



CEPF Small Grants - Final Project Completion Report

Instructions to grantees: please complete all fields, and respond to all questions listed below.

Organization Legal Name	Royal Albania Foundation
Project Title	Establishing a Rehabilitation and Education Centre for Sea Turtles at Butrint in Saranda Bay, Albania.
Grant Number	CEPF-109948
Date of Report	30 November 2019

CEPF Hotspot: Mediterranean Basin Hotspot

Strategic Direction: 1

Grant Amount: \$17,400 (Final expenditure \$752)

Project Dates: 01 Jun to 30 Oct 2019

PART I: Overview

1. Implementation Partners for this Project (*list each partner and explain how they were involved in the project*)

Saranda Fishermen Association – Workshop conducted with fishermen for the promotion of the species, awareness raising and biologic values of sea turtles; as well as providing training for fishermen to identify and provide first aid to sick or injured turtles.

2. Summarize the overall results/impact of your project

The project originally aimed to establish a pilot rehabilitation centre in Saranda for treatment and rehabilitation of critically endangered sea turtle species that are found in this area: the loggerhead turtle (*Caretta caretta*), the green turtle (*Chelonia mydas*) and the leatherback turtle (*Dermochelys coriacea*). The project also aimed to implement awareness raising activities and training local stakeholders.

Unfortunately, BirdLife was unable to continue this grant under the original contracted terms of establishing a centre at Saranda Bay, as another rescue, education and outreach centre was in operation at Vlora. Unfortunately CEPF funds could not be used to expand activities at that site

and no other alternative solutions could be found, therefore the activities within the grant were reduced to the training of the local fishermen.

The project conducted a training to 20 fishermen from the Saranda Bay fisher community, on how to save and provide care to turtles found sick, suffocated or traumatized. Professional veterinarians delivered the training, as well as providing general education and awareness around threats to marine life.

The RAF conducted meetings and relations were maintained with the community of fishermen as well as local NGOs and the Directory of Park of Butrint.

3. Briefly describe actual progress towards each planned long-term and short-term impact (as stated in the approved proposal)

List each long-term impact from your proposal

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

Impact Description	Impact Summary
1. Populations of sea turtles on Albanian coast are stable and improved	Training conducted to fishermen to provide emergency first aid care to injured turtles.
2. Creating the mindset of expert community and citizens that the health rehabilitation of many injured sea turtles is possible in Albania	Training conducted to fishermen raised awareness of threats, and showed how they can help these species.

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

Impact Description	Impact Summary
1. For the first time in Albania, a rehabilitation centre for numerous sea turtles will be created	Not achieved
2. Training of students and the staff of directory of marine protected areas of Saranda for the protection and transportation of the sea turtles to the rehabilitation centre.	Not achieved
3. Sensitization of the wider community of fishermen, tourists and residents of Butrint for values of this species and their potential activation if they find injured, suffocated from plastics, traumatized, or sick sea turtles.	Training of 20 fishermen on applying first aid treatment to injured turtles.

4. Describe the success or challenges of the project toward achieving its short-term and long-term impacts

Unfortunately original main objective to set up the centre at Saranda Bay could not be realized. This was a challenge for the RAF staff to overcome and communicate to the stakeholders involved from the beginning. The training of fishermen went ahead as planned and strong connections made.

5. Were there any unexpected impacts (positive or negative)?

Negative impacts were on the staff of RAF and other stakeholders engaged (vets and students) around setting up the Saranda Bay centre.

Positive impacts were seen on new contacts with organizations working on similar issues (UNDP-RAPA) and awareness of other rescue centers in Albania to link up with.

PART II: Project Components and Products/Deliverables

6. Components (as stated in the approved proposal)

List each component and product/deliverable from your proposal

6. Describe the results for each deliverable:

Component		Deliverable		
#	Description	S ub-#	Description	Results for Deliverable
1	The establishment of the rehabilitation center for turtles	1.1	Adjustment of the center.	Deliverable cancelled
		1.2	Completion of the center with the necessary equipment (a part of them will be a contribution of the Investigation and Health Wildlife Centre), with all health and safety equipment and procedures in place.	Deliverable cancelled
		1.3	Ongoing medical support and health rehabilitation of turtles once center is operational.	Deliverable cancelled
2	Trainings and technical assistance	2.1	Training of 10 veterinarians for the medicine of sea turtles and rehabilitating treatment for trauma, plastic suffocation or toxics. These doctors will serve for free after treatment throughout the project and 1 year after the project	Deliverable cancelled
		2.2	Preparation and publication of a brochure containing information for turtle medication, veterinary medical ways for their rehabilitation in various cases of trauma, poisoning or suffocation from plastics	Deliverable cancelled
		2.3	Training of the staff of Marine and Coastal Protected Areas (sea inspectors) for the ways they should know how to save the turtles found sick suffocated or traumatized, until they are delivered to the rehabilitation center.	Deliverable cancelled
		2.4	Training of fishermen for the ways they should know how to save the turtles found sick suffocated or	Achieved, with 20 fishermen trained.

