

CEPF's Stories from the Biodiversity Hotspots

Forests and Fresh Water: Reviving Rwanda's Gishwati Forest

The deforestation of Gishwati Forest has had devastating effects on the local communities' water quality. CEPF grantee Forest of Hope Association has increased forest area and established community committees to protect the region from further degradation.

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Ninety-eight percent of Gishwati Forest has been deforested. © Antoine Torrens

Strengthening Women's Role in Conservation

Women are increasingly becoming active players and leaders in the conservation movement, but challenges to equality still remain.

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Gender equality is a key component to successful conservation efforts. © Benjamin Drummond

Cave-Dwelling Salamander Sheds Light on Drinking Water Resources

Nine previously unknown olm populations were discovered in Slovenian and Bosnian caves by a CEPF grantee. Using known olm habitats, the researchers tested water flowing out of the caves for DNA.

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The Vulnerable olm, or proteus (*Proteus anguinus*), is a 30-centimeter long, mostly blind aquatic amphibian restricted to cave ecosystems. © Gregor Aljančič

CEPF in the News

CEPF-supported initiatives are often the subject of news articles and magazine features. Below is a sampling of recent stories featuring CEPF and/or our grantees.

World's Largest Ape in Decline

ScienceDaily reported on a new study that revealed an alarming drop in the population of Grauer's gorillas (*Gorilla beringei graueri*).

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The Endangered Grauer's gorilla, also known as the Eastern lowland gorilla, is found only in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. © CI/photo by John Martin

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New Zealand Herald

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