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Report on Progress by the Executive Director

For Information Only:

The Executive Director will highlight key areas of progress since the eighth meeting of the Donor Council on 26 March 2005. For information, a detailed report on progress covering the following activities is attached:

- Portfolio Overview
- Partnership Highlights
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- Update on Measuring CEPF Linkages to Poverty Reduction
- Approved grants (March 2005 – October 2005)

Portfolio Overview

- Approved \$11.5 million in new grants since Summary of Progress presented to the Council in March 2005, bringing the global CEPF grant portfolio to \$73.5 million.
- Increased the number of groups working with CEPF support to more than 550 (across 16 hotspots in 33 countries).
- Supported the creation of new protected areas safeguarding biologically rich land covering more than 132,000 hectares in the Mesoamerica and Madagascar hotspots.
- Equipped cooperatives, ranging from farmers to small-scale miners, with new skills and knowledge for sustainable business practices.
- Leveraged more than \$2 million in funding to help implement CEPF investment strategies in the Polynesia-Micronesia, Sundaland, and Tumbes-Chocó-Magdalena hotspots.

Partnership Highlights

World Bank, CEPF Continue To Build Linkages in Africa and Asia

Over the last six months, the World Bank has convened two regional meetings to discuss how to improve linkages between the CEPF initiative and World Bank operations.

The Bank's Global Programs and Partnerships Group designed a two-day workshop for Africa in Cape Town, South Africa, in May, and a three-day workshop for Asia in Medan, Indonesia, in June. Attendees at these meetings included representatives from the World Bank, CEPF, the United Nations Development Program, and governments from several countries in the regions in which CEPF operates.

Building on the conclusions of the Latin America workshop held in Brazil in January (reported on at the March Donor Council meeting), discussions in Cape Town covered regional differences and focused on how to improve linkages at the country level. Suggestions for scaling up collaboration ranged from further incorporating biodiversity targets into national macroeconomic planning to monitoring and evaluation of the effects of biodiversity conservation on poverty alleviation.

The Asia workshop built on results from both Africa and Latin America. Key themes for further collaboration that emerged include, among others, improved communication at the country and global levels, sharing of lessons learned, and biodiversity impact monitoring. The participants also identified several specific country-level initiatives for further discussion between the World Bank and CEPF teams.

An evening reception highlighted the work underway by the World Bank and CEPF in the Aceh province of Sumatra in response to the December 2004 tsunami tragedy, while a field trip provided participants with a glimpse of on-the-ground conservation supported by CEPF in the Sundaland Hotspot.

A concluding meeting to round up results and recommendations from all three regional workshops will take place in Washington, D.C., in the near future.

Highlights from the Field

- In Costa Rica, President Abel Pacheco declared nearly 60,000 hectares of forest as Maquenque National Wildlife Refuge in June. A coalition of 20 NGOs, municipalities and government agencies led by Centro Científico Tropical worked together to create the refuge, most recently with CEPF support since 2003. The refuge is home to globally threatened species such as great green macaw and cedro blanco, a slow growing tree. It includes both strict conservation areas and others enabling environmentally friendly uses such as ecotourism, agroforestry, and sustainable agriculture. Its declaration secures vital connectivity between the Indio-Mañz Biological Reserve in Nicaragua and the Central Volcanic Range in Costa Rica, contributing to the CEPF strategic direction to improve management of protected areas in the southern region of the Mesoamerica Hotspot.
- In Madagascar, the Malagasy government designated the forests of Daraina and their surrounding area as the Loky-Manambato Forest Station in May in a first step toward its commitment to triple the nation's protected area network by 2008. It also appointed local organization Association Fanamby as the station manager for the 72,000-hectare area. The forest station encompasses Ambohitsitondroina-Antsahe-Binara, Ampondrabe-Antsahearaingy, Bobankora, Bekaraoka, and Sahaka forests. It's the result of efforts by the Malagasy Ministry of Environment, Water and Forests, local authorities and communities, and Association Fanamby with support from CEPF and other donors such as GEF and the Global Conservation Fund at Conservation International. Intermediary forest station status precedes classification as a full Conservation Site. As such, the forest will benefit with protection from commercial logging, slash and burn cultivation, and hunting, while local communities will be able to use its natural wealth under a special management plan for their basic needs such as construction wood or medicinal plants. As station manager, Association Fanamby will oversee implementation of the management plan for the area and also offer the communities training in establishing sustainable private businesses in ecotourism and sustainable agriculture or forestry – further strengthening the potential of conservation success by improving livelihoods.
- In Armenia, a coalition of groups helped the government bridge the gap between development and conservation. Their joint effort resulted in the government's 2005 decision to redirect part of a transnational highway originally planned to cut through the nation's Shikahogh Reserve, a promising sign of the changes now afoot in the eastern region of the Caucasus Hotspot. The reserve shelters Armenia's only pristine oak forest. Experts believe it is home to more than 1,000 plant species, including many unique to the country. The reserve also has important populations of the globally threatened Armenian mouflon and bezoar goat. The WWF Caucasus Program's Armenia office led a series of efforts to engage the government in looking at alternative routes for the highway. Building on its role as part of the local strategy implementation team for CEPF in this hotspot, WWF pulled together a coalition of local NGOs, such as the Armenia Tree Project, The Armenian Forests, and The Armenian Society for the Protection of Birds, to help. CEPF also awarded a small emergency grant to help with the costs. The result – a historic shift in governmental perspectives – not only averted a direct threat to a key biodiversity area but also illustrates the important contribution civil society can make to conservation through coordinated action and sharing of information.
- In Bolivia, a 3-year pilot project run by the NGO TRÓPICO aimed at restoration and sustainable management of forest resources in the mining area of Tipuani, successfully

replanted two degraded areas in the Tropical Andes Hotspot. Funded by CEPF, TRÓPICO ran an extensive environmental education campaign and used the results of the pilot project to inspire restoration projects elsewhere in the region. Small-scale mining is a major source of income in the area but requires a large quantity of wood for underground shafts. The gathering of this wood locally has caused extensive ecological degradation, as has the practice of open cast mining. Two pilot areas were replanted with around 70 native species collected from nearby forests, of which 75 percent were still growing well after a year. Thirty of these species can potentially be used for generating sustainable income, through the sale of timber when the trees are mature, or as shade for shade-grown cocoa and coffee. Eight of these species were successfully cultivated even in heavily degraded areas. Inspired by the pilot, similar projects were initiated in other mining areas within the Vilcabamba-Amboró biodiversity conservation corridor, including Apolo, Comarapa, and Irupana, thus contributing to CEPF's regional strategy of strengthening environmental policy to mitigate the impacts of the extractive industries. Although no abandoned mines were closed as was hoped, an accompanying educational campaign reached many more people than envisaged with lessons developed on fire prevention, tree planting in schools, and waste management.

- In August, Sumatran NGO Perkumpulan Uma Mentawai (PERUM) successfully helped local rattan farmers on the island of Siberut conserve a 15,000-hectare area of forest in the Sundaland Hotspot, known for populations of Kloss's Gibbon in its natural state. As a direct result of the project, the farmers formed a new cooperative to sell their produce straight to wholesalers, minimizing their exposure to corrupt middlemen and significantly reducing transportation costs. Funded by a CEPF small grant, PERUM worked with three communities in the north of the island, which together with the other Mentawi islands are sometimes described as the "Asian Galapagos" because of their extraordinary levels of endemic species evolved after the archipelago split off from the mainland. There has been considerable pressure for local landowners to sell out to forest concessions, a major threat both to the island's extraordinary biodiversity and its social stability; clan leaders who sell and those who retain their property often come into bitter conflict. Rattan cultivation is the major small-scale industry on the island. By raising awareness of the importance of conservation for the long-term economic health of local communities and carrying out a study to determine the most appropriate species of rattan and areas for its cultivation, the small grant successfully contributed to CEPF's strategy of enhancing stewardship of forest resources at the district and village levels. Best commercial and financial practices were also studied and discussed to ensure their future use.
- In the Guinean Forests of West Africa Hotspot, a grant from CEPF enabled the Kuapa Kokoo Farmers Union of Ghana to equip 700 farmers to practice sustainable agricultural techniques such as biological pest control, replanting suitable tree species, refraining from chemical spraying as a routine practice, and participating in the democratically run Kuapa Kokoo district cooperative units. Twenty-two thousand hectares, or 1.3 percent, of the remaining forest cover in the area is lost annually due to cocoa cultivation even though some trees are left for shade. Best practice guidelines, in written and visual format, were developed through pilot projects. They were then used to build the capacity of farm leaders from 86 communities around the Kakum Conservation Area, who in turn taught groups of farmers in field schools in each community. Not only has the project contributed to CEPF's goal of developing conservation corridors in the region, but there also has been a growing awareness of the principles of fair trade among participants and an increase in the number of women involved in farming. Furthermore, the reduced expenditure on chemicals and increased yields has contributed to an improved standard of

living for many participants. Ghana's Ministry of Food and Agriculture is also now encouraging uptake of these best practice guidelines in many cocoa-growing areas across the country.

CEPF also secured significant leveraging during this period.

