

**Small Grants – Final Completion and Impact Report**

**Instructions:** CEPF requires that each grantee report on project results and impacts at the end of their grant. To monitor CEPF’s global indicators, CEPF will aggregate the data that you submit with data from other grantees, to determine the overall impact of CEPF investment. The aggregated results of all grantees will be reported on in our annual impact report and other communications materials. Your Final Completion and Impact Report will be posted on the CEPF website.

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

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

**Organization Legal Name:** Centar za životnu sredinu/Center for Environment

**Project Title:** Actions towards long-term protection and sustainable management of Buna and Trebižat rivers

**Grant Number:** CEPF 113770

**Date of Completion of this Report:** 30/11/2023

**CEPF Hotspot:** Mediterranean Basin

**Strategic Direction:** Support the sustainable management of water catchments through integrated approaches for the conservation of threatened freshwater biodiversity

**Grant Amount:** USD 19,757.85

**Project Dates:** 1/12/2022-31/10/2023

**PART I: Overview**

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

Number	Name of partner	How they were involved in the project
1.	Udruga “Trebižat”, Ljubuški	Udruga Trebižat from Ljubuški is eco-touristic civil society organization whose activities are connected to river Trebižat (cleaning river, raising awareness activities). Their representatives participated our stakeholder workshop in Ljubuški, as well as educative workshop and we

		have good cooperation. They supported our initiatives for protection of Trebižat and Kravica. The association is very important local partner when it comes to river protection.
2.	Udruga mladih Agape, Ljubuški	Youth association Agape from Ljubuški is non-governmental organization that strives to initiate the social and cultural scene in this area, as well as the activism and solidarity. They are very interested and they encourage the education of young people in a different way using a learning by doing method. The association is very important local partner when it comes to river protection.
3.	JP "Parkovi" Ljubuški	Local municipal company responsible for managing the waterfall in terms of entrance fees and maintaining the area. We had agreed to collaborate on developing a management plan for the Kravica waterfall and jointly submit an initiative for the revision of Kravica protection. However, towards the end of the project, they withdrew from the collaboration.
4.	City of Ljubuški	We had agreed to collaborate on developing a management plan for the Kravica waterfall and jointly submit an initiative for the revision of Kravica protection. However, towards the end of the project, they withdrew from the collaboration.

## 2. Summarize the overall results of your project

The overall results of the project are focused on the preservation of the Trebižat River in West Herzegovina Canton. The most important results of the project are the initiative and [study of justification for protection of river Trebižat](#) and initiative for revision of old protection from former Yugoslavia and [study of justification for Kravica waterfall on river Trebižat](#). This involved in-depth research, assessment, and work with important stakeholders to ensure the sustainable preservation of the river's ecosystem. Also, important results of the project are educative workshops in three towns in West Herzegovina Canton (Ljubuški, Grude and Široki Brijeg) on the importance of preserving nature, especially in urban environments. These workshops not only raised awareness about the importance of preserving natural ecosystems but also emphasized

the need for sustainable practices within local communities. Through these diverse initiatives, the project effectively advocated for the conservation of natural resources and ecosystems within the region. By engaging in studies, awareness campaigns, promotion and educational activities, it encouraged actionable steps toward preserving the environment and fostering sustainable practices among local communities. Project promoted the importance of preserving nature and encouraged communities to do their part in keeping the environment safe. Through a diverse approach encompassing studies, awareness campaigns, promotions, and educational activities, the project successfully advocated for the conservation of natural resources and ecosystems within the region. We put efforts in encouraging tangible actions towards environmental preservation and fostering a culture of sustainability among the local population.

**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
Official protection of rivers Buna and Trebižat, and thus increased number of protected areas in Federation of B&H	The study of justification for protection of river Trebižat and waterfall Kravica is finished and sent to the Ministry of Spatial Planning, Construction, and Environmental Protection of the West Herzegovina Canton. Also, a draft law for protection declaration of Trebižat was prepared and delivered to the Ministry. This is a good base for official protection of river Trebižat and if Ministry initiates the process, the declaration designating these areas as protected could be accomplished soon. This strategic approach forms the groundwork for the formal protection of these water bodies, paving the way for their preservation and potential inclusion in the list of protected areas in the near future.
Well-managed rivers Buna, Bunica, and Trebižat through established sustainable management system of protected areas that includes drafting, adoption and putting in implementation of protected areas management plans; Threats on freshwater species and habitats are reduced by management plans' activities/measures.	After discussing with Regional Implementation Team, we made the decision to cancel the activities related to Buna river due to concerns raised by local communities regarding the revision of Buna estuary protection. We had meetings with local CSO on Buna and Bunica and we couldn't agree on ideas for further activities, so activities for accomplishing this long-term impact should have been replaced with management plan development for Kravica waterfall and elaboration the revision of Kravica protection. The decision to focus on the Kravica waterfall's management plan and the revision of its protection was made in collaboration with JP "Parkovi" and the City of Ljubuški. Unfortunately, the management plan for