			traumatized, until they are delivered to the rehabilitation center.	
		2.5	Training of some students in collaboration of the University of Gjirokaster and Agriculture University of Tirana for the ways they should know how to save the turtles found sick suffocated or traumatized, until they are delivered to the rehabilitation center.	Deliverable cancelled
3	Awareness raising and sensitization of key stakeholders about the importance of species	3.1	Meetings with the community and the promotion of sea turtles.	Deliverable cancelled
		3.2	Meetings with touristic groups and spreading process of leaflets for the rehabilitating center of sea turtles.	Deliverable cancelled
		3.3	Meetings and workshops with fishermen and their associations for the promotion of the species, awareness raising and biologic values of sea turtles.	Achieved, with 20 fishermen trained.
		3.4	Meetings and workshops with youth for the promotion of the species and awareness raising.	Deliverable cancelled
		3.5	Sensitizing and participatory activities with young high school students of Saranda to increase the community's contribution to the preservation of this species.	Deliverable cancelled
		3.6	Sensitizing high school students regarding the approval of a law that prevents them from using unrecycled plastic bags in order to eliminate plastic use	Deliverable cancelled
		3.7	The realization of some local television programs on the importance of turtle population rehabilitation in order to raise the awareness of the community, tourists, fishermen in order to collect the sick turtles in rehabilitation center.	Deliverable cancelled
		3.8	Announcement of the annual prize "The citizen of the year who has rescued more sea turtles per year"	Deliverable cancelled
4	Submission of reports to CEPF-BL MED RIT	4.1	Submit the 1st Civil Society Tracking Tool (CSTT)	Not applicable
		4.2	Submit the Programmatic Progress Report	Not applicable
		4.3	Submit the Quarterly Budget Report	Not applicable
		4.4	Submit the Final Project Completion Report	Submitted
		4.5	Submit the Final Budget Report	Submitted
		4.6	Submit the final CSTT	Not applicable

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

Not applicable

PART III: Lessons, Sustainability, Safeguards and Financing

Lessons Learned

- 8. 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

Sustainability / Replication

- 9. 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.**

Not applicable

Safeguards

- 10. If not listed as a separate Project Component and described above, summarize the implementation of any required action related to social or environmental safeguards that your project may have triggered.**

Not applicable

Additional Funding

- 11. 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**

- a. Total additional funding (US\$)**

Not applicable

- b. 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:

Donor	Type of Funding*	Amount	Notes

* Categorize the type of funding as:

- 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)*

Additional Comments/Recommendations

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

PART IV: Impact at Portfolio and Global Level

CEPF requires that each grantee report on impact at the end of the project. The purpose of this report is to collect data that will contribute to CEPF’s portfolio and global indicators. CEPF will aggregate the data that you submit with data from other grantees, to determine the overall impact of CEPF investment. CEPF’s aggregated results will be reported on in our annual report and other communications materials.

Ensure that the information provided pertains to the entire project, from start date to project end date.

Contribution to Portfolio Indicators

13. If CEPF assigned one or more Portfolio Indicators to your project during the full proposal preparation phase, please list these below and report on the project’s contribution(s) to them.

Indicator	Narrative

Contribution to Global Indicators

Please report on all Global Indicators (sections 16 to 23 below) that pertain to your project.

14. Key Biodiversity Area Management

Number of hectares of Key Biodiversity Areas (KBA) with improved management

Please report on the number of hectares in KBAs with improved management, as a result of CEPF investment. Examples of improved management include, but are not restricted to: increased patrolling, reduced intensity of snaring, invasive species eradication, reduced incidence of fire, and introduction of sustainable agricultural/fisheries practices. Do not record the entire area covered by the project - only record the number of hectares that have improved management.

If you have recorded part or all of a KBA as newly protected for the indicator entitled “protected areas” (section 17 below), and you have also improved its management, you should record the relevant number of hectares for both this indicator and the “protected areas” indicator.

Name of KBA	# of Hectares with strengthened management *	Is the KBA Not protected, Partially protected or Fully protected? Please select one: NP/PP/FP
N/A		

* Do not count the same hectares more than once. For example, if 500 hectares were improved due to implementation of a fire management regime in the first year, and 200 of these same 500 hectares were improved due to invasive species removal in the second year, the total number of hectares with improved management would be 500.

