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From: 1 January 2017 To: 31 March 2017

### East Melanesian Islands

#### **Strategic Direction 4. Increase local, national and regional capacity to conserve biodiversity through catalyzing civil society partnerships**

##### **Building the Capacity of Kwaio Communities in Solomon Islands to Strengthen Indigenous Knowledge and Conservation Management**

Strengthen capacity for Kwaio leaders in villages surrounding the Kwainaa`isi Cultural Centre in the Solomon Islands to deliver conservation and biodiversity projects that emphasize Kwaio traditional knowledge, customary stewardship and project and financial management skills developed through a previous small grant. The project encourages community members to expand on the number of plants whose medicinal and traditional uses are documented through video recordings to ensure that local knowledge is kept alive for current and future generations. A Kwaio community association will be set up and formalized to take on future work and engagement. This will place the Kwaio community at the forefront of conserving their natural resources.

Funding: \$19,987  
Grant Term: 1/1/2017 - 3/31/2018  
Grantee: James Cook University  
Notes: Awarded by Regional Implementation Team

### Eastern Afromontane

#### **Strategic Direction 1. Mainstream biodiversity into wider development policies, plans and projects to deliver the co-benefits of biodiversity conservation, improved local livelihoods and economic development in priority corridors**

##### **Discovering the Hidden Treasure of Itombwe Natural Reserve in the Democratic Republic of Congo**

To produce and disseminate a video documentary, a digital guide book and a brochure, to share the hidden treasures of Itombwe Nature Reserve in the Eastern Democratic Republic of Congo. Based on biological surveys and interviews with local people, these products will be shared through local screenings in villages around the reserve, on national and local TV, and through YouTube, Facebook, Twitter and a website.

Funding: \$20,000  
Grant Term: 3/1/2017 – 8/31/2017

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Grantee: World Wide Fund for Nature-DRC

### **Empowering Youth While Raising Awareness for Sustainable Conservation of Gishwati Key Biodiversity Area in Rwanda**

To empower the youth in Rwanda while raising awareness for sustainable conservation of Gishwati Key Biodiversity Area, by supporting the production and dissemination of high-quality communication materials that will be provided by Pixels on Screen (see separate grant) in the local language and through national channels.

Funding: \$9,882  
Grant Term: 3/1/2017 – 8/31/2017  
Grantee: Nature Rwanda  
Notes: Awarded by Regional Implementation Team

### **Misuku Hills Art Challenge in Malawi**

Bring together 12 top artists, photographers and filmmakers in Malawi to showcase the beauty and ecological, cultural, aesthetical and economic value of the Misuku Hills Forest Reserves Key Biodiversity Area through a national competition. A smaller art competition will also be conducted for children in schools surrounding Misuku Hills.

Funding: \$20,000  
Grant Term: 2/1/2017 – 7/31/2017  
Grantee: Sustainable Rural Growth and Development Initiative  
Notes: Awarded by Regional Implementation Team

### **Producing Communication Materials Project Impacts, Sheka Zone, Ethiopia**

Preparing communication materials on project impacts so that to facilitate the adoption and replication of the project approaches and strategies in target areas and elsewhere in the country and/or in the world through sharing the project lessons.

Funding: \$13,613  
Grant Term: 2/1/2017 – 7/31/2017  
Grantee: God for People Relief and Development Organisation  
Notes: Awarded by Regional Implementation Team

### **Telling Pictures for the Eastern Afromontane Key Biodiversity Areas**

Celebrate 'the small 5000' by producing photographs and videos at selected Key Biodiversity Areas (KBAs) across the hotspot, focusing on plants, insects, amphibian and other 'not so charismatic' species. Together with interviews with CEPF grantees at these KBAs, this will lead to short but innovative 'snapshots' of the beauty and value of these KBAs.

