

CEPF FINAL PROJECT COMPLETION REPORT

Organization Legal Name:	KUWUKA JDA
Project Title:	Strengthening the Capacity of a Local Civil Society Organizations' Platform for Environmental Conservation and Sustainable Community Development in Licuáti Sand Forest
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CEPF Region:

Maputoland – Pondoland – Albany - Hotspot

Strategic Direction:

SD4

Grant Amount:

100,000.00

Project Dates:

Sep 1, 2012-Dec 31, 2013

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

- Government of Matutuine District and local authorities – Trough the chiefs of Administrative Posts and chiefs of locality, that supported institutionally the project, and facilitated the contact with local leaders, traditional authorities, including the youth, women and local communities;
- District platform SCO members – that supported the project through facilitating and organizing community meetings and workshops in communities where the project was implemented;
- Consortium CESVI/LUPA/ORAM – we coordinated training sessions and community workshops, discussed and agreed on training communities, identification of income generation activities, specially beekeeping with LUPA;
- Local leadership and local communities, they participated in community mobilization and awareness raise, especially the community management committees that were established.

Conservation Impacts

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

The project is related to the CEPF investment strategy, creating and enabling environment to improve conservation and management of Maputaland-Pondoland-Albany priority sites, specifically the CEPF investment priority on “Expand and strengthen civil society by supporting training and further educational opportunities for the staff of civil society organizations in Mozambique and establish and strengthen institutional arrangements that will increase and coordinate civil society participation and

facilitate lessons sharing to promote linkages that ensure effective conservation action at a broad scale". In this regard the training and capacity building of relevant stakeholders of the district CSO platform to incorporate biodiversity conservation in their plans, and empowerment of local communities for sustainable management of natural resources and biodiversity conservation contributed to the above mentioned investment strategy and CEPF ecosystem profile.

Please summarize the overall results/impact of your project.

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

- Strengthened local civil society platform for land and natural resources governance to engage the government, private sector and local communities for sustainable management of natural resources and biodiversity conservation;
- Civil society influencing local government in decision-making process for balanced strategic development plan that aligns with biodiversity conservation;
- Government, civil society and private sector mainstreaming environmental conservation as cross-cutting issue within their development strategies, plans, programs and projects.
- Local civil society empowered with institutional capacity to incorporate environmental awareness/conservation on their activities with local communities;
- Local communities empowered strengthened participating actively in the conservation of the ecosystems as guardians of their natural resources, developing livelihoods strategies with minimal negative impact on biodiversity;
- Income generation activities in selected communities based on rational use of natural resources contributing to sustainable community development and poverty reduction.
- Restoration and conservation of the integrity of ecosystems of the Licuáti Sand Forest; contributing to the maintenance of the integrity of the Maputoland-Pondoland-Albany hotspot;
- Reduction of bad practices by local community such as uncontrolled burn of the forest, control of unsustainable use of forest resources.

Actual Progress toward Long-term Impacts at Completion

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

- 5 local civil society organizations mobilized and part of the district civil society platform. Also the consortium CESVI/ORAM/LUPA and CTV are invited to integrate the platform.
- Platform meets monthly to discuss priorities for collective action on advocacy for resource governance and environmental conservation developed by the platform.
- 3 training sessions to empower platform members on the importance of conservation of the Licuáti Sand Forest ecosystem and incorporating environmental issues in their programs. These sessions are also attended by members CESVI/ORAM/LUPA consortium to share and transmit their experience.
- Platform meeting the local government at least once in every 3 months to advocate and influencing the government in decision-making for development taking into account the balance of poverty reduction and economic growth with the need for biodiversity conservation. CESVI/ORAM/LUPA and CTV are invited to be part of the group meeting the government.
- At least 5 workshops in 5 communities for awareness raising and empowered for good/best practices on their livelihoods strategies, reducing the environmental

degradation for ecosystem integrity are held in collaboration with the consortium to avoid overlaps in the communities.

- KUWUKA JDA engaging with the consortium CESVI/ORAM/LUPA, including CTV as agreed in all planning activities.

