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Approved Grants, FY23 Q4, FY24 Q1 and Q2

4th Quarter, Fiscal Year 2023

From 1 April 2023 to 30 June 2023

Grants are reported based on the effective date of the grant agreement.

CARIBBEAN ISLANDS HOTSPOT

Strategic Direction #1. Improve the protection and management of 33 priority sites for long-term sustainability.

Accelerating Locally-Led Conservation Action at Key Biodiversity Areas in Antigua and Barbuda

Safeguard habitats and their globally threatened species in the North East Marine Management Area and Redonda Key Biodiversity Areas (KBAs) through community management and sustainable financing. Support the development of sustainable financing mechanisms for KBA management and NGO operations, species conservation action planning and implementation, biosecurity monitoring for invasive alien species, biodiversity monitoring, ecotourism development and institutional strengthening.

Funding: US\$393,385
Grant Term: 5/1/2023 – 4/30/2026
Grantee: Environmental Awareness Group (EAG)

Management Planning and Implementation in Parque Nacional Montaña La Humeadora, Dominican Republic

Strengthen management of and reduce agricultural encroachment into Parque Nacional Montana La Humeadora by updating the park's management plan, supporting agroforestry in buffer zone communities, preparing species conservation action plans,

building ecotourism capacity and strengthening park guard capacity.

Funding: US\$215,224

Grant Term: 7/1/2023 – 12/31/2024

Grantee: Instituto Dominicano de Desarrollo Integral, Inc. (IDDI)

Protecting the Jamaican Rock Iguana from Threats Posed by Invasive Species, Hellshire Hills, Portland Bight Protected Area, Jamaica

Protect biodiversity within the dry forest ecosystem of the Hellshire Hills, Portland Bight Protected Area in Jamaica by working to minimize the threat of invasive alien species that threaten the Critically Endangered Jamaican Rock Iguana.

Funding: US\$49,946

Grant Term: 7/1/2023 – 6/30/2025

Grantee: International Iguana Foundation

Update of the Management Plan for the Ebano Verde Scientific Reserve, Dominican Republic

Strengthen the management of the Ébano Verde Scientific Reserve by updating the protected area’s management plan to include strategies such as environmental education and ecotourism promotion important to achieving conservation targets.

Funding: US\$49,473

Grant Term: 7/1/2023 – 6/30/2024

Grantee: Fundación para el Mejoramiento Humano (Progressio)

Strategic Direction #2. Increase landscape-level connectivity and ecosystem resilience in seven priority corridors.

Maintaining Biodiversity Through Sustainable Livelihoods and Environmental Awareness in Northern Cockpit Country, Jamaica

Address the threats of deforestation, forest fires and illegal logging impacting the Linton Park Mountains, which is a designated forest reserve within the Cockpit Country Protected Area, Jamaica. This project will build capacity for community-based forest management, build capacity of the Local Forest Management Committee and improve community awareness of forest conservation.

Funding: US\$47,022

Grant Term: 6/1/2023 – 5/31/2024

Grantee: Northern Cockpit Country Local Forest Management Committee
Benevolent Society

Strategic Direction #3. Safeguard priority Critically Endangered and Endangered species.

Conservation Action Planning and Implementation for Ridgway’s Hawk, Dominican Republic

Increase the population of the Critically Endangered Ridgway’s Hawk in Los Haitises National Park to serve as a stronghold source population for reintroduction efforts across Hispaniola. This grant supports components dedicated to preparing a 10-year species

conservation action plan, managing 125–150 pairs of Ridgway’s Hawks, and environmental outreach and capacity development targeting 10 communities.

Funding: US\$166,668
Grant Term: 8/1/2023 – 1/31/2025
Grantee: The Peregrine Fund

Conserving the Saint Lucia Racer and Strengthening Regional Capacity for Racer Conservation

Support the conservation of three threatened reptilian species through funding ex-situ conservation of the Saint Lucia Racer. Build capacity and facilitate networking between practitioners working on racer conservation in Antigua and Saint Lucia. Monitor biosecurity and enhance habitat on four islands in Saint Lucia.

Funding: US\$241,834
Grant Term: 4/1/2023 – 3/31/2026
Grantee: Durrell Wildlife Conservation Trust - HQ

Preparing Conservation Action Plans for Jamaica's Threatened Plants

Prepare conservation action plans dedicated to conserving 100 threatened plant species in priority Key Biodiversity Areas of Jamaica. Support data compilation on plants, training of Jamaican botanists, global Red Listing, and preparation, approval and dissemination of action plans, working in close collaboration with Jamaican civil society and government authorities.

Funding: US\$147,106
Grant Term: 6/1/2023 – 12/31/2024
Grantee: International Union for Conservation of Nature - HQ (IUCN)

Strategic Direction #4. Improve the enabling conditions for biodiversity conservation in countries with priority sites.

Building a Community Constituency for Conservation of Fitches Creek Bay and the Northeast Marine Management Area, Antigua and Barbuda

Strengthen participatory management of the Northeast Marine Management Area and Fitches Creek Bay in Antigua through collaborative social accountability approaches and community and collective actions to prevent further erosion of the key biodiversity area's protective status.

Funding: US\$48,940
Grant Term: 7/1/2023 – 6/30/2024
Grantee: Fitches Creek Residents Association

Strategic Direction #5. Support Caribbean civil society to conserve biodiversity by building local, national and regional institutional capacity and fostering stakeholder collaboration.

Building Sustainable Financial Capacity for Caribbean Civil Society Organizations

Strengthen the financial resilience of civil society organizations working at priority Key

Biodiversity Areas in the Caribbean Islands, with a focus on four organizations in Antigua, Saint Lucia, and St. Vincent and the Grenadines. Support the development and implementation of sustainable financing plans, provide training and mentoring on project design and fundraising, and promote ecotourism products.

Funding: US\$249,987
Grant Term: 6/1/2023 – 5/31/2025
Grantee: Fauna & Flora International – HQ

INDO-BURMA HOTSPOT

Strategic Direction #4. Empower local communities to engage in conservation and management of priority Key Biodiversity Areas.

Promoting Participatory Freshwater Species Management Along the Phou Xieng Thong-Pha Taem Mekong in Lao People's Democratic Republic and Thailand

Maintain sustainable fish populations along a transboundary section of the Mekong River between Lao PDR and Thailand by empowering local communities to better regulate fishing activities in key freshwater habitats. Establish fish conservation zones following a participatory co-management approach. Forge stronger community engagement in conservation action by promoting a participatory use assessment of aquatic resources.

Funding: US\$150,000
Grant Term: 4/1/2023 – 9/30/2025
Grantee: World Wide Fund for Nature - Laos (WWF-Laos)

Supporting Community Conservation of Phayartan Limestone Karst in Tanintharyi, Myanmar

Initiate Phayartan Karst conservation by engaging and empowering local communities and local conservation groups in Karst ecosystem management. Increase the awareness of vulnerability and ecosystem services of Karst ecosystem. Strengthen Karst education and conservation planning. Facilitate equal representation of men and women in stakeholder consultation and natural resource management forums. Galvanize interest in protecting the Karst ecosystem and build pride of the presence of the Phayartan Karst in the Lenya Reserved Forest.

Funding: US\$34,936
Grant Term: 7/1/2023 – 12/31/2024
Grantee: Biodiversity and Nature Conservation Association

Strategic Direction #6. Demonstrate scalable approaches for integrating biodiversity and ecosystem services into development planning in the priority corridors.

Elongated Tortoise Population Recovery Contributing to Ecosystem Restoration in Cambodia

Restore the population of elongated tortoise, *Indotestudo elongata*, in Siem Pang Wildlife Sanctuary through a soft release of 100 individuals selected from a captive breeding

program at the Angkor Centre for Conservation of Biodiversity. Train six local "tortoise guardians" in post-release monitoring techniques and conduct regular monitoring for 18 months. Develop a guidance protocol for use by stakeholders involved in releases of similar tortoise species.

Funding: US\$40,000
Grant Term: 7/1/2023 – 6/30/2025
Grantee: Westfälischer Zoologischer Garten GmbH (Allwetterzoo)

Strategic Direction #8. Strengthen the capacity of civil society to work on biodiversity, communities and livelihoods at regional, national, local and grassroots levels.

