

**Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund  
36<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the CEPF Donor Council  
Conservation International  
2011 Crystal Drive, Suite 600  
Arlington, VA 22202, USA  
19 March 2020  
8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Eastern Standard Time**

**Impact Report**

**Background:**

CEPF reports on its global impact on an annual basis. CEPF’s monitoring efforts have evolved and matured over time, with its most recent framework receiving approval in June 2017 at the 31st Meeting of the Donor Council.

CEPF’s monitoring framework is comprised of four pillars that constitute the foundation of the Fund’s work: **Biodiversity, Civil Society, Human Well-being** and **Enabling Conditions**. Sixteen indicators measure progress toward achieving conservation outcomes falling within CEPF’s four pillars. CEPF’s monitoring system 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. Key results for the period of FY01 through FY19 are presented below.

**Biodiversity**

CEPF is committed to supporting the protection and improved management of critical habitats. CEPF grantees have contributed to:

- the creation 15.3 million hectares of new protected areas
- the improved management of 47.3 million hectares of Key Biodiversity Areas
- the strengthened management of biodiversity in 8.2 million hectares of production landscapes
- More than 882 globally threatened species benefiting from conservation action



## Civil Society

A key objective of CEPF is to strengthen civil society, because CEPF believes that an empowered civil society holds the key to the future of biodiversity conservation. CEPF grants have resulted in:

- 2408 civil society organizations receiving support from CEPF.
- 67% of local/national 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 (248 grantees out of 36 that have completed baseline and final assessments).
- 24% of grantees reporting an increased understanding of and commitment to gender issues, as measured by CEPF's Gender Tracking Tool (89 grantees have completed baseline and final assessments).
- 407 networks/partnerships supported, 319 of which CEPF helped to create.



## Human Well-Being

CEPF measures benefits received by individuals as well as communities. Individuals may receive cash benefits due to increased income from employment or alternative livelihoods, and non-cash benefits such as training. Communities may receive a range of non-cash benefits such as increased access to clean water, increased food security, increased resilience to climate change, and many others. CEPF grantees have contributed to:

- 3,526 communities benefiting
- More than 137,000 people receiving structured training, including 26,431 women
- More than 58,156 people receiving cash benefits, including 13,873 women
- At least 1,295 projects promoting nature-based solutions to climate change



## Enabling Conditions

Ensuring that the underlying conditions in which conservation can take place, and can be sustained, is a top priority. CEPF grantees have contributed to:

- The creation of, or support to, 31 sustainable financing mechanisms in 23 countries.

- The enactment or amendment of 306 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.