CRITICAL ECOSYSTEM

CEPF Final Project Completion Report

Organization Legal Name:	Nature Kenya	
Project Title:	Partnering with Business for Mt Kenya Water Ecosystem Services Restoration	
Grant Number:	CEPF-103546	
CEPF Region:	Eastern Afromontane 3 Initiate and support sustainable financing and	
Strategic Direction:	related actions for the conservation of priority KBAs and corridors.	
Grant Amount:	\$104,222.14	
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Date of Report:	December 02, 2019	

Implementation Partners

List each partner and explain how they were involved in the project

- 1. 20 Community Forest Associations (CFAs) from around Mt.Kenya: These are the Mt. Kenya forest restoration champions. The CFAs were beneficiaries of capacity development through training and mentorship supported by this project.
- 2. Mt Kenya Biodiversity Conservation Group is a Site Support Group (SSG)-The SSG supported the program by catalyzing operations of the CFAs through awareness creation on the importance of forest restoration and resource mobilization to support these restoration actions.
- **3.** Ministry of Environment and Forestry: The ministry has provided enabling policy framework to support forest restoration in Kenya.
- 4. Kenya Forest Service: KFS has provided oversight of forest restoration actions in Mt.Kenya implemented by CFAs.
- 5. 5 County Governments; These counties have instrumental in bringing together large water buyers to support the restoration of water ecosystem services.
- 6. The Nature Conservancy (TNC)- The TNC is working towards setting up a legal financing mechanism-*Upper Tana Nairobi Water Fund*; that will provide financial support to the CFAs and other groups to engage in forest restoration and sustainable land management.
- 7. Wetland International-Wetlands International has catalyzed water policy development for Meru County.

(Refer to Annex 1)

Conservation Impacts

Summarize the overall impact of your project, describing how your project has contributed to the implementation of the CEPF ecosystem profile

- **1. 20** Community Forest Associations working in Mt.Kenya forest are empowered and have their capacity enhanced to secure commitments of forest restoration.
- 2. 294 (167men, 127 women) CFA representatives trained on leadership, governance, action plan development, proposal writing, business case development, negotiation and communication skills, and project management
- 3. 20 forest conservation action plans consultative developed and tailored to each CFA level
- 4. 20 site-level forest restoration business cases and proposals developed by the CFAs
- 5. 15 CFAs convened 30 site-level water buyers meetings where down-stream water users were made aware of the importance of forest restoration through site-level business case presentations.
- 6. 7 CFAs signed agreements of total KSh.22,293,715 with Water Sector Trust Fund to carry out forest restoration among other activities (Annex 5)
- 7. 1 regional stakeholder meeting co-convened with Meru County government (Annex 6)
- 8. A Mt. Kenya forest ecosystem services assessment carried out to collect up to date data that would be used in revising the Mt.Kenya forest restoration business case (Annex 2).
- 9. Revised Mt. Kenya Forest restoration business case developed (Annex 4)
- Commitment agreement of KSh.8million signed between Nature Kenya and Kenya Breweries Ltd on behalf of 6 CFAs to rehabilitate 100ha of degraded forest area in Mt. Kenya forest (Annex 7).
- **11.** Set up an advisory committee on a partnership with the business for the restoration of Mt. Kenya forest set up in a committee where large water buyers are represented

Impact Description	Impact Summary
Strategic commitments from downstream water users lead to sustainable water flows from Mt Kenya due to sustained water catchment management and restoration by and for stakeholders	Payment for Water Service Schemes (PWS) takes a long time to set up. The success depends on partnerships that equally take not a short time. The business sector not having mainstreamed ecosystem services into their routine budgetary processes need time to understand the justification. The government is currently exploring the development of PES national policy and has formed a national taskforce. Lessons from this project have been shared with this taskforce for mainstreaming to enable the government to provide an appropriate enabling environment for businesses to make long- term commitments to forest restoration initiative.