- In Colombia, the CEPF focus on building the capacity of local groups to help conserve the Chocó-Manabi biodiversity conservation corridor helped spur the Fondo para la Acción Ambiental y la Niñez (FPAA), a Colombian private foundation, to agree to match up to \$1 million in funding for CEPF-supported initiatives. The deal includes up to a \$100,000 FPAA match for each CEPF grant awarded to local groups working on the Colombian side of the corridor, which stretches from the peaks of Colombia's western Andean cordillera to the Pacific Ocean. A partnership between FPAA and CI-Colombia, which coordinates implementation of the CEPF ecosystem profile for the corridor in Colombia, laid the groundwork for the deal. To begin, FPAA matched CEPF investments in six select projects by local organizations, enabling CEPF to leverage significant funds while supporting a wider variety of partners and projects with its existing funds under the CEPF strategy.
- In addition, the Australian government's Regional Natural Heritage Program (RNHP) awarded CEPF approximately \$1 million for a targeted CEPF Invasive Species Program. This program, envisioned during the CEPF planning process, is the primary niche of the Polynesia-Micronesia ecosystem profile and is expected to help leverage and maximize CEPF's own planned investment in the region. The CEPF Invasive Alien Species Program, for which implementation is now being planned, is a partnership initiative of CEPF and the Pacific Program of the Cooperative Islands Initiative (PP-CII). PP-CII is a WSSD Type 2 partnership under the Convention on Biological Diversity involving five initial partners (the South Pacific Commission, SPREP, the IUCN-SSC Invasive Species Specialist Group, Conservation International, and the New Zealand International Aid and Development Agency). The program will complement PP-CII and other existing initiatives by supporting a series of civil society-led demonstration projects to eradicate, mitigate, and prevent invasive alien species.

Update on Measuring CEPF Linkages to Poverty Reduction

On behalf of CEPF, the Human Dimensions Program at CI's Center for Applied Biodiversity Science designed and piloted a methodology to evaluate CEPF's linkages with poverty reduction. To date, this methodology has been piloted successfully in two active investment regions: the southern region of the Mesoamerica Hotspot and the Brazilian part of the Atlantic Forest Hotspot. CEPF reported the results of the Southern Mesoamerica analysis in the quarterly report for the final quarter of fiscal year 2005. The results of the Atlantic Forest, Brazil analysis were reported in the quarterly report from CEPF for the first quarter of fiscal year, which CEPF distributed to the CEPF partners on 16 November. In addition to a questionnaire developed in consultation with a global sample of CEPF grant recipients and other partners, the methodology includes a comprehensive compilation and assessment of socioeconomic data from each region.

The analysis for both regions found that CEPF-supported projects often occur in areas of rural poverty and that in addition to their focus on biodiversity conservation, they directly and indirectly contribute to poverty reduction and help improve human welfare in these regions.

Direct contributions included both the creation of jobs (369 in Southern Mesoamerica and 214 in the Atlantic Forest) and training of individuals (14,369 in Southern Mesoamerica and 640 in the Atlantic Forest). Several indirect contributions were difficult to summarize statistically, such as the household, agriculture, health, and education surveys conducted by the ADEPHCA project in Nicaragua in Southern Mesoamerica, and the creation of cooperatives for local organic farmers and training and equipment for local fire brigades being provided through small grants targeted to implement specific components of the CEPF investment strategy in the Atlantic Forest.

This analysis is now underway in the Philippines and Succulent Karoo hotspots. Information on these regions should be available early in calendar year 2006 and will be reported on for each region as well as added to the global aggregated data on specific poverty reduction indicators now included in our standard quarterly reporting. CEPF will also continue to assess its impact on poverty reduction in each of the CEPF regions, simultaneously developing a mechanism for collecting project-level data from both existing and new CEPF projects as the portfolios expand.

Approved Grants
3/1/2005 – 10/31/2005

Atlantic Forest

Brazil

Strategic Direction 1: Stimulate landscape management initiatives led by civil society in Central and Serra do Mar Corridors

Hug the Park - Implementation of the Buffer Zone of Discovery National Park

Implement sustainable agro-ecological activities with communities living within the buffer zone of the Discovery Coast National Park. This area is of great importance for its biodiversity and because it provides natural connectivity with Monte Pascoal National Park.

Funding: \$35,000

Grant Term: 9/05-2/07

Grantee: Terra Viva Centro de Desenvolvimento Agroecológico do Extremo Sul da Bahia

Biology and Conservation of Bromeliads of the Atlantic Forest

Complete detailed studies of bromeliads in the Atlantic Forest to help determine critical areas for conservation. The project will assess the value of existing protected areas in terms of species protection, and will suggest new areas for protection based on the results of the studies. In addition, strategies and action plans will be developed for the conservation of bromeliads in the region, with particular focus on linking to the corridor approach for conservation in the region.

Funding: \$182,847

Grant Term: 7/05-6/07

Grantee: Fundação Botânica Margaret Mee

The Golden-Headed Lion Tamarin Connection

Implement a study of the forest fragments in the Central biodiversity conservation corridor of the Atlantic Forest that make up the range of the golden-headed lion tamarin in an effort to develop a prioritization of areas for conservation in the corridor.

Funding: \$60,000

Grant Term: 7/05-6/07

Grantee: Smithsonian Institution

Biodiversity Conservation of Forest Fragments in the Fernão Dias APA

Study the biodiversity within and between the various forest fragments of the APA (Environmental Protected Area) Fernão Dias in order to propose a series of well-managed ecological corridors protecting this important priority area for conservation. This 180,373-hectare area in the south of Minas Gerais in the Mantiqueira Mountains includes the entire watershed of the Camanducaia River and part of the watershed of the Jaguari River, the main rivers that supply water to the cities of southern Minas as well as the metropolitan areas of São Paulo and Campinas.

Funding: \$100,000

Grant Term: 7/05-12/06

Grantee: Fundação de Desenvolvimento da Pesquisa, Departamento de Biologia Geral

Protected Areas as Centers for Environmental Awareness in the Central Corridor of the Atlantic Forest

Launch a new program called “Educar para Conservar” aimed at pilot testing innovative methods of environmental education and training within protected areas; building awareness, and sharing experiences that lend themselves to the protection of biodiversity; and reducing current pressures on the protected areas and their buffer zones.

Funding: \$49,906

Grant Term: 7/05-7/06
 Grantee: Associação dos Proprietários de Reservas Particulares do Estado da Bahia

Planning Our Landscape: Environmental Education Program for the Serra Do Mar Corridor

Implement an environmental education project targeting not only students in the formal school system, but also communities, nongovernmental organizations, protected area managers, government leaders, and others in the northern coast region of São Paulo, an area of great importance for the Serra do Mar Corridor and one that is under extreme threat from growing tourism and infrastructure development.

Funding: \$149,991
 Grant Term: 7/05-12/06
 Grantee: Associação Super Eco de Integração Ambiental e Desenvolvimento da Criança

Consolidation of the Cabruca Commercialization Area - Cooperative of the Organic Producers of Southern Bahia (CABRUCA)

Develop the commercial structures of the Organic Producers of Southern Bahia Cooperative to better link its members to the specialty marketplace. Emphasis will be placed on quality control of products and bringing these to both national and international markets. In addition, the project aims to benefit conservation of forest fragments by encouraging the creation of private heritage reserves within member properties.

Funding: \$19,900
 Grant Term: 6/05-12/06
 Grantee: Cooperativa do Produtores Orgânicos do Sul da Bahia

Economics of the Conservation of Corridors in the Atlantic Forest

Demonstrate the economic benefits of maintaining quality forest fragments as a means to influence economic development policy and decisionmaking.

Funding: \$50,000
 Grant Term: 5/05-4/06
 Grantee: Conservation Strategy Fund

Determination of Genetic Variables in Macaco-Prego-do-Peito-Amarelo (*Cebus xanthosternos*) for their Management and Conservation

Contribute to the larger effort to save the yellow-breasted capuchin monkey (*Cebus xanthosternos*) by developing a characterization of genetic differences of, and appropriate management plans for the species. As a result of this characterization, conservation units for subpopulations will be proposed.

Funding: \$20,000
 Grant Term: 4/05-12/06
 Grantee: Mülleriana: Sociedade Fritz Müller de Ciências Naturais

Strategic Direction 2: Improve management of existing and future public protected areas through targeted civil society efforts

Creation and Implementation of Protected Areas in the Central Corridor of the Atlantic Forest, with Emphasis on the Serra do Conduru State Park

Create and implement public protected areas while also promoting the necessary human development activities that will support the creation of a protected landscape in the region of the Serra do Conduru State Park in the Central Corridor. Included in the effort will be a regional public campaign supporting the implementation of the Conduru Management Plan and work with communities to improve their income generation through forest restoration activities.

Funding: \$30,000
 Grant Term: 9/05-8/06
 Grantee: Instituto Floresta Viva

Vascular Plant Endemism in the Atlantic Forest Biome

Carry out a detailed assessment of the diversity and endemism of vascular plants in the Atlantic Forest with an aim of identifying areas of great importance for conservation. With the results of the assessments, the endemics will be mapped in detail allowing for the identification of centers of endemism at various scales to be compared with similar, existing data on fauna, permitting a new assessment of the most critical areas for conservation in the Atlantic Forest.

Funding: \$149,924

Grant Term: 7/05-6/07

Grantee: Fundação de Desenvolvimento da Pesquisa, Departamento de Biologia Geral

Increasing the Network of Protected Areas in the Bahian Portion of the Central Corridor of the Atlantic Forest - Phase I

Implement the first phase of the strategy to effectively protect the last remnants of the Atlantic Forest in the extreme south of Bahia, including helping finalize the proposal to expand two national parks and one biological reserve as well as create new protected areas totaling 312,893 hectares. This would represent an increase of 400 percent in the number of hectares under protection in the area.

Funding: \$20,000

Grant Term: 5/05-3/06

Grantee: Associação Flora Brasil

Cape Floristic Region

Strategic Direction 1: Support civil society involvement in the establishment of protected areas and management plans in CFR biodiversity corridors

Salt River Macro Invertebrate Sanctuary: Stakeholder Engagement Process

Engage stakeholders to protect and manage the biodiversity of the Salt River, a unique river system located in the Southern Cape's Garden Route.