Strengthening Indigenous Youth Participation in Sustainable Development and Ecosystem Protection in Cambodia

Engage Indigenous youth from 11 villages in Preah Vihear province in the conservation of culture and the environment. Establish and strengthen youth groups focused on developing sustainable livelihoods, maintaining culture and protecting natural resources. Develop activities addressing issues of concern to young people, prioritizing those that have a focus on collective benefit, culture and the environment.

Funding: US\$60,090
Grant Term: 6/1/2023 – 11/30/2024
Grantee: Cambodian Indigenous Youth Association (CIYA)

MADAGASCAR AND THE INDIAN OCEAN ISLANDS HOTSPOT

Strategic Direction #1. Empower communities and civil society to implement actions to improve the resilience of species, ecosystems, and human populations to climate change in priority KBAs.

A Climate-Resilient Community-Based Reef Conservation Model for the Comoros

Refine a community-based marine conservation model in Pomoni and Moya Key Biodiversity Areas on the island of Anjouan in the Comoros to support the resilience of populations and ecosystems to climate change. Establish a locally managed marine area by building the management capacity of fishermen's and fisherwomen's associations while providing alternative economic incentives to improve their livelihoods and ensure the sustainability of the model.

Funding: US\$499,885
Grant Term: 7/1/2023 – 12/31/2025
Grantee: Dahari

Building Community Capacity for Climate Resilience Around Betampona Reserve, Madagascar

Empower local communities to carry out a complementary combination of ecosystem-based adaptations, namely native forest restoration and agroforestry, to increase the buffer zone and remaining forest fragments around the Betampona Integral Nature Reserve for protection against climate change-related cyclones, tropical storms and

wildfires.

Funding: US\$441,933
Grant Term: 7/1/2023 – 12/31/2026
Grantee: Madagascar Fauna and Flora Group (MFG)

Communities Restoring Watershed Forest Ecosystems in Southwestern Madagascar

Reduce the vulnerability of the populations of southwestern coastal Madagascar to the risks of climate change by conserving and restoring the forest ecosystem of the lower Onilahy basin. Improve the livelihoods of communities and, among communities and civil society organizations, promote understanding of the importance of healthy forest ecosystems in the face of climate change.

Funding: US\$271,545
Grant Term: 7/1/2023 – 10/31/2026
Grantee: Association pour le Développement de l'Energie Solaire Suisse-Madagascar (ADES)

MEDITERRANEAN BASIN HOTSPOT

Strategic Direction #1. Support civil society to engage stakeholders in demonstrating integrated approaches for the conservation of biodiversity in coastal areas.

Restoration of the Egyptian Tortoise and its Habitats in the North Coast of Egypt

Repatriate captive bred Egyptian tortoise, *Testudo kleinmanni*, into wild suitable habitats in northern Egypt. Select release sites, work with local communities and authorities to ensure long-term management of habitats and survival of released individuals. Assess genetics and enhance husbandry of captive stock. Establish habitat improvement measures and monitoring procedures of released animals and protected habitats to assess survival success.

Funding: US\$40,000
Grant Term: 4/1/2023 – 10/31/2024
Grantee: Hemaya Company for Environmental Consultancies and Services

Strategic Direction #2. Support the sustainable management of water catchments through integrated approaches for the conservation of threatened freshwater biodiversity.

Conservation of the Critically Endangered Endemic Plants in Cova Key Biodiversity Area, Santo Antão, Cabo Verde

Conserve the Critically Endangered *Carex antoniensis*, an endemic plant species confined only to Ribeira de Paul, Santo Antão Island. This project aims to assess the species and its habitat, build a nursery for reproduction of the species and raise awareness among stakeholders about the species' conservation needs and efforts, including through the creation of an ecotourism route. Reinforcing management staff will also build capacity for the organization.

Funding: US\$44,408
Grant Term: 6/1/2023 – 10/31/2024
Grantee: Projeto de Conservação das Tartarugas Marinhas em Porto Novo (Terrimar)

Enhance Conservation of the Unique Biodiversity in the Bisri River Basin, Lebanon

Establish a steering committee with local representatives, authorities and government entities in the Bisri Valley area for the protection of the Bisri Valley's biodiversity and the reduction of river pollution caused by agricultural waste. This project will work to declare the Bisri Valley as a Natural Reserve, a Key Biodiversity Area and a RAMSAR site and will develop a management plan for the site.

Funding: US\$35,000
Grant Term: 5/1/2023 – 4/30/2024
Grantee: T.E.R.R.E. Liban

Saving the Last Santiago Purple Herons of Cabo Verde

Update the scientific baseline for the Santiago Purple Heron, *Ardea purpurea bournei*. This project will conduct genetic research to suggest adapted emergency conservation actions and start the process to update its IUCN global status. Strengthen nongovernmental organization capacities to act as a key stakeholder in biodiversity conservation by supporting the development of planning documents and a financial strategy and plan.

Funding: US\$50,000
Grant Term: 6/1/2023 – 3/31/2024
Grantee: Associação Lantuna

Strategic Direction #3. Promote the maintenance of traditional land-use practices necessary for the conservation of Mediterranean biodiversity in priority corridors of high cultural and biodiversity value.

Establishing an Ecolabel for Pastoralists in Toubkal National Park, Morocco

Support the establishment of an ecolabel to promote sheep and goat products from local pastoralists engaged in sustainable grazing practices. Train the rangers of Toubkhal National Park in monitoring rare and endangered plants and in community engagement.

Funding: US\$73,080
Grant Term: 5/1/2023 – 4/30/2024
Grantee: Fondation d'Entreprise BIOTOPE pour la Biodiversité (Fondation Biotope)

MOUNTAINS OF CENTRAL ASIA HOTSPOT

Strategic Direction #1. Address threats to priority species.

Biodiversity Restoration in the Territory of the Sumsar Ayil Community in the Chatkal District of the Jalal-Abad Region of the Kyrgyz Republic

Restore biodiversity and the destroyed ecosystem in the Chatkal district of the Jalal-Abad

region by restoring the Knorring hawthorn population. Strengthen mountain slopes in the Sumsar Aiyl district with green plantings of wild almond and Tianshan birch to prevent threats from the formation and descent of mudflows, landslides, snow avalanches and erosion of Sumsar river banks.

Funding: US\$20,000
Grant Term: 7/1/2023 – 9/30/2024
Grantee: Green Energy Public Fund

Bioremediation of Former Gold Mines in the Floodplain of the Kasan-Say River, Kyrgyzstan

Engage the local community in the restoration of damaged lands in the Kassan-Say floodplain. Restore disturbed sections of the floodplain forest and riverbed and the population of endemic fish species. Create biotope ponds in place of pits left by gold mining.

Funding: US\$20,000
Grant Term: 6/1/2023 – 5/31/2024
Grantee: Akmena Public Association

Building Public Knowledge About Biodiversity and Its Practical Application in Zhambyl Oblast, Kazakhstan

Promote an attitude of responsibility for nature and biodiversity among the population, administration and law enforcement agencies. Raise widespread awareness about rare and endangered species, threats to biodiversity, including invasive species, and practical methods to reduce threats.

Funding: US\$19,961
Grant Term: 7/1/2023 – 6/30/2024
Grantee: Jabagly-Manas Mountain Club Public Association

Community Engagement in Establishing a Sustainably Managed Reserve in Kyrgyzstan

Involve the local community in wetland protection by raising awareness and mobilizing to combat poaching, uncontrolled logging and haphazard cattle grazing. Establish a community sanctuary for IUCN Red List waterfowl and near-water birds. Promote eco- and ethno-tourism in the Dry Ridge area as a source of income not harmful to the environment.

Funding: US\$19,996
Grant Term: 5/2/2023 – 5/31/2024
Grantee: Harmony Plus Public Association

Community Engagement in Pasture Preservation and Restoration and Pollution Prevention in Tar River and Lake Kulun-Ata, in Kara-Kulja District, Osh Province, Kyrgyzstan

Reduce anthropogenic pressure on pastures and improve sustainable resource management by preserving valuable flora and fauna species, creating forested areas and preventing pollution of the Tar River and Lake Kulun-Ata.