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Funding: \$20,000  
Grant Term: 2/1/2017 – 7/31/2017  
Grantee: Pixels on Screen  
Notes: Awarded by Regional Implementation Team

### **'Touchwood' – Raising Global Awareness of the Value of Tanzania's Southern Key Biodiversity Areas**

Raise local, national and international awareness of the Eastern Afromontane Biodiversity Hotspot by highlighting the biodiversity of the Southern Highlands Key Biodiversity Areas (KBAs) in Tanzania. Develop high quality communication materials that showcase the beauty of these KBAs, and their ecological, cultural and economic value, through photography, graphics and art, based on existing social and biological data.

Funding: \$19,888  
Grant Term: 3/1/2017 – 8/31/2017  
Grantee: Wildlife Conservation Society – EAM  
Notes: Awarded by Regional Implementation Team

### **Strategic Direction 2. Improve the Protection and Management of the Key Biodiversity Area Network Throughout the Hotspot**

#### **Biological Survey on Distribution and Conservation Status in Three CEPF Priority Key Biodiversity Areas in Ethiopia**

Project aimed at detecting changes in forest conservation works of CEPF, it generally involves identification of key variables of the study; development of quantitative and qualitative data gathering tools, actual data collection from primary and secondary sources, analysis of data, report formulation and publication, and dissemination of findings to CEPF.

Funding: \$19,877  
Grant Term: 2/1/2017 – 6/30/2017  
Grantee: Bees for Development Ethiopia  
Notes: Awarded by Regional Implementation Team

#### **Threatened Mammal and Bird species of Key Biodiversity Areas in the Central Highlands of Ethiopia**

Contribute to scientific-oriented, evidence-based conservation and management actions for three Key Biodiversity Areas and their threatened bird and mammal species.

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Funding: \$19,710  
Grant Term: 2/1/2017  
Grantee: University of Gondar  
Notes: Awarded by Regional Implementation Team

### **Updating Information on Trigger Species for Stapleford Forest Key Biodiversity Area in Zimbabwe**

Update the information about three bird and nine plant trigger species (listed in appendix 3 of the Eastern Afromontane ecosystem profile), together with local institutions, at Stapleford Forest Key Biodiversity Area (KBA) in Zimbabwe. The project will train these local institutions in survey techniques and use the new data to inform improved management of the KBA.

Funding: \$20,000  
Grant Term: 3/1/2017 – 8/31/2017  
Grantee: BirdLife Zimbabwe  
Notes: Awarded by Regional Implementation Team

### **Using Biodiversity Surveys, Website and Film to Promote the Value of the Kabobo Massif for Conservation Support in the Democratic Republic of Congo**

Collect scientific and visual information on Kabobo Massif Key Biodiversity Area in the Democratic Republic of Congo, primarily from areas that have never been sampled. Target species include reptiles and amphibians. The mission, main features and biological value of Kabobo will be the subject of a documentary and a dedicated webpage, which will be shared internationally but also locally to empower a community-based process for the creation of the Kabobo National Park.

Funding: \$20,000  
Grant Term: 2/1/2017 – 1/31/2018  
Grantee: Museo delle Scienze di Trento (The Science Museum of Trento)  
Notes: Awarded by Regional Implementation Team

### **Indo-Burma**

#### **Strategic Direction 4. Empower local communities to engage in conservation and management of priority Key Biodiversity Areas**

#### **Piloting Community-based Initiatives for Conservation of Hoolock Gibbon in Myanmar's Indawgyi Watershed**

Empower communities in the Indawgyi Watershed by equipping them with specific knowledge and skills necessary for hoolock gibbon conservation (habitat management, monitoring, patrolling, etc.). Protect gibbon populations in community forests through community

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patrolling and community-based biodiversity conservation. Build support for community-led biodiversity conservation among legislatures and authorities in Kachin State, Myanmar.

