Biodiversity of a Landscape: Examining Forest Heterogeneity and Ecological Change in the East Usambaras Since 1975

Assess long-term ecological change, species diversity, and vegetation architecture to determine how these affect the ability of any area to be an effective biological corridor. Data on species composition and structure will be incorporated into a landscape-scale predictive model by integrating detailed biological surveys with high-resolution satellite images since 1975.

Funding: \$15,860
Grant Term: 12/1/05 - 11/30/06
Grantee: University of Florida

Population Estimates of Threatened Birds in the East Usambara Mountains, Tanzania

Calculate the population density of several highly threatened bird species occurring in the East Usambara Mountains. These data will contribute to assessing the 2003 gold rush that affected this area and to the long-term monitoring of conservation investments of this key biodiversity area.

Funding: \$19,960
Grant Term: 12/1/05 - 5/31/08
Grantee: The Field Museum of Natural History

Taxonomy and Conservation Genetics of the Threatened Mangabey Taxa of the Eastern Arc Mountains and Coastal Forests of Tanzania and Kenya

Collect genetic samples and record vocalizations from the major populations of mangabeys throughout Tanzania and Kenya. These data will be analyzed to determine the degree of speciation of the respective populations and the extent of reproductive isolation and potential threats to survival due to loss of genetic variability.

Funding: \$19,925
Grant Term: 9/1/05 - 8/31/08
Grantee: Carolyn L. Ehardt

Assessment of the Diversity and Conservation Status of Primates in the Coastal Forests of Kenya

Resolve important questions pertaining to the taxonomy, distribution, abundance, and conservation status for the nine endemic species and five endemic/near-endemic subspecies of primates in the region. These data will produce recommendations for long-term conservation actions and contribute to improving the IUCN Red List status of these primates.

Funding: \$19,900
Grant Term: 8/1/05 - 12/31/08
Grantee: Yvonne de Jong

Eastern Himalayas Region

Strategic Direction 1. Build on existing landscape conservation initiatives to maintain and restore connectivity and to protect wide-ranging threatened species in priority corridors with a particular emphasis on the Bhutan Biological Conservation Complex, Kangchenjunga-Singalila Complex, and North Bank Landscape

Strengthening Civil Society for Biodiversity Conservation Support Project

Strengthen civil society participation in all stages of corridor management and incorporate conservation issues in community, private, and national forest management plans in selected sites in the Nepali sector of the Kangchenjunga-Singhalila Complex. Through the development of a

multi-stakeholder civil society forum, this project will reduce threats to existing forests from encroachment, over-grazing, and unsustainable harvesting of forest resources.

Funding: \$60,165
Grant Term: 4/1/07 - 3/31/09
Grantee: Ilam Co-operation Council, Ilam - 2

Strategic Direction 2. Secure the conservation of priority site outcomes (key biodiversity areas) in the eastern Himalayas with a particular emphasis on the Bhutan Biological Conservation Complex, Kangchenjunga-Singalila Complex, and North Bank Landscape.

Conservation Corridor and Livelihood Development Project

Reduce the pressure of unsustainable forest use through conservation-friendly, low-cost livelihood options. Enhance the capacity of civil society to identify alternative livelihood opportunities that support conservation through community-based institutions in follow up to a plan developed with the International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development.

Funding: \$79,920
Grant Term: 4/1/07 - 3/31/09
Grantee: Namsaling Community Development Centre

Plant Biodiversity Inventory, Identification of Hotspots, and Conservation Strategies for Threatened Species and Habitats in Kanchenjunga-Singalila Ridge, Eastern Nepal

Identify important plant areas in the Kanchenjunga-Singalila Ridge of Eastern Nepal using endemic and globally threatened species of plants and their habitats and develop strategies to conserve these sites through scientific and participatory community-based approaches.

Funding: \$35,000
Grant Term: 4/1/07 - 3/31/08
Grantee: Ethnobotanical Society of Nepal

Strategic Direction 3. Leverage partnerships among donor agencies, civil society, and government institutions to achieve priority biodiversity conservation outcomes

Biodiversity Conservation Initiatives through Grassroots Participation

Build partnerships among stakeholders to incorporate biodiversity conservation perspectives in forest management outside of protected areas within the Kangchenjunga-Singalila Complex. This includes advocacy at the local and national government level, as well as raising awareness and building capacity at the local level to plan and monitor biodiversity in key project sites.

Funding: \$69,990
Grant Term: 4/1/07 - 3/31/09
Grantee: Environmental Camps for Conservation Awareness

Developing Civil Society Networks to Conserve Key Biodiversity Areas in Nepal, Focusing on the Kanchenjunga-Singalila Complex

Develop civil society networks to manage, monitor, and mitigate threats to biodiversity conservation in the Kangchenjunga-Singalila Complex. Pilot projects will establish local community conservation groups or "Site Support Groups" to identify and promote conservation solutions that sustain biodiversity while meeting the livelihood needs of rural communities.

Funding: \$69,988
Grant Term: 4/1/07 - 3/31/09
Grantee: Bird Conservation Nepal

CEPF Coordination in the Eastern Himalayas

Lead CEPF implementation in the Eastern Himalayas Region. The team will ensure maximum participation of civil society groups, support the development of effective conservation projects in line with the CEPF ecosystem profile for this region, and engage stakeholders to leverage funds for sustainable long-term investment.

Funding: \$843,360
Grant Term: 1/1/06 - 7/31/10
Grantee: World Wildlife Fund, Inc.

Strategic Direction 4. Develop a small grants program to safeguard globally threatened species in the eastern Himalayas

CEPF Small Grants Program, India - Small Grants Program for Biodiversity Conservation in the Eastern Himalayas of India

Achieve site and species outcomes in the Indian portion of the Eastern Himalayas, with emphasis on the North Bank Landscape and Kanchenjunga Singalila Complex, by awarding grants to: a) generate critical data and information on globally threatened species, sites, and landscapes, b) develop and improve approaches, including policies and governance, to conserve biodiversity, and c) build capacity for conservation.

Funding: \$607,350
Grant Term: 6/1/07 – 3/31/10
Grantee: Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment

Guinean Forests of West Africa Hotspot

Upper Guinean Forest Ecosystem

Strategic Direction 4. Collaborative public awareness, education, and outreach programs

Assessing Five Years of CEPF Investment in the Guinean Forests of West Africa

Organize a workshop with CEPF grantees and other partners in the region to assess the results of CEPF investments and identify collective lessons learned. Results will include documented proceedings and lessons learned to help inform future investment decisions.

Funding: \$129,353
Grant Term: 1/1/06 - 4/30/06
Grantee: Environmental Foundation for Africa - Sierra Leone

Strategic Direction 5. Biodiversity Action Fund

Building Sustainable Livelihoods Around the Wologizi-Wonegizi Proposed Protected Areas

Improve community livelihoods in the area between the Wologizi and Wonegizi proposed protected areas (Baziwhen, Zigida, Luyema, and Konia) in Zorzor District. Provide practical skills training in animal rearing and soap making, and conduct conservation awareness activities.

Funding: \$19,632
Grant Term: 11/1/05 - 7/31/06
Grantee: Skills and Agriculture Development Services, Inc.

Taking Biodiversity Conservation to the Proposed Lake Piso Nature Reserve

Focus on the proposed 76,000-acre Lake Piso Nature Reserve, one of the areas selected in an MOU between the Government of Liberia and Conservation International for inclusion in a protected area network in Liberia. Conduct inventories of biodiversity and socioeconomic factors to generate information for a computerized database for planning purposes, and build capacity of local communities to effectively manage and conserve their biodiversity resources.

Funding: \$19,992
Grant Term: 11/1/05 - 10/31/06
Grantee: Farmers Associated to Conserve the Environment

Reconstruction of Gbaboni Research Station at Sapo National Park

Collaborate with local communities and the Forest Development Authority to reconstruct the Gbaboni Research Station and ensure access by clearing the access road and hiking trail.