Funding: US\$19,995
Grant Term: 4/3/2023 – 6/30/2024
Grantee: Orchun Public Association

Conservation and Propagation of Pistachio Woodlands in the Koytendag State Nature Reserve, Turkmenistan

Establish a sustainable platform for growing pistachio tree seedlings in the form of a daihan farm. Increasing the planted area of pistachio trees will favorably affect biodiversity conservation and human well-being, and strengthen the capacity of civil society and the Koytendag State Nature Reserve. This project aims to engage women from low-income families and people with disabilities to address gender and income issues.

Funding: US\$49,763
Grant Term: 7/1/2023 – 6/30/2024
Grantee: Obadeskahyzmat Public Organization

Empower Local Residents to Organize Sustainable Tourism in Kazakhstan's Almaty Region

Improve the accessibility of information about the Almaty region and connect potential tourists with local service providers in two of its districts. Disseminate local knowledge and practical experience. Increase competitiveness of the region and improve conservation through training, improved regulations, local government assistance and the creation of conditions for sustainable development.

Funding: US\$49,950
Grant Term: 7/1/2023 – 6/30/2024
Grantee: Association of Environmental Organizations of Kazakhstan (ALE)

Green Approaches to Preserve Mountain Biodiversity in the Forests of Kakpak, in Narynkol, Almaty Region, Kazakhstan

Develop an Integrated Forestry and Rural District Rangeland Resource Management and Use Plan to reduce threats to rangeland landscapes and biodiversity. Actively engage local communities in improving rangeland landscape management and use in accordance with the plan. Demonstrate "green" approaches in rangeland resource management and biodiversity conservation. Develop local management and community capacity in the transition to integrated nature management.

Funding: US\$19,995
Grant Term: 4/3/2023 – 6/30/2024
Grantee: Zhassyl Azyk Public Foundation

Income Generation for Women's Groups Through Wild Apple Cultivation in Kyrgyzstan

Conserve biodiversity and restore degraded pastures while increasing the income and improving the standard of living in the Zhyl-Bulak area of Ken-Kol village, Ala-Buka. Engage residents, including self-employed local women, in the capacity-building activities of planting wild apple trees, caring for them, harvesting and drying the fruits.

Funding: US\$20,000
Grant Term: 4/13/2023 – 12/31/2023
Grantee: Nurmuhammed Public Foundation

Preserving Genetic Diversity of Rare Flora Species in Vanj District, Tajikistan

Eliminate threats to, renew and preserve natural groves of priority species, such as sea buckthorn, rose hips, apple and almond. Create a nursery and spread these species in their natural habitats in the Vanj district in Tajikistan.

Funding: US\$19,672
Grant Term: 5/2/2023 – 4/30/2024
Grantee: Agroecology Zarzamin Public Organization

Preserving Biodiversity and Strengthening the Capacity of the Kolsai Lakes National Park in Kazakhstan

Strengthen the capacity of the Kolsai Lakes National Park's conservation service to protect rare animal and plant species. Improve the efficiency of management and use of natural resources on two tourist routes.

Funding: US\$20,000
Grant Term: 5/2/2023 – 8/31/2023
Grantee: Kolsay Public Association

Promoting the Conservation of Birds of Prey in Kazakhstan

Eliminate threats to key bird species through improved law enforcement and development of incentives and alternatives for natural resource users.

Funding: US\$49,954
Grant Term: 4/3/2023 – 3/31/2024
Grantee: Biodiversity Research and Conservation Center Community Trust (BRCC)

Provide Water to Turkmenistan's Koytendag Reserve for Improved Conservation of Flora and Fauna

Improve the water supply situation for irrigating plants and watering of wild animals in the Koytendag Reserve and adjacent areas. The project will demonstrate how, with limited human intervention, it is possible to eliminate threats to priority species, improve the status of biodiversity in specially protected sites and to utilize green energy on a large scale.

Funding: US\$20,000
Grant Term: 7/1/2023 – 3/31/2024
Grantee: Nature Preserving Society of Turkmenistan

Rare and Endemic Plant Species Conservation in Southern Tajikistan

Promote in-situ and ex-situ conservation of globally threatened flower, fruit, and tree species in the Childukhtaron and Dashtijum regions of Tajikistan. Catalogue and store seed at Kulob Botanical Garden and plant trees in degraded native habitat.

Funding: US\$144,452
Grant Term: 5/1/2023 – 2/28/2025
Grantee: Ganji Tabiat Public Organization

Resource-Saving Technologies to Sustain Key Species in the Arid Mountains of South-Eastern Kazakhstan

Develop and implement resource-saving technologies to provide artificial watering places for wild animals in Key Biodiversity Areas of South-East Kazakhstan, including Toraigyr, Charyn Park and Altyn-Emel. This initiative will make up for the lack of a vital resource during the driest summer and fall months for large mammals, including snow leopard and gazelle.

Funding: US\$20,000
Grant Term: 4/10/2023 – 6/30/2024
Grantee: Wildlife Without Borders Public Fund

Restoring the Ecological Balance of Mountain Forest Ecosystems in the Sangvor Preserve, Tajikistan

Improve the ecological condition of the mountain forest area of the Sangvor Nature Reserve. Conserve wild fruit species and medicinal plants through the creation of ex-situ and in-situ nurseries in the reserve and local households. Conduct outreach to groups in the local communities to promote the value of biological resources and introduce sustainable approaches to the use of forest resources.

Funding: US\$19,967
Grant Term: 5/2/2023 – 2/29/2024
Grantee: Noosfera Public Organization

Transboundary Conservation of the Great Bustard in Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan

Engage with hunters and communities in the Koytash and Nurtash Ridge areas of Uzbekistan and adjacent areas in Kazakhstan to raise awareness and reduce pressures on Great Bustard, a globally threatened species.

Funding: US\$149,926
Grant Term: 5/1/2023 – 2/28/2025
Grantee: Naturschutzbund Deutschland e.V. (NABU)

Strategic Direction #2. Improve management of priority sites with and without official protection status.

Expanding the Micro-Reserve Concept in Kyrgyzstan and the Region

Promote the micro-reserve concept in Kyrgyzstan with the creation of five reserves in different, representative key biodiversity areas in the country. Expand the concept by holding discussions with counterparts in Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan to encourage consideration of the policy framework in those countries.

Funding: US\$151,100
Grant Term: 5/1/2023 – 2/28/2025

Grantee: Civil Initiative Center "Leader" Public Association

Improving Capacity and Connectivity Between Reserves in Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan

Improve the management of the geographically contiguous Koytendag State Nature Reserve in Turkmenistan and the Surkhan State Nature Reserve in Uzbekistan, as well as the surrounding buffer zones and grazing areas. Propose the area, known collectively as the Kugitang Mountains, as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Funding: US\$148,131

Grant Term: 6/1/2023 – 2/28/2025

Grantee: Climate Conservation DBA Center for Large Landscape Conservation (CLLC)

Strengthening Co-Management in Yagnob National Park, Tajikistan

Working with the approximately 650 Yagnobi residents of the Yagnob Valley, promote co-management of the national park that was declared in 2019. Provide training to the residents in wildlife monitoring and basic tourism promotion.

Funding: US\$172,326

Grant Term: 6/1/2023 – 2/28/2025

Grantee: Plateau Perspectives

Upscaling Use of the Spatial Monitoring and Reporting Tool (SMART) in Kyrgyzstan

Promote the adoption of the Spatial Monitoring and Reporting Tool (SMART) in two protected areas in eastern Kyrgyzstan. Train authorities in use of this protected area management platform, encompassing desktop, mobile, and online software and an analysis and mapping interface, to improve park management while also improving engagement with surrounding communities.

Funding: US\$155,370

Grant Term: 5/1/2023 – 2/28/2025

Grantee: Wildlife Conservation Society - HQ (WCS)

Strategic Direction #5. Enhance civil society capacity for effective conservation action.

Building Grassroots Capacity for Conservation at Scale in Uzbekistan

Strengthen the capacity of the Uzbekistan Society for the Protection of Birds. Engage them and the Association for the Conservation of Biodiversity of Kazakhstan to better promote conservation of international flyways and to represent joint efforts at the Convention on Migratory Species meeting in Samarkand, Uzbekistan in October 2023.

