CEPF SMALL GRANT FINAL PROJECT COMPLETION REPORT

Organization Legal Name:	Humboldt State University, Sponsored Programs
Project Title:	Mainstreaming Ecosystem Service Values into Agricultural Practices: The Value of Native Shade Trees and Forest to Coffee Farms in Central and Western Jamaica
Date of Report:	27 February 2014
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CEPF Region: Caribbean Islands

Strategic Direction: (1) Improve protection and management of 45 priority key biodiversity areas. (2) Integrate biodiversity conservation into landscape and development planning and implementation in six conservation corridors. (3) Support Caribbean civil society to achieve biodiversity conservation by building local and regional institutional capacity and by fostering stakeholder collaboration.

Grant Amount: \$19,645

Project Dates: 30 April 2013 to 31 Dec 2013

Implementation Partners for this Project (please explain the level of involvement for each partner):

The project has partnered with the Coffee Industry Board, with Mr. Gusland McCook as the lead partner. CIB assisted with the identification of focal farms in the Catadupa and western/northern edge of the Cockpit Country for the field research phase. In addition, CIB was instrumental in coordinating the workshop described in the dissemination phase.

Conservation Impacts

Please explain/describe how your project has contributed to the implementation of the CEPF ecosystem profile.

This project had three phases: (1) field research, (2) analyses, and (3) dissemination. Field research occurred in summer (2013), when coffee fruits were ripening and vulnerable to the coffee berry borer, *Hypothenemus hampei*, the world's most economically damaging pest in coffee. Using the Jamaican Coffee Industry Board's database of coffee farms, we identified farms near Catadupa and the western or northern edge of the Cockpit Country. We visited each farm to document the diversity of shade trees growing over coffee. In the morning hours (sunrise to 10:00) we performed 20-min 'focal observations' on individual shade trees, at least 5 per common tree species on each farm. During the observations, we recorded foraging birds following established protocols. Field work was conducted by M. Johnson and his students.

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

The project yielded several important results/impacts. First, we quantified the value of existing forests and trees in delivering ecosystem services. More specifically, we learned that shade trees attract insect-eating birds that consume coffee berry borer to an extent that offset the loss of raw yields from enhanced shade. In the absence of the shade coffee, small patches of trees on the landscape (5%) maximize profits and, again, offset any loss in revenue from less area under cultivation. These findings are detailed in Railsback and Johnson (2014), a recent paper was has been picked up by the press (http://news.sciencemag.org/environment/2014/04/scienceshot-more-trees-more-coffee#disgus_thread; and

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Please provide the following information where relevant:

Hectares Protected: This project was not designed to protect hectares directly. However, through our "shade coffee workshop", we communicated effectively the value of forest patches to coffee farmers near the Cockpit Country in Jamaica.

Species Conserved: The recognition of the importance of maintaining shade trees and forest patches for the delivery of pest control services on coffee farms in Jamaica will help conserve forest associated birds, including those in Appendix A.

Corridors Created: NA

Other information: The farmers in our workshop learned the value of pest control services provided by birds, and they learned of the links between shade trees, forest

patches, birds, and the delivery of those services. In turn, I and collaborators learned of some of the motivations and constraints for shade experiences by coffee farmers in the region, and we learned more about preferred shade tree species.

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

The project achieved its short-term objectives: all data were collected, analyzed, and disseminated via a full-color brochure delivered to farmers and the CIB (see Appendix B). We were unable to collaborate with RADA due to limited time and communication challenges. Long-term impacts of this project, and others like it at aimed at reconciling conservation and agriculture, will be measured by the degree to which coffee growing in Jamaica ceases to expand at the expense of forested habitats, and instead expands by making marginal land more profitable for an exported agricultural product while protecting native biodiversity.

Were there any unexpected impacts (positive or negative)? None.

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 projects designed or implemented by your organization or others, as well as lessons that might be considered by the global conservation community.

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

None.

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

One lesson I have learned is the value of collaborating with local agencies. I ran a workshop to disseminate information to farmers in the Blue Mts of Jamaica a number of years ago. In that case, I organized the workshop and its promotion and advertisement myself, with some collaboration from NEPA. This time (with this CEPF grant), I included funds in the grant to pay staff from the Coffee Industry Board to help coordinate the workshop. It was very successful; they did a great job. I also learned that is was more difficult to coordinate with RADA that initially anticipated. Despite numerous emails and a couple of phone calls, we were unable to contact RADA prior to the workshop with the limited time and funds available for this project. Nonetheless, the workshop organized with CIB was extremely successful and was effective for disseminating information directly to farmers.