Funding: \$19,971
Grant Term: 10/1/05 - 9/30/06
Grantee: Society for the Conservation of Nature of Liberia

Madagascar and Indian Ocean Islands Hotspot

Madagascar

Strategic Direction 5. Biodiversity Action Fund

Assessing Five Years of CEPF Investment in Madagascar

Organize a workshop with CEPF grantees and other partners in the region to assess the results of CEPF investments and identify collective lessons learned. Results will include documented proceedings and lessons learned to help inform future investment decisions.

Funding: \$60,467
Grant Term: 1/1/06 - 4/30/06
Grantee: Conservation International

Support to Produce and Disseminate the Proceedings of the Eleventh Pan-African Ornithological Congress - PAOC XI (held in 2005).

Circulate the proceedings of the Congress, which was held in Tunisia in 2005, as a supplement to the BirdLife Journal Ostrich. This event brought together more than 300 naturalists and scientists from African and other regions of the world involved in bird research and habitat conservation.

Funding: \$10,000
Grant Term: 1/1/06 - 12/31/06
Grantee: BirdLife International

Emergency Intervention to Prevent Slash and Burn and to Ensure the Sustainability of the Income Generating for Conservation Program

Provide emergency bridging funds to support the local communities' involvement in the alternative, nature-based livelihood activities in the Vohimana corridor south of Mantadia National Park, reducing the threat of increasing the area under slash-and-burn agriculture.

Funding: \$10,000
Grant Term: 11/1/05 - 2/28/06
Grantee: L'Homme et l'Environnement

Mesoamerica Hotspot

Northern Mesoamerica

Strategic Direction 1. Foster civil society participation in regional decisionmaking on select policies and investments to promote the conservation and sustainable development of the Selva Maya and the Selva Zoque and Chiapas/Guatemala Highlands corridors

Baseline Forest Change Detection and Key Biodiversity Areas in Northern Mesoamerica

Identify globally significant sites for biodiversity in southern Mexico by collecting data on various aspects of species conservation and obtaining forest loss data from 1990 to 2000, in partnership with the grant, "Refining and Monitoring Conservation Outcomes in Northern and Southern Mesoamerica." This information will support the development of site-based conservation strategies for southern Mexico and the Mesoamerica Hotspot.

Funding: \$36,928
Grant Term: 1/1/07 - 7/31/07
Grantee: El Colegio de La Frontera Sur

Establishing a Baseline for Monitoring Species and Key Biodiversity Areas in Guatemala

Contribute to the identification of globally significant sites for biodiversity by collecting data on various aspects of species conservation in partnership with the grant "Refining and Monitoring Conservation Outcomes in Northern and Southern Mesoamerica." This information will support the development of site-based conservation strategies for Guatemala and the wider Mesoamerica Hotspot.

Funding: \$13,729
Grant Term: 11/1/06 - 5/31/07
Grantee: Wildlife Conservation Society

Establishing a Baseline to Monitor Species and Key Biodiversity Areas in Belize

Contribute to the identification of globally significant sites for biodiversity in Belize by collecting data on various aspects of species conservation, in partnership with the grant, "Refining and Monitoring Conservation Outcomes in Northern and Southern Mesoamerica." This information will support the development of site-based conservation strategies for Belize and the wider Mesoamerica Hotspot.

Funding: \$11,000
Grant Term: 11/1/06 - 6/30/07
Grantee: Belize Tropical Forest Studies

Promoting Public Policy Reform in Strategic Areas for Conservation in Northern Mesoamerica

Provide technical leadership to identify priorities and develop an action plan for policy reform in agriculture, forest fires, tourism, and infrastructure in Northern Mesoamerica.

Funding: \$73,116
Grant Term: 11/1/06 - 2/28/08
Grantee: Conservation International

Support for the Guatemala Debt for Nature Swap

As a pass through, direct the entire amount of this grant to support the largest debt swap of its kind. The swap will generate \$24 million for conservation over the next 15 years in Guatemala, and contribute to the sustainability of five key biodiversity areas. It will also strengthen projects funded by CEPF in Sierra de las Minas, Laguna del Tigre, and Sierra de los Cuchumatanes.

Funding: \$300,000
Grant Term: 9/1/06 - 12/31/08
Grantee: Conservation International

Strategic Leadership for Outcomes Achievement in Northern Mesoamerica

Provide strategic and administrative support to CEPF, partners, and grantees to achieve the Fund's conservation outcomes in Northern Mesoamerica. Activities include supporting all aspects of CEPF grantmaking, helping establish an advisory council, fostering collaboration with donors and other partners, leveraging funds, and supporting progress in policy reform.

Funding: \$608,140
Grant Term: 11/1/05 - 12/31/07
Grantee: Conservation International

Defining and Monitoring Conservation Outcomes in Northern and Southern Mesoamerica

Establish a network of partners throughout Mesoamerica in order to define and monitor conservation outcomes and indicators for species conservation, protected areas, and corridors throughout the Mesoamerica hotspot. Build regional capacity for conservation monitoring, disseminate conservation information and findings, and establish a fundraising strategy for sustainability.

Funding: \$162,323.50
Grant Term: 9/1/05 - 4/30/07
Grantee: Conservation International

This is a multiregional project covering both Northern and Southern Mesoamerica; the total grant amount is \$324,647.

Strategic Direction 2. Collaborate with other donor-funded projects to facilitate and operationalize successful conservation activities in Northern Mesoamerica's eight most important key biodiversity areas

Support to the Guatemala Gap Analysis Process Under the Convention on Biological Diversity

Support the development and dissemination of a financial sustainability plan for the protected areas system as part of a broader effort to fulfill the government of Guatemala's commitment to the Convention on Biological Diversity.

Funding: \$39,098
Grant Term: 10/1/06 - 6/30/07
Grantee: Conservation International

Preparing a Bi-National Guatemalan – Mexican Action Plan to Conserve the Biological Corridor between Calakmul Biosphere Reserve and Mirador - Rio Azul National Park

Promote dialogue and achieve consensus within Guatemala and between Mexican stakeholders on priorities for managing a bi-national biological corridor in a core region of the Selva Maya.

Funding: \$20,000
Grant Term: 9/1/06 - 6/30/07
Grantee: Asociación Balam para la Conservación de los Recursos Naturales y Culturales Integrados

XXVIII International Course for Protected Areas: Buffer Zones and Biological Corridors for Ecosystem Management of Landscapes

Support training of five participants from organizations working to conserve key biodiversity areas in Northern Mesoamerica. Training involves intensive coursework and practical field work in various planning and implementation topics related to protected areas management.

Funding: \$17,500

Grant Term: 7/1/06 - 5/31/07

Grantee: Centro Agronómico Tropical de Investigación y Enseñanza

Exchanging CEPF Grantee Experience and Lessons Learned in Protected Areas Management in Northern Mesoamerica at the Mesoamerican Protected Areas Congress II

Support CEPF grantee participation in Mesoamerica's premier protected areas conference. Grantees will exchange lessons learned from implementing conservation projects and improve their coordination, as well as disseminate information about CEPF and its conservation priorities to key conservation actors in the region.

Funding: \$19,600

Grant Term: 2/1/06 - 6/30/06

Grantee: Conservation International

Consolidation of CEPF's Protected Areas and Conservation Corridor Portfolio in Mesoamerica

Provide technical assistance to partners to help achieve CEPF's protected areas objectives in Mesoamerica. Assist partners in the declaration of new protected areas in Northern Mesoamerica, development of improved capacity for fire management and control of illegal timber and wildlife harvesting, and strengthening of existing protected areas.

Funding: \$162,360

Grant Term: 12/1/05 - 12/31/07

Grantee: Conservation International

This is a multiregional project covering Northern and Southern Mesoamerica; the total grant amount is \$237,360.