Actual Progress toward Short-term Impacts at Completion:

- District civil society platform trained to incorporate biodiversity conservation on their plans and work with local communities towards sustainable management of natural resources and biodiversity conservation;
- 10 community natural resources management committees, established in 10 communities with at least 10 members each, in a total of 100 community agents in the district;
- 4 training sessions to train and empower district civil society platform members on the importance of conservation of the Licuáti Sand Forest ecosystem and incorporating environmental issues in their programs.
- Collaboration with the consortium CESVI/ORAM/LUPA to share experiences and build synergies.
- At least 4 workshops in 10 communities for awareness raise and empowerment for best practices on their livelihoods strategies, that lead to reducing environmental degradation, for ecosystem integrity were held in collaboration with the consortium CESVI/LUPA/ORAM. The coordination and collaboration with the consortium CESVI/LUPA/ORAM intended to avoid overlaps and duplication of efforts in the same communities.

Please provide the following information where relevant:

Hectares Protected: N/A

Species Conserved: N/A

Corridors Created: N/A

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

The success of the project towards achieving its short-term and long term impact objectives was the ability to strengthen the collaboration and coordination among partners in the district. The work with district CSO platform training and empowering them to incorporate biodiversity conservation in their plans. The collaboration and synergies built with the consortium CESVI/ORAM/LUPA. The support the project had by district administrative authorities, local authorities, community leaders and interest groups.

The challenge of the project was the difficult for completion of the planned activities within the proposed timeline, as the project was intended first to work with CSO platform members, each with its dynamics; as well as working with local communities as it was necessary to be engaged with local leadership, traditional leaders an adapt to community priorities and needs for livelihoods.

Were there any unexpected impacts (positive or negative)?

There were unexpected positive impacts. For instance, in the Manhanganane community in Catuane Administrative Post, which borders with Swaziland; in this community we

identified the problem of uncontrolled wildfires, which according to local communities, most of the time are initiated at the other side of the boarder (Swaziland). During our participation to the MPAH workshop held in Pietermaritzburg, Kwazulu Natal in South Africa, we had the opportunity to interact with other colleagues from the region, and discussed the issue of uncontrolled forest burning, with a representative of the Swaziland Rangers, who also showed his concern about the uncontrolled burn of forest. He promised to take the issue to the Swaziland conservation authorities so that community could be sensitized. We hope that action will be taken in order to safeguard the environmental integrity in the area with the collaboration of both sides.

Project Components

Project Components: *Please report on results by project component. Reporting should reference specific products/deliverables from the approved project design and other relevant information.*

Component 1 Planned:

Preparation of the project implementation:

- Mobilization of members of civil society platform for the presentation of the project and incorporate within the platform work plan.
- Presentation of the project to the local government authorities for their institutional support and endorsement.
- Procurement for the rent of KUWUKA JDA's office in Bela-Vista

Component 1 Actual at Completion:

- Civil society mobilized, project presented and incorporated within the work plan of the platform.
- Project presented to the local government, supported and endorsed.
- Project field assistant procured the rent of the office - office rented.

Component 2 Planned:

Capacity building and strengthens of civil society members of the platform for land and natural resources in environmental governance for sustainable management of natural resources and biodiversity conservation.

Component 2 Actual at Completion:

- 4 capacity building and training sessions on environmental governance, sustainable management of natural resources, and biodiversity conservation for Matutue district CSO platform members held in Bela-Vista.
- Partner organizations incorporating environmental aspects in their work plans.

Component 3 Planned:

Advocacy for natural resource governance monitoring, sustainable development and biodiversity conservation.

Component 3 Actual at Completion:

A report on analyses of environmental aspects in the district strategic development plan, the national strategic poverty reduction paper and social and economic plan - a report on analyses of alignment of the biodiversity conservation need and district development plan produced and to be disseminated in the stakeholders seminary.

- A stakeholder's seminar with all partners to discuss results and recommendations of the report.

Component 4 Planned:

Community awareness and empowerment for active participation in sustainable management of natural resources and biodiversity conservation.

Component 4 Actual at Completion:

- Interest groups such as women, youth, etc. identified for sustainable livelihoods based on rational management of natural resources.