Funding: US\$99,596

Grant Term: 5/1/2023 – 2/28/2025

Grantee: Stichting BirdLife Europe (SBE)

Capacity Building of Civil Society Organizations for Better Conservation in Uzbekistan

Build the capacity of five civil society organizations working in the larger Tashkent region of Uzbekistan.

Funding: US\$150,000
Grant Term: 5/1/2023 – 10/31/2024
Grantee: ACTED

Incorporating Biodiversity Safeguards in Water Infrastructure Development in Central Asia

Develop a web-based database of water infrastructure projects in Key Biodiversity Areas and corridors in the Mountains of Central Asia hotspot. Develop a toolkit for civil society to employ site safeguards to ensure biodiversity conservation around these projects. Train civil society organizations and guide them in application of the toolkit at selected locations in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan.

Funding: US\$168,450
Grant Term: 5/1/2023 – 12/31/2024
Grantee: Rivers Without Boundaries Coalition (RwB)

TROPICAL ANDES HOTSPOT

Strategic Direction #1. Improve protection and management of 36 priority KBAs to create and maintain local support for conservation and to mitigate key threats.

Strengthen Ecotourism and Agrotourism Bio-Enterprises in the Corridor Between the Alto Calima Key Biodiversity Area and Páramo del Duende, Colombia

Strengthen nature tourism initiatives with the Ríobravo community organization, providing training and advice for the planned implementation of the nature tourism business. Promote improved management of protected areas in the key biodiversity areas by training the co-management committees in ecosystem services, climate change and threatened species.

Funding: US\$45,000
Grant Term: 4/27/2023 – 11/30/2023
Grantee: Fundación Trópico

Strategic Direction #2. In the seven priority corridors, collaborate with public and private sector stakeholders to enable biodiversity conservation, a green recovery from COVID-19, and environmental, financial, and social sustainability, in benefit of the priority KBAs.

Avitourism for the Conservation of the Cotapata National Park, Bolivia

Develop the high potential for bird watching in the Cotapata National Park and Integrated Management Natural Area and priority Key Biodiversity Area BOL45 as a sustainable

economic alternative for local communities. Strengthen guide service capacities, generate and improve access to information and foster inter-institutional coordination.

Funding: US\$40,000
Grant Term: 5/1/2023 – 11/30/2023
Grantee: Aves Bolivianas

Trails for Connectivity in the Cotapata Park and Integrated Management Natural Area, Bolivia

Promote tourist routes along pre-Columbian trails in Cotapata Park, strengthening the management and involvement of local public and private actors. Enable social and financial support for Cotapata by designing and implementing an inter-institutional platform which includes a mechanism for income generation. Strengthen the capacity of the local tourism association and tourist service members by providing training in nature and bird-focused tourism.

Funding: US\$49,999
Grant Term: 9/4/2022 – 8/31/2023
Grantee: PROMETA

Strategic Direction #4. Cultivate a highly-trained, well-coordinated and resilient civil society sector at the local, corridor, and hotspot levels to achieve CEPF's conservation outcomes.

Strengthen Communication and Gender Capacities of Partner Organizations in the Paraguas Munchique, Bosques Montanos and Cotacachi-Awá Corridors of Colombia

Build the capacities of CEPF partner organizations in communications, gender and digital marketing to strengthen local processes and strategic networking in the corridors Paraguas- Munchique, Bosques Montanos del Sur de Antioquia and Cotacachi-Awá.

Funding: US\$50,000
Grant Term: 4/20/2023 – 11/30/2023
Grantee: Fundación Trópico

WALLACEA HOTSPOT

Strategic Direction #3. Support sustainable natural resource management by communities in priority sites and corridors.

Indigenous People-Based Small-Scale Fisheries Management in the Wabula Key Biodiversity Area (Wabula Phase II Program), Indonesia

Optimize the management of marine resources in the Wabula Key Biodiversity Area, specifically in Wabula Village and Holimombo Jaya Village. This project aims to strengthen the management of the Kaombo area by the Wabula Masyarakat Hukum Adat (Customary Law Community), support small-scale tuna fisheries and increase public awareness of protecting marine areas and endangered, threatened and protected

species.

Funding: US\$44,638

Grant Term: 6/16/2023 – 8/15/2024

Grantee: Perkumpulan Destructive Fishing Watch Indonesia (DFWI)

Strengthening Ocean Surveillance and Sustainable Use of Marine Resources in Indonesia

Reduce marine pollution and environmental degradation while generating income for communities in the Kalike Aimatan and Kaliki villages. Raise awareness on impact of damaging fishing techniques and promote methods to increase production and sustainability, such as artificial reefs, waste management and plantings to strengthen shorelines. Build capacity of the Nature and Environment Activist (PEMALI) team for community outreach and marine monitoring.

Funding: US\$23,586

Grant Term: 4/10/2023 – 4/9/2024

Grantee: Yayasan Pengkajian dan Pengembangan Sosial

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Promotion of Participatory Management of the Miguel Domingo Fuerte Natural Monument Wildlife Refuge (Bahoruco Oriental), Dominican Republic

Strengthen the management of the Padre Miguel Domingo Fuertes Natural Monument in the Dominican Republic through the preparation of a management plan for the protected area. The plan will include zoning of the protected area with considerations for the land use and the current legislative framework.

Funding: US\$49,964
Grant Term: 10/1/2023 – 9/30/2024
Grantee: Fundacion de Apoyo al Suroeste (FUNDASUR)

INDO-BURMA HOTSPOT

Strategic Direction #4. Empower local communities to engage in conservation and management of priority key biodiversity areas.

Engaging Local Stakeholders to Conserve Tonkin Snub-Nosed Monkey in Vietnam

Increase populations of Tonkin snub-nosed monkey at two sites in Vietnam's Ha Giang Province by empowering and engaging local communities in conservation. Build capacity of community conservation teams and operationalize SMART monitoring and patrolling, support community-based forest restoration and habitat corridor management at Khau Ca Protected Area, and promote community-based land-use planning and sustainable cardamom production at Tung Vai Forest.

Funding: US\$109,999
Grant Term: 9/1/2023 – 8/31/2025
Grantee: Fauna & Flora International - HQ (FFI)

Enhancing Community Engagement in Forest Conservation in Preah Vihear, Cambodia

Support communities to engage in management and governance of 10 community forestry (CF) areas by strengthening institutional leadership and capacity, updating management structures and implementing zoning and demarcation. Establish a network of CFs in five target districts to improve coordination between government agencies and communities. Organize public forums to identify natural resource management issues and discuss and agree on solutions.

Funding: US\$40,000
Grant Term: 8/1/2023 – 7/31/2025

Grantee: Action for Development

Local People Leading Sustainable Management of Community Fisheries in Sambo District, Cambodia

Strengthen the capacity of members of two community fisheries (CFi) areas by conducting trainings on topics including leadership, gender mainstreaming, laws and regulations, and utilizing social media for influence. Support community members to participate in CFI network meetings. Increase protection of two CFIs through community involvement in patrolling. Improve sustainable financing of CFI management activities by establishing a small-scale credit scheme in each community.

Funding: US\$40,000
Grant Term: 8/1/2023 – 1/31/2025
Grantee: Forests and Livelihood Organization (FLO)

Strengthening Capacity of Fishing Communities for Sustainable Fishery Management in the Tonle Sap, Cambodia

Implement trainings to enhance community capacity for monitoring biodiversity in community conservation areas. Integrate Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries Management to local management planning and practice. Contribute to the restoration of breeding habitats for fish species important for local livelihoods. Strengthen protection of key fisheries resources and habitats by implementing joint patrolling with government agencies. Pilot a mechanism to sustainably finance community-led management activities.

Funding: US\$39,999
Grant Term: 8/1/2023 – 1/31/2025
Grantee: STAR Kampuchea (SK)

Strengthening Community Engagement in Sustainable Fisheries Management, Stung Treng, Cambodia

Strengthen the organizational capacity of local committees involved in the management of 10 local community fisheries (CFi) areas. Improve community member awareness regarding laws and regulations related to CFI management, and support them to implement targeted activities to improve management such as demarcation and patrolling. Enhance collaboration between communities and government agencies by holding public forums and co-management meetings.