Establishment and Initial Management Support for Three New Protected Areas in Cuchumatanes Key Biodiversity Area in Guatemala

Build a foundation for declaring three new protected areas by preparing technical and management studies, drafting legal language for protection designation, and initiating management activities in close collaboration with community groups.

Funding: \$90,500

Grant Term: 11/1/05 - 2/28/07

Grantee: Fundación para el Ecodesarrollo y la Conservación

Identifying Important Bird Areas in Belize and Guatemala

Support local NGOs to identify Important Bird Areas (IBAs) in Belize and Guatemala for threatened, endemic, and congregatory birds. The information will be incorporated into the refinement of boundaries and prioritization for key biodiversity areas in Northern Mesoamerica.

Funding: \$19,900

Grant Term: 11/1/05 - 5/31/06

Grantee: BirdLife International

Fostering Stakeholder Coordination in the Selva Maya through Ecoregional Planning and Alliance Building

Support the ecoregional planning process for the Selva Maya Corridor by engaging leading environmental groups and government agencies throughout the region in joint planning and coordination of conservation objectives and actions. The grant supports technical studies, publication of the plan and findings, information dissemination, and government adoption of key recommendations.

Funding: \$106,600
Grant Term: 6/1/05 - 5/31/06
Grantee: The Nature Conservancy

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

Implementing Strategies for Inter-Institutional Coordination and Local Participation to Conserve the Selva Zoque Key Biodiversity Area

Strengthen basic management capacity and create new protected areas in one of Northern Mesoamerica's highest-ranked key biodiversity areas. This grant funds improved stakeholder cooperation across state levels, declaration of new protected areas, management of forest fires, conservation of six globally threatened species, and financial sustainability of project results.

Funding: \$400,000
Grant Term: 1/1/07 - 3/31/09
Grantee: Pronatura Chiapas, A. C.

Improving Management in the Core Areas of the Chiquibul/Maya Mountains

Create and maintain basic management capacity in one of Northern Mesoamerica's most intact yet increasingly threatened key biodiversity areas (KBAs). Strengthen management of Chiquibul National Park and Bladen Nature Reserve, and develop a KBA-wide conservation strategy in environmental education and improved binational cooperation.

Funding: \$369,805
Grant Term: 9/1/06 - 12/31/08
Grantee: Friends for Conservation and Development

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

Global Mammal Assessment: Mesoamerica Assessment

Conduct a systematic assessment of all rodents, bats, marsupials, and shrews in Northern Mesoamerica using expert opinion and established criteria for evaluating threat and conservation for each species. Data will be combined with other species assessments to evaluate all mammalian species in the region for the 2007 IUCN Red List.

Funding: \$19,449
Grant Term: 12/1/06 - 6/30/07
Grantee: Escuela Agrícola Panamericana, Zamorano

Preparation of a Strategy to Conserve Critically Endangered Species in Northern Mesoamerica

Support a meeting of experts to lay the groundwork for developing a strategy to conserve the region's globally critically endangered species. The meeting's objectives are to gather information on these species, identify key aspects of a species conservation action plan, and establish an alliance of conservationists and scientists committed to their conservation.

Funding: \$38,162
Grant Term: 5/1/06 - 7/31/06
Grantee: Escuela Agrícola Panamericana, Zamorano

Consolidation of a Strategy to Protect Globally Critically Endangered Species in Northern Mesoamerica

Provide strategic and scientific leadership to achieve CEPF's species conservation strategic direction. Activities include working with partners to develop an action plan to conserve the region's globally Critically Endangered species; facilitating development of partner proposals to implement the action plan; promoting the establishment of an alliance for species conservation; and co-designing a small grants fund.

Funding: \$197,664
Grant Term: 11/1/05 - 12/31/07
Grantee: Conservation International

Mesoamerica Hotspot

Southern Mesoamerica

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

Establishing a Monitoring Baseline for Species and Key Biodiversity Areas in Costa Rica

Contribute to the identification of globally significant sites for biodiversity by collecting data on various aspects of species conservation, in partnership with the CEPF-supported project "Refining and Monitoring Conservation Outcomes in Northern and Southern Mesoamerica." This information will be used to support the development of site-based conservation strategies for the hotspot.

Funding: \$10,000
Grant Term: 11/1/06 - 4/30/07
Grantee: Instituto Nacional de Biodiversidad

Establishing a Monitoring Baseline for Species and Key Biodiversity Areas in Nicaragua

Contribute to the identification of globally significant sites for biodiversity in Nicaragua by collecting data on various aspects of species conservation, in partnership with the grant, "Refining and Monitoring Conservation Outcomes in Northern and Southern Mesoamerica." This information will support the development of site-based conservation strategies for Nicaragua and the Mesoamerica Hotspot.

Funding: \$10,000
Grant Term: 11/1/06 - 4/30/07
Grantee: Fundación Nicaragüense para la Conservación

Establishing a Monitoring Baseline for Species and Key Biodiversity Areas in Panama

Contribute to the identification of globally significant sites for biodiversity by collecting data on various aspects of species conservation, in partnership with the project "Refining and Monitoring Conservation Outcomes in Northern and Southern Mesoamerica." This information will support the development of site-based conservation strategies for the Mesoamerica Hotspot.

Funding: \$11,593
Grant Term: 11/1/06 - 5/31/07
Grantee: Sociedad Audubon de Panamá

NGO Capacity Building for the Sustainable Development of Southeast Nicaragua

Support two workshops for local nongovernmental organizations and other stakeholders to provide training on key concepts in project formulation and management, and explore the potential social, environmental, and economic impacts of proposed African Palm plantations in Southeast Nicaragua on the region's six protected areas.

Funding: \$6,000
Grant Term: 11/1/06 - 1/31/07
Grantee: Fundación para el Desarrollo Sostenible

Dissemination of the Final Report from the GRUAS II Conservation Zoning Exercise in Costa Rica

Disseminate final report of the GRUAS II process in Costa Rica, which supported a highly participatory, national-level conservation zoning exercise to better direct conservation efforts in protected areas, conservation corridors, and private lands.

Funding: \$15,300
Grant Term: 9/1/06 - 12/31/06
Grantee: Instituto Nacional de Biodiversidad

Exchanging CEPF Grantee Experience and Lessons Learned in Protected Areas Management in Southern Mesoamerica at the Mesoamerican Protected Areas Congress

Support CEPF grantee participation in Mesoamerica's premier protected areas conference. Grantees will exchange their lessons learned from implementing conservation projects and improve their coordination, as well as disseminate information about CEPF and its conservation priorities to key conservation actors in the region.

Funding: \$16,654
Grant Term: 2/1/06 - 6/30/06
Grantee: Conservation International

Promoting Sustainable Development in the Buffer Zone of La Amistad Biosphere Reserve Through Ecotourism in the Naso Indigenous Community Territory – Phase II

Encourage the sustainable use of forests in the buffer zone of La Amistad International Park in Panama by assisting this indigenous group to grow an ecotourism business through improved marketing, business planning, and infrastructure development.

Funding: \$20,000
Grant Term: 11/1/05 - 5/31/06
Grantee: Organización para el Desarrollo Sostenible del Pueblo Naso

Defining and Monitoring Conservation Outcomes in Northern and Southern Mesoamerica

Establish a network of partners throughout Mesoamerica in order to define and monitor conservation outcomes and indicators for species conservation, protected areas, and corridors throughout the Mesoamerica hotspot. Build regional capacity for conservation monitoring, disseminate conservation information and findings, and establish a fundraising strategy for sustainability.

Funding: \$162,323.50
Grant Term: 9/1/05 - 4/30/07
Grantee: Conservation International

This is a multiregional project covering both Northern and Southern Mesoamerica; the total grant amount is \$324,647.