	<p>Kravica was unexpectedly canceled two months before the project's conclusion, without a clear explanation. This turn of events significantly affected the project's scope and objectives. The unexpected cancellation of the Kravica management plan disrupted the project's intended outcomes and progress toward achieving its conservation goals for the targeted freshwater ecosystems. Instead of proceeding with those planned activities, we conducted three workshops aimed at acquainting citizens with the significance of nature and improving comprehension regarding the conservation of wildlife habitats and species, also after discussing with and approval from RIT.</p>
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b. Planned Short-term Impacts - 1 to 3 years (as stated in the approved proposal)

<b>Impact Description</b>	<b>Impact Summary</b>
<p>By the end of the project the protection study together with the initiative for protection of river Trebižat sent to the authorized Ministry to put it in the process.</p>	<p>Drafted initiative in a form of letter and sent to the authorized Ministry together with study for protection: Study of justification for protection of river Trebižat and study of justification for revision of previous protection of Kravica waterfall on river Trebižat together with initiatives for protection were finished and sent to the Ministry of Spatial Planning, Construction, and Environmental Protection of the West Herzegovina Canton.</p>
<p>Management of Buna river is improved by the end of 2023</p>	<p>Buna river estuary declared as protected area before the end of 2023; Buna river stays free-flowing without dams, in the same state as before the project started: After discussing with RIT, we made the decision to cancel the activities related to Buna river due to concerns raised by local communities regarding the revision of Buna estuary protection. We had meetings with local CSO on Buna and Bunica and we couldn't agree on ideas for further activities, so activities to accomplish this short-term impact were replaced with other activities.</p>
<p>At least 30 individuals representing the local communities, scientific public, decision making bodies and media are engaged on the protection of the rivers Buna and Trebižat through participation of stakeholder analysis meetings/workshops, and also promotion of the area.</p>	<p>Number of participants on meetings/workshops, events and media announcements: More than 30 individuals representing the local communities (activists, CSOs, fishermen, individuals interested in river protection, citizens), decision-makers at different levels, and media, especially media from the area, are engaged in the protection of Neretva tributaries. Individuals interested in river protection, citizens, CSO representatives and institutions representatives participated stakeholder</p>