Funding: US\$40,000
Grant Term: 8/1/2023 – 7/31/2025
Grantee: Culture and Environment Preservation Association (CEPA)

MADAGASCAR AND THE INDIAN OCEAN ISLANDS HOTSPOT

Strategic Direction #1. Empower communities and civil society to implement actions to improve the resilience of species, ecosystems, and human populations to climate change in priority KBAs.

Building Climate Resilience in the Nyon River Watershed, Ferney, Mauritius

Facilitate natural regeneration of watershed forests and riparian areas through an integrated, ecosystem-based approach. Eliminate invasive alien species, plant selected native pioneer and post-pioneer species and fence off areas. Promote sustainable land management and support resilient livelihoods through climate-smart agriculture and agroforestry and by communicating and sharing knowledge on these topics.

Funding: US\$284,022
Grant Term: 8/1/2023 – 7/31/2026
Grantee: Ferney Ltd.

Climate Change Adaptation of Marine and Coastal Ecosystems in Northern Madagascar

Develop a strategy to improve the resilience of marine and coastal ecosystems and the local community to climate change in the far north of Madagascar, with a focus on mangroves, threatened species and communities vulnerable to climate change. Development activities will be linked to the livelihoods of local populations and will incorporate the agroforestry system, which aims to protect and fertilize the soil, diversify farmers' production and set up resilience funds to provide savings loans.

Funding: US\$49,873
Grant Term: 7/1/2023 – 7/30/2025
Grantee: Madagascar Action Development

Combining Reforestation in Mauritius With Preventive Healthcare and Social Reintegration

Conduct a three-year forest restoration program at Plaine Sophie in Mauritius in partnership with the Forestry Services, with the aim of planting 36,000 woody native seedlings and 36,000 ferns. Partner with a nongovernmental organization dedicated to sensitization on Human Immunodeficiency Virus, who will provide manpower for weeding and planting under a pay-as-you-work program designed to support inmates' reintegration into society.

Funding: US\$49,998
Grant Term: 7/1/2023 – 6/30/2026
Grantee: NATIR

Community Empowerment for Climate Resilience in Ankarinoro, Madagascar

Undertake an initiative to empower rural communities in Ankarinoro, Madagascar. Assess the strengths of community-based forest management associations and design action plans while simultaneously restoring lands through reforestation and agroforestry, supporting coffee and rice cultivation. Emphasize community engagement, particularly involving women, to enhance climate resilience in Madagascar.

Funding: US\$49,969
Grant Term: 7/1/2023 – 6/30/2025
Grantee: Association Ny Tanintsika

Developing Climate Change Resilience in Rural Community Protected Area

Management, Madagascar

Help local small-scale subsistence farming communities in the Forest Corridor of Ankeniheny Zahamena adapt to climate change through a combination of awareness raising, patrolling and training in new skills such as climate-smart agriculture and agroforestry which should prevent further loss of primary forest cover whilst increasing ecosystem services and resilience of the communities.

Funding: US\$148,994
Grant Term: 9/1/2023 – 8/31/2026
Grantee: The Aspinall Foundation

Preservation of Ecosystems in Karthala, Comoros

Strengthen the capacity of the Nyoubadjou forest reserve, located in the center of the Karthala forest on the slope of its crater, by reducing the vulnerability of farmers through training on good agricultural practices adapted to climate change. Implement reforestation plans for endemic plants with fertilizing and CO²-fixing capacity to promote the protection of the forest ecosystem and agricultural practices resilient to climate change.

Funding: US\$49,663
Grant Term: 7/1/2023 – 2/28/2025
Grantee: Association les Amis de Nyoubadjou-Djoumoichongo

Promoting a System of Payments for Ecosystem Services in the Fandriana Marolambo Forest, Madagascar

Develop a pilot site for a payment for ecosystem services scheme to encourage small groups of self-governing farmers to plant trees and show environmental leadership. Restore degraded land and reduce pressure on the natural forests of the Fandriana-Marolambo Forest Corridor, while testing this innovative and proven sustainable development model in Madagascar. Community quantifiers will be paid to monitor the trees planted and the new sustainable agricultural practices that promote biodiversity.

Funding: US\$31,155
Grant Term: 7/1/2023 – 6/30/2025
Grantee: Association Partage

Revitalizing Community Conservation Around the Tsinjoriake Protected Area in Madagascar

Provide communities and civil society, members and partners of the TAMIA Association, with the capacities and means for the conservation of priority habitats and species in the Tsinjoriake Key Biodiversity Area and to implement actions aimed at improving the resilience of species, ecosystems and human populations to climate change.

Funding: US\$5,500
Grant Term: 9/1/2023 – 1/31/2024
Grantee: Tahosoa Alandriake Mitambatse Ianantsono Andatabo (TAMIA)

Showcasing Reconversion of Abandoned Land Through Agroecology in Mauritius

Rehabilitate two abandoned plots of land using an agroecological approach. At Chamouny, ancient relic forest land, rendered flood prone after sugarcane planting and abandoned to invasive plants, will be reconverted with a mix of fruit trees and native plants. At Camp Caval site, abandoned agricultural land will be rehabilitated via an agroforestry model for vegetable production.

Funding: US\$49,933
Grant Term: 9/1/2023 – 8/31/2025
Grantee: Pat's Nature Farm

Strengthening the Climate Resilience of Farmers in the Hapimba Forest Zone, Comoros

Strengthen the seed multiplication capacities of efficient food and market gardening crops, as well as forest and fruit tree seedlings, in an approach to creating a value chain and preserving the habitats of endemic fauna in danger, particularly the Livingstone's bat and le Petit-duc d'Anjouan, also known as the Anjouan Scops owl, from the Hapimba forest zone of Mont Ntringui National Park.

Funding: US\$49,933
Grant Term: 7/1/2023 – 12/30/2024
Grantee: Initiative pour une alternative citoyenne (IPAC)

Support for Communities Around Betampona, Madagascar, Through Climate Adaptation Initiatives

Implement in and around the Betampona Integral Nature Reserve the restoration of degraded forest ecosystems, the removal of invasive species, the promotion of resilient agroforestry and the strengthening of the technical and financial capacity of the grassroots community around the reserve.

Funding: US\$49,830
Grant Term: 9/1/2023 – 8/31/2025
Grantee: MATEZA

Strategic Direction #3 Strengthen the capacity of local communities and civil society at regional and local levels to enhance adaptive capacity and reduce exposure to climate change risks.

Empowering Grassroots Community Organizations as Natural Resource Managers in Madagascar

Contribute to the organizational development of nineteen community-based organizations and land managers through the training of young men and women from local communities to become providers of advisory services on agroecological farming practices so as to build livelihood resilience, and in turn improve the governance of community organizations in the management three Key Biodiversity Areas: Amoron'i Onilahy, Complexe Lac Ihotry and Tsinjoarivo.

Funding: US\$49,814
Grant Term: 7/1/2023 – 12/31/2024
Grantee: Money for Madagascar

Strategic Direction #4. Support research and ensure the dissemination of results for the promotion and improvement of knowledge on ecosystem-based adaptation (EbA) actions and related good practices.

Improving Sustainable Management of Coastal and Terrestrial Ecosystems in Comoros

Assess the health of natural habitats and propose participatory management strategies for the protection and conservation of endemic biodiversity and ecosystems, e.g. inventory of invasive species, identification of degraded areas and priority trees for reforestation and the mapping of restoration areas. Train academics and disseminate best practice solutions.

Funding: US\$49,121
Grant Term: 7/1/2023 – 12/30/2024
Grantee: BEE Comores

MEDITERRANEAN BASIN HOTSPOT

Strategic Direction #2. Support the sustainable management of water catchments through integrated approaches for the conservation of threatened freshwater biodiversity.

Assessing Status of Fungi Inhabiting Neretva River as an Important Step Towards Identifying Top Priority Freshwater Sites in Bosnia and Herzegovina

Conduct mycological research on the river banks of Neretva, Bregava, Buna and Bunica rivers. Conduct an inventory and risk assessment of fungi in accordance with IUCN criteria, focusing on the rarest, stenoendemic species of fungi. Present main project outcomes to all relevant stakeholders through various channels and media: book, promotional videos, exhibition and mycological regional workshop.

