

**Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund
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Newly Approved Grants

From 1 July 2020 to 30 September 2020

Grants are reported based on the effective date of the grant agreement.

CERRADO BIODIVERSITY HOTSPOT

Strategic Direction 3. Promote and strengthen supply chains associated with the sustainable use of natural resources and ecological restoration in the hotspot.

Study of Collaborative Networks: Strengthening the Baru Sustainable Productive Chain in Brazil

Understand the network organization of the baru sustainable productive chain in order to foster fair and supportive trade, maximize the socioeconomic returns for local producer communities, and promote the conservation of biodiversity and the maintenance of ecosystem services in the Cerrado.

Funding: US\$40,000
Grant Term: 9/8/20 – 6/1/21
Grantee: Working – Associação de Integração Profissional

Strategic Direction 6. Strengthen the capacity of civil society organizations to promote better management of territories and of natural resources and to support other investment priorities in the hotspot.

Cerrado Links

Support "Elos do Cerrado," an event that aims to be a space for qualified debate on the means and challenges for the preservation of the Cerrado. For this purpose, different themes essential to the preservation of the Biome will be addressed.

Funding: US\$33,851
Grant Term: 7/3/20 – 12/30/20
Grantee: Instituto Cerrado e Sociedade

MADAGASCAR AND THE INDIAN OCEAN ISLANDS BIODIVERSITY HOTSPOT

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

Creating Networks to Protect Madagascar's Landscapes and Forests

Create and incentivize networks across the spectrum of stakeholders, from national authorities down to the grassroots level, to develop and implement a consensual strategy to fight deforestation and promote reforestation.

Funding: US\$100,000
Grant Term: 7/1/20 – 6/30/22
Grantee: INDRI - Initiative pour le Développement, la Restauration Écologique et l'Innovation

MOUNTAINS OF CENTRAL ASIA BIODIVERSITY HOTSPOT

Strategic Direction 2. Improve management of priority sites with and without official protection status.

Community-Based Conservation in the Kara-Kulzhinsky District in the Pamir-Alai Range, Kyrgyzstan

Promote community-based conservation and restoration of endemic flora and fauna in the Northern Spurs of the Pamir-Alai range.

Funding: US\$20,000
Grant Term: 8/1/20 – 11/30/21
Grantee: Orchun

Community Awareness and Forest Management in Karakum, Uzbekistan

Engage communities in the Karakum region of Uzbekistan, using environmental education efforts to promote better forest management.

Funding: US\$19,997
Grant Term: 10/1/20 – 9/30/21
Grantee: "EKOMAKTAB" Ecological Resource Center

Community Outreach Surrounding the Aksuzhabagli Nature Reserve in Kazakhstan

Promote education and outreach in the communities surrounding Kazakhstan's Aksuzhabagli Nature Reserve.

Funding: US\$19,757
Grant Term: 10/1/20 – 9/30/22
Grantee: Biogen

Endemic Plant Conservation in the Sarihosor Jamot, Baljuvan District, Tajikistan

Promote conservation of rare and endemic plant species in the mountain and forest zones of the Sarihosor Jamot in the Baljuvan District of Tajikistan.

Funding: US\$19,872
Grant Term: 10/1/20 – 12/31/21
Grantee: NOOSFERA

Environmental Education in the Zhulay District of Kazakhstan

Promote school-based environmental education in the Zhualy District of Kazakhstan to improve the community's ability to identify threatened plant and animal species.

Funding: US\$19,160
Grant Term: 9/1/20 – 8/31/21
Grantee: Jabagly-Manas Mountain Club

Improved Habitat Management Surrounding the Kairakkum Reservoir, Tajikistan

Improve habitat for indigenous fauna in the upper reaches of the Kairakkum reservoir.

Funding: US\$18,958
Grant Term: 10/1/20 – 12/31/21
Grantee: Youth Group for Environmental Protection

Improving Community Outreach Surrounding the Koitendag Nature Reserve, Turkmenistan

Improve the capacity of employees of Turkmenistan's Koitendag Nature Reserve to improve communication with local communities through active environmental education.

Funding: US\$20,000
Grant Term: 8/1/20 – 6/30/21
Grantee: Ynanch-Vepa

Measuring Management Effectiveness of the Kulun-Ata and Karatal-Zhapyryk State Reserves, Kyrgyzstan

Facilitate measuring management effectiveness of the Kulun-Ata and Karatal-Zhapyryk state reserves in Kyrgyzstan.

Funding: US\$19,990
Grant Term: 8/1/20 – 5/31/21
Grantee: Public Union "Global and Local Information Partnership

Measuring the Effectiveness of Snow Leopard Conservation in the Northern Tien Shan, Kazakhstan

Develop tools for evaluating the effectiveness of snow leopard conservation measures in the Northern Tien Shan.

Funding: US\$19,832

Grant Term: 9/1/20 – 12/31/21
Grantee: Wildlife Without Borders

Species Monitoring in the Talimarzhan Reservoir Key Biodiversity Area of Uzbekistan

Improve the monitoring of globally threatened species in the Talimarzhan Reservoir Key Biodiversity Area.

Funding: US\$19,981
Grant Term: 9/1/20 – 6/30/22
Grantee: Society for the Protection of Birds of Uzbekistan

Strengthening the Capacity of Women and Youth in the Saruuy Aiyl Okmoto region of Kyrgyzstan

Work the Saruuy Aiyl Okmotu region of Kyrgyzstan to strengthen the capacity of women and youth to be better stewards of the floodplain ecosystem.

Funding: US\$18,710
Grant Term: 8/1/20 – 6/30/21
Grantee: Center for Civil Initiatives "LEADER"

MEDITERRANEAN BASIN BIODIVERSITY HOTSPOT

Strategic Direction 1. Support civil society to engage stakeholders in demonstrating integrated approaches for the preservation of biodiversity in coastal areas.