	<p>analyses and educative workshops. At least 45 people attended our workshops. Through project activities and outcomes, we increased public and local community knowledge of the value of river conservation for community well-being. These rivers are the basis of life in Herzegovina, and their significance for human existence cannot be adequately defined or measured. We worked to increase citizens' and communities' understanding of their right to clean water and how this affects their way of living and income, as well as to increase their awareness on ability to participate more into decisions involving protected areas, and the steps to take in the case of illegal activities. In that way we tried to give them tools to enhance their subsistence economy.</p> <p>Links to media announcements:  <a href="https://rb.gy/a74f8">https://rb.gy/a74f8</a> - Instagram  <a href="https://rb.gy/2pcug">https://rb.gy/2pcug</a> - Facebook  <a href="https://www.facebook.com/reel/1258211088100772">https://www.facebook.com/reel/1258211088100772</a> - Facebook  <a href="https://czzs.org/sa-ciljem-zastite-rijeke-trebizat-odrzane-radionice-u-ljubuskom/">https://czzs.org/sa-ciljem-zastite-rijeke-trebizat-odrzane-radionice-u-ljubuskom/</a>  <a href="https://czzs.org/odrzana-zavrsna-radionica-za-zastitu-rijeke-trebizat/">https://czzs.org/odrzana-zavrsna-radionica-za-zastitu-rijeke-trebizat/</a>  <a href="https://iks-portal.info/informacije/ljubuski/item/23212-odrzana-zavrsna-radionica-za-zastitu-rijeke-trebizat-izostaju-konkretni-koraci-zupanija.html">https://iks-portal.info/informacije/ljubuski/item/23212-odrzana-zavrsna-radionica-za-zastitu-rijeke-trebizat-izostaju-konkretni-koraci-zupanija.html</a>  <a href="https://rb.gy/3ko5v">https://rb.gy/3ko5v</a> - Facebook  <a href="https://fb.watch/lca9Hn8rch/">https://fb.watch/lca9Hn8rch/</a> - Facebook  <a href="https://rb.gy/t61a6">https://rb.gy/t61a6</a> - Instagram  <a href="https://fb.watch/lca9Hn8rch/">https://fb.watch/lca9Hn8rch/</a> - Facebook  <a href="https://rb.gy/t61a6">https://rb.gy/t61a6</a> - Instagram  <a href="https://rb.gy/0v6ko">https://rb.gy/0v6ko</a> - Facebook  <a href="https://rb.gy/tmsdd">https://rb.gy/tmsdd</a> - Instagram  <a href="https://rb.gy/usuye">https://rb.gy/usuye</a> - Facebook (promotion)  <a href="https://rb.gy/spatad">https://rb.gy/spatad</a> - Facebook  <a href="https://rb.gy/0ab5ql">https://rb.gy/0ab5ql</a> - Instagram</p>
<p>Increased organizational capacities of CZZS in protecting freshwater ecosystems.</p>	<p>More activities planned for freshwater ecosystem protection, more people engaged on the topic, more education on freshwater ecosystems planned: during the project period, we had highly productive two-day workshops with staff from each Program separately (Biodiversity and Protected Areas, Energy and Climate Change and Transport). These workshops aimed to evaluate the implementation of the current Strategic Plan for 2019-2023 and discuss action planning for the next two years. The workshops</p>

	<p>provided a platform for collaborative discussions, enabling analysis of strategic and operational objectives and identifying opportunities for further progress. This resulted in draft strategic plan for period 2024-2026 (in attachment to this report) made by Strategic Planning and Fundraising Coordinator along with Program coordinators and all employees. The strategic planning was a little bit delayed due to work load of the employees during the year and we weren't able to schedule the strategic planning meetings earlier to finish the document. The work on strategic plan will be continued after the project ends and a three-day workshop is scheduled for period 13-15 December 2023 to finalize the plan.</p>
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**4. Were there any unexpected impacts (positive or negative)?**

The project planned continuing activities advocating for the revision of protection for the Buna estuary (Bunski kanali) and defining the precise borders of the protected area, along with other legally prescribed obligations. Local CSOs did not reach a consensus on the necessary activities and did not agree with the proposed actions. We have taken all of this into account and, in agreement with RIT, modified the planned project activities. Instead of these activities we agreed to focus on management plan development for Kravica waterfall and elaboration the revision of Kravica protection. The decision to focus on the Kravica waterfall’s management plan and the revision of its protection was made in collaboration with JP “Parkovi” and the City of Ljubuški. Unfortunately, the management plan for Kravica was unexpectedly canceled two months before the project’s conclusion, without a clear explanation. This turn of events significantly affected the project’s scope and objectives. The unexpected cancellation of the Kravica management plan disrupted the project’s intended outcomes and progress toward achieving its conservation goals for the targeted freshwater ecosystems. Instead of proceeding with those planned activities, we conducted three workshops aimed at acquainting citizens with the significance of nature and improving comprehension regarding the conservation of wildlife habitats and species, also after discussing with and approval from RIT. Encouragingly, there has been a recent change in the contact person at the Ministry, and we successfully initiated communication with the new appointee. Subsequently, we engaged in a discussion regarding the outlined activities.

**PART II: Project Products/Deliverables**

**5. List each product/deliverable as stated in your approved proposal and describe the results for each of them:**

#	Deliverable Description	Deliverable Update
1.1.	Study for protection (document with arguments for protection) for river Trebižat done	The document is done according to the legal demands, finished and sent to the Ministry (in attachment of this report). The process of preparing also included four stakeholder analysis workshops