Funding: US\$30,937
Grant Term: 7/1/2023 – 9/30/2024
Grantee: Mycological Society (MycobH)

Conservation of Endemic Freshwater Biodiversity in the Springs of Oum Er Rabia, Morocco

Enhance the conservation of endemic freshwater biodiversity species that are Critically Endangered according to the IUCN Red List especially, *Onychogomphus boudoti*, *Corrosella pallaryi* and *Corrosella wakrimi*. Restore at least two drinking troughs for grazing purposes and domestic use to reduce pressure. Raise awareness among the local users of spring streams in the Oum Er Rabia River through meetings and workshops.

Funding: US\$49,991
Grant Term: 8/1/2023 – 10/31/2024
Grantee: Association des Enseignants des Sciences de la Vie et de la Terre section Khénifra (AESVT Khénifra)

Conservation of the Albanian Water Frog in Albania

Assess the population status of the Albanian water frog, *Pelophylax shqipericus*, covering all of its potential home range in Albania, and update the species action plan. In depth analysis of the species population, pressures and threats and the comprehensive plan of mitigating measures will contribute towards long-term preservation of this species. Strengthen knowledge of key stakeholders and conduct a public awareness campaign to advocate for the conservation of this species.

Funding: US\$49,550
Grant Term: 7/1/2023 – 9/30/2024
Grantee: Qendra për Ruajtjen e Ekosistemeve Natyrore në Shqipëri (Eco-Albania)

Engaging Farmers to Preserve Private Ramsar Site Garaa Sejnane, Tunisia

Involve local communities in the adoption of agricultural practices to preserve Garaa Sejnane Ramsar Site and its unique plants, like Tunisian dock. Conduct sensitization and training of local actors, including youth, farmers and local officials, and establish a monitoring unit.

Funding: US\$57,386
Grant Term: 9/1/2023 – 8/31/2024
Grantee: WWF Mediterranean - North Africa

Enhancing the Knowledge Base on Dabarsko and Fatničko Karstic Fields and Underground Water Systems and Reducing the Threats from Unsustainable Water Use in Bosnia and Herzegovina

Conduct research on the biodiversity of two of the most valuable and threatened karst fields (poljes) in the Mediterranean Basin Hotspot. Advocate to national and international institutions to avoid and mitigate the impacts of the Upper Horizons hydropower cascade that is under construction. Engage civil society groups, scientists and other stakeholders in saving the endemic fish and other species, such as the critically endangered Dabarsko dace, *Telestes dabar*.

Funding: US\$47,885
Grant Term: 7/1/2023 – 10/31/2024
Grantee: Centar za zivotnu sredinu (CZZS)

Integrated Management of Freshwater Resources in the Soliman Wetland – GIREauSOL, Tunisia

Contribute to the management of the wetland of Sabkhet Soliman by involving the private sector. Support the development of a scientific observatory to improve knowledge about biodiversity and threats in order to identify a sustainable solution for the waste caused by surrounding factories in partnership with relevant stakeholders.

Funding: US\$46,802
Grant Term: 7/1/2023 – 10/31/2024
Grantee: Association de l'Environnement et du Développement à Soliman (AEDS)

Restoration and Conservation of Endemic Critically Endangered Fish of the Middle and Upper Tensift Basin Key Biodiversity Zone in Morocco

Restore the habitats of fish endemic to the hydraulic basin of Tensift, Morocco such as *Luciobarbus magniatlantis*. Update data on conservation status, mitigate the main threats, restore connectivity between water reservoirs hosting fish, install spawning grounds, improve the riparian strip, install the reed bed system to purify village wastewater and reduce wastewater discharges into the river and raise awareness among local communities for the basin.

Funding: US\$49,969
Grant Term: 8/1/2023 – 10/31/2024
Grantee: Association des Enseignants des Sciences de la Vie et de la Terre, section Al Haouz (AESVT Al Haouz)

Science-Based Conservation of Wetlands in Two Key Biodiversity Areas in Palestine

Undertake an evaluation of two Key Biodiversity Areas of significance in Palestine, Jordan Valley and the Northern Dead Sea Region, containing marshland and spring wetlands, respectively. Conduct analysis, including of environmental DNA, to determine conservation status of key wetland species. Develop management plans collectively with stakeholders, conduct educational workshops and bridge science-policy-practice gaps, leading to effective conservation and other effective area-based conservation measures for the protected area network.

Funding: US\$48,730
Grant Term: 6/1/2023 – 10/31/2024
Grantee: Bethlehem University (Bethlehem University)

Setting the Foundation for a Sustainable Future for Buna River Protected Landscape in Albania and Bojana Delta in Montenegro

Increase the knowledge about freshwater species in the transboundary Buna River Protected Landscape and Bojana Delta by conducting research on the Critically Endangered and Endangered fish species. Prepare a situation analysis on the Critically Endangered species Adriatic sturgeon, *Acipenser naccarii*, and implement conservation actions to improve the freshwater ecosystem. Build capacities of local authorities and civil society organizations in Albania and Montenegro.

Funding: US\$44,405
Grant Term: 7/1/2023 – 10/31/2023
Grantee: Protection and Preservation of Natural Environment in Albania (PPNEA)

Supporting Better Management of Delta Bojana in Montenegro

Conduct monitoring of planned infrastructure projects to be developed in the area of Bojana Delta in order to identify and minimize potential threats to the biodiversity of the area. Inform stakeholder groups on possible negative impacts and measures that should be implemented in order to protect the biodiversity. Raise awareness and knowledge about the species and habitats of this area.

Funding: US\$45,650
Grant Term: 7/1/2023 – 10/31/2024
Grantee: Zeleni Dom Green Home (Green Home)

Testing New Distance Monitoring Methods for Biodiversity Conservation in Three Key Biodiversity Areas in Bosnia and Herzegovina

Conduct primary research in the associated wetland areas Neretva River, Trebižat, and Hutovo Blato. The eDNA method will kick-start a novel way of researching rich biodiversity areas, enabling larger scope of faunal research. A combination of traditional and novel methods of data gathering will set a necessary foundation for future protection and appropriate management of targeted areas.

Funding: US\$49,996
Grant Term: 7/1/2023 – 10/31/2024
Grantee: Hrvatsko Drustvo za Bioloska Istrazivanja (HDBI)/Croatian Biology Research Society (HDBI)

Towards Effective Management in the Key Biodiversity Area of Cijevna Canyon Natural Monument, Montenegro

Improve integrated management of the Cijevna River basin by mapping threats, preparing a plan for mitigation measures, and organizing round tables and a conference. Build capacity of protected area managers, local communities and tourist organizations through an organized study visit to Slovenia to understand the benefits of salmonid species conservation. Increase the number of visitors and fly fishermen through a campaign promoting the Cijevna River Canyon as a fly fishing destination.

Funding: US\$41,018
Grant Term: 7/1/2023 – 10/31/2024
Grantee: Parks Dinarides

Strategic Direction #5. Strengthen the regional conservation community through the sharing of best practices and knowledge among grantees across the hotspot.

Facilitate Regional Networking Among Civil Society Organizations at the 4th Mediterranean Plant Conservation Week in Valencia, Spain

Facilitate the attendance of CEPF grantee researchers and project managers in the 4th Mediterranean Plant Conservation Week conference. Provide logistical support, funding and guidance throughout the event. Engage researchers and scientists of CEPF grants on plant conservation. Conduct trainings and experience sharing in the field of plant conservation. Enable botanists, researchers, project managers and students within CEPF grants to participate at this event, in person and virtually, representing their projects from around the Mediterranean Basin Hotspot.

Funding: US\$26,730
Grant Term: 8/1/2023 – 11/30/2023
Grantee: Asociación Iberomacaronésica de Jardines Botánicos (AIMJB)

MOUNTAINS OF CENTRAL ASIA HOTSPOT

Strategic Direction #1. Address threats to priority species.

Consolidation of International Efforts to Conserve of Rare Birds of Prey in Central Asian Countries

Creating conditions for the conservation of rare species of birds of prey in Central Asia.

Funding: US\$4,795
Grant Term: 9/15/2023 – 12/15/2023
Grantee: Association for the Conservation of Biodiversity of Kazakhstan (ACBK)

Strategic Direction #5. Enhance civil society capacity for effective conservation action.

