

CEPF SMALL GRANT FINAL PROJECT COMPLETION REPORT

I. BASIC DATA

Organization Legal Name: World Wide Fund for Nature - UK

Project Title (as stated in the grant agreement): *Technical Backstopping of Sustainable Finance and Final Reporting Processes*

Implementation Partners for This Project:

Project Dates (as stated in the grant agreement): June 1, 2007 – March 31, 2009

Date of Report (month/year): May 2009

II. OPENING REMARKS

Provide any opening remarks that may assist in the review of this report.

III. NARRATIVE QUESTIONS

1. What was the initial objective of this project?

The initial objectives were to provide support to the implementation of various elements of the CEPF programme in the region. Please see the attached annex for details of the agreed objectives.

2. Did the objectives of your project change during implementation? If so, please explain why and how.

The objectives did not change during implementation.

3. How was your project successful in achieving the expected objectives?

Yes. Please see the attached annex that outlines what was done during this grant.

4. Did your team experience any disappointments or failures during implementation? If so, please explain and comment on how the team addressed these disappointments and/or failures.

There were no disappointments or failures.

5. Describe any positive or negative lessons learned from this project that would be useful to share with other organizations interested in implementing a similar project.

A role like the one I was funded to play, is a useful one for CEPF projects to have in other regions. Basically, time is funded for a regional expert to assist with the

implementation of the projects activities, and to provide advice on technical issues and to link to other similar initiatives.

6. Describe any follow-up activities related to this project.

Work is still ongoing within other funded projects, several linked to the work funded by CEPF in the region.

7. Please provide any additional information to assist CEPF in understanding any other aspects of your completed project.

IV. ADDITIONAL FUNDING

Provide details of any additional donors who supported this project and any funding secured for the project as a result of the CEPF grant or success of the project.

Donor	Type of Funding*	Amount	Notes
WWF	Complimentary funding	\$5,000	Additional salary support towards the same objectives
		\$	
		\$	
		\$	

***Additional funding should be reported using the following categories:**

- A** *Project co-financing (Other donors contribute to the direct costs of this CEPF project)*
- B** *Complementary funding (Other donors contribute to partner organizations that are working on a project linked with this CEPF project)*
- C** *Grantee and Partner leveraging (Other donors contribute to your organization or a partner organization as a direct result of successes with this CEPF project.)*
- D** *Regional/Portfolio leveraging (Other donors make large investments in a region because of CEPF investment or successes related to this project.)*

V. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

VI. INFORMATION SHARING

CEPF is committed to transparent operations and to helping civil society groups share experiences, lessons learned and results. One way we do this is by making programmatic project documents available on our Web site, www.cepf.net, and by marketing these in our newsletter and other communications.

These documents are accessed frequently by other CEPF grantees, potential partners, and the wider conservation community.

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Annex – Technical progress report

Progress Report to the Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund

Dr Neil Burgess

May 10th 2009

Background

CEPF investment to East Africa has been operational since early 2004. Throughout 2004 and until the end of 2006 UNDP-GEF supported the salary of Dr Neil Burgess to provide a technical input to the review of the more than 200 LOIs that were submitted to the CEPF coordination unit, and supported his technical input to the majority of the CEPF projects operational in Tanzania. The UNDP contract for Neil Burgess finished on the 11th January 2007.

After returning to the UK Neil Burgess was contracted by CEPF through WWF UK to provide a limited number of services to the Coordination Unit and the CEPF programme in the East African region. In this short report I outline what has been done against the major deliverables of that contract by the end of the reporting period in 2009.

Reporting against deliverables

- 1) *Input to the consultancy report from the sustainable finance team that fully reflects the existing structures in the region and the possibilities to sustainably finance conservation in the longer term.* I met with the consultants and provided considerable input to their work through providing reports and financial materials, linking them to relevant people in the region, and by providing comments on the draft report. I have also promoted the final report within WWF and other organizations, and used it as the basis of a PhD programme for a student at Cambridge University. Finally, I helped WWF EARPO to develop the LOI, and Terms of Reference for fundraiser to take advantage of the remaining funding within SD5.
- 2) *Relevant inputs to the sustainable biodiversity monitoring project coordinated by BirdLife International to see the finalisation of the expected products.* I provided a series of detailed comments on the draft report produced by the BirdLife team. I have also been sending papers, GIS datasets, and any other relevant materials upon request to the BirdLife team undertaking this work. I have also provided significant input to the CABS-led work on the assessment of forest change in the Eastern Arc Mountains and Coastal Forests, including the GIS data that forms the basis of the outcomes monitoring database for KBAs.
- 3) *Links provided between the various projects working on ecosystem services.* I have continued to play a role in coordinating and linking projects working on ecosystem services in this hotspot, particularly in Tanzania.

- 4) *Comments on the various LOIs received by CEPF for the small grants programme.* I have provided comments on all the LOIs I have been sent by the BirdLife team coordinating this work.
- 5) *Various reports from the projects already funded by CEPF, especially those being managed by Frontier-Tanzania, TFCG, Trento Museum, etc.* I have read and provided comments on the reports for Mahenge and Nguru Mountains produced by Frontier-Tanzania and for the North Pare Mountains and Mufindi part of the Udzungwa Mountains by TFCG. I have also worked with Giulia Wegner and collaborators to see the paper on the biological values of the forests in Mtwara ready for publication by JEANHS. Finally, I have worked with Jackie Hall to complete and submit a paper to Biological Conservation on trends in deforestation in the Eastern Arc Mountains from 1955-2000.
- 6) *Assist the CU to organise a final review meeting / conference of the CEPF programme in the region (in 2008).* I participated in the final review / mission for the CEPF programme in Dar es Salaam, and made comments on the final report that was produced. Since then I have been discussing input to the consolidation funding proposal that will be prepared by CEPF.

Financial matters

Funds for the grant were provided from CEPF to WWF UK. All the funds have been used and accounted for.