		<p>and the analysis is part of the study. To provide all stakeholders with an opportunity to express their opinions and represent the interests of their communities in the river protection process, as well as to exchange viewpoints and perspectives with other actors for making decisions in the best interest of local communities along the river, we organized four stakeholder analysis workshops relevant to the protection of the Trebižat River. The first and final workshops were intended for representatives from all interested parties, while the second and third workshops were intended for representatives of civil society organizations and public authorities. These workshops enabled us to identify and assess the impacts of all stakeholders involved in the river protection process, including the local community, non-governmental organizations, businesses, and authorities. In this manner, we obtained a comprehensive and diverse picture of the impact of all stakeholders on the river protection process. Participants actively engaged in dialogue, presented their suggestions, thereby contributing to gathering essential information that served as the basis for further activities in implementing the initiative to protect the river. In addition to discussing pressures and threats to the area, there were discussions about legislative obstacles and possibilities for protecting the Trebižat River. SWOT analysis was conducted during the workshops, and in the final workshop, the results of the participatory approach, i.e., the SWOT analysis of the river, threats and pressures identified on the river, as well as potential solutions, were discussed. The legislative and strategic-planning framework for the protection of the Trebižat River, extensively covered in the justification study, was presented. The first workshop was held on December 13, the second on March 2, the third on March 3, and the final workshop took place on May 24, all in Ljubuški.</p>
2.1.	The borders of the previously proposed protected area (Buna estuary) defined more precisely	Activity canceled. Instead of this, we prepared study of justification for Kravica waterfall on river Trebižat and official letter for revision of previous protection. Also, we organized three educative workshops in Ljubuški, Grude and Široki Brijeg to enhance citizens' knowledge and understanding of nature, emphasizing the importance of biodiversity for overall health and the stability of surrounding ecosystems. Discussions encompassed urban

		<p>biodiversity, protected areas, climate change, spatial planning, as well as illegal environmental activities, focusing on recognition and proactive measures.</p> <p>We had three educative workshops named “Active Citizens in Nature Conservation” on September 19th in Ljubuški, September 20th in Grude and September 25th in Široki Brijeg.</p> <p>The workshop objectives were as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Raise awareness about the importance of (urban) biodiversity.</li><li>- Increase citizens' understanding of the role of healthy ecosystems in mitigating climate change.</li><li>- Educate citizens about the spatial planning process and ways of involvement.</li><li>- Educate citizens on recognizing illegal actions in nature.</li></ul> <p>To achieve these objectives, lectures for citizens were planned and conducted, covering the following topics: history of nature conservation, urban biodiversity, ecosystem services - use and prevention of misuse of terminology, nature protection tools, and public involvement in nature conservation. Within these topics, discussions focused on the concept of biodiversity, the significance of nature conservation, the role of protected areas in climate change mitigation, as well as mechanisms of spatial planning, environmental impact assessment, and public involvement in decision-making related to nature conservation or its impact.</p> <p>Where the number of participants allowed, short group work sessions were held on reporting illegal activities in nature.</p> <p>The expected long-term results of these workshops were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Increased citizen involvement in the spatial planning process.</li><li>- Increased citizen participation in environmental organization activities.</li><li>- Increased citizen engagement in reporting illegal environmental activities.</li></ul> <p>There were 11 participants in total in all workshops, all representatives of local civil society organizations and citizens.</p> <p>Additionally, contributing to connecting citizens and organizations dealing with similar topics was also</p>
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		one of the significant expected outcomes of these workshops.
3.1.	Promoted and advocated river protection benefits to stakeholders	<p>Our initiatives for the protection of Trebižat river and Kravica waterfall will contribute to the protection, promotion, and management establishment of river Trebižat in West Herzegovina Canton. We also made a draft law for the declaration of the protected area (Trebižat river) and delivered it to the authorized Ministry.</p> <p>The conservation of the river ecosystem and the implementation of effective management practices are crucial for safeguarding the tufa (karst landform), flora, and fauna of the area. Establishing sustainable tourism practices is essential to achieve this goal. Efficient protection and management of the river will not only ensure the preservation of various species and their valuable habitats but will also facilitate the growth and well-being of local communities. This can be accomplished through the promotion of tourism and other activities in a manner that does not jeopardize the survival of species and habitats. This is particularly related in the case of Kravica, where tourism has been observed to exert significant adverse effects on the tufa waterfalls (karst landform) and the interconnected flora and fauna. By adopting sustainable tourism practices, it becomes possible to strike a balance between economic development and environmental conservation. This approach aims to encourage tourism activities that are mindful of the delicate ecosystem, ensuring its long-term viability while supporting the socio-economic needs of the local communities.</p>
4.1.	Drafted and adopted Strategic Plan of Center for Environment for period 2024 – 2026	<p>Throughout the project duration, we conducted highly productive two-day workshops individually with staff from each Program—Biodiversity and Protected Areas, Energy and Climate Change, and Transport. These workshops aimed to assess the ongoing implementation of the Strategic Plan for 2019-2023 while discussing action plans for the next period of two years. They served as collaborative platforms, facilitating discussions on strategic and operational objectives, thereby identifying opportunities for further advancement. As a result, a draft strategic plan for the period 2024-2026 (attached to this report) was collaboratively developed by the Strategic Planning and Fundraising Coordinator, Program coordinators, and all</p>

