

## CEPF Final Project Completion Report – EMI Small Grants

*Please complete all fields and respond to all questions below.*

### Background Information

<b>Organization Legal Name</b>	<i>Manus Environment Community Conservation Network (MECCN)</i>
<b>Project Title</b>	Empowering MECCN to be a civil society leader on Manus Island, Papua New Guinea
<b>Date of Report</b>	12 <sup>th</sup> December 2017
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<b>CEPF Region</b>	<b>East Melanesian Islands</b>
<b>Strategic Direction</b>	Strategic Direction 4: Increase local, national and regional capacity to conserve biodiversity through catalyzing civil society partnerships.
<b>Grant Amount</b>	\$20,000 USD
<b>Project Dates</b>	01 <sup>st</sup> May – 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2017

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

WCS – To assist in setting up of financial management system and train finance person however, this has not been achieved.

PNGCLMA – Assisted in MECCN office set up and participated in the strategic planning meeting.

TNC – Was to participate in Strategic Planning meeting but did not.

CBOs who are already members of MECCN as mentioned in the grant agreement. Women in Conservation, Pere Alalau Association, MEnAR Dev NET, Karun CBO, Ndremita Kor Tribal Network and TARM?

Manus Provincial Government through its Environment and Conservation Office – Assisted with and participated in the workshop

### Conservation Impacts

2. Please explain/describe how your project has contributed to the implementation of CEPF's Ecosystem Profile for the East Melanesian Islands. For example, you may refer to the Strategic Directions that your project has contributed to.

MECCN was awarded a small grant under Strategic Direction 4; Increase local, national and regional capacity to conserve biodiversity through catalyzing civil society partnerships in

particular contributing to Investment Priority 4.1 Strengthen the capacity of local and national civil society organizations in financial management, project management and organizational governance.

MECCN developed a constitution, a strategic plan, and an organization structure for the organization which are yet to be reviewed. A financial system was being negotiated with other civil societies to have one established for MECCN.

CBOs including TARM and Pere Alalau CBO are members of MECCN having membership in its Board of Management.

All LLGs were invited and attended a workshop to review the documents at the end of 2017.

These have yet to become are yet to become financial members of the organization.

Communities in the hotspot for endemic species on Manus have become extremely keen on participating in the conservation their area for the protection of endangered species of fauna.

Other CBO around Manus have shown high level of interest to participate in conservation and protection of biodiversity in Manus as indirect impact of the Project.

3. Please summarize the overall results/impact of your project against the expected results detailed in your approved proposal.

Drafts of the governance structure, strategic plan and constitution were developed by the office for a one week meeting.

A planning workshop was conducted in November 2016 to review and revise the MECCN organizational governance structure, strategic plan and constitution. Participants to the workshop included representatives from the 12 LLGs, LMMAs, CBOs, TNC and the Provincial Government. The official opening of the MECCN office was also launched during the planning workshop.

4. Please describe any successes and/or challenges faced towards achieving the expected short-term and long-term impacts of the project work.

#### **Successes**

- Set up of MECCN office and equipment achieved. The strategic planning workshop was conducted in November 2016 to review MECCN organizational governance structure, strategic plan and constitution which involved a good representation of local CBOS, LLG reps, government and other international NGOs.
- Drafts of the governance structure, strategic plan and constitution available for endorsement.

#### **Challenges**

- Managing the project to achieve the expected results.
- Partner/Stakeholder engagement to assist in achieving MECCN's activities related to financial management.
- Informed Involvement of partners/stakeholders for shared values.

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

As a result of this grant, other CBOs, NGOs and the Provincial Government and Administration were able to learn about MECCN and

Communities and other private and public agencies not necessarily having direct link with of conservation of biodiversity and protection of the environment have increased interest with the issues involved.

Members of other groups, for example: women in environment have differing views on the approaches to the issues. Similarly, members of other groups became members of MECCN thus bringing with them learnings and biases.

6. If you did not complete any project components or activities, how did this affect the overall impact of the project?

- Setting up of the financial management systems for MECCN, including building the capacity of the Treasurer to compile quarterly financial reports were not achieved. Support from WCS to assist with this activity did not eventuate.
- Review of the draft governance structure, strategic plan and constitution by experts and a lawyer.
- Final endorsement of the governance structure, strategic plan and constitution.

The above have had serious impact on the development of the capacity of MECCN to be civil society leader in the work conservation of biodiversity and protection of the environment. These inhibit the registration thus recognition of MECCN.

**Products/Deliverables**

7. Please describe and submit (electronically if possible) any tools, products, or methodologies that resulted from this project or contributed to the results.

- Drafts of the governance structure, constitution and strategic plan have been developed and available. Copies submitted to CEPF.
- MECCN Planning Workshop report yet to be submitted to CEPF.
- Some source documents provided, some yet to be submitted to CEPF

**CEPF Global Monitoring Data**

Respond to the questions and complete the tables below. **If a question is not relevant to your project, please make an entry of 0 (zero) or n/a (not applicable).**

8. Did your organization complete the **CEPF Civil Society Tracking Tool (CSTT)** at the beginning and end of your project?