Planned Long-term Impacts - 3+ years (as stated in the approved proposal)

Planned Short-term Impacts - 1 to 3 years (as stated in the approved proposal)

Impact Description	Impact Summary
Twenty empowered local community	20 Community Forest Associations (CFAs) from around

groups (sellers) have capacity build (with at least one third women) to secure commitments for financing agreements from down-stream water users (buyers) that are made aware of the need to restore 2000 Ha of forest annually to maintain water quality and flows from Mt Kenya. 5 public-private partnerships with down- stream water users (hydro-power electricity producers, crop irrigators and water distribution companies) begin to provide financial resources towards the target of US\$ 1.4 million annually for CFAs to restore 2,000 Ha of Mt Kenya forest as a direct incentive for the conservation, management and restoration of Mt Kenya forest ecosystem	Mt Kenya forest are restoration champions. The CFAs were beneficiaries of capacity development through training and mentorship supported by this project reaching 294 representatives (167men, 127 women). The CFAs developed forest restoration and conservation action plans and site-based forest restoration business case. They have used these tools, to convene site-based water buyers meetings, lobby local county governments, develop funding proposals to promote and mobilize resources needed in forest restoration. 7 CFAs have signed agreements with the Water Sector Trust Fund. 2 advisory committees (National and Ecosystem level) on a partnership with business for the restoration of Mt. Kenya forest set up. The committee is comprised of downstream water users-hydro power producers- KENGEN, beverage companies-KBL, water distributors- MEWASS, Fund managers-WSTF, Upper Tana Nairobi Water Fund. 7 CFAs signed agreements of total KSh.22,293,715 with the Water Sector Trust Fund (WSTF). Kenya Breweries Limited has committed KSh.8million to support 6 CFAs to rehabilitate 100ha of
	degraded forest area. KENGEN through the Ministry of Energy has committed KSH.70million to restore 2 forest fragments under 1 CFA in Meru County for the next 4years.
Down stream water buyers (users) as private sector agencies involved in agricultural food production including irrigation schemes (Mwea Rice, Kaggari- Gatari-Kieni Bananas, Mitunguu horticulture, Bura maize, Hola maize, Tana delta Rice, Del Monte Kenya Limited pineapples); electricity production (Masinga, Kamburu, Gitaru, Kindaruma, Kiambere, Kenya Electricity Generating Company (KenGen), Kenya Power and Lighting (KPLC), Kenya Electricity transmission Company (KETRACO); water abstractors and distributors (Sasumua, Thika, Masinga, Kiambere Reservoir and LAPSET among others) are aware and recognise that their businesses are depended on sustainable water flows from Mt Kenya forest and are willing to commit financial resources to support Mt Kenya forest water ecosystem services restoration because they consider the	A revised Mt.Kenya restoration business case developed. The business case describes the impacts of reduced water flows to downstream businesses. National and regional meetings have been held to raise awareness on the importance of forest restoration to the sustainability of businesses. We have continued to record more companies showing commitment towards the PES approach by making commitments through their CSR schemes.

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management practice incorporated into	
their business practices.	

Describe the success or challenges of the project toward achieving its short-term and long-term impact objectives

The project's long term impact of securing strategic commitments from downstream water users that lead to sustainable water flows from Mt Kenya due to sustained water catchment management by and for stakeholders process has been initiated and being nurtured. The success of these commitments depends on partnerships that equally take not a short time. The business sector not having mainstreamed ecosystem services into their routine budgetary processes need time to understand the justification. We have continued to record more companies showing commitment through their CSR schemes. We consider this a good foundation towards the setting up of a future PES scheme which is demand-driven. County Governments and the need for them to provide water to citizens at the county level present an opportunity to support CFAs at the ecosystem level to reach out to the private sector for catchment restoration. Through the partnership we are building as a result of this program, we are creating demand for mainstreaming PES in government and company programs. This is evident with the initiative Meru County Government and Kenya Breweries Itd are leading by example.

In the short-term, we have empowered 20 CFAs to have the capacity to secure and demonstrate the ability to implement successfully forest restoration action. As a result, the 15 CFAs have convened site-level water buyers meetings and have received a diverse range of commitments from the stakeholders even though not on paper. 5 CFAs have managed to mobilize resources from the Water Sector Trust Fund. This demonstrates the application of skills transferred to the CFAs as a result of this project of resource mobilization. Nature Kenya will continue to mentor these community groups post-project phase.

Were there any unexpected impacts (positive or negative)?

