

Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund

Seventeenth Meeting of the Donor Council
Conservation International
2011 Crystal Drive, Arlington, VA
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Budget Allocation for the Maputaland-Pondoland-Albany Biodiversity Hotspot

Recommended Action Item:

The Donor Council is asked to consider the proposal by the MacArthur Foundation to revise the \$5.5 million budget presented to the Council as part of the no-objection approval request for this ecosystem profile. The ecosystem profile was approved by the Council via electronic no-objection approval on 12 April 2010, however the MacArthur proposal specific to the budget was agreed to be discussed at this meeting of the Council. The proposal is to increase the total budget allocation for this hotspot to \$6.85 million.

Background:

A working draft of this ecosystem profile was shared with the Working Group and stakeholders in October 2009 as part of the preparations for a final regional stakeholders meeting. A refined draft of the profile, including the \$5.5 million total budget allocation, was discussed at a meeting of the Working Group in November 2009. In addition, a further refined draft of the investment strategy was distributed to the Working Group in February 2010 for final review.

All comments made by the Working Group during the meeting in November were incorporated into the final draft submitted for Donor Council review and no-objection approval on 26 February 2010. During the no-objection approval period, however, the MacArthur Foundation Working Group representative expressed concern about the total budget allocation and also the sub-budget allocations for three of the outcomes in the logical framework (attached). The representative presented an alternative proposal to be considered as follows:

- Increasing the total budget allocation from \$5.5 million to \$6.85 million
- Within this total budget allocation, increasing the allocation for:
 - Outcome 2 by \$1 million, from \$2 million to \$3 million for expanding conservation areas and improving land-use management in 19 key biodiversity areas
 - Outcome 4 by \$350,000, from \$650,000 to \$1 million for increasing the capacity for conservation and management of priority sites
 - Outcome 5 by \$135,000, from \$550,000 to \$685,000 for the regional implementation team

As there was no response to the specific proposal from the other donor partners, the Secretariat suggested to include the discussion of the proposal during this meeting of the Council via e-mail on 13 April 2010.

MAPUTALAND-PONDOLAND-ALBANY HOTSPOT LOGICAL FRAMEWORK¹

Objective	Targets	Means of Verification	Important Assumptions
Strengthening the involvement and effectiveness of civil society in conservation and management of globally important biodiversity	<p>At least 40 civil society actors actively participate in conservation programs guided by the ecosystem profile</p> <p>1,400,000 hectares of key biodiversity areas (5% of the hotspot) with strengthened protection and management, including at least 300,000 hectares of new protected areas</p> <p>1,465,000 hectares in production landscapes managed for biodiversity conservation or sustainable use</p>	<p>Grantee and Regional Implementation Team performance reports</p> <p>Annual portfolio overview reports; portfolio midterm and final assessment</p>	The CEPF grants portfolio will effectively guide and coordinate conservation action in the Maputaland-Pondoland-Albany Hotspot
Intermediate Outcomes	Intermediate Indicators	Means of Verification	Important Assumptions
<p>Outcome 1: The conservation status of undercapacitated and emerging protected areas in 3 priority key biodiversity areas strengthened</p> <p>\$800,000</p>	<p>At least 2 public-private partnerships and civil society initiatives supported that facilitate planning and implementation of the Ponto d'Ouro Partial Marine Reserve, Lebombo Transfrontier Corridor (both in Mozambique) and protection of the Mkambati and Dwesa-Cwebe reserves in Pondoland North Coast, South Africa</p> <p>At least 4 innovative approaches promoted and strengthened to</p>	<p>Protected Areas Tracking Tool (SP1 METT)</p> <p>Grantee and Regional Implementation Team performance reports</p> <p>Formal legal declarations or community agreements designating new protected areas</p> <p>Regional Implementation Team site visits and monitoring</p>	<p>Local stakeholders are willing to play an active role in site-based conservation</p> <p>Government policies permit the establishment of local, stakeholder-based conservation groups</p> <p>National governments maintain or increase human and financial resources for formal protected areas</p> <p>Protected area managers and</p>