Funding: \$4,776

Grant Term: 7/05-9/05

Grantee: Nature's Valley Trust

Strategic Direction 2: Promote innovative private sector and community involvement in conservation in landscapes surrounding CFR biodiversity corridors

Conserving Biodiversity and Enhancing Livelihoods in the Small-Scale Rooibos Tea Production Areas of the Northern and Western Cape, South Africa

Promote methods of production of rooibos tea (*Aspalathus linearis*) from endemic subspecies that are environmentally, socially, and economically sustainable within a program of participatory research, education, and institution building.

Funding: \$70,000

Grant Term: 7/05-12/07

Grantee: Environmental Monitoring Group

Greater Cederberg Biodiversity Corridor Small Grants Fund

Promote private sector and community involvement in conservation in the Greater Cederberg Biodiversity Corridor via a small grants program that will support innovative, high-priority biodiversity actions within the corridor.

Funding: \$32,000

Grant Term: 7/05-7/07

Grantee: Western Cape Nature Conservation Board

*This is a multiregional project covering two hotspots; the total grant amount is \$108,000.

Equator Ventures

Support the pilot phase of Equator Ventures, a partnership initiative with UNDP's Equator Initiative. Implement loan and technical assistance packages to small- to medium-sized enterprises benefiting biodiversity and local communities, and monitor biodiversity results.

Funding: \$11,109
 Grant Term: 6/05-6/07
 Grantee: Verde Ventures

*This is a multiregional project covering eight hotspots; the total grant amount is \$99,986.

The Gouritz Initiative: Securing Biodiversity and Harnessing Social and Economic Opportunities in Key Corridors

Establish a functional project management mechanism for the Gouritz Initiative that is fully integrated with CapeNature and larger stakeholder and government structures. Conduct priority actions in the megareserve, including implementing CapeNature's land consolidation/stewardship strategy in four key corridors. Promote private sector initiatives that complement biodiversity conservation, and secure long-term funding.

Funding: \$237,490
 Grant Term: 5/05-11/07
 Grantee: Western Cape Nature Conservation Board

*This is a multiregional project covering two hotspots; the total grant amount is \$474,979.

Strategic Direction 3: Support civil society efforts to create an institutional environment that enables effective conservation action**Production of a Research Strategy to Support CFR Conservation**

Develop a research strategy to support conservation in the Cape Floristic Region. The strategy will focus research efforts to target the top priorities in support of conservation, assist organizations and universities to select the top priority topics for their research, and guide donors to support the most relevant project applications. Present the strategy at the August 2005 annual meeting of the Fynbos Forum.

Funding: \$8,500
 Grant Term: 5/05-10/05
 Grantee: Fynbos Forum

Caucasus**Strategic Direction 2: Strengthen mechanisms to conserve biodiversity of the Caucasus hotspot with emphasis on species, site and corridor outcomes****Coordination and Development of Plant Red List Assessments for the Caucasus Biodiversity Hotspot**

Improve understanding of threatened plants in the Caucasus and increase the capacity of local botanists to be able to use the internationally accepted methods for plant conservation assessment and monitoring. A botanical consortium from five countries in the hotspot, with technical support from IUCN and the Missouri Botanic Garden, will implement the project.

Funding: \$355,350
 Grant Term: 7/05-6/08
 Grantee: IUCN-The World Conservation Union

Small Grants for Global Conservation of Amphibian Diversity Within Hotspots

Develop and implement the Amphibian Action Fund aimed at the long-term conservation of amphibian species, and their habitats, within biodiversity hotspots around the globe. This fund will make available small grants of up to \$10,000 to be awarded to individuals and groups working within the hotspots on targeted amphibian conservation activities.

Funding: \$17,000
 Grant Term: 7/05-6/08
 Grantee: Arizona State University

*This is a multiregional project covering six hotspots; the total grant amount is \$200,000.

Development of an IBA Caretaker Network in the Priority Corridors

Increase the capacity of civil society at the national and community levels to support appropriate management and monitoring of 31 sites that are important for the conservation of globally threatened species. BirdLife's Europe Division will coordinate overall implementation by working with four national NGOs: Armenian Society for the Protection of Birds, Azerbaijan Ornithological Society, Georgian Center for the Conservation of Wildlife, and Doga Dernegi Turkey.

Funding: \$720,433
 Grant Term: 6/05-6/08
 Grantee: BirdLife International

Regional Council for Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Resource Use in the Caucasus

Enhance implementation of the CEPF ecosystem profile and investment strategy for the Caucasus Hotspot by improving the coordinated donor investment and catalyzing the policy support necessary for sustainability beyond CEPF's 5-year investment window. The Regional Council will provide a high level forum to address transboundary issues as an effective, widely accepted, and broadly supported institution for regional conservation.

Funding: \$200,000
 Grant Term: 1/05-6/08
 Grantee: World Wide Fund for Nature

Strategic Direction 3: Implement models demonstrating sustainable resource use in five target corridors**Equator Ventures**

Support the pilot phase of Equator Ventures, a partnership initiative with UNDP's Equator Initiative. Implement loan and technical assistance packages to small- to medium-sized enterprises benefiting biodiversity and local communities, and monitor biodiversity results.

Funding: \$11,110
 Grant Term: 6/05-6/07
 Grantee: Verde Ventures

*This is a multiregional project covering eight hotspots; the total grant amount is \$99,986.

Chocó-Darién-Western Ecuador**Chocó-Manabí****Strategic Direction 1: Establish/strengthen local and regional mechanisms to foster corridor-level conservation****Consolidation of Community Protected Areas to Improve Biodiversity Conservation in 8 Community Councils of the Pacific Coast in Accordance with the Integrated Environmental Management Plan of the Community Councils Affiliated with RECOMPAS**

Continue the process to consolidate community nature reserves, advancing the implementation of their management plans and the regulation of community uses in eight of the 12 community reserves that make up the RECOMPAS - Red de Consejos Comunitarios del Pacifico Sur - in the region of Tumaco.

Funding: \$99,800
 Grant Term: 9/05-3/07
 Grantee: Asociación Red Colombiana de Reservas Naturales de la Sociedad Civil

Community-Based Strategy to Conserve the Malaga Bay Region of the Pacific Coast of Colombia as a Contribution to Conserve the Choco - Manabi Coast

Develop legal protection of the mangroves along the southern portion of Colombia's Pacific coast, and the local community-based support to manage these important areas into the future. The project directly links to CEPF's investments on the Ecuadorian coast supporting the improved protection of the Cayapas-Mataje Ecological Reserve, thus helping to create a bi-national corridor of coastal mangrove forests.

Funding: \$68,742
 Grant Term: 7/05-6/06
 Grantee: Fundación Centro de Investigaciones del Pacifico

Pilot Experiences in Conservation Management of the Humid Coastal Forests of Punta Galeras, Southeastern Chocó, Ecuador

Implement a follow-up phase to the earlier project, Conserving Highly Threatened Coastal Rain Forest of Punta Galeras to Achieve Connectivity with Mache-Chindul Ecological Reserve, implemented by EcoCiencia and continue efforts to protect the highly threatened humid coastal forests of Punta Galeras, creating connectivity with the Mache Chindul Ecological Reserve.

Funding: \$20,000
 Grant Term: 4/05-12/05
 Grantee: Fundación Ecuatoriana de Estudios Ecológicos

Communication Strategy for the Chocó-Manabi Conservation Corridor (Phase 2)

Implement the Choco-Manabi Conservation Corridor Communication Strategy that resulted from the first phase project funded by CEPF to develop such a strategy. The project will promote the corridor concept, help train local journalists in reporting on biodiversity conservation issues and will develop communication networks among key regions within the corridor.

Funding: \$111,734
 Grant Term: 1/05-3/06
 Grantee: Conservation International

*The original grant term has been increased by three months.

Strategic Direction 2: Bring selected protected areas and species under improved management**Community Management Plan for the Protected Area Refugio de Vida Silvestre**

Develop a community management plan for the mangrove ecosystem of Muisne-Conjimies and strengthen community ability to ensure sustainable use of resources in the region.

Funding: \$59,996
 Grant Term: 5/05-5/06
 Grantee: Fundación de Defensa Ecológica

Biodiversity Conservation and Management in the Territorial Lands of the Awá Indigenous Community of Ecuador

Consolidate the Awa Indigenous Territory, maintaining its ecological integrity and permitting connectivity and sufficient species flow to other areas through the legal establishment of the Reserva de la Vida and the strengthening of local capacity to manage conservation and development projects.

Funding: \$116,575
 Grant Term: 4/05-3/07
 Grantee: Federación de Centros Awá del Ecuador

Consolidation of Territories, Establishment of Legal Jurisdiction and Social Organization of the Ancestral Lands of the Chachi Nation within the Mache Chindul Ecological Reserve

Consolidate the Chachi territories in the southern region of Esmeraldas in Ecuador Reserva Ecológica Mache Chindul. The project includes working directly with the Coordination Committee of the Chachi to build its capacity to govern and manage indigenous territories, focusing on the sustainable management of natural resources.

Funding: \$60,763
 Grant Term: 4/05-3/06
 Grantee: Corporación para la Investigación, Capacitación y Apoyo Técnico para el Manejo Sustentable de los Ecosistemas Tropicales

Strategic Direction 3: Identify and promote sustainable development practices in communities near selected protected areas

Green Gold Sustainable Production Alternatives: Analog Forestry for the Conservation of Choco, Colombia

Reduce the negative environmental impacts of mining in the Colombian portion of the Choco by working with local populations to promote biodiversity conservation, environmental certification for gold mining, restoration of degraded areas, and delineation of conservation areas within community territories.

Funding: \$99,979
 Grant Term: 6/05-12/06
 Grantee: Corporación Oro Verde

Eastern Arc & Coastal Forests

Strategic Direction 1: Increase the ability of local populations to benefit from and contribute to biodiversity conservation

Agroforestry Activities Around Arabuko Sokoke

Scale up agroforestry practices of this community-based organization through increased propagation and planting of indigenous and commercial species that have important cultural and economic uses, reducing the pressure on the natural resources on the 41,600-hectare Arabuko Sokoke coastal forest, the largest remaining fragment of coastal forest in East Africa.