Building Civil Society Capacity for Effective Conservation Action in Tajikistan

Work directly with five local nongovernmental organizations to improve their ability to implement conservation projects in key biodiversity areas. Provide training in project design, operational management, financial management and fundraising.

Funding: US\$149,993
Grant Term: 8/1/2023 – 1/31/2025
Grantee: Fauna & Flora International - HQ (FFI)

TROPICAL ANDES HOTSPOT III

Strategic Direction #1. Strengthen protection and management of 52 priority KBAs to foster participatory governance, green recovery from COVID-19, climate change resilience, species conservation, and financial sustainability.

Kosñipata-Carabaya Key Biodiversity Area Post-Pandemic Recovery Through Ecotourism, Peru, Phase II

Contribute to the reactivation of ecotourism activities in the Kosñipata-Carabaya Key Biodiversity Area (PER44) through participatory planning, promotion of existing tourism products and capacity building.

Funding: US\$19,711
Grant Term: 9/1/2023 – 11/30/2023
Grantee: Ayuda para la Vida Silvestre Amenazada Sociedad Zoológica de Francfort Perú (AVISA SZF PERU)

WALLACEA HOTSPOT

Strategic Direction #2. Improve management of sites (KBAs) with and without official protection status.

Strengthening Conservation and Governance of the Moramo Bay Marine Area, Southeast Sulawesi Province, Indonesia

Strengthening community-based conservation actions and governance of coral reef ecosystems and protected species in the Moramo Bay TWP Marine Conservation Area and Small Islands, Southeast Sulawesi Province.

Funding: US\$19,773

Grant Term: 8/11/2023 – 8/10/2024
Grantee: Yayasan Mattirotasi Mitra Lestari

Strategic Direction #3. Support sustainable natural resource management by communities in priority sites and corridors.

Expanding Sustainable Fisheries Management and Management of Conservation Areas in the Balantak Waters Key Biodiversity Area, Sulawesi.

Strengthen community actions to protect marine species and sites in the Togean Banggai region of Central Sulawesi. Support alternative livelihood and female empowerment activities in the villages of Talang Batu and Luok by scaling up current projects.

Funding: US\$32,312
Grant Term: 7/11/2023 – 9/10/2024
Grantee: Perkumpulan Relawan untuk Orang dan Alam (ROA)

Improving Governance of Small-Scale Fisheries in the Banggai Islands District, Central Sulawesi, Indonesia

Improving small-scale fisheries governance through the utilization of fishery products and sustainable marine resource conservation actions in the Banggai Islands District. Promoting the sustainable small-scale fishery approach to establish more opportunities regarding the fisheries product market and improving its governance through the octopus fishery.

Funding: US\$26,656
Grant Term: 8/3/2023 – 8/2/2024
Grantee: Yayasan Kompas Peduli Hutan (KOMIU)

Increasing Stakeholder Support for Sustainable Small-Scale Fisheries Management in Banggai Regency, Indonesia

Strengthen small-scale fisheries in Uwedikan working with key stakeholders. Improve compliance with small-scale fisheries governance. Replicate good practices in additional villages. Build bridges between the community and consumers, including fisheries product buyers and fish processing units.

Funding: US\$46,637
Grant Term: 8/3/2023 – 9/20/2024
Grantee: Perkumpulan Jaring Advokasi Pengelolaan Sumberdaya Alam (JAPESDA)

Optimizing Collaborative Management of Small-Scale Demersal Fisheries in Kabalutan and Pulau Enam Villages, Indonesia

Support the natural resource sustainability and livelihoods of fishermen in Kabalutan and Pulau Enam villages. Improve compliance with small-scale fisheries governance. Assist fishermen with the process of getting vessel registration documents completed and insurance secured. Support the establishment of access to wider markets and agreements with the fish processing units.

Funding: US\$35,679
Grant Term: 8/3/2023 – 8/2/2024

Grantee: Karsa Institute

Strengthening Community Resilience in Marine Conservation Areas in the Liukang Tangaya Region, South Sulawesi Province

Strengthen protections for marine conservation areas in the Liukang Tangaya Region by improving local communities' ability to monitor the area, implementing fishing regulations and developing alternative livelihood options that provide economic sustainability for the community.

Funding: US\$42,844

Grant Term: 8/23/2023 – 8/22/2024

Grantee: Yayasan Rekam Jejak Alam Nusantara (REKAM)

Strengthening Mangrove Protection and the Capacity of Fishing Groups in Sulawesi, Indonesia

Strengthening the management capacity of *Scylla serrata* and *Scylla tranquebarica* mangrove crab fishing groups and cooperatives. Integrating the management of the local mangrove rehabilitation zone with the village development plan and establishing market access opportunities for mangrove crabs in Saiyong, Ambelang, and Manggalai villages.

Funding: US\$23,421

Grant Term: 8/3/2023 – 9/20/2024

Grantee: Perkumpulan Sanggar Seni Lokal dan Pegiat Media Rakyat (SALANGGAR)

Strengthening Small-Scale Fisheries Governance in Nusalaut, Indonesia

Improve sustainable management of coastal and marine areas alongside the development and activities of small-scale fisheries in Nusalaut, Indonesia.

Funding: US\$40,865

Grant Term: 8/28/2023 – 8/27/2024

Grantee: Yayasan Baileo Maluku (Baileo)

Strategic Direction #4. Strengthen community-based action to protect marine species and sites.

Improved Management of the Cultivation, Conservation and Trade of Sea Cucumbers on Sapuka Liukang Tangaya Island, Sulawesi

Improving the utilization, conservation and trade patterns of Koro sea cucumbers (*Holothuria nobilis*) on Sapuka Liukang Tangaya Island in Pangkajenne Islands Regency, South Sulawesi Province.

Funding: US\$26,772

Grant Term: 8/23/2023 – 8/22/2024

Grantee: Yayasan Romang Celebes Indonesia (YRC)

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CARIBBEAN ISLANDS HOTSPOT

Strategic Direction #2. Increase landscape-level connectivity and ecosystem resilience in seven priority corridors

Preserving Biodiversity Through Sustainable Alternative Livelihoods Within the Cockpit Country, Jamaica

Reforest degraded lands and promote sustainable alternative livelihoods to reduce the threat of deforestation within sections of the Cockpit Country, Jamaica

Funding: US\$50,000
Grant Term: 12/1/2023 – 2/28/2025
Grantee: Sawyers Local Forest Management Committee Benevolent Society

Promoting and Supporting Sustainable Livelihoods in South East Cockpit Country, Jamaica

Promote the live yam stick concept and diversify income streams through sustainable alternative livelihoods such as bee keeping as a means of reducing the threat of deforestation in the Cockpit Country, Jamaica.

Funding: US\$49,480
Grant Term: 12/1/2023 – 11/30/2024
Grantee: South East Cockpit Country Local Forest Management Committee Benevolent Society

Promoting Sustainable Livelihoods Through Ecotourism in the Dolphin Head Forest Reserve, Jamaica

Establish sustainable alternative livelihoods to incentivize ongoing conservation of the Dolphin Head Forest Reserve. Build the technical and administrative capacity of the Dolphin Head Local Forest Management Committee Cooperative Society. Improve awareness among youth and community members about the value of biodiversity conservation in the Dolphin Head Forest Reserve

Funding: US\$47,751
Grant Term: 12/1/2023 – 2/28/2025
Grantee: Dolphin Head Local Forest Management Committee Cooperative Society

INDO-BURMA HOTSPOT

Strategic Direction #1. Safeguard priority globally threatened species by mitigating major threats

Supporting the Operation of Conservation Vietnam

Support the institutional development and start-up costs of the Vietnam Wildlife Conservation Fund, a new Vietnamese foundation created to address the challenge the country faces in maintaining its unique biodiversity. Known as Conservation Vietnam, the entity comprises an endowment fund which functions as a grant-making facility for the support of Vietnamese organizations engaged in conservation activities. Following development of policies and procedures, Conservation Vietnam will build the capacity of local grantees and award grants.

