

Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund
45th Meeting of the CEPF Donor Council
Tuesday 25 November 2025
8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Eastern Standard Time (EST)
2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Brussels and Paris Time
10:00 p.m. – 1:00 a.m. (+1 day) Tokyo Time

Partnerships Highlights

Global Partners

Conservation International:

In April 2025, Conservation International, CEPF co-founder and global donor, renewed its commitment to CEPF with a US\$2 million investment for FY26 with the request that the allocation been used to cover the cost of the CEPF Secretariat.

European Union and Agence Française de Développement:

In October 2025, the Agence Française de Développement (AFD) sent the convention for US\$5.5 million to be used by CEPF to support Rapid Rescue for Conservation Crises (R2C2). The convention is now under review by Conservation International, and the signing of the convention between AFD and CEPF is imminent.

Fondation Hans Wilsdorf:

In April 2025, following the grant of Fondation Hans Wilsdorf, CEPF completed and drafted out the development of its five-year strategy on Organizational Development. CEPF is first implementing this strategy in the Mediterranean Basin and the Guinean Forests of West Africa Biodiversity Hotspots.

In June 2025, CEPF signed a new US\$5 million grant agreement with Fondation Hans Wilsdorf for the conservation of terrestrial biodiversity of the Wallacea Biodiversity Hotspot.

World Bank and Government of Japan:

In June 2025, following negotiations package for additional financing, the World Bank provided a grant of US\$2.35 million for CEPF to complement the investment in the Caribbean Islands Biodiversity Hotspot.

Global Environment Facility (GEF):

National consultations took place in five countries (Equatorial Guinea, Libya, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Sri Lanka, and Turkmenistan) in the context of the engagement of CEPF as an executing entity of the GEF Small Grant Program with Conservation

International as a GEF Implementing Agency. The allocation per country is \$885,000 (excluding the agency fee) and funding should be available in January 2026.

Regional Partners

Hempel Foundation:

In June 2025, CEPF signed a grant agreement of US\$5 million with Denmark-based Hempel Foundation for the conservation of terrestrial biodiversity of the Wallacea Biodiversity Hotspot. Hempel Foundation will increase its financial support to CEPF to a level that will allow its participation in the governance of CEPF, if the current Donor Council members approve it.

Margaret A. Cargil Philanthropies:

In June 2025, CEPF signed a new US\$2 million grant from Margaret A. Cargil Philanthropies towards the next phase of CEPF investment in Indo-Burma Biodiversity Hotspot. Discussions are taking place with Margaret A. Cargil Philanthropies for this long-term supporter of CEPF to become a global donor.

Fondation Audemars-Watkins:

In August 2025, CEPF signed a new grant agreement of US\$0.9 million with Swiss-based Fondation Audemars-Watkins for the conservation of biodiversity of the Mediterranean Biodiversity Hotspot.