Funding: \$10,300
 Grant Term: 7/05-12/06
 Grantee: Mabuwani Women Group

Aerial Monitoring of Vegetation Quality, Cover, and Threats of the Forests of the Eastern Arc Mountains, Tanzania

Define the area of forest habitat and levels and types of disturbance throughout the region to improve forest management strategies for both Eastern Arc Mountains and coastal forests. Retrospective comparison with 1950s vegetation maps will provide statistics on the extent and rates of change of forest cover.

Funding: \$147,000
 Grant Term: 6/05-2/06
 Grantee: Wildlife Conservation Society

Equator Ventures

Support the pilot phase of Equator Ventures, a partnership initiative with UNDP's Equator Initiative. Implement loan and technical assistance packages to small- to medium-sized enterprises benefiting biodiversity and local communities, and monitor biodiversity results.

Funding: \$11,110
 Grant Term: 6/05-6/07
 Grantee: Verde Ventures

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Conservation and Management Policy Development

Promote awareness and conservation of the sacred forests, or Kayas, by introducing tangible economic benefits from alternative activities including bee-keeping, production of fruits, and offering tours around the forest. In addition, important cultural information will be documented.

Funding: \$19,383
 Grant Term: 5/05-4/07
 Grantee: Kaya Muhaka Forest Conservation Organization

Business-Oriented Conservation and Agroforestry Initiatives in Muheza District, Tanzania

Establish a demonstration farm neighboring the East Usambaras, a priority area within the region, to show the potential of agroforestry techniques to generate short-term economic benefits. Activities will also raise awareness of threats to *Brachylaena huliensis*, a tree with high value on the Kenya wood carving market.

Funding: \$19,822
 Grant Term: 4/05-3/08
 Grantee: JPFfirst

Promotion of Nature-Based, Sustainable Businesses for Forest-adjacent Communities in the East-Usambara-Tanga, Taita Hills, and Lower Tana River Forests

Develop nature-based alternative livelihood opportunities for communities in and around three priority areas. These opportunities include production and marketing of commercial insects, honey production, silk farming, and medicinal plants that will shift the paradigm of community use natural resources from unsustainable to contributing to their local protection and increase connectivity between forest fragments.

Funding: \$500,000
 Grant Term: 4/05-3/08
 Grantee: International Centre of Insect Physiology and Ecology

Evaluation of Tanzania Forest Conservation Group's Participatory Forest Management Initiatives in the Eastern Arc

Identify the best practices and lessons learnt from communities engaged in participatory forest management within Tanzania. These findings will be shared with all stakeholders through a variety of media describing impacts and benefits of participatory forest management on biodiversity conservation and local livelihoods.

Funding: \$33,910
 Grant Term: 3/05-12/05
 Grantee: Tanzania Forest Conservation Group

Instituting a Standardized Sustainable Biodiversity Monitoring System in the Eastern Arc / Coastal Forests of Tanzania and Kenya

Monitor conservation outcomes as a result of all investments undertaken at species, site, and landscape scales. In addition, provide a mechanism for all data accrued from projects to be available to address the most urgent priorities that can be compared against an analysis of forest change throughout the region.

Funding: \$351,947
 Grant Term: 2/05-12/08
 Grantee: BirdLife International

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Funding: \$73,462
 Grant Term: 2/05-12/08
 Grantee: Conservation International

Strategic Direction 2: Restore and increase connectivity among fragmented forest patches in the hotspot

Army Ants in the Fragmented Forests of Taita Hills and Lower Tana River

Survey army ant (*Dorylus molestus*) populations, a keystone species, in forest patches of different sizes to determine how forest patch size and time since isolation influence army ant occurrence and abundance. The minimum patch size supporting viable populations will assist in planning connectivity interventions in other highly fragmented forest environments in both semi-arid and humid regions.

Funding: \$10,000
 Grant Term: 11/05-12/05
 Grantee: Caspar Schöning

Conservation Biology of Ecological Indicators to Enhance Connectivity in the East Usambara Mountains, Tanzania

Examine the influence of forest land-use practices on bird species movement, survivorship, and natality to define land--use practices within corridors that promote bird movement and survivorship. The recommendations from this study will provide guidelines that would be applicable to other corridor sites throughout the Eastern Arc Mountains.

Funding: \$69,865
 Grant Term: 8/05-12/08
 Grantee: William D. Newmark

Restoration and Increase of Connectivity Among Fragmented Forest Patches in the Taita Hills, Southeast Kenya

Model the opportunities to increase connectivity between the forest fragments that comprise the Taita Hills to ensure the long-term conservation of threatened species. These data will then guide future conservation investments within the Taita Hills to address priority areas, including promoting alternative nature-based livelihoods to reduce the pressure on the natural resources.

Funding: \$105,203
 Grant Term: 7/05-5/06
 Grantee: Ghent University, Terrestrial Ecology Unit (Department of Biology)

Facilitating the Compensation Payments for the Derema Forest Reserve, East Usambara Mountains

Secure one of the most important biodiversity sites in Africa, the Derema corridor, linking the Amani Nature Reserve in the East Usambara Mountains to several other forest reserves. This grant will establish the working mechanisms for a compensation scheme capitalized by the governments of Tanzania and Finland, the Global Conservation Fund, and other donors.

Funding: \$154,810
 Grant Term: 7/05-12/07
 Grantee: World Wide Fund for Nature

Technical Advisor – Conservation Corridors: Eastern Arc and Coastal Forests of Tanzania and Kenya

Provide up-to-date advice on the research priorities within the hotspot the scientific advisor will also ensure that data are collected in a standard and comparable manner, thus ensuring that a cohesive set of research projects are implemented throughout the hotspot.

Funding: \$119,900
 Grant Term: 7/05-6/06
 Grantee: Conservation International

Making Available Free Copies of Coastal Forest Books

Distribute the IUCN publication The Coastal Forests of Eastern Africa (2000) that remains the only complete description of this mosaic habitat, the current status, biodiversity values, human impacts, and potential benefits from the remaining forests.

Funding: \$5,375
 Grant Term: 7/05-9/05
 Grantee: World Wide Fund for Nature

Restoration and Increase of Connectivity in Taita Hills Forests: Survey and Suitability Assessment of Exotic Plantations

Map and describe the plantations of exotic tree species within the Taita Taveta District and study opportunities and limitations to increasing connectivity between the fragments of remaining indigenous forests through “enrichment planting” within these plantations. These data will contribute to the connectivity model being undertaken by the University of Ghent.

Funding: \$20,000
 Grant Term: 5/05-11/05
 Grantee: East African Wild Life Society

Rehabilitation and Restoration of Mwambirwa Forest

Rehabilitate 318 hectares of Mwambirwa forest that burned down in 2001, replacing exotic plantation species with a mix of indigenous trees. In so doing, reestablish connectivity with the larger Mbololo forest to improve the long-term survival of the Critically Endangered Taita thrush (*Turdus helleri*).

Funding: \$19,409
 Grant Term: 4/05-9/07
 Grantee: East African Wild Life Society

Rehabilitation of Chawia Forest for the Conservation of Its Flora and Fauna

Conserve the Critically Endangered Taita thrush (*Turdus helleri*) through restoring the understory vegetation within Chawia forest, while providing alternative sources to many of the forest products required by the local communities. Activities also include advocating for change in community use of the forest to improve the breeding success of this ground-dwelling species.

Funding: \$18,990
 Grant Term: 4/05-3/07
 Grantee: East African Wild Life Society

Resource Center for the Provision of Information and Technical Advice to Local Stakeholders in Forest Restoration Work in Taita Hills

Provide relevant, appropriate information and Internet links that describe conservation, livelihoods and farming practices to improve land-use and conservation priorities to the communities living throughout the Taita Hills through a resource center based in Wundanyi. Raise awareness of the activities of researchers within the area and opportunities to exchange information and ideas.

Funding: \$19,988
 Grant Term: 4/05-3/06
 Grantee: East African Wild Life Society

Strategic Direction 3: Improve biological knowledge in the hotspot

Trends in the Health of Selected Forests in the Eastern Arc and Coastal Forest

Re-measure a series of forests plots five years after they were established in priority areas throughout the region to assess the trends in forest health. These data will provide a solid indication of the impacts that specific levels of threat have on the forests to assist with forest management.

Funding: \$45,519
 Grant Term: 7/05-12/06
 Grantee: West Chester University

Biodiversity Research and Awareness in the Lesser Known Eastern Arc Mountains: Mahenge, Rubeho, Ukaguru, and Nguru

Inventory the fauna and flora of the lesser-known sites and make these data available to all parties working to improve biological knowledge and forest management. Methods will be consistent with the other CEPF-supported biological surveys to enable direct comparison between sites. Data collected will feed into the National Biodiversity Database and Red List processes.

Funding: \$224,369
 Grant Term: 7/05-11/07
 Grantee: The Society for Environmental Exploration

Conservation of Indigenous Forest and Endemic Species on Pemba Island

Expand the achievements of the Pemba flying fox *Pteropus voeltzkowi* project through community forest conservation initiatives around Ngezi-Vumawimbi Nature Forest Reserve and Msitu Kuu forest. In addition, strive to eradicate the invasive umbrella tree (*Maesopsis eminii*) that threatens the integrity of these indigenous forest fragments.

Funding: \$49,000
 Grant Term: 7/05-6/07
 Grantee: Fauna & Flora International

Small Mammal Studies in Three Important Eastern Arc Mountains Sites for the Creation of Innovative Educational, Scientific, and Conservation Tools

Survey small mammal species (shrews, bats, and rodents) in three lesser-known sites - North Pare, Rubeho, and Malundwe Mountains - to fill a gap in current level of knowledge. Bilingual education materials, based upon the findings of these surveys, will serve to improve the local appreciation of these often overlooked species.

