

CEPF SMALL GRANT FINAL PROJECT COMPLETION REPORT

Organization Legal Name:	BirdLife International
Project Title:	Stakeholder Consultation and Planning for Post-Earthquake Environmental Support for the Haitian NGO Sector
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CEPF Region: Caribbean Islands Hotspot (Haiti)

Strategic Direction: 5: Post-earthquake environmental support

Grant Amount: US \$13,188.00

Project Dates: June 1, 2010 – July 31, 2010

Implementation Partners for this Project (please explain the level of involvement for each partner): BirdLife International was the sole implementation partner for this project (with input from a consultant).

Conservation Impacts

Please explain/describe how your project has contributed to the implementation of the CEPF ecosystem profile.

The CEPF ecosystem profile considers funding for Haiti through several investment priorities, including support for (i) protected areas management strengthening, community outreach and planning, and sustainable development projects in Massif de la Hotte and Massif de la Selle, (ii) capacity building for local civil society groups and networks, and (iii) mainstreaming of biodiversity conservation and ecosystem services in development plans and policy. The project plan and implementation strategy developed as a result of this CEPF Small Grant focuses on these three investment priorities for the country. The plan represents a set of strategic investments that will address priority issues and needs, take advantage of new opportunities, and prepare the ground for a successful implementation of the CEPF investment strategy and programme in Haiti over the next five years. This will be done by:

- raising the awareness of and commitment to biodiversity at all levels (government, development partners, media, civil society, business sector);
- disseminating information on the CEPF as part of the on-going activities of the Rézo-Ekolo;
- providing immediate support, as part of the present project, to those organisations that have the best potential to carry out integrated conservation and development work in the KBAs, so as to make future partnerships more effective;
- building the knowledge required for future investments and action in conservation and natural resource management in the KBAs;
- informing a specific strategy for CEPF investment in the KBA of Massif de la Selle, where institutional issues are particularly complex and challenging at the present time.

Please summarize the overall results/impact of your project against the expected results detailed in the approved proposal.

This 2-month project had a single objective, to: develop an agreed project plan and implementation strategy for “Post-earthquake environmental support for the Haitian NG sector”.

This objective was achieved through the Output of a completed CEPF full project proposal for “Post-earthquake environmental support for the Haitian NG sector” with Objectives and Outputs, detailed activities, individual institutional budgets and a achievable program implementation plan agreed to by the Haitian NGO sector, BirdLife and CEPF. This full proposal was sent to CEPF on 19 August.

Please provide the following information where relevant:

Hectares Protected: N/A
Species Conserved: N/A
Corridors Created: N/A

Describe the success or challenges of the project toward achieving its short-term and long-term impact objectives.

Implementation of this project in Haiti faced a number of constraints resulting from institutional capacity issues, human resource constraints and logistical difficulties, many of which have been severely exacerbated in the aftermath of the earthquake. Logistical issues were associated with communication difficulties (poor state of roads, unreliability of Internet and phone connections in parts of the country) meaning that stakeholder input to discuss project-plan and implementation-strategy development was challenging. Human resource issues often render project implementation challenging. While there are large numbers of well-trained and highly-competent Haitian professionals, many do not reside in the country, and those who do are in high demand – a demand that has increased very significantly in the past few months because of the number of externally-funded projects and programmes and their ability to offer very competitive conditions of employment. This latter point has resulted in a very dynamic/ constantly changing capacity and human resource landscape which also rendered project implementation difficult. However, the project was successful, and did generate significant buy-in, ownership and consensus for what needs to be done and how amongst a broad environmental NGO constituency.

Were there any unexpected impacts (positive or negative)?

No.

Lessons Learned

Describe any lessons learned during the design and implementation of the project, as well as any related to organizational development and capacity building. Consider lessons that would inform projects designed or implemented by your organization or others, as well as lessons that might be considered by the global conservation community.