Policy brief on how Tana River basin can me managed has been developed and presented into the National Assembly Environment Committee. Meru County Government has taken initial steps to mainstream the Mt. Kenya forest restoration initiative into their programs and entered into a partnership with Nature Kenya to domesticate the forest restoration strategy and action plan through public participation. This has opened an avenue for inter-county discussions to galvanize support to restore Tana River upper catchment to sustain water for use throughout the basin into the Indian Ocean.

Project Components and Products/Deliverables

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#	Description	#	Description	Results for Deliverable	
# 1	Description Create awareness: Create awareness among the Mt Kenya down- stream water users (buyers) to recognize that their businesses are depended on sustainable water flows from	# 1.1	Description Summary documents representing the Mt Kenya Water Business case tailored to selected businesses	Results for Deliverable Mt. Kenya forest ecosystem services assessment was carried out with the report providing economic evidence for forest restoration (Annex 2). A Mt.Kenya forest restoration strategy and action plan informed by the ecosystem services assessment finding describes approaches that aim to promote joint restoration efforts (Annex 3). A revised Mt. Kenya Forest Restoration Business case was developed and provides justification for downstream businesses to support Mt.Kenya forest restoration (Annex 4).	
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1	Create awareness: Create awareness among the Mt Kenya down- stream water users (buyers) to recognize that their businesses are depended on sustainable water flows from Mt Kenya forest.	1.2	Summary reports on 4 meetings held with senior level officers of business companies to promote the Mt.Kenya business case (including dates and attendees of meeting)	We have held a number of meetings with senior-level officers; Toyota Kenya foundation manager, Ms. Florence Suji held on 6th Nov 2018; KENGEN-Amos Mbutu (Chief Environment Conservation Officer) held on 10th Dec 2018; Kenya Forest Service- Mr. Julius Kamau (Chief Conservator of Forest & Kenya Breweries Ltd -Eric Kiniti Group Corporate Relations Director held on 7th May 2019. Meeting held with Water Sector Trust FundRuth Nganga (Manager Partnership Development and Resource Mobilisation) held on 6th August 2019. On 8th August 2019 and 15th August 2019, meetings were convened of senior-level officers of different companies to promote Mt.Kenya forest business case at national level (Nairobi) and Mt.Kenya forest ecosystem level (Meru)	
1	Create awareness: Create awareness among the Mt Kenya down- stream water users (buyers) to recognize that their businesses	1.3	Summary reports on 4 meetings with buyers convened at site level bring together area based water buyers and small	One regional meeting was held on 18Oct2019 in Meru County. The meeting was officiated by Meru County Governor-HE Karaitu Murungi, Tharaka Nthi County Governor-Muthomi Njuki and Moroccan ambassador to Kenya Dr. El Mokhtar Ghambou. This forum brought together 450 people (110 women, 340 men) large and small water buyers, different levels of government (national and County), NGOs, community associations, religious institutions, and donor agencies.	

Describe the results from each product/deliverable:

