

# CEPF SMALL GRANT FINAL PROJECT COMPLETION REPORT

## I. BASIC DATA

**Organization Legal Name:** The East Foundation

**Project Title (as stated in the grant agreement):** *A Pre-Community Planning Project for Red Panda Conservation in Eastern Himalayas Region*

**Implementation Partners for This Project:** No

**Project Dates (as stated in the grant agreement):** October 1, 2008 – December 31, 2008

**Date of Report (month/year):** February 24, 2009

## II. OPENING REMARKS

**Provide any opening remarks that may assist in the review of this report.**

The report mainly concentrates to provide the information of the threats to Red Panda along with threats mitigating remedies for Red Panda conservation in the future that were identified and determined with and through the local Community Forest Users Groups (CFUGs) and concerned stakeholders. The report includes all supportive information as much as possible which is available from introduction to annexes.

## III. NARRATIVE QUESTIONS

1. What was the initial objective of this project?

- To identify priority sites and major pockets of Red Panda in the project area
- To identify issues and threats in the project area
- To identify key partners and stakeholders and collect their views and commitments
- To identify broad strategies and actions for the future project of Red Panda conservation

2. Did the objectives of your project change during implementation? If so, please explain why and how.

No any change taken during the work.

3. How was your project successful in achieving the expected objectives?

We arranged a series of consultation meetings from local community (Community Forest Users Groups and knowledgeable persons) level to district official (Local Development Officer of District Development Committee, District Forest Officer, Warden and Rangers of Makalu-Barun National Park, Members of Park's Buffer Zone Management Committee, representatives of different political parties etc) level of Sankhuwasabha District along with concerned specialists and organizations. Moreover, we reviewed the

concerned literature, observed the site and interviewed with the locals. As a result, we got success in achieving the expected objectives.

4. Did your team experience any disappointments or failures during implementation? If so, please explain and comment on how the team addressed these disappointments and/or failures.

No experience of any disappointment or failure found during the work period.

5. Describe any positive or negative lessons learned from this project that would be useful to share with other organizations interested in implementing a similar project.

We learned that preparedness on project focusing issue, project implementation with and through partners/stakeholders, project information transparency and friendliness work for the success. Because, before the starting of work, we prepared by ourselves with a good knowledge on Red Panda and its conservation issues as much as our capacity, conducted project events with and through partners/stakeholders and shared all information of the project in friendly way with the local community and stakeholders and, got a successful result very conveniently.

6. Describe any follow-up activities related to this project.

Based on completed local community and official meetings, and consensus of CEPF, a project proposal for Red Panda conservation in the area is going to be developed and submitted to CEPF in near future.

7. Please provide any additional information to assist CEPF in understanding any other aspects of your completed project.

The local community convincingly reported that there are two type of Red Panda found in the area. One is found in higher altitude which is larger in size and another is found in lower altitude which is smaller. The smaller one is usually known as Red Panda (*Ailurus fulgens fulgens*) and our project focused species (See, Project Report, page 10 also). We are therefore going to add an extra activity in the future proposal to identify that new species order also to include in conservation purpose.

**IV. 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.***

<b>Donor</b>	<b>Type of Funding*</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Notes</b>
No	No	\$ No	No
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***\*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** *Complementary funding (Other donors contribute to partner organizations that are working on a project linked with this CEPF project)*

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

## V. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The project site is very remote and poverty stricken area. Therefore, the activities of small construction (e. g. trail maintenance) and skill development training for income generation should also be considered with Red Panda conservation work in the area in the future.

## VI. INFORMATION SHARING

The East Foundation (TEF), an NGO of Sankhuwasabha District, Nepal has accomplished A Pre-Community Planning Project for Red Panda Conservation Project in Eastern Himalayas Region of Nepal launched in the corridor between Makalu-Barun National Park and Kanchenjunga Conservation Area with the financial support from CEPF-CI within the period between October 2008 and December 2008.

The project focused on the identification of existing threats to Red Panda and its habitats along with Red Panda conservation means through the consultation meetings with the local Community Forest Users Groups and stakeholders in the area. Based on this information, TEF is going to develop a proposal for Red Panda conservation in the area.

CEPF is committed to transparent operations and to helping civil society groups share experiences, lessons learned and results. One way we do this is by making programmatic project documents available on our Web site, [www.cepf.net](http://www.cepf.net), and by marketing these in our newsletter and other communications.

These documents are accessed frequently by other CEPF grantees, potential partners, and the wider conservation community.

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