

Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund

**41st Meeting of the CEPF Donor Council
In-Person, Tangier, Morocco, and Virtual Meeting
Monday 17 July 2023
8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Eastern Standard Time (EST)
1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Tangier Local Time
2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Brussels and Paris Time
9:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m. (+1 day) Tokyo Time**

Highlights from the 2022 CEPF Impact Report

Recommended Action Item:

The Donor Council is asked to review and provide comment on the [2022 CEPF Impact/Annual Report](#).

Background

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 towards 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 demonstrates 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. Key results for the period of fiscal year 2001 through fiscal year 2022 are presented below.

Biodiversity

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

- The creation 16.5 million hectares of new protected areas.
- The improved management of 53.2 million hectares of Key Biodiversity Areas.
- The strengthened management of biodiversity in 11.8 million hectares of production landscapes.
- More than 1,160 globally threatened species benefiting from conservation action.



Civil Society

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

- 2,673 civil society organizations receiving support from CEPF.
- 470 local/national grantees reporting an increase in their organizational capacity.
- 248 grantees reporting an increased understanding of and commitment to gender issues.
- 864 networks/partnerships supported, 615 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, increased resilience to climate change, and many others. CEPF grantees have contributed to:

- 5,518 communities benefiting.
- More than 216,464 people receiving structured training, including 59,962 women.
- More than 107,232 people receiving cash benefits, including 34,222 women.
- At least 1,611 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, 70 sustainable financing mechanisms.
- The enactment or amendment of 491 laws, regulations and policies with conservation provisions.
- At least 211 companies adopting biodiversity-friendly practices.



The report also includes a description of CEPF's monitoring framework and processes, results achieved for the 2022 fiscal year, the data and stories behind the program results for the period 2001 through 30 June 2022, and financials through 30 June 2022. Hard copies of the report will be available at the in-person gathering for the Donor Council meeting.