Strategic Direction 2. Connect critical areas through economic alternatives

Conserving the Forests of La Amistad International Park Through the Promotion of Traditional Medicine in Three Communities of Naso Ethnicity – Phase II

Maintain traditional knowledge on the use of medicinal plants in Naso indigenous communities as a means of offering an incentive to maintain forest cover. The grant supports training of Naso youth by Shamans, and development of tourism packages to visit medicinal plots and demonstrate traditional dances and costumes.

Funding: \$19,635
Grant Term: 9/1/06 - 4/30/07
Grantee: Asociación de Practicantes de Medicina Tradicional Naso

Strategic Direction 3. Promote awareness and conservation of flagship species

Preparing a Regional Strategy to Conserve the Manatee of Southern Mesoamerica

Forge an alliance of local and U.S.-based scientists dedicated to the manatee conservation in order to develop a regional strategy to conserve this species. The grant will fund the establishment of a tri-national commission for manatee conservation, field work, stakeholder consultations, and development of a regional strategy.

Funding: \$10,000
Grant Term: 1/1/07 - 6/30/07
Grantee: Fundación Amigos del Río San Juan (FUNDAR)

Monitoring and Dissemination of Data on Threatened and Flagship Species in La Amistad International Park, Panama

Gather population data on Endangered and flagship species in La Amistad with a view toward improving park management, conducting outreach to local Latino and indigenous communities, and increasing local capacity for conserving species.

Funding: \$17,930
Grant Term: 12/1/06 - 6/30/07
Grantee: MERALVIS

Strategic Direction 4. Support improved management of key protected areas

Developing an Action Plan to Prevent Environmental Degradation Caused by Migration in Cerro Silva and Punta Gorda Reserves

Stem the negative impacts of human migration in Southeast Nicaragua by gathering baseline data on its causes and growth rates, identifying areas of high vulnerability, proposing actions as a response, and encouraging local coordination by stakeholders on the topic.

Funding: \$16,000

Grant Term: 1/1/07 - 7/31/07

Grantee: Universidades de las Regiones de la Costa Caribe Nicaragüense

Development of a Strategy to Foster Financial Sustainability of the Rio San Juan Biosphere Reserve in Nicaragua

Achieve sustainability of current and future conservation investments and management actions by producing designs and proposals to foster sustainable financing in the biosphere reserve. The project will produce an overall sustainable financing strategy for the reserve.

Funding: \$8,000

Grant Term: 1/1/07 - 6/30/07

Grantee: Fundación Amigos del Río San Juan (FUNDAR)

Strengthening Protection Along the Costa Rica–Panama Border of the La Amistad International Park

Strengthen local capacity to patrol the Pacific sector of the border region of La Amistad International Park through support for coordination meetings of the park service of both countries and local communities, operations and equipment, and training of local community guards.

Funding: \$10,000

Grant Term: 1/1/07 - 6/30/07

Grantee: Fundación Agroecológica Cotobrusena

Prevention and Control of Forest Fires in the Buffer Zone of the La Amistad Biosphere Reserve of the Pacific Sector, Panama

Build local capacity to prevent and control fires by organizing and training local fire brigades, disseminating public education materials, and patrolling vulnerable areas.

Funding: \$19,800

Grant Term: 9/1/06 - 3/31/07

Grantee: Fundación para el Desarrollo Integral del Corregimiento de Cerro Punta

Proposal to Declare the Wetlands of the Maquenque National Refuge a RAMSAR Site

Set the foundation for the declaration of Maquenque Wildlife Refuge as a Ramsar site. The grant supports field and threats assessments, water quality analysis, and presentation of a proposal for Ramsar designation.

Funding: \$5,000

Grant Term: 9/1/06 - 3/30/07

Grantee: Centro Científico Tropical

Implementing the Indio Maiz Biological Reserve Management Plan

Support a series of protected areas management activities to strengthen conservation in CEPF's core investment area. Activities include community outreach and capacity building; institutional coordination between government, community, and nongovernmental groups; and enhancing sustainable development in buffer zones.

Funding: \$288,632
Grant Term: 6/1/06 - 12/31/07
Grantee: Fundación Amigos del Río San Juan

Building Environmental Capacity in the No Kribo Region of the Ngobe Bugle Indigenous Reserve

Increase the capacity of the Ngobe Bugle indigenous people to manage their reserve in the La Amistad Biosphere Reserve for biodiversity conservation and sustainable resource management. The grant funds the establishment of an environmental commission in the Regional Kribo Congress, capacity building of key stakeholders and local communities, and establishment and legalization of a biological corridor.

Funding: \$95,000
Grant Term: 3/1/06 - 7/31/07
Grantee: Asociación de Profesionales y Técnicos Ngöbe Bugle

Institutional Strengthening of the Rama Indigenous People for Territorial Demarcation and Sustainable Development

Build local capacity and provide the legal and management tools to the Rama indigenous people to gain legal recognition of their territory and to conserve their natural resources. The grant funds participatory needs assessments and resource use maps, a protection and control program, training in development and management of community projects, and monitoring and evaluation.

Funding: \$139,840
Grant Term: 2/1/06 - 5/31/07
Grantee: Universidad de las Regiones Autónomas de la Costa Caribe Nicaragüense

Consolidation of CEPF's Protected Areas and Conservation Corridor Portfolio in Mesoamerica

Provide technical assistance to partners to help achieve CEPF's protected areas objectives in Mesoamerica. Assist partners in the declaration of new protected areas in Northern Mesoamerica, development of improved capacity for fire management and control of illegal timber and wildlife harvesting, and strengthening of existing protected areas.

Funding: \$75,000
Grant Term: 12/1/05 - 12/31/07
Grantee: Conservation International

This is a multiregional project covering Northern and Southern Mesoamerica; the total grant amount is \$237,360.

Biodiversity Conservation and Management in Southeastern Nicaragua with Participation from Local Communities (Phase II)

Promote community-based conservation and sustainable development north of the Indio Maiz Ecologic Reserve in Nicaragua by supporting activities to implement eight local environmental action plans; conduct environmental education; fund organizational development and training of community groups and leaders; disseminate information on protected areas and indigenous rights laws, and monitor environmental trends.

Funding: \$157,600
Grant Term: 10/1/05 - 10/31/07
Grantee: Asociación de Desarrollo y Promoción Humana de la Costa Atlántica

Mountains of Southwest China Hotspot

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

A Comprehensive Baseline Survey For Initiating Biodiversity Conservation Actions in Southeast Tibet

Fill biodiversity and conservation information gaps in Southeast Tibet by completing a baseline survey, clearly defining conservation outcomes, and proposing a comprehensive conservation strategy. Local forestry bureaus, communities, and grassroots organizations will build capacity in biodiversity monitoring and natural resource management.

Funding: \$120,000
Grant Term: 4/1/07 - 12/31/07
Grantee: Peking University

Impacts of Hydropower Development on Regional Biodiversity in Southwest China

Analyze impacts of hydropower development on regional biodiversity in Southwest China to identify dam locations and impoundment areas within key biodiversity areas. The analysis of this data will help inform decisionmakers in planning this type of infrastructure in the future.

Funding: \$13,000
Grant Term: 9/1/06 - 12/31/07
Grantee: Department of Water & Environment of China Institute of Water Resources and Hydropower Research

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

Conservation of Endangered Medical Wildlife Resources in Southwest China

Encourage traditional Chinese medicine professionals to protect Endangered wildlife used as medicines. Activities include establishing a special committee with local partners to regularly update lists of Endangered species used in medicines, determine alternatives, conduct educational programs, and organize public events to promote awareness.

Funding: \$50,000
Grant Term: 9/1/06 - 12/31/07
Grantee: Wildlife Conservation Society

Wildlife Enforcement Capacity Building - CITES Species Identification Network

Strengthen the capacity of customs officers and forest policemen in key wildlife trade regions in Yunnan, Guangxi, and Sichuan. Establish an online CITES species identification Web site and provide training for officials to use and update the database. This online tool will then be translated into English for widespread use among Customs officials throughout Southeast Asia.

