

**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**

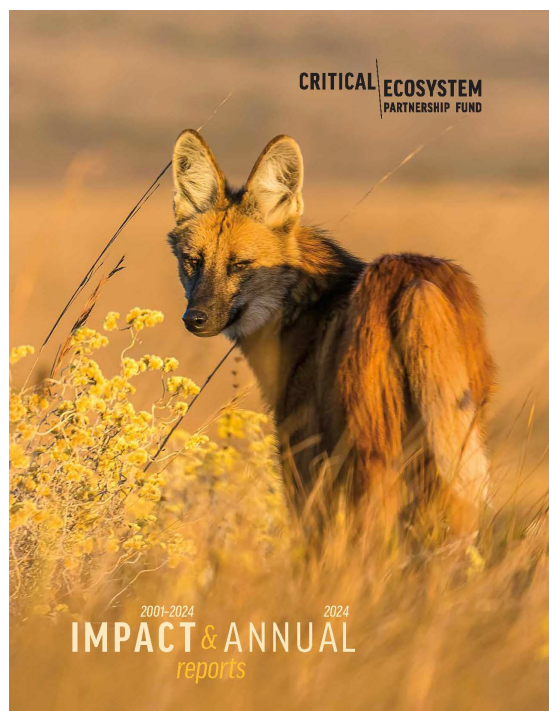
Highlights from the 2024 CEPF Impact Report

Recommended Action Item:

The Donor Council is asked to review and provide comments on the [2024 CEPF Impact and 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 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 Global Biodiversity Framework and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. The following are key results for the period from fiscal year 2001 through fiscal year 2024.



Biodiversity

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

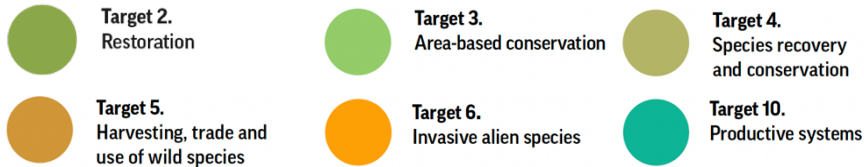
- The creation of 17.2 million hectares of new protected areas.
- The improved management of 55.9 million hectares of Key Biodiversity Areas.
- The strengthened management of biodiversity in 12.3 million hectares of production landscapes.

- Conservation actions benefiting 1,335 globally threatened species.

Links to the Sustainable Development Goals:



Links to the Global Biodiversity Framework:



Civil Society

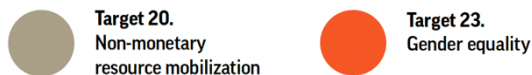
A key objective of CEPF is to strengthen civil society, because CEPF believes that an empowered civil society holds the key to the future of biodiversity conservation. CEPF grants have resulted in:

- 2,770 civil society organizations receiving support from CEPF.
- 535 local grantees reporting an increase in their organizational capacity.
- 332 local grantees reporting an increased understanding of, and commitment to, gender issues.
- 1,104 networks/partnerships supported, 786 of which CEPF helped to create.

Links to the Sustainable Development Goals:



Links to the Global Biodiversity Framework:



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, improved food security, increased resilience to climate change, and many others. CEPF grantees have contributed to:

- 5,974 communities benefiting.
- More than 241,240 people receiving structured training, including 70,001

women.

- More than 114,664 people receiving cash benefits, including 37,363 women.
- At least 1,860 projects promoting nature-based solutions to climate change.

Links to the Sustainable Development Goals:



Links to the Global Biodiversity Framework:



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, 76 sustainable financing mechanisms.
- The enactment or amendment of 550 laws, regulations and policies with conservation provisions.
- At least 258 companies adopting biodiversity-friendly practices.

Links to the Sustainable Development Goals:



Links to the Global Biodiversity Framework:



The report also includes results achieved for the 2024 fiscal year, the data and stories behind the program results for the period 2001 through 30 June 2024, and financials through 30 June 2024.

Hard copies have been mailed to the members of the Donor Council and Working Group.