Funding: \$55,970  
Grant Term: 2/1/2017 - 7/31/2018  
Grantee: The Northern Green Lights

### **Securing Local Participation in Conservation of River Turtles in Myanmar**

Funding: \$95,368  
Grant Term: 2/1/2017 - 12/31/2018  
Grantee: Turtle Survival Alliance (TSA)

Build a cadre of community volunteers to conserve turtles along the Chindwin River. Increase populations of turtles in the river through nest protection, head-starting, reduction in fisheries by-catch, and protection of critical habitats. Support riverside communities to establish Fish Conservation Zones that will protect critical nesting and foraging habitat of turtles while at the same time enhancing fisheries resources available.

### **Madagascar and Indian Ocean Islands**

#### **Strategic Direction 1. Empower local communities to protect and manage biodiversity in priority Key Biodiversity Areas**

#### **Developing Community-based Conservation in Madagascar's Ambato-Boeny-Maevatanana Forests and Wetlands**

Collaborate with Wildfowl and Wetland Trust to take the first steps for an improved management of the freshwater ecosystems of the Ambato-Boeny-Maevatanana region in Madagascar. Actively involve local communities in a participatory assessment of values of the sites for biodiversity and local livelihoods, leading to a prioritization of wetlands and forests based on biodiversity indices, threats and community-based conservation opportunities. The project will then focus on a selection of sites to design and implement, with local communities, appropriate natural resource management and biodiversity conservation strategies. At the same time, local community associations and livelihood groups will be supported to improve their capacity to function during and after the project.

Funding: \$218,090  
Grant Term: 1/1/2017 - 6/30/2020  
Grantee: The Aspinall Foundation

#### **Enhancing Local Management and Biodiversity Conservation in Madagascar's Tsimembo-Manambolamaty Protected Area**

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Empower community-based organizations to become the stewards of the Tsimembo-Manambolomaty protected area in Madagascar. Supervise the local management structure and offer training to enhance the organizational and technical capacities of local committees. The project includes restoration of degraded land and promotion of alternative sources of income or improved agricultural and fishing practices, in close partnership with local associations.

Funding: \$180,600  
Grant Term: 1/1/2017 - 12/31/2019  
Grantee: The Peregrine Fund

### **Lake Tseny My Bread, I Preserve the Species *Paretroplus menarambo* in Madagascar**

Increase the population size of the Damba menarambo in Madagascar's Lake Tseny through two approaches: captivity and semi-captivity. The project aims to have a viable population of at least 500 mature individuals by 2020.

Funding: \$17,553  
Grant Term: 1/1/2017 - 3/31/2018  
Grantee: Madagasikara Voakajy  
Notes: Awarded by Regional Implementation Team

### **Mapping of the Silhouette Island in the Seychelles with a Drone**

Conduct a map of Silhouette Island to provide managers of local protected areas with recent, large-scale, digital and three-dimensional cartographic documentation.

Funding: \$19,985  
Grant Term: 1/1/2017 - 6/30/2017  
Grantee: TFC International  
Notes: Awarded by Regional Implementation Team

### **Structuring and Strengthening the Fikambanana Bongolava Maitso Association for the Effective Management of the New Protected Area of Bongolava in Madagascar**

Strengthen the capacities of Fikambanana Bongolava Maitso, a local association selected in 2015 as co-manager of Bongolava National Park in Madagascar. The organization will be given the financial means to recruit a team, and get support to strengthen administrative, financial and technical capacities through mentoring with strong conservation organizations working in Madagascar. Develop awareness-raising activities with local communities, as well as strategic planning, monitoring and field-based conservation activities in the protected area.

Funding: \$185,843  
Grant Term: 3/1/2017 - 12/31/2019  
Grantee: Fikambanana Bongolava Maitso

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### **Traditional Knowledge Valorization and Restoration of Heritage Species in the Classified Forest of Vohibola, Madagascar**

Integrate traditional knowledge and practices of indigenous peoples into conservation and biodiversity management. Determine the practices and knowledge of local communities in terms of use, management and conservation of biodiversity. Valorize and restore species with high indices of use and endangered, rare species.

