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Cerrado

Strategic Direction 2. Support the creation/expansion and effective management of protected areas in the priority corridors.

Mosaic of Conservation Units in Sertão Veredas-Peruaçu, Brazil

Strengthen the management of the Mosaic Sertão Veredas-Peruaçu through an update and revision of the Conservation-Based Territorial Development Plan, the elaboration of socio-environmental zoning and the implementation of the Mosaic Fund.

Funding: \$ 202,488
Grant Term: 7/1/17 – 12/31/18
Grantee: Funatura

Strengthening the Integrated Territorial Management for Protected Areas of the Mosaic Sertão Veredas Peruaçu, Brazil

Integrate and strengthen the management of protected areas of the Mosaic Sertão Veredas Peruaçu in Brazil, through integrated monitoring of the Mosaic, participative socio-environmental planning and management, and communication and awareness of the civil society.

Funding: \$187,000
Grant Term: 7/1/17 – 6/30/20
Grantee: WWF-Brasil

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

Cerrado Waters Consortium: A Network for Ecosystem Services Provisioning and Agricultural Sustainability in Brazil

Create the relevant environment to implement a pilot PES scheme in the Corrego Feio watershed in the municipality of Patrocínio, Brazil, with the coffee sector as a business case to be replicated to other municipalities in the Cerrado Mineiro region and to other agricultural value-chains.

Funding: \$193,035
Grant Term: 7/1/17 – 6/30/19
Grantee: IMAFLORA

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Environmental Reserve Quotas Implementation in Mato Grosso and Opportunities in Goiás and Tocantins States in Brazil

Investigate the market feasibility for Environmental Reserve Quotas (CRA) in Mato Grosso state, and provide recommendations to increase the cost savings and environmental impact of this instrument to create an economic incentive for rural landowners to more effectively comply with legal reserve requirements.

Funding: \$104,104
Grant Term: 8/1/2017 – 7/31/2018
Grantee: CSF-Brasil

Innovate in Cerrado Supply-Chain through Municipal-scale Planning, Policy and Capacity Building, Brazil

Promote environmentally and socially responsible rural supply chains that strengthen conservation and restoration efforts by improving economic returns and environmental benefits from dairy farming and beef-cattle rearing traditional rural activities, by strengthening municipal environmental policy and by creating novel economic opportunities for rural communities participating in ecological restoration activities.

Funding: \$288,794
Grant Term: 7/1/17 – 8/31/19
Grantee: WWF-Brasil

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

A Strengthened Network for the Conservation of Cerrado

Increase the capacities of the Cerrado Network and its members in terms of mobilization, communication and monitoring to impact public policies to give greater transparency and visibility to its Cerrado conservation strategy.

Funding: \$249,770
Grant Term: 7/1/17 – 6/30/19
Grantee: Rede Cerrado

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East Melanesian Islands

Strategic Direction 1. Empower local communities to protect and manage globally significant biodiversity at priority Key Biodiversity Areas under-served by current conservation efforts

Strengthening Community Conservation Governance of Mount Tabuwamasana in Vanuatu

Create a community conservation area in Kerepua of Mount Tabuwamasana in the Santo Mountain Chain Key Biodiversity Area. Support a biodiversity assessment, develop a management and land-use plan, establishment a management committee, build biodiversity awareness, identify livelihood projects based on conservation, and undertake fundraising for management plan implementation.

Funding: \$86,222
Grant Term: 7/1/17 – 12/31/19
Grantee: Live & Learn Vanuatu

Strategic Direction 2. Integrate biodiversity conservation into local land-use and development planning.

Community Conservation through Sustainable Land Use for the Cape Saint George area, Papua New Guinea

Establish a basis for long-term, community-owned conservation by carrying out sustainable land-use planning with three communities in Cape St George. This process is envisaged to ensure that communities are aware of their rights in relation to land and natural resources, better understand how they can assist with effective enforcement of environmental protection regulations, understand changes happening in and around their community and its impacts on sustainable resource management, and finally empower communities to better manage their resources.

Funding: \$17,237
Grant Term: 8/1/17 – 8/31/18
Grantee: FORCERT – Forests for Certain; Forests for Life!
Notes: Awarded by regional implementation team

Strategic Direction 3. Safeguard priority globally threatened species by addressing major threats and information gaps.

Strengthening Monitoring, Community Management and Policies for Dugong Conservation in Vanuatu

Support dugong (*Dugong dugon*) and seagrass conservation in Vanuatu by monitoring four areas known for their high abundance of vital habitat and populations. Build community and civil society capacity for dugong and seagrass monitoring, and integrating the findings from the monitoring.

Funding: \$92,550
Grant Term: 7/1/17 – 6/30/19
Grantee: Vanuatu Environmental Science Society

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Strategic Direction 4. Increase local, national and regional capacity to conserve biodiversity through catalyzing civil society partnerships.