Funding: \$20,000
Grant Term: 9/1/06 - 6/30/07
Grantee: Institute of Ecology, Beijing Normal University

Independent Environmental and Biological Impact Research of South-to-North Water Diversion Program

Provide science-based recommendations to decisionmakers and the public on the implementation of south-to-north water diversion. The biological, geologic, and socioeconomic effects of the

project will be delivered to the public for the first time. The headwaters of the Yangtze and Yellow Rivers, the most important rivers of China, are the key areas for this project.

Funding: \$20,000
Grant Term: 6/1/06 - 11/30/06
Grantee: Yang Yong

Traditional Chinese Painting Arts as an Efficient Way for Advocating China's Southwest Snow Mountain Conservation Efforts

Extend the influence of traditional Chinese Arts on conservation efforts and increase public awareness of nature conservation, especially for the unique landscape of the Mountains of Southwest China Hotspot. The Arts and Conservation Association will organize activities and attract artists and stakeholders to join in conservation activities.

Funding: \$20,000
Grant Term: 5/1/06 - 4/30/07
Grantee: Yunnan Academy of Arts

Community Action Under the Biodiversity Conservation in Baishuijiang Nature Reserve

Decrease the wood consumption of local communities in the core zone of the Baishuijiang National Nature Reserve, and reduce the damage to biodiversity caused by this consumption by communities on the edge of the forest.

Funding: \$60,186
Grant Term: 4/1/06 - 3/31/07
Grantee: Community and Biodiversity Conservation Research Center of Lanzhou University

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

Mitigating Environmental and Social Consequences of Development in Southwest China

Establish a small grant-making and fund-raising mechanism to be managed by a consultative committee made up of civil society groups in Southwest China. The mechanism will contribute to more robust public discourse and greater participation in programs to mitigate the effects of unregulated large-scale infrastructure projects, natural resources exploitation projects, and regional mass tourism programs in protected areas or critical river systems within the hotspot.

Funding: \$107,000
Grant Term: 1/1/06 - 9/30/07
Grantee: Center for Biodiversity and Indigenous Knowledge

Small Grants in Supporting Integration of Science and Culture: Tibetan Sacred Land Protection and Measuring Effective Conservation

Use the traditional establishment of sacred lands in areas dominated by Tibetan culture as a method for protecting biodiversity in Southwest China and improve biodiversity information for better definition and monitoring of conservation outcomes in that region. Small grants will be awarded for a variety of related actions to achieve these goals.

Funding: \$200,000
Grant Term: 12/1/05 - 12/30/07
Grantee: Conservation International

Philippines Hotspot

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

Establishing the Link between Biodiversity and Human Well-Being: Developing a Suitable Framework under Philippine Conditions

Identify opportunities to integrate human welfare and biodiversity conservation objectives into the sustainability of the CEPF initiative in Palawan, Eastern Mindanao, and the Sierra Madre.

Funding: \$100,000
Grant Term: 4/1/06 - 3/31/07
Grantee: Conservation International

National Prioritization System for GEF and Other Donors' Biodiversity Conservation Investment in the Philippines

Take the key biodiversity areas (KBAs) initiative one step further in developing a system to prioritize conservation efforts in the Philippines by establishing an agreed set of criteria that will be used to assess and prioritize conservation action and investments in KBAs.

Funding: \$7,500
Grant Term: 2/15/06 - 4/15/06
Grantee: Foundation for Integrative and Development Studies, Inc.

Strengthening Conservation Efforts and Land Use on the Northern Sierra Madre Corridor through the Regional Geographic Information Network

Enhance the Regional Geographic Information Network's (RGIN) conservation efforts in the Cagayan Valley in the Sierra Madre Corridor. Provide support for capacity building, databanking, information system development, and communication. As a result of this investment, RGIN members will be able to more effectively support corridor-wide natural resource conservation efforts.

Funding: \$40,000
Grant Term: 1/1/06 - 12/31/06
Grantee: Integrated and Sustainable Upland Community Development Foundation

Strategic Direction 2. Build civil society's awareness of the myriad benefits of conserving corridors of biodiversity

IEC and Awareness Campaign for the Sustainable Resource Management at the Critical Watersheds of the Sierra Madre's Palali-Mamparang Mountain Range

Build on the successes of a previous CEPF-supported project that established alliances needed to manage the watersheds in the Sierra Madre's Palali-Mamparang Mountains by supporting increased awareness among local government, communities, and the private sector regarding the environmental and economic value of the area.

Funding: \$40,000
Grant Term: 1/1/06 - 12/31/06
Grantee: Friends of the Environment for Development and Sustainability, Inc.

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

Building Conservation Constituency through the 16th Annual Wildlife Conservation Society of the Philippines (WCSP), “Renewing Ties: Scientists and Grass-root Practitioners for Biodiversity Conservation”

Foster learning during the annual symposium of the Wildlife Conservation Society of the Philippines by highlighting CEPF grantees' successes and lessons learned.

Funding: \$10,000
Grant Term: 1/1/07 - 6/30/07
Grantee: Wildlife Conservation Society of the Philippines, Inc.

Conservation of the Del Carmen Watershed and the Formulation of the Watershed Management & Development Plan

Develop and begin implementation of a watershed management and development plan for the Del Carmen watershed. LEAF, local government, and the Del Carmen Water District will develop a co-management agreement among stakeholders, conduct a communications campaign, profile the socioeconomic characteristics of local communities, assess biophysical conditions, and incorporate watershed management priorities into the local government land-use plans.

Funding: \$20,000
Grant Term: 2/1/06 - 1/31/07
Grantee: Livelihood Enhancement in Agro-forestry Foundation, Inc.

Socioeconomic and Environment Development of Bucas Grande Watershed

Create a socioeconomic and environment development plan of the Bucas Grande Watershed to conserve the remaining resources within the watershed. The project aims to conduct socioeconomic profiling of occupants of the watershed and an environmental assessment of the biophysical condition of the area for an integrated community-managed water system plan.

Funding: \$20,000
Grant Term: 2/1/06 - 1/31/07
Grantee: Socorro Empowered Peoples Cooperative

Conservation of the Taguibo Watershed Forest Reserve and Formulation of the Watershed Management and Development Plan

Develop and initiate implementation of a watershed management and development plan for the Taguibo watershed that reconciles overlapping land-use plans and tenurial instruments. Work in partnership with the Butuan Water District to establish co-management agreements among stakeholders, conduct a communications campaign, profile the socioeconomic characteristics of local communities, assess biophysical conditions, and reconcile the competing land-use plans.

Funding: \$20,000
Grant Term: 1/1/06 - 12/31/06
Grantee: Livelihood Enhancement in Agro-forestry Foundation, Inc.

Expansion of the Aurora Memorial National Park

Catalyze the expansion of the Aurora Memorial National Park to 78,678 hectares by working with DENR and local government units to complete the documentary requirements for the expansion and develop implementation of a management plan with stakeholders.

Funding: \$30,000
Grant Term: 9/1/05 - 8/31/06
Grantee: Aurora Resource Development Initiatives Association, Inc.

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

A Re-enforcement Strategy for the Critically Endangered Philippine Crocodile Population in the Northern Sierra Madre: A Pilot Project

Establish an emergency response mechanism to help save the Critically Endangered Philippine crocodile in the Sierra Madre. The project includes identification and protection of crocodile nests in the 2007 breeding season and a head start program for crocodile hatchlings in localities where juvenile crocodiles have extremely low natural survival rates.

Funding: \$8,000
Grant Term: 1/1/07 - 6/30/07
Grantee: Mabuwaya Foundation Inc.