Funding: \$150,000
 Grant Term: 6/05-12/07
 Grantee: The Field Museum of Natural History

Making Data Available on the Species and Sites of the Eastern Arc and Coastal Forest Hotspot in Tanzania

Develop the Tanzanian National Biodiversity Database to include all existing specimens as well as incorporating site and species records from biodiversity surveys. These data will be available to identify gaps in knowledge as well as enhance the monitoring of conservation investments through the conservation outcomes database of Red List species.

Funding: \$75,000
 Grant Term: 5/05-11/08
 Grantee: University of Dar es Salaam, Department of Zoology and Marine Biology

Filling the Knowledge Gap: Surveys of Poorly Known Sites and Species in the Eastern Arc and Coastal Forests

Understand the vertebrate biodiversity of three isolated, lesser-known sites Rubeho (within Dodoma Region), Udzungwa and North Pare Mountains. In addition, on a wider geographical scope, complete species-specific surveys of Endangered nocturnal and diurnal primates, duikers, elephant-shrews, hyraxes, amphibians, and reptiles in Tanzania's Eastern Arc Mountains.

Funding: \$237,870
 Grant Term: 4/05-12/07
 Grantee: Tanzania Forest Conservation Group

Biodiversity Assessment and Monitoring of the Insect Fauna in the Eastern Arc Mountains and Coastal Forests Using Ground-Dwelling Ants and Beetles as Indicator Groups

Complete a thorough field sample program across the Eastern Arc Mountains and Coastal Forests of Tanzania and Kenya to assess the composition and abundance of these important invertebrate groups. This will provide baseline data for future monitoring as well as contribute to the red listing of these often-neglected groups.

Funding: \$212,628
 Grant Term: 3/05-9/08
 Grantee: AfriBugs CC

Plant Conservation Assessment in the Eastern Arc Mountains and Coastal Forests Mosaic of Kenya and Tanzania

Survey important sites and species with limited distributions to update the conservation status of forest plants and broaden the network of East African plant specialists. Species new to science will be published and type specimens deposited in collections as well as being available online through the Missouri Botanical Garden's Web site. This information will contribute to the Red Listing of plant species.

Funding: \$318,001
 Grant Term: 2/05-1/08
 Grantee: Missouri Botanical Garden

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Funding: \$92,000
 Grant Term: 2/05-1/08
 Grantee: IUCN-The World Conservation Union

Documenting Four Thematic Issues of the Journal of East African Natural History

Provide a natural home for peer-reviewed papers, research findings, and short notes in the field of natural history that contribute to knowledge, status, and conservation within the region. In addition, all relevant papers published in the journal since 1910 will be made available for open access as portable document format files on the Web.

Funding: \$120,000
 Grant Term: 1/05-12/08
 Grantee: East Africa Natural History Society

Strategic Direction 4: Establish a small grants program in the hotspot (all 161 sites eligible) that focuses on critically endangered species and small-scale efforts to increase connectivity of biologically important habitat patches

Small Grants for Global Conservation of Amphibian Diversity Within Hotspots

Develop and implement the Amphibian Action Fund aimed at the long-term conservation of amphibian species, and their habitats, within biodiversity hotspots around the globe. This fund will make available small grants of up to \$10,000 to be awarded to individuals and groups working within the hotspots on targeted amphibian conservation activities.

Funding: \$30,000
 Grant Term: 7/05-6/08
 Grantee: Arizona State University
 This is a multiregional project covering six hotspots; the total grant amount is \$200,000.

Survey of Microchiropteran Bats of Mafia, Pemba, and Unguja, and Subsequent Creation of Educational, Scientific, and Conservation Tools

Survey microbats on Pemba, Unguja, and Mafia Islands off mainland Tanzania to identify the diversity of bat species, current status, and threats to the roosts and feeding habitats. These data will be compared with similar assessments being undertaken on other Indian Ocean Islands including Madagascar.

Funding: \$19,954
 Grant Term: 7/05-12/07
 Grantee: The Field Museum of Natural History

Guinean Forests**Upper Guinean Forest****Strategic Direction 2: Establishing a Hotspot Biodiversity Monitoring System****West African Vulture Survey**

Conduct a survey of vultures in northern Guinea, Ghana and Togo that complements a 2003-2004 census undertaken in neighboring countries to ascertain status and range of West African vulture species and determine the main factors responsible for the declines in these species. The project will also survey diurnal raptors, and is one of the priority actions of the new West African Vulture Conservation Program.

Funding: \$14,876
 Grant Term: 3/05-6/05
 Grantee: Afrique Nature International

Strategic Direction 5: Biodiversity Action Fund**Involving Local Populations in the Protection and Safeguarding of All Tropical Zone Species of Fauna and Flora in the Dabola and Dinguiraye Prefectures of Guinea**

Involve local communities in conserving six forest sites in Dabola and Dinguiraye Prefectures, Guinea, covering approximately 5,400 hectares. Provide training, technical assistance, and guidance to local communities for monitoring and protection of biodiversity in these forests.

Funding: \$18,450
 Grant Term: 8/05-9/06
 Grantee: COLUFIFA -GUINEE

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Funding: \$34,000
 Grant Term: 7/05-6/08
 Grantee: Arizona State University

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The 2005 Smithsonian Environmental Leadership Course: Participation by Samba T. Diallo

Fund participation of Samba T. Diallo, chief of the Industrial Fisheries Department, Republic of Guinea, at the Smithsonian Environmental Leadership Course in September 2005.

Funding: \$4,645
 Grant Term: 7/05-9/05
 Grantee: Centre National des Sciences Halieutiques de Boussoura

The Great Ape Emergency Conservation Fund

Establish a small grants fund to address priority actions identified in the IUCN-SSC Status Survey and Conservation Action Plan: West African Chimpanzees. The fund will also support actions to address emergency situations pertaining to great apes in the Upper Guinean Forest.

Funding: \$62,150
 Grant Term: 7/05-6/07
 Grantee: Conservation International

Madagascar**Strategic Direction 1: Integrating local groups and individuals in the management of protected areas and reserves****The Manambolomaty Conservation Project**

Continue assistance to the recently completed CEPF-funded Madagascar Community-based Wetlands Conservation Project, which operated from 2001-2004, by providing assistance and support (technical, logistical, supplies, and material) for two local Associations in their progress to be authorized by the Malagasy government to manage their natural resources for a 10-year period.

Funding: \$10,000
 Grant Term: 1/05-12/05
 Grantee: The Peregrine Fund

Strategic Direction 3: Biodiversity conservation and management training**Developing the Antsokay Arboretum as a Center for Biodiversity Study and Ecotourism in Southwest Madagascar**

Create a unique facility for the scientific study, documentation and biodiversity conservation of the highly endangered flora of the Spiny Forest as well as to provide a model for the development of sustainable ecotourism in Madagascar. Specific activities will include improving the herbarium, the living collection, the library and the scientific documentation associated with the flora of the Spiny Forest. Public awareness activities will also be undertaken.

Funding: \$113,848
 Grant Term: 3/05-12/07
 Grantee: NGO Arboretum d'Antsokay

Mountains of Southwest China**Strategic Direction 1: Develop and operationalize hotspot-wide monitoring and evaluation projects****Mapping the Biodiversity of the Hengduan Mountains Using Historic Plant Collections**

Catalogue and analyze information on plant specimens from Southwest China collected over the past 100 years for the purposes of a science-based definition of the hotspot and to guide conservation initiatives and regional planning to better mitigate threats to areas of high biodiversity.

Funding: \$120,000
 Grant Term: 10/05-9/07
 Grantee: Arnold Arboretum of Harvard University

Using Galliformes to Monitor Biodiversity in Southwest China

Develop a protocol using Galliformes as an indicator species for monitoring the biodiversity of Southwest China. The association will train relevant local researchers in the use of this methodology and urge relevant government agencies to employ it over the long term to track the status of biodiversity conservation.

Funding: \$105,340
 Grant Term: 4/05-3/07
 Grantee: World Pheasant Association

Strategic Direction 2: Support site-related projects led by civil society to mitigate key threats to natural areas and species populations**Equator Ventures**

Support the pilot phase of Equator Ventures, a partnership initiative with UNDP's Equator Initiative. Implement loan and technical assistance packages to small- to medium-sized enterprises benefiting biodiversity and local communities, and monitor biodiversity results.

Funding: \$11,110
 Grant Term: 6/05-6/07
 Grantee: Verde Ventures

*This is a multiregional project covering eight hotspots; the total grant amount is \$99,986.

Ecotourism Demonstration Project in Ganzi Prefecture, Sichuan Province

Explore ways for communities to benefit from and be inspired to conserve the environment, using ecotourism as a window and a tool through demonstration projects that meet the needs for biodiversity conservation and cultural diversity preservation objectives. The project aims to increase awareness of local biodiversity, resource, and culture through publications and communication.

Funding: \$50,000
 Grant Term: 5/05-3/07
 Grantee: Beijing Shanmo Investment Consultancy Co.

The Conceptual Master Planning of Ecotourism for Baimaxueshan Nature Reserve

Establish a strategic model of ecotourism in order to avoid the destruction of precious resources from mass tourism and enhance biodiversity protection and local capacity in Baimaxueshan Nature Reserve in Northwest Yunnan.

Funding: \$20,000
 Grant Term: 5/05-4/06
 Grantee: Southwest Forestry College

A Study of Feasibility and Effects of Ecotourism at Baoshan Gushi Cheng, Yunnan

Research and analyze local conditions in Baoshan Gushi Cheng, develop and design an ecotourism project as an alternative source of revenue for the local people, provide a training ground for potential conservation professionals, and create a vehicle for the dissemination of environmental education. The need for this study is indicated in the continuing development of tourism in the area, resulting in potential harm to the environment and pressure of external changes to this community.