	safeguard threatened habitats in the Licuati Forests and Eastern Swazi Lebombo (in Mozambique and Swaziland)		<p>enforcement staff are receptive to training initiatives</p> <p>Appropriate site-based monitoring protocols can be identified or developed</p> <p>Sufficient civil society capacity to implement site-based conservation exists or can be built</p>
<p>Outcome 2: Conservation areas expanded and land-use management improved in 19 priority key biodiversity areas through innovative approaches</p> <p>\$2,000,000</p>	<p>At least 20 innovative approaches developed and implemented to expand protected areas on private and communal lands, particularly lands with threatened species and habitats underrepresented in the current protected area network</p> <p>8 land reform agreements have integrated conservation practice to expand conservation management and sustain livelihood opportunities.</p>	<p>Protected Areas Tracking Tool (SP1 METT)</p> <p>Productive Landscape Tracking Tool (SP2 METT)</p> <p>Grantee and Regional Implementation Team performance reports</p> <p>Formal legal declarations or community agreements designating new protected areas</p> <p>Regional Implementation Team site visits and monitoring</p>	<p>Government policies permit the establishment of local, stakeholder-based conservation groups</p> <p>National governments maintain or increase human and financial resources for formal protected areas</p> <p>Protected area managers and enforcement staff are receptive to training initiatives</p> <p>Appropriate site-based monitoring protocols can be identified or developed</p> <p>Sufficient civil society capacity to implement site-based conservation exists or can be built</p>
<p>Outcome 3: Maintain and restore ecosystem function and integrity in the Highland Grasslands and</p>	15 innovative projects developed and implemented that expand conservation management and	Grantee and Regional Implementation Team performance reports	Industry sectors are committed to environmentally sustainable development

<p>Pondoland corridors \$1,500,000</p>	<p>benefit people in threatened catchment, freshwater, and estuarine ecosystems</p> <p>Environmental regulations have improved implementation, leading to maintained functional ecosystem corridors, particularly rivers and coastal zones</p> <p>3 projects instituted to enable restoration of degraded lands according to optimal carbon sequestration and stewardship plans</p> <p>Government-sponsored large-scale NRM programs have improved effectiveness in the Corridors through improved knowledge and support for implementation</p>	<p>Partnership agreements with industry sector</p> <p>Draft legal declarations (e.g., ordinances, implementing rules and regulations)</p>	<p>Governments and donors are willing to engage with civil society</p> <p>Ongoing and planned projects and programs have potential to support biodiversity conservation in the corridors</p>
<p>Outcome 4: The capacity for conservation and management of Maputaland-Pondoland-Albany priority sites increased \$650,000</p>	<p>50 staff from civil society organizations in Mozambique and Swaziland receive training and educational opportunities</p> <p>At least one civil society network established to increase and coordinate civil society participation and facilitate lessons sharing to promote linkages that ensure effective conservation</p>	<p>Grantee and Regional Implementation Team performance reports</p> <p>Regional Implementation Team site visits and monitoring</p>	<p>Governments and donors are committed to environmentally sustainable development</p> <p>Governments and donors are willing to engage with civil society</p> <p>Ongoing and planned projects and programs have potential to support biodiversity conservation in the corridors</p>

	action at a broad scale		<p>Increased environmental awareness will translate into increased support for conservation initiatives</p> <p>Sufficient civil society capacity to undertake biodiversity mainstreaming exists or can be built</p>
<p>Outcome 5:</p> <p>A regional implementation team provides strategic leadership and effectively coordinates CEPF investment in the Maputaland-Pondoland-Albany Hotspot</p> <p>\$550,000</p>	<p>100% of groups receiving grants achieve a satisfactory score on final performance scorecard</p> <p>Regional Implementation Team performance in fulfilling the approved terms of reference</p> <p>At least two learning exchanges and/or participatory assessments hosted and documented</p>	<p>Grantee and Regional Implementation Team performance reports</p> <p>CEPF Secretariat site visits and monitoring</p>	<p>Qualified organizations will apply to serve as the regional implementation team in line with the approved terms of reference and the ecosystem profile</p> <p>The CEPF call for proposals will elicit appropriate proposals that advance the objectives of the ecosystem profile</p> <p>Civil society organizations will collaborate with each other, government agencies, and private sector actors in a coordinated regional conservation program in line with the ecosystem profile</p>
Strategic Funding Summary	Amount		
Total Budget	\$5,500,000		

ⁱ Extracted from Maputaland-Pondoland-Albany Ecosystem Profile, www.cepf.net/Documents/DC_Finaldraft_MPAHprofile_Feb262010.pdf (PDF - 2 MB)