		employees. Work on finalizing the strategic plan will continue post-project, with a scheduled three-day workshop set for December 13-15, 2023, to complete the plan.
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**6. Please describe and submit any tools, products, or methodologies that resulted from this project or contributed to the results.**

Preparation and submission of legislative drafts, such as the proposed law for the protection declaration of the Trebižat River, could be considered a valuable output. Findings summarized in studies conducted during the project, like the justification study for protecting the Trebižat River, could provide valuable insights and methodologies for future conservation efforts.

**PART III: Lessons, Sustainability, Safeguards and Financing**

**Lessons Learned**

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

“Lessons learned” are experiences you have gained that you think would be valuable successes worth replicating or practices that you would do differently if you had the chance. Consider lessons that would inform project design and implementation, and any other lessons relevant to the conservation community. CEPF Lessons Learned Guidelines are available here: <https://www.cepf.net/sites/default/files/cepf-lessons-learned-guidelines-english.pdf>. The administrative and political complexity within Bosnia and Herzegovina, especially with diverse entities and cantons, requires careful consideration. Complex projects involving diverse communities and navigating politically sensitive regions demand extended timelines for efficient implementation. Although we took this into consideration while preparing project proposal, the lessons learned underscore the importance of thorough preparation, realistic planning, and adaptive strategies when working within complex socio-political environments, suggesting the need for careful consideration of project scope, timelines, and activities for successful implementation.

**Sustainability / Replication**

**8. 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.**

The project facilitated connections and networks among stakeholders, fostering relationships between citizens and environmental organizations. These relationships could serve as a foundation for future collaborations and initiatives, enhancing sustainability efforts. Despite challenges in participation, the project succeeded in raising awareness and educating citizens about biodiversity, ecosystem services, and environmental protection. The educative workshops provided valuable insights and knowledge that participants could apply in future conservation activities or decision-making processes.

**Safeguards**

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

The project planned continuing activities advocating for the revision of protection for the Buna estuary (Bunski kanali) and defining the precise borders of the protected area, along with other legally prescribed obligations. This project is a follow-up to a CEPF large grant 109139, which included a Process Framework and a Grievance mechanism, which were used during this new small grant as well.

During stakeholder engagement under this small grant, it became clear that local CSOs could not reach a consensus on the necessary activities and could not agree with the proposed actions. This was foreseen as a possible Risk in the LOI, so we could immediately take remedial action. In addition, there was an agreement with City of Ljubuški and JP "Parkovi" Ljubuški to work together on initiative for revision of Kravica waterfall protection and management plan for Kravica. However, unexpectedly, the Kravica management plan was canceled, impacting the project's objectives.

We have taken all of this into account and, in agreement with RIT, modified the planned project activities. To ensure complete inclusivity and hear the voices of all relevant stakeholders, we actively communicated with CSOs operating in the nature conservation sector in that area and we organized a meeting in the local community. The meeting was designed to enable local residents, civil society organizations, and other interested parties to express their views and concerns regarding the proposed revision. As a result of these consultations, we suggested new activities which RIT approved. Consequently, the project adapted by organizing three workshops to educate citizens on nature's significance and conservation of wildlife, approved by RIT. Furthermore, the grievance mechanism and contact information continued to be made known to the local community, but no complaints were received.

**Additional Funding**

**10. Provide details of any additional funding that you have secured to support this project.**

- a. Total additional funding (US\$) 4,000**
- b. Type of funding**

Please provide a breakdown of additional funding (counterpart funding and in-kind) by source.

<b>Donor</b>	<b>Type of Funding</b>	<b>Amount</b>
US Forest Service	Co-funding	4.000 USD

**Additional Comments/Recommendations**

**11. 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

### Contribution to Portfolio Indicators

12. In order to measure the results of CEPF investment strategy at the hotspot level, CEPF uses a set of Portfolio Indicators which are presented in the Ecosystem Profile of each hotspot. Please list these below and report on the project's contribution(s) to them.