Funding: \$20,000
 Grant Term: 3/05-2/06
 Grantee: Susie Lee Cecchi

Strategic Direction 3: Build capacity of civil society to implement conservation efforts at a site and regional level**Monthly Conservation Forum among Chengdu - Kunming College Student Conservation Organizations**

Promote the capacity building, information exchange, and cooperation among green student groups by establishing an effective communication mechanism both in Chengdu and Kunming in Southwest China.

Funding: \$10,230
 Grant Term: 4/05-3/06
 Grantee: Green Student Organizations Society

Outdoor Preliminary School Environment Education Program—"Happy Nature"

Cultivate conservation awareness and promote environmental education by establishing a sustainable internship mechanism in Chengdu in Southwest China.

Funding: \$16,446
 Grant Term: 4/05-3/07
 Grantee: Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding Center

Legal Initiative for Resource Management and Livelihood Development for Jisha Village

Empower the local community, whose traditional livelihood and religious practices are heavily embedded in alpine pasture and forest, to prevent unsustainable construction of infrastructure for ecotourism development and increase the participatory management of natural resources in Jisha village, Yunnan province in southwest China.

Funding: \$20,000
 Grant Term: 4/05-6/06
 Grantee: Center for Biodiversity and Indigenous Knowledge

Establishing Ecotourism Guidelines for Nature Reserves in South Ganzi Prefecture

Conduct a market analysis of tourism in the Ganzi nature reserves in Southwest China in order to reduce the negative impacts of tourism development and increase the contributions to landscape protection and biodiversity conservation.

Funding: \$20,000
 Grant Term: 3/05-2/06
 Grantee: Sichuan Wildlife Resource Survey and Conservation Management Station

Strategic Direction 4: Integrate biodiversity conservation concerns and benefits into the implementation of policies and programs at local, regional and national levels

Feasibility Study for the Implementation of Forestry Conservation Concessions and Sustainable Development in China

Adopt public-private-partnerships in conservation for attaining sustainable development to explore the feasibility of implementing forestry concessions in Southwest China.

Funding: \$20,000
Grant Term: 3/05-9/05
Grantee: Global Environmental Institute

Strategic Direction 5: Develop and operationalize a small grants program focusing on conservation capacity-building and research projects

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Funding: \$33,000
Grant Term: 7/05-6/08
Grantee: Arizona State University

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Northern Mesoamerica

Belize, Guatemala, Mexico

Strategic Direction 1: Foster civil society participation in regional decisionmaking on select policies and investments to promote the conservation and sustainable development of the Selva Maya and the Selva Zoque and Chiapas/Guatemala Highlands corridors

Design of Conservation Incentives Mechanisms for Guatemala

Support the design of conservation incentive mechanisms in select sites in the Petén and Cuchumatanes as pilot projects that offer local communities financial incentives to adopt sustainable land management practices in support of conservation. The grant funds feasibility studies, community consultations, fund raising, and information dissemination for broader adoption.

Funding: \$50,380
Grant Term: 9/05-9/06
Grantee: Fundación para la Conservación de los Recursos Naturales y Ambiente en Guatemala

Third International Meeting on Environmental Governance for Sustainable Development in the Petén

Support a meeting of leading scholars, decision-makers, nongovernmental organizations and communities from Guatemala, Belize, and Mexico to examine topics related to environmental governance in the Petén.

Funding: \$19,900
Grant Term: 8/05-12/05
Grantee: Facultad Latino Americana de Ciencias Sociales

Equator Ventures

Support the pilot phase of Equator Ventures, a partnership initiative with UNDP's Equator Initiative. Implement loan and technical assistance packages to small- to medium-sized enterprises benefiting biodiversity and local communities, and monitor biodiversity results.

Funding: \$11,109
 Grant Term: 6/05-6/07
 Grantee: Verde Ventures

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Strategic Direction 2: Collaborate with other donor-funded projects to facilitate and operationalize successful conservation activities in Northern Mesoamerica's eight most important key biodiversity areas

Baird's Tapir Conservation Workshop

Support the development of Mesoamerica's first conservation strategy for the Endangered Baird's tapir by funding a workshop of experts and the printing and dissemination of the strategy.

Funding: \$5,000
 Grant Term: 7/05-12/05
 Grantee: The Houston Zoo, Inc.

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Sharing Experiences and Lessons Learned in Mesoamerica via the Eco-Index

Provide detailed information in English and Spanish on conservation projects and issues throughout Mesoamerica as the second phase of support to this online database. Activities include the entry and annual updating on the site of all CEPF-supported projects in Mesoamerica, creation of Web sites for partner organizations without existing sites, and organizing a stakeholder workshop in Southern Mesoamerica.

Funding: \$49,769
 Grant Term: 5/05-5/07
 Grantee: Rainforest Alliance

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Strategic Direction 3: Support priority conservation actions in three priority key biodiversity areas

Developing an Integrated Strategy and Project Plan to Conserve the Chiquibul/ Maya Mountain Key Biodiversity Area in Belize

Support a consultative planning process to develop a joint proposal for CEPF and PACT funding. Key activities include a needs assessment forum with key stakeholders, initiation of exchange visits between Belizean and Guatemalan environmentalists, and development of a communication system for creating an alliance of protected area managers in the region.

Funding: \$10,321
 Grant Term: 10/05-1/06
 Grantee: Friends for Conservation and Development

Sustainable Financing of Biodiversity Conservation in Sierra de las Minas Biosphere Reserve through the Establishment of Motagua/Polochic Water Fund

Establish a fund to enable downstream water users in the Motagua Polochic watershed to support conservation activities in the upper watershed where the Sierra de las Minas Biosphere Reserve is located. Key outputs include strengthening capacity of local conservation committees.

Funding: \$364,618
 Grant Term: 9/05-12/07
 Grantee: Fundación Defensores de la Naturaleza

Bladen Nature Reserve Protection Program

Fund park guards to patrol Bladen Nature Reserve on behalf of four local groups that manage the protected area to reduce pressures from illegal hunting and logging as a result of new road clearings and colonization near the area.

Funding: \$19,932
 Grant Term: 8/05-7/06
 Grantee: Belize Foundation for Research and Environmental Education

Implementation of a Special Protection System Based on Strategic Alliances with Civil Society and Organizations in the Eastern Sector of Laguna del Tigre National Park and Its Surrounding Biological Corridor

Protect core areas of Laguna del Tigre from forest fires and new colonization during the upcoming dry season. This grant complements efforts by the Government of Guatemala through support to local civil society for forest fire prevention and control, park patrolling, and biological monitoring.

Funding: \$68,715
 Grant Term: 3/05-9/05
 Grantee: Wildlife Conservation Society

Strategic Direction 4: Support efforts to prevent the extinction of Northern Mesoamerica's 106 Critically Endangered species

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Funding: \$36,000
 Grant Term: 7/05-6/08
 Grantee: Arizona State University

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Southern Mesoamerica

Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Panama

Strategic Direction 1: Strengthen key conservation alliances and networks within integral corridors

Strengthening Community Park Guards and Increasing Institutional Coordination in the Cerro Silva -Indio Maíz Corridor of Nicaragua

Support an association of leading institutions working in southeast Nicaragua to improve coordination of conservation and development initiatives in the region. Also, provide basic equipment, infrastructure, and training to community volunteers who patrol the Cano Negro wetlands, which is a RAMSAR site.

Funding: \$15,000
 Grant Term: 8/05-3/06
 Grantee: Fundación para el Desarrollo Sostenible

Capacity Building for Local Management of the Naso-Teribe Region

Increase the capacity of members of the Naso indigenous community, which is located in the buffer zone of La Amistad – Panama, to identify the potential impacts of a dam proposed in their territory. Grant supports the collection and analysis of baseline data, and dissemination of the findings.

Funding: \$5,000
 Grant Term: 3/05-8/05
 Grantee: Alianza para la Conservacion y el Desarrollo

Strategic Direction 2: Connect critical areas through economic alternatives**Equator Ventures**

Support the pilot phase of Equator Ventures, a partnership initiative with UNDP's Equator Initiative. Implement loan and technical assistance packages to small- to medium-sized enterprises benefiting biodiversity and local communities, and monitor biodiversity results.

Funding: \$11,109
 Grant Term: 6/05-6/07
 Grantee: Verde Ventures

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Establishing the Biological Boundaries of the Osa Biological Corridor Through Data Compilation and Analysis - Phase II

Conduct biological studies and analysis to define the boundaries of the Osa Biological Corridor, which links the national parks of Corcovado and Piedras Blancas on the Osa Peninsula. Activities include biological studies on plants, mammals, and pollen dispersion; compilation and systemization of existing data; and definition and formal adoption of biologically based boundaries of the corridor.

Funding: \$100,000
 Grant Term: 6/05-12/06
 Grantee: Instituto Nacional de Biodiversidad

Sustainable Alternatives and Environmental Restoration and Protection of the Three Hills Quetzal Biological Corridor

Strengthen capacity of the Tres Colinas community, which is strategically located in the La Amistad corridor, to ameliorate threats to biodiversity. This grant supports the local “Natural Resource Vigilance Committee” to reduce forest fires and hunting inside the park, reforestation and organic fertilizer production, and research on flora and fauna.

Funding: \$15,742
 Grant Term: 3/05-2/07
 Grantee: Asociación de Turismo de Tres Colinas

Strategic Direction 3: Promote awareness and conservation of flagship species**Small Grants for Global Conservation of Amphibian Diversity Within Hotspots**

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Grant Term: 7/05-12/05

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Funding: \$48,000

Grant Term: 5/05-5/07

Grantee: Rainforest Alliance

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Strategic Direction 4: Support improved management of key protected areas**Support to the Volunteer Park Guards of Mahogany Ecological Wetlands Park, Nicaragua**

As a second phase of an earlier CEPF project, provide equipment and infrastructure to a volunteer group of community park guards to patrol and protect the Mahogany Ecological Wetlands.