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stream water restoration meeting held on 18Oct2019 in Meru. The CFAs	
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	awareness:		report on	sharing the printed copies to target stakeholders. We
	Create		awareness-	carried out revision of the business case which was
	awareness		raising of	presented in two advisory committee meetings held at
	among the Mt		business case	national reaching hydropower producers-KENGEN, power
	Kenya down-			distributors-KPLC, Manufactures-Kenya Breweries, Fund
	stream water			managers of payment for water services- Water Sector
	users (buyers) to			Trust Fund, lead government agencies-Water Resource
	recognize that			Authority, Kenya Water Towers, Kenya Forest Service,
	their businesses			Kenya Forestry Research Institute, Council of Governors,
	are depended on			and Ministry of Environment and Forestry; and Mt.Kenya
	sustainable			forest ecosystem-level reaching 5 county governments -
	water flows from			Meru, Nyeri, Embu, Kirinyaga, TharakaNthi; large water
	Mt Kenya forest.			companies-MEWASS, private sector-Lewa Conservancy,
				Producers-National Alliance of Community Forest
				Associations (NACOFA), lead government agencies
				present in Mt Kenya -Kenya Forest Service, Water
				Resource Authority; Community group-National
				Community Forest Association, Private Sector-LEWA
				conservancy, and Meru Water and Sewerage Company.
2	Partnerships	2.1	15 CFAs based	14 CFAs have completed forest restoration and
	with down		forest	management action plans. The CFAs have used these
	stream water		restoration	action plans to inform their site level forest restoration
	users: Develop		and	business case development and engagement with local
	public-private		management	water buyers.
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	financial support			
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2	Partnerships	2.2	20 CFAs based	20 CFAs funding proposals developed by end of the
	with down		funding	project. 15 CFAs submitted proposals to the Water Sector
	stream water		proposals	Trust Fund in 2018. 7 CFA proposals funded by the Water
	users: Develop			Sector Trust Fund of KSh. 22,293,715 through a public
	public-private			announcement on 26th March 2019.
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	direct incentive			
	for the			
	conservation,			
	management			
	and restoration			
	of Mt Kenya			
	forest			
	ecosystem.			
2	Partnerships	2.3	Tailored	Nature Kenya supported 20 CFAs to link up with
2	with down	2.5	funding	businesses in Nairobi. Customized proposals were
	stream water		proposals for 5	submitted to VIVO Energy, KBL, Toyota Kenya Foundation,
			businesses	
	users: Develop			KENGEN, Sport Pesa, Safaricom Itd and Privatisation
	public-private		customized for	Commission of Kenya. As a result, KBL and Privatisation
	partnerships		each of the	Commission of Kenya committed to supporting CFAs
	with down		CFAs based on	through Nature Kenya to carry out restoration activities in
	stream water		area based	Mt.Kenya.
	users to provide		CFA forest	
	financial support		restoration	
	to CFAs as a		and	
	direct incentive		management	
	for the		proposals.	
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2	Partnerships	2.4	Summary	14 CFAs convened site-level water buyers meeting held
	with down		reports on 15	on- 6Feb2019 (Chehe CFA), 7Feb2019 (Ruthumbi CFA),
	stream water		CFAs convene	8Feb2019 (Lower Imenti CFA), 12Feb2019 (Ontulili CFA),
	users: Develop		meetings in	14Feb2019 (New Njukiiri, Irangi, Farm Forestry,
	public-private		their	Nyambene CFAs), 15Feb2019 (Ragati CFA, Mweru CFA),
	partnerships		neighborhood	18Feb2019 (Ngaya CFA), 20Feb2019 (Nugi
	with down		towns to reach	CFA),27Feb2019 (MEFECAP, Ntimaka CFA). Each of the
	stream water		out to the	CFA took meeting notes and minutes which copies were
	users to provide		water buyers starting within	submitted to Nature Kenya for record-keeping.
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	of Mt Kenya		participants).	
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2	Partnerships	2.5	Marketing and	Nature Kenya's marketing and membership department
	with down		communicatio	has mainstreamed PES approach in routine resource
	stream water		ns materials	mobilizing. This has been demonstrated by the number of
	users: Develop		from Nature	corporates who have responded positively through the
	public-private		Kenya	LUNG OF KENYA initiative by Nature Kenya. As a result of
	partnerships		demonstrating	continued marketing, KSh. 13,000,000 have been raised
	with down		mainstreaming	between 2018 and 2019 towards forest restoration
	stream water		of this	activities.
	users to provide		approach into	
	financial support		Nature Kenya	
	to CFAs as a		routine	
	direct incentive		resource	
	for the		mobilization	
	conservation,		programmes	
	management		for	
	and restoration		sustainability	
	of Mt Kenya			
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2	Partnerships	2.6	Summary	Nature Kenya has engaged TNC in sharing lessons derived
	with down		report on TNC	from this project to inform the setting up of the Upper
	stream water		engagement	Tana Nairobi Water Fund. This has been done through a routine email exchange with lead on the fund in TNC. A
	users: Develop public-private		to support CFAs after set	physical meeting was held on 5thAug2019 between Paul
	partnerships		up of water	Gacheru (NK) and Anthony Kariuki (TNC) where the TNC
	with down		fund	indicated that the fund would fully set up by 2021 and
	stream water		Tunu	community-based organization i.e. CFAs could access the
	users to provide			much-needed resources to support forest restoration
	financial support			actions. TNC is also a member of the national advisory
	to CFAs as a			committee on partnering with business to restore
	direct incentive			Mt.Kenya forest which held a meeting on 8Aug2019.
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3	CFA Capacity	3.1	Summary	Between June 2018 and February 2019 we have carried
	building: Build		report on 2	out a number of training seminars and mentorship follow
	the capacity of		training	up support to 20 CFAs reaching to 294(167men, 127
	20 CFAs to		seminars for	women) CFA representatives trained on leadership,