<b>Indicator</b>	<b>Actual Numeric Contribution</b>	<b>Actual Contribution Description</b>
2.0_Outcome 2_Number of hectares of KBAs with enhanced protection or management	0	Preparation of all necessary documents for the protection of the Trebižat River and Kravica waterfall will significantly contribute to the improved protection and management of the area (app. 80 ha). Additionally, increased awareness among citizens will encourage greater participation in nature conservation efforts.
2.4_Outcome 2_Number of Freshwater KBAs in priority CMZ with improved information on biodiversity, shared with stakeholders	1	Justification studies for protection of Trebižat river and Kravica waterfall summarized valuable scientific data on the region's biodiversity, both from literature and our research. These findings can enhance understanding of the area's flora, fauna, and overall ecological balance. Workshops held in multiple towns directly engage communities, raising awareness about the significance of biodiversity. Through interactive sessions and informative discussions, these workshops disseminated essential

		<p>knowledge about local wildlife, habitats, and the importance of conservation. These project activities cumulatively serve to improve information on biodiversity by generating scientific knowledge, raising public awareness, facilitating collaborative dialogues, and creating documentation that can be shared among stakeholders (all documents will be available on CZSS website). This KBA has been already counted in the previous CEPF large grant CEPF-109139.</p>
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**Contribution to Global Indicators**

**Please report on all Global Indicators that pertain to your project.**

**13. Benefits to Individuals**

**13a. Number of men and women receiving structured training.**

Report on the number of men and women that have benefited from structured training due to your project, such as financial management, beekeeping, horticulture, farming, biological surveys, or how to conduct a patrol.

<b># of men receiving structured training *</b>	<b># of women receiving structured training *</b>	<b>Topic(s) of Training</b>
6	5	History of nature conservation, urban biodiversity, ecosystem services - use and prevention of misuse of terminology, nature protection tools, and public involvement in nature conservation. Discussions focused on the concept of biodiversity, the significance of nature conservation, the role of protected areas in

		climate change mitigation, as well as mechanisms of spatial planning, environmental impact assessment, public involvement in decision-making related to nature conservation or its impact and reporting illegal activities in nature.
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*\*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.*

**13b. Number of men and women receiving cash benefits.**

Report on the number of men and women that had an increase in income or cash (monetary) benefits due to your project from activities such as tourism, handicraft production, increased farm output, increased fishery output, medicinal plant harvest, or payment for conducting patrols.

# of men receiving cash benefits*	# of women receiving cash benefits*	Description of Benefits

*\*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.*

**14. Protected Areas**

**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 your project. Protected areas may include private or community reserves, municipal or provincial parks, or other designations where biodiversity conservation is an official management goal.

Name of PA*	Country(s)	Original # of Hectares**	# of Hectares Newly Protected	Year of Legal Declaration/ Expansion	Longitude***	Latitude***

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

*\*\* Enter the original total size, excluding the results of your project. If the protected area was not existing before your project, then enter zero.*

\*\*\* 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). To obtain the latitude and longitude of your protected area, use googlemap, right click on the center of your protected area, and select “What’s here?”, and copy the latitude and longitude appearing in the popup window.

## 15. Key Biodiversity Area Management

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

Report on the number of hectares in KBAs with improved management, where tangible results have been achieved to support conservation, as a result of your project. 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”, 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	KBA Code from Ecosystem Profile	# of Hectares Improved *
Trebizat	BIH09	We initiated the protection of river Trebizat in West Herzegovina Canton according to its spatial plan that implies protection of the entire course of the river. This is approximately 80 ha and includes the river flow and surrounding important habitats. When protection is declared, there will be measures defined that will contribute to better biodiversity management. These hectares still cannot be counted.

\* 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.

## 16. Production landscapes

### Number of hectares of production landscape with strengthened management of biodiversity

Please report on the number of hectares of production landscapes with strengthened management of biodiversity, as a result of your project. A production landscape is defined as a landscape where commercial agriculture, forestry or natural product exploitation occurs.

- For an area to be considered as having "strengthened management of biodiversity," it can benefit from a wide range of interventions such as best practices and guidelines implemented, incentive schemes introduced, sites/products certified, and sustainable harvesting regulations introduced.
- Areas that are protected are not included under this indicator, because their hectares are counted elsewhere.
- A Production Landscape can include part or all of an unprotected KBA.