Funding: \$10,000

Grant Term: 5/05-9/05

Grantee: Bluefields Indian & Caribbean University

Mitigating Environmental Threats to La Amistad International Park (Costa Rica) by Strengthening Park Protection

Complement efforts by the Costa Rican park service to mitigate threats from forest fires and hunting in critical sectors of La Amistad International Park. Build local capacity for fire control and prevention, establish community park protection committees in indigenous and non-indigenous areas, and monitor key threats in the park.

Funding: \$159,656

Grant Term: 4/05-3/07

Grantee: Fundación de Parques Nacionales

Institutional Support to the Osa Conservation Area

Support efforts to manage two protected areas on the Osa Peninsula in the Osa Conservation Area, participate in fund raising under the Osa Campaign, and review internal administrative structures.

Funding: \$19,956

Grant Term: 4/05-8/05

Grantee: Fundación Corcovado Lon Willing Ramsey Jr.

Succulent Karoo

Strategic Direction 1: Expand protected area corridors through public-private-communal partnerships in the priority areas of Bushmanland Inselbergs, Central Namaqualand Coast, Namaqualand Uplands, Knersvlakte, Hantam-Roggeveld, Central Little Karoo and Sperrgebiet

Establishment of Hiking Routes in Sutherland in the Hantam-Tanqua-Roggeveld Priority Area

Design and establish hiking trails in the Hantam-Roggeveld priority area of the Succulent Karoo Hotspot. Develop marketing materials for these routes, train tour guides, and support establishment of small-scale tourism enterprises.

Funding: \$14,925
 Grant Term: 7/05-6/06
 Grantee: Sutherland Unemployment Forum

Greater Cederberg Biodiversity Corridor Small Grants Fund

Promote private sector and community involvement in conservation in the Greater Cederberg Biodiversity Corridor via a small grants program that will support innovative, high-priority biodiversity actions within the corridor.

Funding: \$76,000
 Grant Term: 7/05-7/07
 Grantee: Western Cape Nature Conservation Board

*This is a multiregional project covering two hotspots; the total grant amount is \$108,000.

The Gouritz Initiative: Securing Biodiversity and Harnessing Social and Economic Opportunities in Key Corridors

Establish a functional project management mechanism for the Gouritz Initiative that is fully integrated with CapeNature and larger stakeholder and government structures. Conduct priority actions in the megareserve, including implementing CapeNature's land consolidation/stewardship strategy in four key corridors. Promote private sector initiatives that complement conservation, and secure long-term funding.

Funding: \$237,490
 Grant Term: 5/05-11/07
 Grantee: Western Cape Nature Conservation Board

*This is a multiregional project covering two hotspots; the total grant amount is \$474,979.

Promoting and Supporting Conservation Action in the Sperrgebiet Priority Area and Namibia's Succulent Karoo Ecosystem

Coordinate the SKEP program in Namibia. Establish a functional project management mechanism and develop an implementation plan. Support the Ministry of Environment and Tourism to plan and implement activities in the Sperrgebiet National Park and the immediate buffer zones. Support civil society to implement priority conservation actions via a small grants facility. Develop and promote best practice in the Namibian portion of the Succulent Karoo, and share these more widely throughout the entire hotspot.

Funding: \$850,700
 Grant Term: 2/05-12/07
 Grantee: Namibia Nature Foundation

Strategic Direction 2: Engage key industrial sectors in meeting conservation objectives identified by SKEP

Equator Ventures

Support the pilot phase of Equator Ventures, a partnership initiative with UNDP's Equator Initiative. Implement loan and technical assistance packages to small- to medium-sized enterprises benefiting biodiversity and local communities, and monitor biodiversity results.

Funding: \$11,110
 Grant Term: 6/05-6/07
 Grantee: Verde Ventures

*This is a multiregional project covering eight hotspots; the total grant amount is \$99,986.

Aus Tourist Information Centre

Develop a tourist information center and tour guide service at Aus in southern Namibia. The center and guide service will attract tourists to Aus, raise awareness among visitors (international and local) of the Succulent Karoo, the Namib Desert's wild horses, and Aus' culture and history, create employment opportunities for Aus' young people, and generate income which can be used for local conservation initiatives and community development.

Funding: \$97,350
 Grant Term: 2/05-12/06
 Grantee: Namibia Nature Foundation

Strategic Direction 3: Retain and restore critical biodiversity in areas under greatest land-use pressure

Restoring the Biodiversity of the Roggeveld-Renosterveld: Evaluation, Multiplication, and Establishment of Indigenous Plant Species on Old Agricultural Fields

Increase understanding and knowledge of six key plant species found in the Roggeveld and their use in rangeland restoration. Create awareness among local farmers on the need to restore and manage old agricultural lands, and make available viable seed stock.

Funding: \$20,000
 Grant Term: 7/05-6/09
 Grantee: Western Cape Animal Production Research Trust

Small Grants for Global Conservation of Amphibian Diversity Within Hotspots

Develop and implement the Amphibian Action Fund aimed at the long-term conservation of amphibian species, and their habitats, within biodiversity hotspots around the globe. This fund will make available small grants of up to \$10,000 to be awarded to individuals and groups working within the hotspots on targeted amphibian conservation activities.

Funding: \$17,000
 Grant Term: 7/05-6/08
 Grantee: Arizona State University

*This is a multiregional project covering six hotspots; the total grant amount is \$200,000.

Sharing Lessons From the Succulent Karoo on Conservation Assessment and Planning

Share lessons from and develop technical skills to apply in conservation planning projects in the Succulent Karoo through participation in the 2005 Society for Conservation Biology Congress and 2006 Biodiversity Planning Forum by presenting an oral paper and participating in relevant discussions and training workshops.

Funding: \$2,800
 Grant Term: 6/05-1/06
 Grantee: Philip Desmet

Strategic Direction 4: Mainstream conservation priorities into land-use planning and policy-making**Identifying, Mapping, and Valuing Socioeconomically Significant Biodiversity At the Municipal Level: A Pilot Study in Oudtshoorn, South Africa**

Identify and map natural capital features in the Oudtshoorn Municipality and determine their economic value. Share maps and other products, and lessons learned, with stakeholders, government officials, and Gouritz Initiative staff to ensure that natural capital is integrated into future Integrated Development Plans and Spatial Development Frameworks.

Funding: \$29,651
 Grant Term: 8/05-10/06
 Grantee: Wildlife and Environment Society of South Africa

Demography of Brown Hyenas in the Larger Kaukasib and Klinghardt Mountains Area in the Sperrgebiet, Namibia

Survey brown hyena home range, territory size, habitat use and activity patterns in the Kaukasib area of the Sperrgebiet. Determine hyena density, feeding habitats and diet, gather spatial information and investigate genetic viability of Sperrgebiet brown hyenas.

Funding: \$5,000
 Grant Term: 8/05-7/07
 Grantee: Brown Hyena Research Project

Conservation Priorities for Insects of the Kamiesberg Uplands

Collect baseline data on the composition, distribution, spatial habitat requirements, and conservation status of the insect fauna of the Kamiesberg Uplands, with emphasis on local or regional endemics. Use the dataset to identify priority areas for conservation.

Funding: \$11,102
 Grant Term: 7/05-3/06
 Grantee: Jonathan Colville

An Inventory of the Rare and Endemic Plants and Habitats of the Kamiesberg Uplands

Identify priority areas for conservation in the Kamiesberg uplands in Namaqualand via an inventory of plants and habitats. Feed data directly into a concurrent SKEP project undertaken by Philip Desmet to prepare a fine scale conservation plan for the Kamiesberg uplands, which should become the guiding document for the area in terms of conservation based land-use plans.

Funding: \$18,695
 Grant Term: 3/05-1/06
 Grantee: Nick Helme

Strategic Direction 5: Increase awareness of the Succulent Karoo hotspot**Raising Awareness of the Unique Biodiversity of the Tankwa Karoo and Roggeveld Priority Region**

Raise awareness about the Succulent Karoo Hotspot by establishing a facility within the Tankwa Karoo National Park for information sharing and dissemination. Target audiences include farmers, scientists, students, tourists and the local communities living in the region. The project will undertake extensive outreach activities, and will involve schools and the agricultural sector in pilot conservation projects.

Funding: \$50,000
 Grant Term: 7/05-4/07
 Grantee: South African National Parks

Strategic Direction 6: Create the capacity to catalyze the SKEP program**The SKEP Coordination Unit: Ensuring Strategic and Effective Conservation Action in the Succulent Karoo Hotspot**

Coordinate efforts in the Succulent Karoo Hotspot to ensure strategic and effective conservation activities in Succulent Karoo Ecosystem Program and CEPF geographic priority areas. Conduct core actions including building awareness, facilitating communication between enabling agencies, implementers, and partners, and supporting CEPF in project design and monitoring.

Funding: \$1,071,028
 Grant Term: 7/05-7/08
 Grantee: South African National Biodiversity Institute

Supporting Innovation and Sustainable Financing of the SKEP Bioregional Program

Provide strategic and communications support to the Succulent Karoo Ecosystem Program (SKEP) Coordination Unit during its transition to the South African National Biodiversity Institute. Develop and fundraise for a small grants facility that will support projects linking poverty alleviation with conservation outcomes in the Northern and Western Cape provinces and develop an anchor project linking priority areas.

