

**Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund
38th Meeting of the CEPF Donor Council
Virtual Meeting
26 May 2021
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Results of the 2020 CEPF Impact Report

Background:

CEPF reports on its global impact annually. CEPF’s monitoring efforts have evolved and matured over time, with its most recent framework receiving approval in June 2017 at the 31st Meeting of the Donor Council.

CEPF’s monitoring framework comprises four pillars that constitute the foundation of the fund’s work: **Biodiversity, Civil Society, Human Well-Being** and **Enabling Conditions**. Sixteen indicators measure progress toward achieving conservation outcomes falling within CEPF’s four pillars. CEPF’s monitoring system employs innovative reporting and data management tools to collect comprehensive data that demonstrate CEPF’s contributions at project, hotspot and global levels, including to the Convention on Biological Diversity Aichi Targets and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. For the period of FY01 through FY20, CEPF awarded US\$255 million in grants and leveraged US\$383 million. Key results are presented below.

Biodiversity

CEPF is committed to supporting the protection and improved management of critical habitats. CEPF grantees have contributed to:

- the creation of 15.7 million hectares of new protected areas.
- the improved management of 50.3 million hectares of Key Biodiversity Areas.
- the strengthened management of biodiversity in 9.9 million hectares of production landscapes.
- More than 907 globally threatened species benefiting from conservation action.
- 33% average increase in METT score.



Civil Society

A key objective of CEPF is to strengthen civil society. CEPF believes that an empowered civil society holds the key to the future of biodiversity conservation. CEPF grants have resulted in:

- 2,492 civil society organizations receiving support from CEPF.
- 298 local/national grantees reporting an increase in their organizational capacity.
- 83 grantees reporting an increased understanding of, and commitment to, gender issues.
- 570 networks/partnerships supported, 431 of which CEPF helped to create.



Human Well-Being

CEPF measures benefits received by individuals as well as communities. Individuals may receive cash benefits due to increased income from employment or alternative livelihoods and non-cash benefits such as training. Communities may receive a range of non-cash benefits such as increased access to clean water, increased food security and increased resilience to climate change. CEPF grantees have contributed to:

- 4,341 communities receiving non-cash benefits other than structured training.
- More than 163,000 people receiving structured training, including 36,147 women.
- More than 103,000 people receiving cash benefits, including 32,985 women.
- At least 1,446 projects promoting nature-based solutions to climate change.



Enabling Conditions

Ensuring that the underlying conditions in which conservation can take place, and can be sustained, is a top priority. CEPF grantees have contributed to:

- The creation of, or support to, 41 sustainable financing mechanisms.
- The enactment or amendment of 387 laws, regulations and policies with conservation provisions.
- 95 companies adopting biodiversity-friendly practices.



CEPF's full impact report includes a description of CEPF's monitoring framework and processes, results achieved for the 2020 fiscal year, and the data and stories behind the program results for the period of 2001 through 30 June 2020. The full draft report is available [here](#).