Name of Production Landscape*	# of Hectares with Strengthened Management**	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). To obtain the latitude and longitude of your production landscape, use googlemap, right click on the center of your production landscape, and select "What's here?", and copy the latitude and longitude appearing in the popup window.

## 17. Benefits to Communities

CEPF wants to record the non-cash 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 your project. If exact numbers are not known, please provide an estimate.

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

Name of Community	Community Characteristics (mark with x)							Country of Community	Type of Benefit (mark with x)								# of Beneficiaries		
	Small landowners	Subsistence economy	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
Ljubuški						X			X									40	30
Grude						X			X									30	20
Široki Brijeg						X			X									20	15

We tried to enhance the local community's access to clean water by raising awareness about their right to this essential resource. This included educating citizens and communities on the impact of clean water on their lifestyles and income. Moreover, our efforts aimed to empower them with knowledge about participating in decisions related to protected areas and understanding the necessary actions in response to illegal activities. The beneficiaries of this project include the local residents who depend on this resource for various aspects of their daily lives.

### 18. Policies, Laws and Regulations

Report on policies, laws and regulations with conservation provisions that have been enacted or amended, as a result of your project. "Policies" pertain to statements of intent formally adopted or pursued by a government, including at sectoral or sub-national level. "Laws and regulations" pertain to official rules or orders, prescribed by authority. Any law, regulation, decree or order is eligible to be included.

#### 18a. Name, scope and topic of the policy, law or regulation that has been amended or enacted as a result of your project

No.	Name of Law, Policy or Regulation	Scope (mark with x)			Topic(s) addressed (mark with x)															
		Local	National	International	Agriculture	Climate	Ecosystem Management	Education	Energy	Fisheries	Forestry	Mining and Quarrying	Planning/Zoning	Pollution	Protected Areas	Species Protection	Tourism	Transportation	Wildlife Trade	Other*
1	Law on declaration of protected area Trebižat River - draft	X													X					

#### 18b. 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	Bosnia and Herzegovina	Draft proposed to the Ministry on 10/31/2023	Adoption of the law and declaration of protected area	We drafted the law based on the justification study for protection of river Trebižat and sent it to the authorized Ministry

## 19. Biodiversity-friendly Practices

### Number of companies that adopt biodiversity-friendly practices

Please list any companies that have adopted biodiversity-friendly practices as a result of your project. 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 natural resources in a sustainable manner.

No.	Name of Company	Description of biodiversity-friendly practice adopted during the project	Country(s) where the practice has been adopted by the company
1			
2			
...			

## 20. Networks & Partnerships

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

Report on any networks or partnerships between and among civil society groups and other sectors that you have created or strengthened as a result of your project. Networks/partnerships should have some lasting benefit beyond immediate project implementation. Informal networks/partnerships are acceptable. 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, or a working group focusing on reptile conservation.

Do not list the partnerships you formed with others to implement this project, unless these partnerships will continue after your project ends.

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

...					

## 21. Sustainable Financing Mechanism

List any functioning sustainable financing mechanisms created or supported by your project. Sustainable financing mechanisms generate funding for the long-term (generally five or more years). These include, but are not limited to, conservation trust funds, debt-for-nature swaps, payment for ecosystem service (PES) schemes, and other revenue, fee or tax schemes that generate long-term funding for conservation. To be included, a mechanism must be delivering funds for conservation.

### 21a. Details about the mechanism

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.

### 21b. Performance of the mechanism

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

NO.	Project intervention (mark with x)			Has the mechanism disbursed funds to conservation projects?
	Created a mechanism	Supported an existing mechanism	Created and supported a new mechanism	
1				
2				
3				

## 22. Red List Species

If the project included direct conservation interventions that benefited globally threatened species (CR, EN, VU), as per the IUCN Red List, add the species below.

Examples of interventions include: preparation or implementation of a conservation action plan, captive breeding programs, species habitat protection, species monitoring, patrolling to halt wildlife trafficking, and removal of invasive species.

Genus	Species	Common Name (Eng)	Status (VU, EN, CR or Extinct in the Wild)	Intervention	Population Trend at Site (increasing, decreasing, stable or unknown)

#### **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 completion and impact reports are made available on our Web site, [www.cepf.net](http://www.cepf.net), and publicized in our e-newsletter and other communications.

Provide the contact details of your organization (organization name and generic email address) so that interested parties can request further information about your project.

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