Funding: \$19,427  
Grant Term: 1/1/2017 - 6/30/2018  
Grantee: Groupe des Spécialistes des Plantes de Madagascar  
Notes: Awarded by Regional Implementation Team

### **Strategic Direction 2. Enable civil society to mainstream biodiversity and conservation into political and economic decision-making**

#### **Baseline Mapping of Plant Diversity, Landscape Utilization and Fire History, Leading to Effective Management of Biodiversity and Natural Resources in a Central Highland Biodiversity Hotspot – the Itremo Massif National Protected Area and Ambatofinandrahana Key Biodiversity Area in Madagascar**

Complete a series of vegetation plots, quadrats and random botanical sampling across the Itremo Massif National Protected Area and Ambatofinandrahana Key Biodiversity Area region covering the main vegetation types. The project will also establish a number of long-term fire exclusion plots.

Funding: \$19,404  
Grant Term: 1/1/2017 - 12/31/2019  
Grantee: Kew Madagascar Conservation Centre  
Notes: *Awarded by Regional Implementation Team*

#### **Madagascar Hotspot Biodiversity Information Systems Project**

Collect, share and exchange data on the biodiversity hotspot in the country with the participation of national and regional partners by pooling materials and software resources to facilitate communication and various partners' work. Make data accessible by information and communication technologies and basic elements for strategic decision-making.

Funding: \$19,465  
Grant Term: 1/1/2017 - 12/31/2019  
Grantee: Association du Réseau des Systèmes d'Information (ARSIE)  
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### Tropical Andes II

#### **Strategic Direction 1. Improve protection and management of 36 priority Key Biodiversity Areas to create and maintain local support for conservation and to mitigate key threats**

##### **Community Forest Conservation in the Northeast Biodiversity Corridor in Peru**

Expand coverage of two community-owned private protected areas in the Northeast Biological Corridor of Peru through support for technical studies; creation of management plans, boards of directors and management committees; capacity building for financial management and ecotourism development; and publication of scientific studies.

Funding: \$50,000  
Grant Term: 3/1/2017 - 2/28/2018  
Grantee: Yunkawasi

##### **Earthquake Reconstruction Planning for Three Chachi Indigenous Communities in the Mache-Chindul Ecological Reserve of Ecuador**

Undertake participatory land-use planning for three Chachi indigenous communities, located in Mache Chindul Ecological Reserve, to support orderly earthquake reconstruction and to result in a proposal for sustainable livelihoods as part of earthquake recovery.

Funding: \$23,000  
Grant Term: 1/1/2017 - 9/30/2017  
Grantee: Fundación para el Desarrollo de Alternativas Comunitarias de Conservación del Trópico

#### **Strategic Direction 3. Promote local stakeholder engagement and the integration of social and environmental safeguards into infrastructure, mining and agriculture projects to mitigate potential threats to the Key Biodiversity Areas in the seven priority corridors**

##### **Mitigating Pressure on Natural Resources and Biodiversity in Earthquake Reconstruction in Muisne, Ecuador**

Promote forest and biodiversity conservation as part of earthquake reconstruction in coastal Ecuador. Grant supports multi-sectoral governmental cooperation to promote sustainable development for Muisne, development of a strategy to monitor and control illegal logging in coastal forests, and participatory action plan development to conserve sites of high priority for donor funding.



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Funding: \$77,000  
Grant Term: 2/1/2017 - 1/31/2018  
Grantee: Fundación para el Desarrollo de Alternativas Comunitarias de Conservación del Trópico

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#### **Strategic Direction 4. Strengthen community-based action to protect marine species and sites**

##### **The Preparation of the Community to Manage Mangrove and Coastal Resources Sustainably in Central Sulawesi, Indonesia**

Facilitate the creation of two small marine protected areas in the Togean-Banggai marine corridor of Central Sulawesi, Indonesia.

Funding: \$57,884  
Grant Term: 2/1/2017 - 1/31/2018  
Grantee: JAPESDA Gorontalo