

**Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund
34th Meeting of the CEPF Donor Council
Conservation International
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Arlington, VA 22202, USA
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Impact Report

Background:

CEPF's monitoring framework is continually evolving and improving. In June 2017, at the 31st Meeting of the Donor Council, a revised set of indicators was approved. This new framework consists of 16 indicators falling within the four pillars that comprise the foundation of the Fund's work: **Biodiversity, Civil Society, Human Well-being** and **Enabling Conditions**.

CEPF's monitoring framework employs innovative reporting and data management tools to collect comprehensive data that demonstrates CEPF's contributions at project, hotspot and global levels, including to the Convention on Biological Diversity Aichi Targets and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. Here are some of the headline results of CEPF's work for the period of FY01 through FY18.

Biodiversity

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

- the creation 14.8 million hectares of new protected areas
- the improved management of 46.5 million hectares of Key Biodiversity Areas
- the strengthened management of biodiversity in 8 million hectares of production landscapes
- More than 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:

- 2,305 civil society organizations receiving support from CEPF

- 69% of grantees reporting an increase in their organizational capacity, as measured by CEPF’s Civil Society Tracking Tool, a tool used to measure five categories of capacity (187 grantees out of 270 that have completed baseline and final assessments).
- 139 (128 baseline and 11 final) Gender Tracking Tool assessments received from civil society organizations. This tool is used to gauge a grantee’s understanding of, and commitment to, gender issues.
- Since inception, CEPF has supported 278 networks/partnerships, 222 of which CEPF helped to create.



Human Well-Being

CEPF grants provide individuals as well as communities with cash and non-cash benefits. Related results include:

- 3,067 communities benefiting
- More than 149,000 people receiving structured training, including 34,264 women
- More than 55,400 people receiving cash benefits, including 13,159 women
- At least 1,159 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, 27 sustainable financing mechanisms in 21 countries.
- The enactment or amendment of 249 laws, regulations and policies with conservation provisions.



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