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	negotiate and mobilise		20 CFAs	governance, action plan development, proposal writing,
			targeting a	business case development, negotiation and
	financial		minimum 70	communication skills, and project management
	resources from down stream		participants which a third	
	water users.		are women	
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			of meeting,	
			participant list,	
			and gender of	
			participants).	
3	CFA Capacity	3.2	15 proposals	125 (63men,62women) representatives from 15 CFAs
	building: Build		agreed with	were successfully trained on proposal writing between
	the capacity of		CFAs who	4th-21stFeb 2019. As a result, each CFA was able to
	20 CFAs to		have capacity	develop a funding proposal ready for submission when
	negotiate and		to present	the opportunity arises. These proposals provided the
	mobilise		these to	basis when the CFAs convened site-based water buyers
	financial		appropriate	meeting organized in February and March 2019.
	resources from		sector	
	down stream		businesses on	
	water users.		site and down	
			stream	
3	CFA Capacity	3.3	4 financing	7 CFAs signed agreements of total KSh.22,293,715 with
	building: Build		agreements	Water Sector Trust Fund to carry out forest restoration
	the capacity of		with down	among other activities. Through Nature Kenya, a
	20 CFAs to		stream users	commitment of KSh.8million by Kenya Breweries Ltd was
	negotiate and		drafted	reached to support 6 CFAs to rehabilitate 100ha of
	mobilise			degraded forest area in Mt Kenya forest.
	financial			
	resources from			
	down stream			
	water users.			
4	Nature Kenya	4.1	Final Civil	Nature Kenya used the CSTT to assess our internal
	Strengthening		Society	capacity. In both cases of the assessment, a score of 92
	and Project		Tracking Tool	out of 100 was recorded.
	Management			
	Activities			
4	Nature Kenya	4.2	Baseline and	Using the GTT, Nature Kenya's baseline score was 8. The
	Strengthening		final Gender	end of the project score was 12. This shows improved
	and Project		tracking tool	gender mainstreaming in organizational operation. This is
	Management			through the inclusion of a Gender Policy in Nature Kenya
	Activities			Operational Manual. We have also ensured that we have
				in field activities, gender considerations are integrated
				into the planning and execution of the activity.
	Nature Kenya			We supported Kenya Wildlife Service to carry

	Strengthening and Project Management Activities			consultation on METT with stakeholders. Between 27and 28Oct2019, a meeting held in Nanyuki coordinated by KWS, with 15 participants (3women, 12men) pulled from senior-level personnel KWS, KFS, CFAs and NGOs. As a result, the very first METT baseline data for Mt.Kenya was collected with a score of 70 recorded. This will be useful for future reevaluation on the management effectiveness of KWS and KFS as mandated state actors in Mt.Kenya forest.
4	Nature Kenya Strengthening and Project Management Activities	4.4	Semi-annual report on implementatio n of the Stakeholders Engagement Plan	We evaluated the implementation of the stakeholder engagement plan. With guidance from the CEPF RIT team, we reviewed and updated the project's grievance resolution mechanism. Working with internal Monitoring and Evaluation personnel, we assessed overall CFA engagement throughout the project implementation. Results show that stakeholders identified in the engagement plan were consulted fully throughout the project implementation (see Annex 1 for more details).
4	Nature Kenya Strengthening and Project Management Activities	4.5	Two communicatio ns documents	During the project phase we produced the 2017 and 2018 KBA Status and Trend Report which captured IBA monitoring results in Kenya. In the 2018 report, importance of forest restoration in Mt.Kenya is demonstrated by differences in species diversity. We developed and produced a 2019 information calendar on the importance of Mt.Kenya forest. These calendars were distributed to community members living adjacent to Mt.Kenya, businesses in close towns and county government offices of Meru, Embu, Nyeri, Tharaka and Kirinyaga. 4 Articles have been published in monthly Nature Net on Mt.Kenya forest which was shared with Nature Kenya members. We have developed one article on the project which will be published on the CEPF website (Annex 8).

Please describe and submit any tools, products, or methodologies that resulted from this project or contributed to the results.