(Please submit the final CSTT document to IUCN Oceania if you have not already done so).

	Date	Composite Score
Baseline CSTT	NA	0
Final CSTT	NA	0

9. Please list any **Vulnerable, Endangered, or Critically Endangered species** conserved due to your project.

10. Hectares Under Improved Management

Project Results	Hectares*	Comments
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11. Did your project strengthen the management of an existing protected area?	NA	List the name of each protected area
12. Did your project create a new protected area or expand an existing protected area?	NA	List the name of each protected area, the date of proclamation, and the type of proclamation (e.g., legal declaration, community agreement, stewardship agreement)
13. Did your project strengthen the management of a key biodiversity area named in the CEPF Ecosystem Profile (hectares may be the same as questions above)	NA	List the name of each key biodiversity area

\* Include total hectares from project inception to completion

14. In relation to the questions above on protected areas, did your project complete a Management Effectiveness Tracking Tool (METT), or facilitate the completion of a METT by protected area authorities? If so, complete the table below. (Note that there will often be more than one METT for an individual protected area.)

Protected area	Date of METT	Composite METT Score	Date of METT	Composite METT Score	Date of METT	Composite METT Score
NA	NA	0	NA	0	NA	0
NA	NA	0	NA	0	NA	0
NA	NA	0	NA	0	NA	0
NA	NA	0	NA	0	NA	0

15. Direct Beneficiaries: Training and Education

<b>Did your project provide training or education for . . .</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Brief Description</b>
16. Adults for community leadership or resource management positions	NA	NA	NA	NA
17. Adults for livelihoods or increased income	NA	NA	NA	NA
18. School-aged children	NA	NA	NA	NA
19. Other	NA	NA	NA	NA

20. Please list the name and approximate population size of any “community” that benefited from the project.

Community name	Population size	Surrounding district	Surrounding province	Country
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NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
NA	NA	NA	NA	NA



If you marked "Other", please provide details on the nature of the Community Characteristic and Socioeconomic Benefit

### **Lessons Learned**

Please describe any lessons learned during the design and implementation of the project, as well as any related to organizational development and capacity building. Consider any lessons that would inform future projects designed or implemented by your organization or others, as well as lessons that might be considered by the global conservation community.

22. Project Design Process (*aspects of the project design that contributed to its success/shortcomings*)

Active involvement of partners and stakeholders to assist MECCN to achieve its expected results from the outset is paramount to ensure commitment from those partners and or stakeholders to achieve results as set out in the project agreement.

In essence, transparency and valued active engagement with stakeholders and partners are critical for meaningful participation and achievement of projects results.

23. Project Implementation (*aspects of the project execution that contributed to its success/shortcomings*)

Important to building capacity, it is critical to delegate tasks to appropriate staff to ensure shared learning and continuity of the project. Organizational knowledge about the project was restricted due to insufficient and effective communication and dialogues with staff and relevant partners in order to assist MECCN achieve its expected results.

24. Describe any other lessons learned relevant to the conservation community

The anxiety caused by inactivity or cessation of a project questions any interest, involvement, and learning generate by it. Future mobilization could be difficult.

### **Sustainability/Replication**

25. Please summarize the success or challenges in ensuring that the project will be sustained or replicated in the future.

There has been no documented fundraising in order to ensure that this project continues beyond this grant - financial membership is fundamental for such.

This is despite interests by partners and government to pay for engaging MECCN to deliver projects.

26. Please summarize any unplanned activities that are likely to result in increased sustainability or replicability of your project work.

Unplanned activities have not increased sustainability or replication of the project.

### **Safeguards**

Please provide a summary of the implementation of any required action toward the environmental and social safeguard policies for this project.

This may be attached in the form of an updated Social Safeguards document.

**Additional Comments/Recommendations**

27. Please use this space to provide any further comments or recommendations in relation to your project or CEPF.

This project is critical for the protection and conservation of endangered fauna species in Eastern Melanesia hotspot in Manus. Its incompletion continue to further concern for the survival of the defined fauna in the area.

Organizations wishing to partner CEF or any other organizations, especially where the latter (are) is supporting the former with resources, must demand transparent and open communication. This would assist with monitoring and achievement of project results and successful conclusion. In the case MECCN this was not so.

This project is necessary and essential for Manus to facilitate participation of people in the work of conservation and protection of biodiversity in Manus, especially in the hotspot.

Recommendation

Where possible, MECCN should be supported or assisted to complete the project – one person should not be allowed determine the demise an organization as it is the case with MECCN in this instant.

### **Additional Funding**

Please provide:

28. details of any additional funding that supported this project
29. details of any further funding secured for this project, your organization, or the region, as a result of CEPF's investment in this project

<b>Donor</b>	<b>Type of Funding*</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Provincial Govt	A	K2,000.00	Further assistance must be sought to complete the project.

\* 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)*

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