Funding: \$112,153
 Grant Term: 7/05-12/06
 Grantee: Conservation International

Sundaland**Strategic Direction 1: Enhance stewardship of forest resources at district level and below****Siberut Island Conservation Program: Building Multi-Level Commitment to Conservation**

Establish a presence on Siberut Island in order to build capacity for local people's needs to influence conservation-related decisions at the village, district, provincial, and national level.

Funding: \$370,000
 Grant Term: 4/05-12/06
 Grantee: Conservation International

Studying and Preserving the Peleonan Forest As a Means of Safeguarding Siberut's Ecosystem

Study and protect a forest ecosystem in northern Siberut that is home to the island's indigenous primate species. The project will enlist local clans in stewardship of the primates and their forest home, as well as bring economic opportunities to local people working as project staff and/or leasing lands to the project.

Funding: \$107,000
 Grant Term: 4/05-3/07
 Grantee: Deutsches Primatenzentrum

Strategic Direction 3: Build alliances among conservation-minded groups in civil society and the private sector**Equator Ventures**

Support the pilot phase of Equator Ventures, a partnership initiative with UNDP's Equator Initiative. Implement loan and technical assistance packages to small- to medium-sized enterprises benefiting biodiversity and local communities, and monitor biodiversity results.

Funding: \$11,110
 Grant Term: 6/05-6/07
 Grantee: Verde Ventures

*This is a multiregional project covering eight hotspots; the total grant amount is \$99,986.

Strategic Direction 4: Assess impact of conservation interventions at district level and below**Annual Forest Cover Change Analysis and Change Detection Map for Sumatra**

Analyze and map Sumatra's deforestation for use in determining current conservation priorities and monitoring the change in biodiversity over time. This project will provide a vital component of Conservation International-Indonesia's project to define, refine and monitor outcomes for Sumatra.

Funding: \$50,000
 Grant Term: 4/05-12/06
 Grantee: Wildlife Conservation Society

The Philippines**Strategic Direction 1: Improve linkage between conservation investments to multiply and scale up benefits on a corridor scale in Sierra Madre, Eastern Mindanao and Palawan****Palawan Biodiversity Corridor Facilitation**

Implement priority corridor-wide activities identified in the Palawan Strategy Development project supported by CEPF. Enhance the institutional mechanisms needed to make corridor-scale conservation possible and construct a technical support system that will benefit other CEPF grantees.

Funding: \$200,000
 Grant Term: 4/05-12/06
 Grantee: Conservation International

Eastern Mindanao Corridor Facilitation for the Philippines

Enhance effective corridor conservation through supporting local conservation related to technical capacity, mechanisms to coordinate efforts among stakeholders, and a policy environment that favors conservation.

Funding: \$290,000
 Grant Term: 1/05-12/06
 Grantee: Conservation International

Strategic Direction 2: Build civil society's awareness of the myriad benefits of conserving corridors of biodiversity**Equator Ventures**

Support the pilot phase of Equator Ventures, a partnership initiative with UNDP's Equator Initiative. Implement loan and technical assistance packages to small- to medium-sized enterprises benefiting biodiversity and local communities, and monitor biodiversity results.

Funding: \$11,109
 Grant Term: 6/05-6/07
 Grantee: Verde Ventures

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Strategic Direction 3: Build capacity of civil society to advocate for better corridor and protected area management and against development harmful to conservation**Mt. Irid-Angilo New Protected Area Establishment: An Example of Public-Private Partnership**

Improve the legal protection status of Mt. Irid-Angilo, a key biodiversity area within the Sierra Madre Biodiversity Corridor (SMBC) by supporting the development of the technical documents required for protected area status, developing a management plan, and building the capacity of local stakeholders to participate in management activities.

Funding: \$80,000
 Grant Term: 6/05-12/06
 Grantee: Yakap Kalikasan Tungo sa Kaunlaran ng Pilipinas, Inc.

Expansion of the Mt. Hilong-Hilong Range Protected Landscape

Enhance natural resource management and governance capacity in Mt. Hilong-Hilong by supporting the development of a protected area management plan and the creation and capacity building of the Protected Area Management Board. The project will be implemented through the Northern Mindanao NGO Alliance with the Surigao Economic Development Foundation, Inc acting as the coordinating partner.

Funding: \$130,000
 Grant Term: 5/05-4/07
 Grantee: Surigao Economic Development Foundation, Inc.

Sierra Madre Forest Gardens Program

Engage farmers who rely on slash and burn agriculture in establishing a more diverse and productive buffer zone for the Penablanca Forest. This project is an outstanding example of an innovative partnership consisting of a cluster of CEPF grantees with each focusing on its particular expertise – in this case Conservation International works on building protected area management capacity, Counterpart International supports agroforestry efforts, and Rare is implementing an environmental education campaign.

Funding: \$149,540
 Grant Term: 4/05-3/07
 Grantee: Counterpart International

Empowering the Manobos of Mt. Magd̄wata Forest Reserve Area to Effectively Manage their Ancestral Domain Claim

Strengthen the capacity of an indigenous people's organization to sustainably manage their ancestral domain claim area, a known Philippine eagle site, as a healthy, fully functioning watershed.

Funding: \$10,000
 Grant Term: 2/05-1/06
 Grantee: Livelihood Enhancement in Agro-forestry Foundation, Inc.

Building Critical Stakeholder Support for Conservation of the Philippine Eagle (*Pithecophaga jefferyi*) Population along the Sierra Madre Mountain Range

Locate and monitor Philippine eagles and their nests in the Sierra Madre Biodiversity Corridor to help guide a national effort to protect the eagle in the wild. The project also aims to raise local public awareness of the eagle's natural history and conservation needs.

Funding: \$121,058
 Grant Term: 1/05-6/07
 Grantee: Conservation International

Corridor Facilitation and Protected Area Management of Core Nuclei Within the Sierra Madre Biodiversity Corridor

Support the adoption and implementation of the protected area management plans of the recently expanded Penablanca Protected Landscape and Seascape and newly created Quirino Protected Landscape with special emphasis on encouraging the participation of municipal government in management activities.

Funding: \$300,000
 Grant Term: 1/05-12/06
 Grantee: Conservation International

Strategic Direction 4: Establish an emergency response mechanism to help save Critically Endangered species**Southern Palawan Anti-Poaching Initiative**

Expand the Foundation's successful Philippine cockatoo conservation efforts in Rasa and Dumaran islands by taking on the illegal wildlife trade, focusing specifically on threatened birds highly prized as pets, such as the Philippine cockatoo and blue-naped parrot. The Foundation will target its efforts in southern Palawan, as well as in the principal center for wildlife trade, the provincial capital of Puerto Princesa City.

Funding: \$50,000

Grant Term: 4/05-3/06
 Grantee: Katala Foundation, Inc.

Building Conservation Capacity Through Research of Threats to Key Birds in the Palawan Corridor

Build local capacity to manage populations of the Palawan peacock pheasant (*Polyplectron emphanum*) through biodiversity and habitat monitoring, applied research, conservation advocacy, and management planning. Select Philippine students, key figures within the local community, and conservationists will take part in specially designed courses and fieldwork.

Funding: \$154,346
 Grant Term: 4/05-6/07
 Grantee: World Pheasant Association

Tropical Andes

Vilcabamba-Amboró

Strategic Direction 3: Encourage Community-based Biodiversity Conservation and Natural Resource Management

Sustainable Use of Biodiversity Resources in the Vilcabamba-Amboró Conservation Corridor

Create a partnership between Conservation International-Peru and the Fund for the Americas (FONDAM) in Peru to establish a special grant-making window within FONDAM to fund projects specific to the Vilcabamba-Amboró biodiversity conservation corridor. Both CEPF and FONDAM will match \$500,000 commitments, thus creating a funding initiative for the corridor of \$1 million to be granted to civil society partners.

Funding: \$500,000
 Grant Term: 7/05-6/08
 Grantee: Fondo de las Americas del Perú

Small Grants Program for Species of the Vilcabamba-Amboró Conservation Corridor

Contribute to the small grants program for threatened species in the Peruvian portion of the Vilcabamba-Amboró biodiversity conservation corridor. Matching funds will be provided by Conservation International's Center for Biodiversity Conservation in the Andes, creating at least two years of funding for research projects on priority species.

Funding: \$99,999
 Grant Term: 6/05-12/06
 Grantee: Asociación Peruana para la Conservación de la Naturaleza

Formalizing Forest Access and Implementing Sustainable Brazil Nut Management in Madre de Dios, Peru: Bridging Phase

Continue working with Brazil nut producers to develop the remaining 300 Brazil nut concessions in Madre de Dios. At the same time, further strengthen INRENA's (the Peruvian government agency overseeing natural resource management and protection) GIS and database management capability to ensure its readiness for the long-term sustainability of managing this region.

Funding: \$200,000
 Grant Term: 2/05-1/07
 Grantee: Amazon Conservation Association

Strategic Direction 5: Strengthen Environmental Policy and Legal Frameworks to Mitigate the Impacts of Extraction Industries, Transportation and Infrastructure Projects, and Large-scale Tourism

Disseminating and Implementing Legal Tools for Conservation in the Private Sector in the Vilcabamba-Amboró Corridor, Phase II

Implement legal tools for the creation of private conservation concessions on the Peruvian side of the Vilcabamba – Amboró Corridor with a goal of creating between six to 10 new conservation areas with CEPF funding, all targeted in strategic areas for creating connectivity among other existing protected areas.

Funding: \$169,150
Grant Term: 7/05-12/06
Grantee: Sociedad Peruana de Derecho Ambiental

Comparing Methodologies for Improved Protected Area Evaluation in the Vilcabamba-Amboró Corridor

Prepare and publish seven park profiles, including carrying out final fieldwork in Amboró, Carrasco, and Isiboro Secure national parks and developing key partnerships within the region.

Funding: \$20,000
Grant Term: 3/05-8/05
Grantee: ParksWatch