15. Protected Areas

15a. Number of hectares of protected areas created and/or expanded

Report on the number of hectares of protected areas that have been created or expanded as a result of CEPF investment.

Name of PA*	Country(s)	# of Hectares	Year of legal declaration or expansion	Longitude**	Latitude**
N/A					

* If possible please provide a shape file of the protected area to CEPF.

** Indicate the latitude and longitude of the center of the site, to the extent possible, or send a map or shapefile to CEPF. Give geographic coordinates in decimal degrees; latitudes in the Southern Hemisphere and longitudes in the Western Hemisphere should be denoted with a minus sign (example: Latitude 38.123456 Longitude: -77.123456).

15b. Protected area management

If you have been requested to submit a Management Effectiveness Tracking Tool (METT), please follow the instructions below. If you have not been requested to submit a METT, please go directly to section 16.

Should you want to know more about the monitoring of protected area management effectiveness and the tracking tool, please click [here](#).

Download the METT template which can be found on [this page](#) and then work with the protected area authorities to fill it out. Please go to the Protected Planet website [here](#) and search for your protected area in their database to record its associated WDPA ID. Then please fill in the following table:

WDPA ID	PA Official Name	Date of METT*	METT Total Score

** Please indicate when the METT was filled by the authorities of the park or provide a best estimate if the exact date is unknown. And please only provide METTs less than 12 months old.*

Please do not forget to submit the completed METT together with this report.

16. Production landscape

Please report on the number of hectares of production landscapes with strengthened management of biodiversity, as a result of CEPF investment. A production landscape is defined as a landscape where agriculture, forestry or natural product exploitation occurs. Production landscapes may include KBAs, and therefore hectares counted under the indicator entitled “KBA Management” may also be counted here. Examples of interventions include: best practices and guidelines implemented, incentive schemes introduced, sites/products certified and sustainable harvesting regulations introduced.

Number of hectares of production landscapes with strengthened management of biodiversity.

Name of Production Landscape*	# of Hectares**	Latitude***	Longitude***	Description of Intervention

** If the production landscape does not have a name, provide a brief descriptive name for the landscape.*

***Do not count the same hectares more than once. For example, if 500 hectares were strengthened due to certification in the first year, and 200 of these same 500 hectares were strengthened due to new harvesting regulations in the second year, the total number of hectares strengthened to date would be 500.*

*** Indicate the latitude and longitude of the center of the site, to the extent possible, or send a map or shapefile to CEPF. Give geographic coordinates in decimal degrees; latitudes in the Southern Hemisphere and longitudes in the Western Hemisphere should be denoted with a minus sign (example: Latitude 38.123456 Longitude: -77.123456).

17. Beneficiaries

CEPF wants to record two types of benefits that are likely to be received by individuals: structured training and increased income. Please report on the number of men and women that have benefited from structured training (such as financial management, beekeeping, horticulture) and/or increased income (such as from tourism, agriculture, medicinal plant harvest/production, fisheries, handicraft production) as a result of CEPF investment. Please provide results since the start of your project to project completion.

17a. Number of men and women receiving structured training.

# of men receiving structured training *	# of women receiving structured training *
20 Fishermen	4 women

**Please do not count the same person more than once. For example, if 5 men received structured training in beekeeping, and 3 of these also received structured training in project management, the total number of men who benefited from structured training should be 5.*

17b. Number of men and women receiving cash benefits.

# of men receiving cash benefits*	# of women receiving cash benefits*
N/A	N/A

**Please do not count the same person more than once. For example, if 5 men received cash benefits due to tourism, and 3 of these also received cash benefits from increased income due to handicrafts, the total number of men who received cash benefits should be 5.*

18. Benefits to Communities

CEPF wants to record the benefits received by communities, which can differ to those received by individuals because the benefits are available to a group. CEPF also wants to record, to the extent possible, the number of people within each community who are benefiting. Please report on the characteristics of the communities, the type of benefits that have been received during the project, and the number of men/boys and women/girls from these communities that have benefited, as a result of CEPF investment. If exact numbers are not known, please provide an estimate.

18a. Please provide information for all communities that have benefited from project start to project completion.