Integrated Conservation and Protection of the Philippine Crocodile (*Crocodylus mindorensis*) in Bgys Reina Mercedes (Blos) and Aplaya, Maconacon, Isabela

Address the protection of both *Crocodylus porosus* and *Crocodylus mindorensis* and the conservation of its habitat by empowering the local communities. Identified activities include consultation meetings, survey, delineation and demarcation of the crocodile habitat, and awareness campaigns. The main output shall be a municipal government resolution declaring the project site a crocodile sanctuary.

Funding: \$20,000
Grant Term: 4/1/06 - 3/31/07
Grantee: Northern Sierra Madre Natural Park-Development Foundation, Inc.

Status and Dynamics of Trade of *Heosemys leytensis*

Confirm the conservation status of the Philippine forest turtle *Heosemys leytensis* and assess threats posed by trade to existing populations in Palawan. The project will allow primary data on absolute numbers of wild populations and their composition will be collected and synthesized. It will also identify the trade routes, shipment, and trans-shipment points, traders, suppliers and numbers and origin of illegally traded *Heosemys leytensis*.

Funding: \$20,000
Grant Term: 1/1/06 - 5/31/07
Grantee: Western Philippines University Puerto Princesa Campus

Succulent Karoo Hotspot

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

Establishing the Knersvlakte Provincial Nature Reserve

Consolidate 26 properties totaling 43,979 hectares to form a core around which the Knersvlakte Provincial Nature Reserve will be developed in the Knersvlakte geographic priority area of the Succulent Karoo Hotspot.

Funding: \$310,000
Grant Term: 3/1/06 - 12/31/08
Grantee: Western Cape Nature Conservation Board

Informing the Development of an Integrated Land Use Management Plan For the Commons of the Namaqualand Uplands

Collaborate with partners to develop and implement an integrated land use management plan for the area. Collect and analyze biological and social data, and select and operationalize a pilot site to test different land use options. Feed these data and pilot site results into the integrated land use management plan that will be implemented by the Kamiesberg Municipality.

Funding: \$94,204
Grant Term: 1/1/06 - 12/31/09
Grantee: Agricultural Research Council-Range & Forage Institute

Building Stewardship Capacity in the Bokkeveld

Pursue stewardship as a conservation method in the Hantam-Tanqua-Roggeveld geographic priority area, and share lessons learned about appropriate stewardship models with relevant agencies and stakeholders. In the Bokkeveld, work with six landowners to prepare stewardship agreements that will ensure appropriate conservation management, farming methodologies, and grazing practices on approximately 6,000 hectares. In the Hantam and Roggeveld, identify and analyze stewardship opportunities, in preparation for future stewardship agreements.

Funding: \$274,827
Grant Term: 10/1/05 - 12/31/07
Grantee: Botanical Society of South Africa

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

Development of the Soebatsfontein Succulent Reserve

Conserve the high-priority quartz patches in this geographic priority area by erecting fences to help control grazing and establishing alternative land-use enterprises. Raise awareness in the community and among tourists about the biodiversity value of the quartz fields and the numerous local endemics and habitat-specialized succulent plant species they contain.

Funding: \$10,200
Grant Term: 10/1/06 - 9/30/07
Grantee: Soebatsfontein Tourism Forum

The Importance of Porcupines for Maintenance of Endangered Plant Populations and Plant Diversity in the Geophyte-Rich Koue Bokkeveld

Improve knowledge on the population biology and ecological effects of porcupines in the natural ecosystems of the Succulent Karoo, specifically in the vicinity of Nieuwoudtville. Gather data on how porcupines respond to hunting pressure and how this relates to farming practices that persecute porcupines, and conduct a cost-benefit analysis of their economic values.

Funding: \$28,309
Grant Term: 3/1/06 - 12/31/09
Grantee: University of Cape Town, Zoology Department

The Biodiversity & Wine Initiative Succulent Karoo Expansion

Expand the Biodiversity & Wine Initiative into relevant wine producing areas in the threatened lowland habitats of the Succulent Karoo Hotspot, especially in the priority areas of the Olifants River and Breede River Valley. This project will specifically support an additional extension officer.

Funding: \$20,000
Grant Term: 1/1/06 - 12/31/06
Grantee: The South African Wine & Brandy Company

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

Public Participation for an Integrated Conservation and Development Strategy for Akkerendam Nature Reserve

Facilitate a process of public awareness and involvement for the creation of an integrated conservation and development strategy for Akkerendam Nature Reserve, located in Calvinia in the Hantam Tanqua Roggeveld geographic priority area.

Funding: \$19,895
Grant Term: 5/1/07 -
Grantee: Southern Ambition 112

SKEPPIES Project Development Support

Strengthen linkages between conservation and development through the implementation of projects by civil society and government and develop best practices for the creation of a long-term mechanism that donors or government funds can use to expand their ability to channel funds to grassroots projects in support of the Succulent Karoo Ecosystem Program's 20-year conservation targets.

Funding: \$62,600
Grant Term: 11/1/06 - 10/31/07
Grantee: Conservation International

SKEPPIES Fund (SKEP Partnering In your Environment)—A Fund for Conservation and Development in the Succulent Karoo

Conduct a pilot phase for the establishment of a small grants fund for the Succulent Karoo aimed at supporting integrated conservation and development projects that improve livelihoods and achieve a biodiversity conservation benefit.

Funding: \$56,100
Grant Term: 3/1/06 - 2/28/07
Grantee: Development Bank of Southern Africa

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

SKEEP – Southern Karoo Environmental Education Project

Ensure that educators, learners, and partners in the Gouritz Initiative in the Central Little Karoo have a better understanding of the biology and ecology of the Little Karoo and are actively involved in conservation. Use puppet theatre, field outings, field camps and school projects to achieve this understanding and involvement.

Funding: \$91,286
Grant Term: 2/1/06 - 3/31/07
Grantee: Wildlife and Environment Society of South Africa

Sundaland Hotspot

Sumatra

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

Development of Nature Conservation Learning Center in Sibolangit Nature Reserve, Deli Serdang, North Sumatra

Develop and implement a conservation education program in Sibolangit Nature Reserve through development of an education center for the general public.

Funding: \$20,000
Grant Term: 12/1/06 - 6/30/07
Grantee: Perkumpulan Generasi Untuk Rehabilitasi Keseimbangan Hidup dan Alam

Anti-Illegal Logging Advocacy Campaign in the Jambi Parts of Bukit Tigapuluh Ecosystem, Sumatra

Reduce the pressures on remaining forest in the Jambi parts of the Bukit Tigapuluh Ecosystem from illegal logging and other destructive activities. All logging concessions bordering on Bukit Tigapuluh National Park have been discontinued, leaving behind an extensive network of roads that are being used to facilitate illegal logging or land clearing for cultivation. The project will facilitate information sharing about forest crimes.

Funding: \$20,000
Grant Term: 8/1/06 - 7/31/07
Grantee: Anti Illegal Logging Institute

Civil Society Support for Legalizing Spatial Planning Documents to Save Riau's Remaining Natural Forests

Influence decisions in Riau Province regarding the Spatial Planning at provincial and district levels to save the remaining Riau forest. Accommodate community rights to manage their forests through public awareness.

Funding: \$35,000
Grant Term: 4/1/06 - 3/30/07
Grantee: Jaringan Kerja Penyelamatan Hutan Riau

Review of the Co-Management Model for Siberut National Park

Assess and review the structure and effectiveness of co-management in South Siberut to ensure long-term sustainability. It is expected that this assessment will enable co-managers to better organize and manage themselves and become a more effective entity on the ground.

Funding: \$15,000
Grant Term: 3/1/06 - 7/31/06
Grantee: Antonius Djogo

Clan-Level Conservation Agreements, Siberut Island - Indonesia

Provide long-term legal basis for clan-level conservation agreements that will connect Deutsches Primatenzentrum's 4,000 hectares and Siberut National Park in the north of Siberut Island. The agreement will provide the legal basis for long-term conservation of Siberut forests and its

Endangered species already identified in the north.