Funding: US\$400,000
Grant Term: 12/1/2023 – 11/30/2026
Grantee: Vietnam Wildlife Conservation Fund (Conservation Vietnam)

MADAGASCAR AND THE INDIAN OCEAN ISLANDS HOTSPOT

Strategic Direction #1. Empower communities and civil society to implement actions to improve the resilience of species, ecosystems, and human populations to climate change in priority KBAs

Building Capacity in Seychelles to Advance Marine Monitoring and Ecosystem Management

Develop an ocean observation and marine monitoring and ecosystem management framework in five marine protected areas around the coasts of Mahe, Seychelles. Conduct research on the status of these identified protected areas and provide mitigating and management approaches where needed. Build long term national capacity by providing training and establishing a network of students and research organizations to develop sustainable ocean observation and monitoring system for priority areas.

Funding: US\$49,235
Grant Term: 7/1/2023 – 6/30/2026
Grantee: BERI

Building Community-Led Climate Resilience in Ambositra-Vondrozo Corridor, Madagascar

Improve governance of Ambositra-Vondrozo Corridor for climate resilience via effective community involvement, strengthening of local-level forest management structures and enforcement of forest legislation. Draw up land-use plans to reforest and restore zones, particularly key watersheds. Engage youth through inspirational agroforestry plots to trigger widespread adoption of climate-smart techniques and through ecological and forest monitoring.

Funding: US\$206,985
Grant Term: 10/1/2023 – 6/30/2026

Grantee: Association Ny Tanintsika

Enhancing Ecosystem-Based Adaptation in the Ambodivoasary Natural Reserve

Enhance the climate resilience of the ecosystems and local community at Ambodivoasary Natural Reserve by enhancing community management of intact watershed forest; restoring degraded forest ecosystems, while generating long-term income from the production of native seedlings; developing climate-smart agriculture and agroforestry; and promoting the development of community-based ecotourism to ensure sustainable funding for forest ecosystem conservation activities.

Funding: US\$247,573
Grant Term: 10/1/2023 – 12/31/2026
Grantee: Acting for Communities and Trees (ACT)

Restoring Degraded Native Forest in Mauritius

Restore a total of 21 hectares of degraded watershed forest at Ebony Forest Chamarel (Chamarel – Le Morne Key Biodiversity Area) and Vallée De L'Est (Bambou Range Key Biodiversity Area) in Mauritius by controlling invasive alien plants and animals. Improve ecosystem resilience to climate change by reinstating missing species interactions, such as seed dispersal and grazing.

Funding: US\$272,071
Grant Term: 12/1/2023 – 12/31/2026
Grantee: Ebony Forest Ltd

Building Resilience for Climate Change Impacts in Three Bays Key Biodiversity Area

Carry out baseline biodiversity surveys to inform conservation strategies and a management plan for Three Bays Key Biodiversity Area. Promote sustainable fishing practices and improved processing and marketing techniques. Restore mangroves and develop a community-led management plan to safeguard the ecological integrity of the site while promoting sustainable resource use. Raise awareness on the importance of protected areas and their role in building resilience to climate change impacts.

Funding: US\$216,127
Grant Term: 1/1/2024 – 12/31/2026
Grantee: Conservation Centree sur la Communauté (C3 Madagascar)

Strategic Direction #3. Strengthen the capacity of local communities and civil society at regional and local levels to enhance adaptive capacity and reduce exposure to climate change risks

Empowering Local Organizations for Sustainable Forest Governance in Madagascar

Build capacity for ten local natural resource management organizations, promoting sustainable governance in peripheral communities of the Fandriana Vondrozo Forest Corridor. Prevent internal forest migration by updating the Management Plan and enforcing internal regulations. Activities generating income, including rice cultivation, beekeeping and fish farming, will accompany these efforts, benefitting 1,800 individuals.

Funding: US\$46,271
Grant Term: 10/1/2023 – 3/31/2026
Grantee: TAFO MIHAAVO

MEDITERRANEAN BASIN HOTSPOT

Strategic Direction #2. Support the sustainable management of water catchments through integrated approaches for the conservation of threatened freshwater biodiversity

Population Status Assessment of Globally Threatened Crayfish in Marine Ecosystems of Jabllanice National Park, Albania

Conduct research to assess and monitor the populations of two globally threatened crayfish species, *Astacus astacus* and *Austropotamobius torrentium*, in the lakes of Prespa, Ohrid, as well as the tributaries of Shkumbini River flowing from Shebenik-Jabllanice National Park. Identify threats and provide conservation measures for those species. Raise awareness of stakeholders on the conservation status of the species. Develop a monitoring manual for the crayfish species in Albania, to be officially submitted to MTEA and NAPA.

Funding: US\$19,361
Grant Term: 10/1/2023 – 10/31/2024
Grantee: Biologist of Albanian Association (BOA)

MOUNTAINS OF CENTRAL ASIA HOTSPOT

Strategic Direction #1. Address threats to priority species

Improving the Water Supply to Koytendag Nature Reserve

Eliminate threats to priority species of the Koytendag Reserve; improve biodiversity status in specially protected sites; conserve biodiversity hotspots and ecosystems located on the territory that are in critical condition by improving the water supply situation, both for the Reserve's employees and adjacent areas used for irrigation of plants and watering of wild animals. Demonstrate how, with limited human intervention, it is possible to create conditions for the development of biodiversity and to utilize green energy on a larger scale.

Funding: US\$4,965
Grant Term: 10/10/2023 – 6/30/2024
Grantee: Individual Enterprise "Gyzyl cheshme"

Restoring the Lake Yesik Ecosystem in Almaty State Nature Reserve

Restore the ecosystem of the Esik River and Lake Esik of the Almaty State Nature Reserve by providing conditions for the preservation and increase of the wild trout population.

Funding: US\$13,088
Grant Term: 10/10/2023 – 9/30/2024
Grantee: Karagandy Regional Ecological Center (ECOCENTER)

TROPICAL ANDES HOTSPOT III

Strategic Direction #1. Strengthen protection and management of 52 priority KBAs to foster participatory governance, green recovery from COVID-19, climate change resilience, species conservation, and financial sustainability.

Improving Habitat in Mashpi-Pachijal and Los Bancos-Milpe, Ecuador

Conserve and expand habitat for Ecuadorian capuchin and Baudo guan in two Key Biodiversity Areas by supporting conservation planning to promote forest connectivity, reforestation and agroforestry, community awareness building, environmental education, women's micro-enterprises, establishment of a private protected area, alliance building and organizational development for gender.

Funding: US\$199,993
Grant Term: 1/1/2024 – 6/30/2025
Grantee: Fundación Imaymana (FI)

Improving Management in Yanacocha Biological Reserve, Pichincha Volcano, Ecuador

Improve management in the Yanacocha Biological Reserve, a private reserve covering 1,197 hectares, through management planning, species monitoring, tourism promotion, capacity building, and environmental education.

Funding: US\$75,020
Grant Term: 1/1/2024 – 12/31/2025
Grantee: Fundación de Conservación Jocotoco

Strategic Direction #2. In the seven priority corridors, collaborate with public and private sector stakeholders to enable biodiversity conservation, a green recovery from COVID-19, and environmental, financial, and social sustainability, in benefit of the priority KBAs.

Strengthening Conservation Enterprises in the Territorio Étnico Awá y Alrededores KBA, Ecuador

Strengthen protected areas management of the Chinambí y Andes Occidentales municipal reserves, promote sustainable livelihoods through nature tourism and agroforestry, and raise environmental awareness through communications and educational activities in local communities.

Funding: US\$196,385
Grant Term: 1/1/2024 – 6/30/2025
Grantee: Fundación para el Desarrollo de Alternativas Comunitarias de Conservación del Trópico (Fundación ALTROPICO)

Strategic Direction #3. Safeguard priority globally threatened species.

Engaging Communities to Conserve the Black-Breasted Puffleg Hummingbird in Ecuador

Implement the conservation action plan for the Critically Endangered Black-breasted puffleg hummingbird by supporting reforestation and land restoration, strengthening a community women's association undertaking reforestation, researching puffleg reproduction and habitat, carrying out environmental education, and studying the feasibility of purchasing land to create a new private protected reserve.

Funding: US\$79,436

Grant Term: 10/1/2023 – 3/31/2025

Grantee: BirdLife International – Ecuador (Aves y Conservación)