Name of Community	Community Characteristics (mark with x)							Type of Benefit (mark with x)							# of Beneficiaries			
	Subsistence economy	Small landowners	Indigenous/ ethnic peoples	Pastoralists / nomadic peoples	Recent migrants	Urban communities	Other*	Increased access to clean water	Increased food security	Increased access to energy	Increased access to public services (e.g. health care, education)	Increased resilience to climate change	Improved land tenure	Improved recognition of traditional knowledge	Improved representation and decision-making in governance forums/structures	Improved access to ecosystem services	# of men and boys benefiting	# of women and girls benefiting

*If you marked "Other" to describe the community characteristic, please explain:

19b. For each law, policy or regulation listed above, please provide the requested information in accordance with its assigned number.

No.	Country(s)	Date enacted/ amended MM/DD/YYYY	Expected impact	Action that you performed to achieve this change
1				
2				
3				

20. Sustainable Financing Mechanism

Sustainable financing mechanisms generate financial resources for the long-term (generally five or more years). Examples of sustainable financial mechanisms include conservation trust funds, debt-for-nature swaps, payment for ecosystem services (PES) schemes, and other revenue, fee or tax schemes that generate long-term funding for conservation.

All CEPF grantees (or sub-grantees) with project activities that pertain to the creation and/or the implementation of a sustainable financing mechanism are requested to provide information on the mechanism and the funds it delivered to conservation projects during the project timeframe, unless another grantee involved with the same mechanism has already been or is expected to be tasked with this.

CEPF requires that all sustainable financing mechanism projects to provide the necessary information at their completion.

20a. Details about the mechanism

Fill in this table for as many mechanisms you worked on during your project implementation as needed.

NO.	Name of financing mechanism	Purpose of the mechanism*	Date of Establishment**	Description***	Countries
1					
2					
3					

*Please provide a succinct description of the mission of the mechanism.

**Please indicate when the sustainable financing mechanism was officially created. If you do not know the exact date, provide a best estimate.

***Description, such as trust fund, endowment, PES scheme, incentive scheme, etc..

20b. Performance of the mechanism

For each Financing Mechanism listed previously, please provide the requested information in accordance with its assigned number.

NO.	Project intervention*	\$ Amount disbursed to conservation projects**	Period under Review (MM/YYYY -MM/YYYY)***
1			
2			
3			

*List whether the CEPF grant has helped to create a new mechanism (Created a mechanism) or helped to support an existing mechanism (Supported an existing mechanism) or helped to create and then support a new mechanism (Created and supported a new mechanism).

**Please only indicate the USD amount disbursed to conservation projects during the period of implementation of your project and using, when needed, the exchange date on the day of your report.

***Please indicate the period of implementation of your project or the period considered for the amount you indicated.

Please do not forget to submit any relevant document which could provide justification for the amount you stated above.

21. Biodiversity-friendly Practices

Please describe any biodiversity-friendly practices that companies have adopted as a result of CEPF investment. A company is defined as a legal entity made up of an association of people, be they natural, legal, or a mixture of both, for carrying on a commercial or industrial enterprise. While companies take various forms, for the purposes of CEPF, a company is defined as a for-profit business entity. A biodiversity-friendly practice is one that conserves or uses biodiversity sustainably. .

Number of companies that adopt biodiversity-friendly practices

No.	Name of company	Description of biodiversity-friendly practice adopted during the project
1		
2		
...		

22. Networks & Partnerships

Please report on any new networks or partnerships between civil society groups and across to other sectors that you have established or strengthened as a result of CEPF investment.

Networks/partnerships should have some lasting benefit beyond immediate project implementation. Informal networks/partnerships are acceptable even if they do not have a Memorandum of Understanding or other type of validation. Examples of networks/partnerships include: an alliance of fisherfolk to promote sustainable fisheries practices, a network of environmental journalists, a partnership between one or more NGOs with one or more private sector partners to improve biodiversity management on private lands, a working group focusing on reptile conservation. Please do not use this tab to list the partners in your project, unless some or all of them are part of such a network / partnership described above.

Number of networks and/or partnerships created and/or strengthened

No.	Name of Network	Name of Partnership	Year established	Did your project establish this Network/ Partnership? Y/N	Country(s) covered	Purpose
1						
2						

...						

23. Gender

If you have been requested to submit a Gender Tracking Tool (GTT), please follow the instructions provided in the Excel GTT template. If you have not been requested to submit a GTT, please go directly to Part V.

Should you want to know more about CEPF Gender Policy, please click [here](#).

Download the GTT template which can be found on [this page](#) and then work with your team to fill it out. Please do not forget to submit the completed GTT together with this report.

Part V. Information Sharing and CEPF Policy

CEPF is committed to transparent operations and to helping civil society groups share experiences, lessons learned, and results. Final project completion reports are made available on our Web site, www.cepf.net, and publicized in our newsletter and other communications.

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