

CEPF FINAL PROJECT COMPLETION REPORT

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| Organization Legal Name: | Turtle Foundation |
| Project Title: | Fair Access: Managing Turtle Watching and Quad Bike Traffic on the Nesting Beaches of Boavista |
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CEPF Region: Mediterranean Basin

Strategic Direction: Promote civil society involvement in Integrated Coastal Zone Management to minimize the negative effects of coastal development in three priority corridors (Southwest Balkans; Cyrenaican Peninsula; and Mountains, Plateaus and Wetlands of Algerian Tell and Tunisia), and in 20 coastal and marine priority key biodiversity areas in other corridors

Grant Amount: 77.922,00

Project Dates: --

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

Conservation Impacts

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

Please summarize the overall results/impact of your project.

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

Due to successful protection measures of turtles and their nesting beaches and accompanying awareness programs the poaching of nesting turtles has stopped, sea turtles are valued by the local population for their role in the ecosystem and as an economic source of income. Turtles, their nests and hatchlings can be considered safe so that the nesting population is able to recover.

The income generated through turtle watching is better distributed among the communities, since more local guides and taxi drivers are involved in turtle watching activities. Since Turtle watching has become a sustainable source of income for people from the local communities, a greater appreciation of sea turtles as part of the natural heritage of Cape Verde can be observed.

Through the understanding, that the economic value of turtles is higher through turtle watching activities compared to selling turtle meat, the killing of turtles is condemned by the majority of People.

Regulation of quad traffic on the beaches of Boavista is urgently needed. Once the quad tracks are established and violations of the regulations are enforced, tourists on quad tours will be able to enjoy the landscape of Boavista without having a negative impact on the environment. The areas which have been already affected by uncontrolled driving on the beaches and through the dunes will be able to recover and will stay unspoiled in the future, so that they can serve as a safe habitat for the different species living in the particular environment again.

Actual Progress Toward Long-term Impacts at Completion:

NA

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

Turtle watching activities are conducted in line with a best-practice model.

Tour operators and taxi-drivers have a fair chance to benefit from turtle watching. Around 30-40 taxi-drivers benefit from turtle watching. Clients for turtle watching tours have an easy way to find the next available tour and have a high chance to get a satisfying experience.

Around 10 kilometers of quadbike-tracks will be marked. Quad bike tours are staying away from the beaches and are using the course of marked quad-tracks.

Actual Progress Toward Short-term Impacts at Completion:

Since the first component of the project could not be implemented, no impacts or results could be achieved.

Quadbike tracks have been marked and Quadbikes are staying away from the beaches where the signs are placed. However, the actual length of marked tracks could not be fully achieved because the project was stopped and no investment into additional labour could be made.

Please provide the following information where relevant:

Hectares Protected:

Species Conserved:

Corridors Created:

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

Since the first component could not be implemented at all, due to reasons described in the section "lessons learned" and the whole project was therefore canceled, none of the long-term impacts and only a small part of the short-term impacts could be achieved.

Were there any unexpected impacts (positive or negative)?

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| Project Components |
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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 (as stated in the approved proposal):

The Turtle Hotline is running and using adequate software for the fair distribution of turtle watching tours on Boavista and accepted and used by all stakeholders involved. The fee for the Turtle Hotline is paid by all tour Providers and has proved to be sufficient for the further Operation after the project's end.

Component 1 Actual at Completion:

NA

Component 2 Planned (as stated in the approved proposal):

Quad bike courses are defined and marked in areas near the beaches monitored by Turtle Foundation, where they are enjoyable for the clients and do not negatively affect the environment.

Component 2 Actual at Completion:

Partly done. A total amount of 55 signs with three different meanings (Attention – Turtle Nest / No Vehicles Allowed / Quadbike track) have been produced in Germany and were shipped to Boavista. All signs have been placed on the identified beaches and tracks, but due to the termination of the program, no additional work (blocking existing illegal tracks, creating borders with painted stones) could be carried out.

Component 3 Planned (as stated in the approved proposal):

Component 3 Actual at Completion:

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

The first project component could not be implemented at all. But since the second project component did not depend on the first component, the second component could still be partly implemented.

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

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)

Our problem was, that we could not find a project coordinator/officer in time. This mistake we made here, was that we relied on a specific person for this position, who finally could't do the job. We were not prepared to start an international inquiry for the position and calculated the salary too low for international applicants.

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

Since the project design has not been done properly, the first component of the project could not be implemented.

Other lessons learned relevant to conservation community:

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 |
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**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.

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, 2013 to May 30, 2014. (Attach annexes if necessary) |
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| 1. Did your project strengthen management of a protected area guided by a sustainable management plan? Please indicate number of hectares improved. | | | | 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? | | | | 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. | | | | |
| 5. If your project promotes the sustainable use of natural resources, how many local communities accrued tangible socioeconomic benefits? Please complete Table 1 below. | | | | |

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