Other lessons learned relevant to conservation community:

In addition, we learned that *Inga vera*, which has been a popular shade tree for farmers, is no longer preferred because of nuisance black ants. Although *Inga vera* is valuable from a bird and conservation perspective (it harbors high insect abundance, fixes

nitrogen, etc.), it is important to work within realistic parameters faced by farmers. *Cedrela odorata* is a more preferred shade tree by farmers, and it shares some of the same ecological qualities as *Inga vera*. *Cedrela* is preferred because its timber can be easily marketed locally. However, we also learned farmers in the region currently do not have adequate access to saplings of *Cedrela* or *Coffea*. This is something the CIB now recognizes. Hopefully, this information may lead to changes in policy or practice to make the trees more available.

ADDITIONAL FUNDING

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

Donor	Type of Funding*	Amount	Notes
None.			

*Additional funding should be reported using the following categories:

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

Sustainability/Replicability

Summarize the success or challenge in achieving planned sustainability or replicability of project components or results.

The long term success of this project, and others like it aimed at reconciling conservation and agriculture, will be measured by the degree to which coffee growing in Jamaica ceases to expand at the expense of forested habitats, and instead expands by making marginal land more profitable for an exported agricultural product while protecting native biodiversity. That, of course, is a lofty goal beyond the reach of any single project. Nonetheless, previous work has resulted in substantial improvements in coffee cultivation practices in Jamaica, and there is growing recognition that forest and trees are helpful for agriculture, especially coffee. This project has helped realize lasting change by advancing that recognition, working to disseminate the message of the value of forest and trees, and by offering practical advice to farmers and policy makers about specific native tree species to maintain shade for coffee that will also attract native birds that provision economically important pest control. More specifically, this project supported farmer support organizations (e.g., CIB) by identifying appropriate conservation practices to recommend to farmers that will yield economic benefits to farmers. These identifications are tangibly reported in a full-color brochure disseminated to farmers and the CIB.

The pamphlet we designed and disseminated to farmers was effective, and more can be easily printed and distributed (See Appendix B). Reports to CIB and RADA that detailed the methodology, data, and analysis were also provided (see Appendix C).

Summarize any unplanned sustainability or replicability achieved.

I had a student travel to the Blue Mts to conduct some interviews with coffee farmers (a project unrelated to this current CEPF project), and she disseminated the pamphlet to over 100 farmers in that region. This occurred outside the project area.

Safeguard Policy Assessment

Provide a summary of the implementation of any required action toward the environmental and social safeguard policies within the project. None.

Additional Comments/Recommendations

None.

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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If your grant has an end date other than JUNE 30, please complete the tables on the following pages

Performance Tracking Report Addendum								
CEPF Global Targets								
(Enter Grant Term) Provide a numerical amount and brief description of the results achieved by your grant.								
Please responses of the second	Is this question relevant?	If yes, provide your numerical response for results achieved during the annual period.	s that are rel Provide your numerical response for project from inception of CEPF support to date.	evant to your project. Describe the principal results achieved from July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008. (Attach annexes if necessary)				
1. Did your project strengthen management of a protected area guided by a sustainable management plan? Please indicate number of hectares improved.	NA			Please also include name of the protected area(s). If more than one, please include the number of hectares strengthened for each one.				
2. How many hectares of new and/or expanded protected areas did your project help establish through a legal declaration or community agreement?	NA			Please also include name of the protected area. If more than one, please include the number of hectares strengthened for each one.				
3. Did your project strengthen biodiversity conservation and/or natural resources management inside a key biodiversity area identified in the CEPF ecosystem profile? If so, please indicate how many hectares.								
4. Did your project effectively introduce or strengthen biodiversity conservation in management practices outside protected areas? If so, please indicate how many hectares.	Yes, we communic ated with farmers that collectively managing over 500 ha	500 ha	500 ha					
5. If your project promotes the sustainable use of natural resources, how many local communities accrued tangible socioeconomic benefits? Please complete Table 1below.	1	1	1					

If you answered yes to question 5, please complete the following table.