Funding: \$40,000

Grant Term: 2/1/06 - 1/31/07

Grantee: The Rose Foundation for Communities and the Environment

**Community-Based Conservation Action through Sustainable Ecotourism Business
Development in Protected Area**

Strengthen community-based ecotourism in the buffer zone of Leuser National Park by building partnerships among communities, park management, and other stakeholders at the district level.

The result will be increased income and expanded job opportunities for local communities.

Funding: \$73,000

Grant Term: 10/1/05 - 3/31/07

Grantee: Indonesian Ecotourism Network

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

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

Effectively protect wildlife and their habitats in Bukit Barisan Selatan National Park in Sumatra through the continuation of Rhino & Tiger Protection Units operated by the Program Konservasi Badak Indonesia (the Indonesian Rhino Conservation Program). In cooperation with national park authorities, these anti-poaching teams detect and destroy traps and snares, and help identify and apprehend poachers.

Funding: \$50,000

Grant Term: 11/1/06 - 5/31/07

Grantee: International Rhino Foundation

**Develop and Implement Conservation Collaboration Model to Save Siberut National
Park**

Establish the community group Collaborative Management Siberut as a legal entity to co-manage Siberut National Park. A strategic plan for the co-management will be developed together with Siberut National Park Authorities (SNPA) resulting in a comprehensive plan in line with SNPA priorities and work plan.

Funding: \$50,000

Grant Term: 11/1/06 - 6/30/07

Grantee: Darmanto

Integrated Tiger Conservation in Southern Sumatra

Begin a process of increasing tiger habitat by re-establishing connectivity between Bukit Barisan Selatan National Park and protected areas to the north while reducing the threat of illegal hunting of tigers and human-tiger conflict.

Funding: \$29,975

Grant Term: 11/1/06 - 6/30/07

Grantee: Wildlife Conservation Society

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

West Coast Ecologically Sustainable Tourism Project - WEST Project Sumatra

Develop an alliance among surf industry representatives in Indonesia, Australia and the United States (including Surfer Magazine and Billabong Odyssey), the nongovernmental organization Surfaid, and Conservation International, and launch a joint effort to promote conservation and sustainable economic development on Siberut Island.

Funding: \$15,000
Grant Term: 2/1/06 - 12/31/06
Grantee: ASEAN Focus Group Pty Ltd

Tropical Andes Hotspot

Vilcabamba-Amboró Conservation Corridor

Strategic Direction 1. Establish effective mechanisms for transboundary coordination, collaboration, and catalytic action within the Vilcabamba-Amboró Corridor

Assessing Five Years of CEPF Investment in the Tropical Andes

Organize a workshop with CEPF grantees and other partners in the region to assess the results of CEPF investments and identify collective lessons learned. Results will include documented proceedings and lessons learned to help inform future investment decisions.

Funding: \$72,903
Grant Term: 3/1/06 - 5/31/06
Grantee: Asociación para la Conservación, Investigación de la Biodiversidad y el Desarrollo Sustentable

Strategic Direction 3. Encourage community-based biodiversity conservation and natural resource management

Small Grant Program for the Bolivian Portion of the Vilcabamba-Amboró Conservation Corridor

Establish and administer a \$1 million small grants fund within Fundación Puma in Bolivia to support projects within the Vilcabamba-Amboró Corridor of Bolivia that help local communities better manage and use their natural resources in and around the protected areas of the corridor. CEPF and Fundación Puma will each contribute \$500,000. This fund directly supports the CEPF strategic direction for the Tropical Andes Hotspot to encourage community-based biodiversity conservation.

Funding: \$500,000
Grant Term: 11/1/05 - 12/31/06
Grantee: Fundación Protección y Uso Sostenible del Medio Ambiente

Tumbes-Chocó-Magdalena Hotspot
Chocó-Manabi Conservation Corridor

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

Design and Implementation of a Socioenvironmental Information and Monitoring System in the Chocó-Manabí Corridor

Design a socio-environmental monitoring system for assessing the state of biodiversity in the Chocó-Manabí Conservation Corridor. The system will serve as an early warning and threat detection tool for conservation practitioners and decisionmakers helping to strengthen policies and environmental management in the corridor.

Funding: \$133,000
Grant Term: 11/1/06 - 12/31/07
Grantee: Centro de Investigacion y Estudios en Biodiversidad y Recursos Geneticos

Building the Chocó-Manabi Conservation Corridor, Phase II

Continuing the CEPF coordination activities in the Choco-Manabi Conservation Corridor, continue reviewing new Letters of Inquiry and full proposals, monitoring CEPF grants, carrying out site visits, and assisting grantees in conflict resolution and coordination among other CEPF grantees and stakeholders.

Funding: \$304,839
Grant Term: 7/1/05 - 12/31/06
Grantee: Conservation International

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

Demarcating and Promoting the Limits of the Lower Portion of the Cotacachi-Cayapas Ecological Reserve

Support the consolidation of the Cotacachi Cayapas Ecological Reserve by focusing on defining and demarcating its limits in the lower portion of the reserve and promoting awareness of the reserve's boundaries to nearby communities.

Funding: \$20,000
Grant Term: 1/1/07 - 12/31/07
Grantee: Fondo Ambiental Nacional

Expand, Strengthen, and Sustain the Community Conservation Areas in the Buffer Zone of the Cotacachi-Cayapas Ecological Reserve

Expand existing conservation incentive agreements with the Chachi Indigenous Peoples to five new centers and bring two Afro-Ecuadorian centers into the scheme for an additional 5,000 hectares under protection as part of the Great Chachi Reserve in the buffer zone of the Cotacachi Cayapas Ecological Reserve.

Funding: \$79,000
Grant Term: 1/1/07 - 6/30/08
Grantee: Fundación Servicio Ecuatoriano para la Conservación y el Desarrollo Sostenible

Participatory Evaluation and Update of the Manglares Cayapas Mataje Ecological Reserve Management Plan

Finalize the management plan for the REMACAM (Cayapas Mataje Mangroves Ecological Reserve) and begin implementing the first phase. The plan will be created with local participation to minimize potential negative impacts and to develop necessary partnerships and political will for the sustainable management and conservation of the area's natural resources.

Funding: \$60,000
Grant Term: 9/1/05 - 8/31/06
Grantee: Grupo Social Fondo Ecuatoriano Populorum Progressio

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

Design and Implementation of a Socioenvironmental Information and Monitoring System in the Chocó-Manabí Corridor

Inform the design of the Socioenvironmental Monitoring System for the Chocó-Manabí Conservation Corridor by providing a forest cover and change detection map for the period of 1990-2000 that will be part of a predictive land-cover model.

Funding: \$19,210
Grant Term: 11/1/06 - 6/30/07
Grantee: Conservation International

Selecting Productive Alternatives for the Sustainable Use of Biodiversity Resources In Three Chachi Centers in the Province of Esmeraldas

Identify sustainable economic alternatives for communities living in and around the Cotacachi Cayapas Ecological Reserve. The project will contribute toward a larger process of assisting Chachi communities to develop and manage the sustainable use of natural resources.

Funding: \$5,000
Grant Term: 1/1/06 - 2/28/06
Grantee: Fundación Ecuatoriana de Estudios Ecológicos

Polynesia-Micronesia Hotspot

** All grants in this hotspot were funded through support to CEPF from the Australian government's Regional Natural Heritage Program for a targeted CEPF Invasive Species Program. This program, envisioned during the CEPF planning process for this hotspot, was designed to help catalyze full implementation of the Polynesia-Micronesia ecosystem profile.*

Strategic Direction 1: Prevent, control, and eradicate invasive species in key biodiversity areas

Challenging the Yellow Crazy Ant (*Anoplolepis gracilipes*) on Tokelau: Development and Implementation of Control Options for Invasive Ants

Develop and implement control options for yellow crazy ants on Tokelau. The project will involve training of local personnel in ant control, monitoring and evaluation of the success of control programs; implementing an education and awareness program for local people, and developing a contingency plan for future ant explosions.