- 1. Mt. Kenya forest ecosystem services assessment report that provides economic evidence for restoration (Refer Annex 2)
- 2. Mt. Kenya forest restoration strategy and action plan informed by the ecosystem services assessment finding aims to promote joint restoration efforts (Refer to Annex 3)
- **3.** A revised Mt. Kenya Forest Restoration Business case contains the justification for downstream businesses to support restoration (Refer to Annex 4).

Lessons Learned

Describe any lessons learned during the design and implementation of the project, as well as any related to organizational development and capacity building.

Consider lessons that would inform:

- Project Design Process (aspects of the project design that contributed to its success/shortcomings)
- Project Implementation (aspects of the project execution that contributed to its success/shortcomings)
- Describe any other lessons learned relevant to the conservation community

As a result of an assessment commission by CEPF to undertake a review of this project, key lessons recommended for consideration for similar projects. It was noted that PES schemes take long to set up. The set up of these schemes need to be supported by policy or legislation. In Kenya, we have policies that mention PES but do not describe how PES can be implemented. The success of PES schemes might rely on being demand-driven rather than supply-driven as it is often is the case. As a result, CEPF-RIT has provided capacity support during the project implementation phase. This includes training on Conservation Grant's approach implemented by Conservation International, for replication in Kenya, Project Design and Implementation, Gender Mainstreaming and Lobby & Advocacy. As a result of this capacity development, Nature Kenya's organizational capacity has been improved by having more staff with skills. This is evident with Nature Kenya included a Gender mainstreaming policy in the operational manual. An internal advocacy strategy and an action plan implemented with official communication letters sent to relevant government agencies and ministries aimed at recommending mainstreaming PES approaches.

Sustainability / Replication

Summarize the success or challenges in ensuring the project will be sustained or replicated, including any unplanned activities that are likely to result in increased sustainability or replicability.

Payment for Water Service Schemes (PWS) takes a long time to set up. The success depends on partnerships that equally take not a short time. The business sector not having mainstreamed ecosystem services into their routine budgetary processes need time to understand the justification. Restoration business case is a critical step in getting business to embrace ecosystem services in their financial planning. We have continued to record more companies showing commitment towards the PES approach by making a commitment through their CSR schemes. We consider this as precursors to future PES schemes. County Governments and the need for them to provide water to citizens at the county level present an opportunity to support CFAs at the ecosystem level to reach out to the private sector for catchment restoration. Through the partnership we are building as a result of this program, we are creating demand for mainstreaming PES in government and private sector programs.

Safeguards

If not listed as a separate Project Component and described above, summarize the implementation of any required action related to social, environmental, or pest management safeguards

The project has been implemented transparently and collaboratively with CFAs and relevant government agencies. The project has did not infringe on any social and environmental stipulated by the donor agencies. The project was inclusive where community groups were consulted in the identification of forest restoration sites and representation in capacity building training workshops which incorporated gender mainstreaming. We also facilitated a monitoring and evaluation field trip for 2 World Bank representatives where we discussed matters around, project safeguards, stakeholder engagement, PES schemes in Kenya and project benefits to local communities.

Additional Comments/Recommendations

Use this space to provide any further comments or recommendations in relation to your project or CEPF

The support that is provided by CEPF-RIT throughout the project design and implementation is highly recommended to continue. This kind of support is very useful to build internal organizational capacity. Not many donors provide this support.

Additional Funding

Provide details of any additional funding that supported this project and any funding secured for the project, organization, or the region, as a result of CEPF investment

Total additional funding (US\$) \$695,237.00

Type of funding

Please provide a breakdown of additional funding (counterpart funding and in-kind) by source, categorizing each contribution into one of the following categories:

- A Project Co-Financing (other donors or your organization contribute to the direct costs of this project)
- *B* Grantee and Partner Leveraging (other donors contribute to your organization or a partner organization as a direct result of successes with this CEPF funded project)
- *C Regional/Portfolio Leveraging (other donors make large investments in a region because of CEPF investment* or successes related to this project)

B-Grantee and Partner Leveraging

Nature Kenya was able to leverage additional funding from the Darwin Initiative and World Land Trust. These additional funding supported Mt.Kenya Forest Ecosystem Services Assessment with results used to revise the Mt.Kenya Forest Restoration Business Case and development of a Mt.Kenya restoration strategy and action plan.

Information Sharing and CEPF Policy

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