Project Design Process: (aspects of the project design that contributed to its success/shortcomings)

This project aimed to complete a full project proposal with Objectives and Outputs, detailed activities, individual institutional budgets and an achievable program implementation plan agreed to by the Haitian NGO sector. The draft proposal that was being refined necessarily had to remain open to change and adaptation to ensure both full ownership and buy-in by the Haitian environmental community and relevance/ achievability to the current national circumstances. It is important to seek stakeholder input only when that input can be fully taken into consideration in the final project output.

Project Implementation: (aspects of the project execution that contributed to its success/shortcomings)

Project implementation in Haiti is severely constrained by a number of factors at present, and the landscape is constantly changing. Projects need to be realistic in their proposed outputs, and even at the most basic level, projects (and project funders) must remain flexible to the changing

circumstances in Haiti. The time it takes to implement project actions in Haiti is as unpredictable as the environment within which the Haitians are currently trying to function. This project took longer to implement and was significantly more complex than was initially predicted (even when that prediction was based on an in depth knowledge of the country and the current situation there).

Other lessons learned relevant to conservation community:

N/A

ADDITIONAL FUNDING

Provide details of any additional donors who supported this project and any funding secured for the project as a result of the CEPF grant or success of the project.

Donor	Type of Funding*	Amount	Notes
Not Applicable		Not Applicable	Not Applicable

***Additional funding should be reported using the following categories:**

- A** Project co-financing (Other donors contribute to the direct costs of this CEPF project)
- B** Grantee and Partner leveraging (Other donors contribute to your organization or a partner organization as a direct result of successes with this CEPF project.)
- C** Regional/Portfolio leveraging (Other donors make large investments in a region because of CEPF investment or successes related to this project.)

Sustainability/Replicability

Summarize the success or challenge in achieving planned sustainability or replicability of project components or results.

This project produced a plan and implementation strategy that ultimately aims to strengthen civil society organizations which is the basis for social sustainability and will allow partners to identify needs and develop new funding proposals in the medium and long-term. At the same time, BirdLife's Caribbean Program will identify new sources and opportunities for funding that will result in proposal development that will have a strong incremental impact on the project actions that form part of the full project proposal.

Summarize any unplanned sustainability or replicability achieved.

Not Applicable.

Safeguard Policy Assessment

Provide a summary of the implementation of any required action toward the environmental and social safeguard policies within the project.

The implementation of this project did not involve any activities that had any adverse impacts on the environment or the local communities. No required actions were identified before, during or as a consequence of project implementation.

Performance Tracking Report Addendum

CEPF Global Targets				
June 1-July 31, 2010				
Provide a numerical amount and brief description of the results achieved by your grant. Please respond to only those questions that are relevant to your project.				
Project Results	Is this question relevant?	If yes, provide your numerical response for results achieved during the annual period.	Provide your numerical response for project from inception of CEPF support to date.	Describe the principal results achieved from June 1-July 31, 2010 (Attach annexes if necessary)
1. Did your project strengthen management of a protected area guided by a sustainable management plan? Please indicate number of hectares improved.	NO			Please also include name of the protected area(s). If more than one, please include the number of hectares strengthened for each one.
2. How many hectares of new and/or expanded protected areas did your project help establish through a legal declaration or community agreement?	NO			Please also include name of the protected area. If more than one, please include the number of hectares strengthened for each one.
3. Did your project strengthen biodiversity conservation and/or natural resources management inside a key biodiversity area identified in the CEPF ecosystem profile? If so, please indicate how many hectares.	NO			
4. Did your project effectively introduce or strengthen biodiversity conservation in management practices outside protected areas? If so, please indicate how many hectares.	NO			
5. If your project promotes the sustainable use of natural resources, how many local communities accrued tangible socioeconomic benefits? Please complete Table 1 below.	NO			

If you answered yes to question 5, please complete the following table.

Additional Comments/Recommendations

None.

Information Sharing and CEPF Policy

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