Table 1. Socioeconomic Benefits to Target Communities Blassa complete this table if your project provided constants contained benefits to local communities. List the name of each community in column one. In the subsequent columns																					
under Community Characteristics and Nature of Socioeconomic Benefit, place an X in all relevant boxes. In the bottom row, provide the totals of the Xs for each column.																					
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Appendix A. List of forest-associated bird species that benefit from shade trees grown on coffee farms near the Cockpit Country of Jamaica.

Common Nome	Caiantifia Nama
American Redstart	Setophaga ruticilia
Arrow-neaded warbier	Setopnaga pnaretra
Black-and-white Warbler	Mniotilta varia
Black-billed Parrot	Amazona agilis
Black-throated Blue Warbler	Setophaga caerulescens
Black-throated Green Warbler	Setophaga virens
Chestnut-bellied Cuckoo	Hyetornis pluvialis
Greater-Antillean Bullfinch	Loxigilla violacea
Jamaican Becard	Pachyramphus niger
Jamaican Blackbird	Nesopsar nigerrimus
Jamaican Crow	Corvus jamaicensis
Jamaican Elaenia	Myiopagis cotta
Jamaican Euphonia	Euphonia jamaica
Jamaican Lizard Cuckoo	Saurothera vetula
Jamaican Mango	Anthracothorax mango
Jamaican Oriole	Icterus leucopteryx
Jamaican Owl	Pseudoscops grammicus
Jamaican Pewee	Contopus pallidus
Jamaican Spindalis	Spindalis nigricephala
Jamaican Tody	Todus todus
Jamaican Woodpecker	Melanerpes radiolatus
Northern Parula	Parula americana
Northern Waterthrush	Parkesia noveboracensis
Olive-throated Parakeet	Eupsittula nana
Ovenbird	Seiurus aurocapilla
Prairie Warbler	Setophaga discolor
Red-billed Streamertail	Trochilus polytmus
Rufous-tailed Flycatcher	Myiarchus validus
Rufous-throated Solitaire	Myadestes genibarbis
Sad Flycatcher	Myiarchus barbirostris
Swainson's Warbler	Limnothlypis swainsonii
White-chinned Thrush	Turdus aurantius
White-eved Thrush	Turdus iamaicensis
Yellow-billed Parrot	Amazona collaria
Yellow-shouldered Grassouit	Loxipasser anoxanthus
Yellow-throated Warbler	Setophaga dominica

Appendix B. Image of front and back of tri-fold brochure.



Appendix C. Final report to CIB and RADA.

Final Report to Jamaica's Coffee Industry Board and Rural Agricultural Development Agency on Dr. Matt Johnson's research and dissemination of the value of trees and insect-eating birds to coffee farmers near the Cockpit Country.

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The project led to several recommendations. First, most farmers in the Cockpit Country already use shade, and generally have some appreciation for its value, but many of them know very little about the benefits of shade in terms of attracting insect-eating birds, pollinating bees, soil nutrients (e.g., in the case of leguminous shade trees), curtailing soil erosion, and the more general benefits of carbon sequestration. In short, they do not fully recognize the myriad ecosystem services these trees provide. CIB, RADA, the Ministry of Forestry and others should help ensure these benefits are recognized, so as to better incentivize the conservation of trees that benefit farmers, their communities, local biodiversity, and society in general. Second, some farmers want more shade trees, but lack resources to secure them. Policy makers and practitioners should work to make sapling shade trees, especially of favored species, more available to farmers. For example, coffee nurseries should offer shade tree saplings. From our work, especially useful trees are those that simultaneously fix nitrogen, attract birds and bees, sequester carbon, and provide some potential for later timber harvest (or other cash benefit, such as fruit or forage). Guango, Inga, Gliricidia, and Cedar are especially attractive for these multiple purposes. Third, the Coffee Industry Board should encourage the marketing of "shadecoffee" from this region. Although coffee from the Blue Mts enjoys a price premium without relying on recognition of the presence of shade trees, coffee from near the Cockpit Country does not have this taste reputation and sells at a more modest price. Coffee industries and farmers throughout the world have benefited from marketing their coffees as being shade-grown, and to date, little of this type of coffee is available from the Caribbean. The coffee industry in the Cockpit Country should be encouraged to maintain adequate shade coffee to benefits farmers, the soil, and the birds, merit certification, and fetch higher prices accordingly.

Key Literature

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