10 community natural resources committees established in the following communities: Manhagane, Txutxa , Massohane, Gwengo, Zitundo, Matchia, Txia, Mudada, Mudissa and Tinonganine;

- Participatory community workshops for training of community natural resources management committees undertaken.

- Community natural resources management members, undertaking awareness raise in the above listed communities for their active participation in biodiversity conservation.

- Community beekeepers identified and mobilized to be trained on modern beekeeping techniques.

- Participatory identification of income generation activities based on natural resources use with local communities and interest groups for the activities

- Preparation of the training/supporting program for supporting of income generation activities in the future.

Were any components unrealized? If so, how has this affected the overall impact of the project?

No

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

KUWUKA JDA produced a report on analyses of alignment of the biodiversity conservation need and district development plan that will be attached to this final project report.

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)

- KUWUKA JDA has been working in the Maputoland-Pondoland-Albany hotspot site, specifically in Matutuine district since 2007, empowering and building capacity to local communities for their active participation in the management of natural resources and biodiversity conservation.
KUWUKA JDA has been engaging local communities for environmental protection and biodiversity conservation, by awareness raising programs and promotion of alternative income generation activities to local communities, based on rational and sustainable use of forest resources in the vicinity of Maputo Elephant Reserve, Licuáti Sand Forest.
- KUWUKA JDA established a local civil society organization's (CSO) platform for land and natural resources management governance in 2010. This platform aim was to monitor land and natural resource governance, including forest governance and biodiversity conservation, also, served as a forum for sharing visions and exchange experiences for collective action on advocacy activities and monitoring of resources governance while empowering and building capacity to local communities. With the CEPF project KUWUKA JDA among other platform members decided to empower organizations working in other areas (out of conservation) in "Governance for sustainable management of natural resources and biodiversity conservation" so that they incorporate environmental issues in their work plans.

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

- This project was intended to strengthen local CSO platform members. Therefore, our activities were implemented involving local CSO platform members, from the planning to community implementation. District administration authorities namely, the District Economic Activities Services, the Chiefs of Administrative Posts, chiefs of localities, local leaders and traditional leaders were relevant stakeholders to facilitate our work with local communities, the district CSO platform members. Importantly we involved and coordinated our activities with the consortium CESVI/LUPA/ORAM to avoid overlaps and duplication of efforts as well as a mean to share experiences and knowledge.

Other lessons learned relevant to conservation community:

No.

Additional Funding

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

Donor	Type of Funding*	Amount	Notes

***Additional funding should be reported using the following categories:**

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

Sustainability/Replicability

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

The capacity that the project built through the empowerment and strengthens the district's CSO platform, on environmental governance was an important asset for CSO to incorporate environmental governance as cross-cutting issue in their activities.

Additionally the platform is a forum that will remain even with the end of the project, securing that activities continue within the organizations beyond the project.

Furthermore, the project approach based on the platform may be replicated in other parts of the country/region

Additionally, the project built capacity to local communities, including identification and implementation of income generation activities based on a sustainable use of natural resources (such as beekeeping), while conserving biodiversity; changing the lifestyle in the communities and therefore continuing and replicating it beyond this initiative.

Summarize any unplanned sustainability or replicability achieved.

Safeguard Policy Assessment

Provide a summary of the implementation of any required action toward the environmental and social safeguard policies within the project.

Additional Comments/Recommendations

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 respond to only those questions that are relevant to your project.**

Project Results	Is this question relevant?	If yes, provide your numerical response for results achieved during the annual period.	Provide your numerical response for project from inception of CEPF support to date.	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.	no			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?	n/a			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.	no			
4. Did your project effectively introduce or strengthen biodiversity conservation in management practices outside protected areas? If so, please indicate how	yes	n/a	n/a	Through CSO and community empowerment and capacity building for sustainable management of Natural resources, contributing to biodiversity conservation

many hectares.				
5. If your project promotes the sustainable use of natural resources, how many local communities accrued tangible socioeconomic benefits? Please complete Table 1 below.	yes	n/a	n/a	

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

Total		10								10											10

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