

**Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund
32nd Meeting of the CEPF Donor Council
2011 Crystal Drive, Suite 500
Arlington, USA
6 February 2018
8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.**

Impact Report

Summary

CEPF's monitoring framework is continually evolving and improving. In 2017, at the 31st Meeting of the Donor Council, a revised set of indicators, designed to focus on CEPF's impact within the four pillars that comprise the foundation of the Fund's work: **Biodiversity, Civil Society, Human Well-being and Enabling Conditions**, was approved. A revised framework requires emphasis on transition to new reporting formats, integration of new information into CEPF's database, and much outreach to introduce new concepts and modalities. The new framework is already yielding excellent results that demonstrate CEPF's contribution on local, national and global levels, including to the CBD Aichi Targets and UN Sustainable Development Goals. Here are some of the headline results of CEPF's work.

Conserving biodiversity

Supporting the protection and improved management of critical habitats is a key objective of the Fund. CEPF grantees have contributed to:

- the creation 14.7 million hectares of new protected areas
- the improved management of 45.7 million hectares of Key Biodiversity Areas
- the strengthened management of biodiversity in 8 million hectares of production landscapes
- the improved management of 88% of protected areas as measured via the METTs submitted for 79 protected areas
- Over 1,250 globally threatened species benefiting from conservation action



Civil Society

CEPF views an empowered civil society as the key to the future of biodiversity conservation. CEPF grants have resulted in:

- 2,216 civil society organizations receiving support from CEPF

- an average change in civil society organizational capacity score of 13%, since FY10 (as measured by CEPF’s Civil Society Tracking Tool, a tool used to measure five categories of capacity)
- 63 civil society organizations submitting a baseline survey to gauge understanding of and commitment to gender issues
- Support to 208 networks/partnerships, 161 of which CEPF helped to create.



Human Well-being

CEPF grants benefit individuals as well as communities, with cash and non-cash benefits. Benefits resulting from CEPF grants include:

- 2,804 communities benefiting
- Over 100,100 people receiving structured training, including 14,664 women
- Over 42,000 people receiving cash benefits, including 7,570 women
- More than 300 projects promoting nature-based solutions to climate change



Enabling Conditions

Creating the conditions under which conservation can take place, and can be sustained, is essential. CEPF grantees have contributed to:

- the creation of or support to 25 sustainable financing mechanisms in 21 countries
- the enactment or amendment of 175 laws, regulations, and policies with conservation provisions



CEPF’s full report presents that data and stories behind these headline results. The full report will be available at the Donor Council meeting.