Funding: \$16,000
Grant Term: 4/1/2006 - 6/30/2006
Grantee: Victoria Link Limited

Protection of Fakaofu from Myna Birds Invasion

Develop and implement a myna bird management project on Fakaofu atoll, Tokelau. The project will involve the preparation of a feasibility study and operational plan for myna bird eradication. If feasibility is positive, myna birds will be eradicated from the atoll and local people trained in how to prevent re-invasion.

Funding: \$13,000
Grant Term: 4/1/06 - 6/30/06
Grantee: Taupulega Fakaofu

Restoration of Nu'utele and Nu'ulua Islands (Aleipata Group), Samoa

Establish the necessary preparatory groundwork, such as feasibility studies, operational plans, and management strategies for the restoration of the Aleipata islands by eradicating the Pacific or Polynesian rat (*Rattus exulans*) and controlling the yellow crazy ant (*Anoplolepis gracilipes*). Once eradicated, island populations of globally threatened birds and flying foxes will be secured.

Funding: \$70,235
Grant Term: 4/1/2006 - 9/30/2006
Grantee: Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme

Assessment of Invasive Pathogens in Relation to the Distribution of Introduced Mosquitoes in Tonga: Potential Threats to Biodiversity

Survey the distribution and abundance of invasive mosquito species in Tonga and analyze blood samples for pathogens, including avian malaria and arboviruses. The project will also work closely with Tongan community groups to raise awareness of mosquito-borne disease and to determine the feasibility of mosquito habitat removal.

Funding: \$19,900
Grant Term: 3/1/2006 - 5/31/2006
Grantee: EcoCare Pacific Trust

Phoenix Islands Conservation Survey and Assessment of Restoration Feasibility: Kiribati

Prepare feasibility and operational plans for the management of invasive species on priority islands in the Phoenix group detailing the invasive species to be managed, the methodology, budget, timing, non-target issues and the monitoring and maintenance of pest-free status.

Funding: \$80,000
Grant Term: 3/1/06 - 6/30/06
Grantee: Pacific Expeditions Limited

Prospects for Biological Control of *Merremia Peltata*

Prepare a feasibility study of the prospects for the effective biocontrol of the weedy invasive vine, *Merremia peltata*, in the hotspot. The project will also outline the steps and costs associated with such a program, and the opportunities to enhance the ability of local people to manage invasive plants.

Funding: \$10,000
Grant Term: 3/1/2006 - 6/30/2006
Grantee: Landcare Research New Zealand Ltd.

Feasibility Study and Project Plan to Eradicate Rats from Ant Atoll, Federated States of Micronesia

Prepare a feasibility study and project plan for the eradication of rats from Ant Atoll, Federated States of Micronesia. The feasibility study will include a site assessment, rodent survey, eradication planning and a trial eradication of techniques along with a report to the community on the outcomes of the feasibility.

Funding: \$20,000
Grant Term: 2/1/06 - 6/30/06
Grantee: Conservation Society of Pohnpei

Feasibility Study for the Management of Invasive Alien Species on Kayangel Atoll, Palau

Prepare a feasibility study and project plan for invasive species management of Kayangel Atoll, Palau. The feasibility study will include the consideration of social and economic, as well as technical and ecological, issues. Further project objectives include capacity building of resource managers and raising local awareness of invasive species impacts.

Funding: \$20,000
Grant Term: 2/1/2006 - 6/30/2006
Grantee: Palau Conservation Society

Protecting the Internationally Important Seabird Colony of Vatuira Island, Fiji

Prepare a feasibility study for the eradication of Pacific rats from Vatu-i-Ra island, Fiji in order to safeguard globally significant seabird populations. If the feasibility is positive, rat eradication will be conducted along with training of community members in eradication and raising awareness of invasive species management issues.

Funding: \$19,264
Grant Term: 2/1/2006 - 8/31/2006
Grantee: BirdLife International Pacific Regional Programme

Restoration of Vahanga Atoll

Prepare a detailed operational management plan for the eradication of Pacific rats on Vahanga Atoll as a first step in the restoration of the island biodiversity. Once initiated the project will also provide a training opportunity for local people in pest survey and eradication techniques and monitoring of indigenous biota.

Funding: \$19,800
Grant Term: 2/1/06 - 6/30/06
Grantee: Societe d'Ornithologie de Polynesie

Launching the Pacific Invasives Learning Network: Strengthening and Connecting Invasive Species Management and Demonstration Projects Across the Pacific Islands

Develop the Pacific Invasives Learning Network by promoting the establishment of multi-agency invasive alien species teams, assisting the teams to identify and implement demonstration projects in key biodiversity areas, linking teams through targeted learning exchanges and building partnerships with a number of partners including PII, SPC, USFS and other regional IAS initiatives.

Funding: \$67,485
Grant Term: 1/06-6/06
Grantee: Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme

Nu'utele and Nu'ulua Islands (Aleipata) – First Steps to Island Restoration and a Secure Wildlife Sanctuary for the Independent State of Samoa

Develop the co-management agreement between the village councils and government for the restoration and long-term conservation of these islands to safeguard populations of Endangered land birds as well as internationally important seabird congregations of boobies, noddies, terns and frigate birds and nesting grounds of the hawksbill turtle.

Funding: \$20,000
Grant Term: 1/06-6/06
Grantee: David Butler Associates Ltd

Protection of Tanga'eo, the endemic Mangaia Kingfisher (*Halcyon rufficollaris*) from Common Myna (*Acridotheres tristis*)

Prepare a feasibility study for the eradication of common myna birds from Mangaia Island. The feasibility study will assess the social acceptance of eradicating mynas; determine myna distribution and the best time for eradication; provide a plan to train Mangaians for survey work and recommend the best techniques for success.

Funding: \$19,472
Grant Term: 1/06-6/06
Grantee: Taporoporoanga Ipukarea Society

Pacific Ant Prevention Program: Implementation Phase I

Design an effective plan for the implementation of a Pacific Ant Prevention Program to strengthen island defenses against the introduction of invasive ants, to control or eradicate invasive ants in key biodiversity areas, and to perform research and provide training in invasive ant management techniques.

Funding: \$86,895
Grant Term: 12/05-6/06
Grantee: Secretariat of the Pacific Community

Maintain and Enhance Pacific Islands Focus of the Global Invasive Species Database

Ensure that invasive species data are available at the highest quality, currency, and completeness in a popular format. Provide practitioners and decision makers with free access to authoritative, current, relevant information and allow them to better address invasive alien species issues in key biodiversity areas throughout the hotspot.

Funding: \$75,936
Grant Term: 10/05-6/06
Grantee: Auckland UniServices Limited

PP-CII Coordination and Technical and Scientific Support for RNHP Projects

Provide the most up-to-date technical input to grantees on a series of conservation projects focusing on the conservation of Endangered plants and animals throughout the Polynesia-Micronesia Hotspot that are threatened by invasive alien species.

Funding: \$144,300
Grant Term: 10/05-6/06
Grantee: Auckland UniServices Limited

The Viwa Island Restoration Project, Fiji

Restore the populations of native fauna of Viwa Island and ensure the long-term conservation of the Endangered Fijian ground frog (*Platymantis vitiana*). This integrated project will also address water storage on the island as well as develop ecotourism potential.

Funding: \$122,250

Grant Term: 10/05-6/06

Grantee: University of the South Pacific

Urgent, Interim Employment of Coordination and Technical Support Officer (PP-CII)

Establish a thorough review process for proposals received that strive to conserve endangered species threatened by invasive alien species. In addition, provide technical support to project managers, stakeholders and others involved in the planning and implementation of these projects and refine priorities for the Regional Natural Heritage Program's investment.

Funding: \$19,600

Grant Term: 8/05-11/05

Grantee: Auckland UniServices Limited