Supporting Artisanal Eco-friendly Fishing in Zembra Protected Area Buffer Zone, Tunisia

Support a group of local fishermen with selective fishing equipment to encourage for sustainable fishing. Build capacity and raise awareness of local fishermen of the importance of the marine part of Zembra Protected Area, which will reduce the pressure caused by overfishing in the Zembra archipelago.

Funding: US\$7,950
Grant Term: 8/1/20 – 12/31/21
Grantee: Khaled Ben Othmen

Supporting Traditional Fishing to Protect Marine Resources in Zembra Protected Area Buffer Zone, Tunisia

Raise awareness of local artisanal fishermen in Burj Al Salhi area in Zembra marine protected area on the importance of marine biodiversity and encourage them to contribute towards marine biodiversity conservation. Support a group of local artisanal fishermen with traditional eco-friendly fishing equipment to encourage for sustainable fishing.

Funding: US\$7,675
Grant Term: 8/1/20 – 12/31/21
Grantee: Tariq Ben Younis

Strategic Direction 2. Support the sustainable management of water catchments through integrated approaches for the conservation of threatened freshwater biodiversity.

Assessment of the European Eel Population in the Bojana River, Montenegro

Assess the population status of the critically endangered European eel in the Bojana river. Identify threats on the population size and establishment of measures for poaching suppression. Support creation of the management plan. Improve institutional and cross-border cooperation. Raise awareness about the European eel conservation and strengthen the capacity of young researchers.

Funding: \$US29,697
Grant Term: 7/1/20 – 12/31/21
Grantee: Zeleni Dom Green Home

Conservation of the Southern Dalmatian Minnow, Advanced Semi-cave Fish of the Dinaric Karst in Bosnia and Herzegovina

Mapping distribution area of rare endemic fish in springs and underwater caves and habitat quality analysis. Implementing eDNA methodology for water sampling and determination of species presence. Producing of publicly available monitoring protocol. Preparing conservation measures for this species and policy for better management of karstic fields. Establishing multi-stakeholder platform for knowledge sharing and networking of experts and decision makers. Public promotion of endemic fish.

Funding: US\$24,979
Grant Term: 6/1/20 – 11/30/21
Grantee: Hrvatsko Društvo za Biološka Istraživanja (Croatian Biology Research Society)

Strategic Direction 4. Strengthen the engagement of civil society to support the conservation of plants that are critically endangered or have highly restricted ranges.

From the Inventory of Monumental Skadar Pedunculate Oak to Restoration of its Forests and Protection of Biodiversity. Montenegro

Assess current status and renewal of population of endemic Skadar oak tree (*Quercus robur* ssp. *scutariensis*) on Skadar Lake, Valley of Zeta river, Delta Bojana and Buljarica. Conduct inventory of old individual trees and habitat modelling. Educate and raise awareness of the local community by engaging them in planting 10,000 seeds for forests revitalization. Design action plan for conservation and suggest proclamation of individual trees as natural monuments.

Funding: US\$30,000
Grant Term: 7/1/20 – 12/31/21
Grantee: Crnogorsko društvo ekologa (Montenegrin Ecologists Society)

Green Oasis in Bethlehem for Plant and Ecosystem Conservation, Palestinian Territory

Develop a botanical garden for the conservation of rare plant species and unique ecosystem. Build capacity of young researchers, and create modules of awareness, education and

empowerment that benefit the local community. Undertake workshops and meetings to raise the awareness of the local community on plant conservation.

Funding: 9/1/20 – 9/30-21
Grant Term: US\$20,000
Grantee: Bethlehem University

TROPICAL ANDES BIODIVERSITY HOTSPOT

Updating of the Tropical Andes Biodiversity Hotspot Ecosystem Profile

Updating the ecosystem profile for the Tropical Andes Biodiversity Hotspot for the new investment phase, 2021 to 2026.

Funding: US\$238,905
Grant Term: 7/1/20 – 4/30/21
Grantee: Fundación Peruana para la Conservación de la Naturaleza (PRONATURALEZA)

Strategic Direction 6. Strengthen civil society capacity, stakeholder alliances and communications to achieve CEPF conservation outcomes, focusing on indigenous, Afro-descendent and mestizo groups.

Land Governance in Ecuador's Cotacachi Cayapas Ecological Reserve

Develop a model in Cotacachi Cayapas National Park as a path finder of alternatives for solving land tenure problems in the National Protected Area System of Ecuador, providing protected area directors with tools for land management capacities. The project seeks to analyze and identify a set of strategies that can promote responsible land tenure governance and provide the Ministry of Environment with a model to be replicated in other areas of its national system.

Funding: US\$22,003
Grant Term: 6/5/20 – 11/30/20
Grantee: Universidad San Francisco de Quito – ECOLAP

Strengthening Bird Informants and Local Communities with Conservation Agreements in Colombia

With the aim of strengthening and giving continuity to long-term conservation processes within the framework of the Southwest Colombian Birdwatching Route process, this project contributes to the implementation of conservation agreements in the different regions of the Paraguas-Munchique corridor.

Funding: US\$20,000
Grant Term: 7/1/20 – 11/30/20
Grantee: National Audubon Society

Strengthening the Indigenous Awá Reserve Palmar Imbi in Colombia Through Exchange with Other Cotacachi-Awá Corridor Initiatives

Support the exchange of experiences of CEPF partners from Nariño with Resguardo Palmar Imbi to improve organizational, research and governance capacities, along with strengthening the Awa culture in the territory.

Funding: US\$20,000
Grant Term: 8/3/20 – 11/30/20
Grantee: Resguardo Palmar Imb