

## Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund

Third Meeting of the Donor Council  
World Bank Headquarters, Washington, DC  
12 June 2002

### Report on Decisions Taken at the Second Meeting of the Donor Council

1. Revise the Terms of Reference for the CEPF Working Group to add language to reflect the role of the WG in preparing for Donor Council Meetings and to clarify that the Executive Director reports to the Donor Council rather than the Working Group and that the number of attendees at the meeting should be up to the discretion of the Executive Director.

*Status:* Since the December Donor Council Meeting, CEPF convened two CEPF Working Group Meetings, on 29 April 2002 and 7 May 2002. The working group is fulfilling the objectives of the Terms of Reference as approved by the CEPF Donor Council. During the April meeting the CEPF Working Group discussed and agreed on a revised methodology and preparation process for producing the CEPF ecosystem profiles. The next cycle of ecosystem profile preparation (June 2002 – July 2003) will include a process to define map-based 5- and 10-year outcomes and criteria for CEPF investment regions within the hotspot. A technical division of Conservation International will facilitate this process.

2. CEPF Draft Annual Report - Donor Council members who have not yet commented will send written input to the CEPF Executive Director. It was agreed that a public version should be developed and made available to interested parties.

*Status:* CEPF has proposed that the original calendar year report be expanded to include the January – June 6-month period. This information will be consolidated into an 18 month report. This report will be more programmatically interesting and will also be more cost effective. The Donor Council is asked to agree to a proposed review schedule for this report.

3. The Donor Council decided to add an agenda item to the next meeting to discuss the sequencing of regional priorities for CEPF support in the next two cycles of CEPF funding.

*Status:* This subject has been included as an agenda item for this Donor Council meeting. CEPF is in the process of finalizing a concept paper outlining a number of potential scenarios for future priorities. It is anticipated that this will be a major discussion piece during this Donor Council meeting.

4. The Donor Council decided to ask the Working Group to discuss the recommendation of the Caucasus as a priority area at their January meeting and to circulate justification information to the Donor Council, which would decide whether the Caucasus would be identified as a priority area for 2002 on a non-objection basis.

*Status:* The CEPF Working Group discussed both the Eastern Arc and the Caucasus hotspots during the April Working Group meeting. While, the members felt that both hotspots had different attributes that would make it both attractive and important for CEPF funding, it was agreed that the next priorities should be discussed and approached as a whole rather than selecting one of the two hotspots that had already been discussed.

5. With regard to revising the procurement threshold below which grantees and contractors may use local commercial practices from \$2,000 to \$5,000, the World Bank wants to check with its procurement staff. It was decided that procurement changes would be finalized on a non-objection basis.

**Status:** *The World Bank verified final agreement to modify the procurement threshold from \$2,000 to \$5,000 in February. This change has been reflected in CEPF materials. The other operational items discussed during the last CEPF Donor Council Meeting have been incorporated and integrated into CEPF business practices. The operational modifications were cleared subsequent to the World Bank supervision mission in Lima. The Financing Agreement is being amended.*

6. The Government of Japan was invited to begin participating in Working Group meetings.

**Status:** *The Government of Japan has nominated Mr. Mitsuo Usuki as the technical representative for the CEPF Working Group. To date, Mr. Usuki participated in the CEPF Working Group meeting held on April 26, 2002. He has also served as the focal point to facilitate comment from the Japanese Government on the Mountains of Southwest China ecosystem profile.*

*The Japanese government is very close to formalizing all the steps to join the Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund (CEPF) and plans to possibly announce its official membership during the Japan minister of environment's speech at the 4th preparatory meeting for the UN World Summit on Sustainable Development. The preparatory meeting is a ministerial-level meeting that will take place in Bali, Indonesia 27 May-7 June.*

7. It was decided that the Donor Council would meet three times a year, including once by telephone. Meetings are to be driven by business need and dates should be scheduled as soon as possible.

**Status:** *The next CEPF Donor Council meeting will be held in December. Exact date to be confirmed following the June Council meeting.*