Convene the Solomon Islands Species Forum at the Solomon Islands National Symposium

Enable the convening of a Species Forum at the Solomon Islands National Symposium, which includes local and international scientists that have carried out species-specific conservation work in Solomon Islands, to share information and explore opportunities for future work and how concerted efforts can be taken by stakeholders in achieving conservation outcomes for biodiversity. Encourage the emergence of a new generation of local and international experts who, through this forum, can share information about available opportunities through which future work can be supported.

Funding: \$20,000
Grant Term: 9/1/17 – 12/31/17
Grantee: Ecological Solutions, Solomon Islands
Notes: Awarded by regional implementation team

Enhance the Ability of Vanuatu Environment Advocacy Network to Deliver Effective Conservation Action through the Development of a Strategic Plan

Strengthen the Vanuatu Environment Advocacy Network's (VEAN) capacity in project management and institutional structure to effectively support its members and effectively deliver conservation action in Vanuatu. Work through this grant will enable VEAN to strengthen its partnership in Tanna.

Funding: \$18,321
Grant Term: 8/1/17 – 8/31/18
Grantee: Vanuatu Environment Advocacy Network
Notes: Awarded by regional implementation team

Strengthening Research and Teaching Capacity for Biodiversity Conservation in the Solomon Islands National University

Build capacity for conservation science and management at Solomon Islands National University through development and sponsorship of three, one-week training workshops. Outcomes will include scientific articles, research, new curricula, workbooks and proposals.

Funding: \$46,674
Grant Term: 8/1/17 – 12/31/18
Grantee: Solomon Islands National University

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Guinean Forests of West Africa

Strategic Direction 1. Empower local communities to engage in sustainable management of 40 priority sites and consolidate ecological connectivity at the landscape scale.

From Bee-burners to Beekeepers: Supporting Community Beekeeping Organization in Príncipe

Establish beekeeping and agroforestry as sustainable livelihood options on Príncipe in and around the Obô Natural Park (Parque Natural Obô do Príncipe) to incentivize better management of forest habitat, threat reduction to the Western Honey Bee and restoration of degraded areas.

Funding: \$199,249
Grant Term: 7/1/17 – 6/30/19
Grantee: Fauna & Flora International

Planning and Partnership Consolidation for Biodiversity Conservation in the Western Area Peninsula Forest National Park

Work with partners toward planning activities with various stakeholders and actors currently active at the proposed project site, while clearly taking into account current roles, impacts and sources of funding. The project will help identify gaps and conceive new initiatives that will be developed into a new proposal to add value to on-going interventions.

Funding: \$4,500
Grant Term: 9/1/17 – 11/30/17
Grantee: Conservation Society of Sierra Leone
Notes: Awarded by regional implementation team

Strategic Direction 2. Mainstream biodiversity conservation into public policy and private sector practice in the nine conservation corridors, at local, sub-national and national levels.

Demonstrate how Economic Development Can Boost Community-based Trans-border Conservation

Demonstrate the efficiency of the community-based conservation model and illustrate that synergies can, and need to be, created between conservation and economic development of communities in the Tanoé and Kwabre swamp forests of Cote d'Ivoire and Ghana. Develop green value chains that adapt global best practices to the local context in partnership with private companies, local communities and government bodies.

Funding: \$218,000
Grant Term: 8/1/17 – 7/31/19
Grantee: Man and Nature

Mainstreaming Site-Scale Ecosystem Values into Local Decision-Making in Ghana

Assess ecosystem values of Cape Three Points Forest Reserve and Tano-Offin Forest Reserve in Ghana through the use of the Toolkit for Ecosystem Site Ecosystem Services Assessment (TESSA). Make a case

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for mainstreaming biodiversity into district assembly planning and private sector business practices for these two sites and Atewa Range Forest Reserve, all priority Key Biodiversity Areas.

Funding: \$96,324
Grant Term: 8/1/17 – 1/31/19
Grantee: Ghana Wildlife Society

Strategic Direction 3. Safeguard priority globally threatened species by identifying and addressing major threats and information gaps.

Developing Liberia's Capacity for Effective Conservation of the Pygmy Hippopotamus

Develop applied training to build Liberian capacity for the implementation of the Regional Conservation Strategy and the National Action Plan for pygmy hippopotamus (*Choeropsis liberiensis*) in the Cestos-Sapo-Grebo-Tai-Cavally and Lofa-Mano-Gola Corridor areas. Implement a national and transboundary pygmy hippo survey. Reassess the national and regional status and increase governmental and public awareness of this flagship species.

Funding: \$259,907
Grant Term: 8/1/17 – 10/31/2020
Grantee: Fauna & Flora International

Saving Cross River Gorillas from Extinction in Nigeria

Reduce immediate threats to key species at three Cross River gorilla sites in Nigeria by enabling rangers to sustain longer and more frequent patrols and generate data for strategic decisions on future patrols. Support an outreach program to change local attitudes and practices for the conservation of watersheds and the sustainability of Non-Timber Forest Products important for local women.

Funding: \$349,998
Grant Term: 7/1/17 – 6/30/20
Grantee: Wildlife Conservation Society

Indo-Burma

Strategic Direction 6. Engage key actors in mainstreaming biodiversity, communities and livelihoods into development planning in the priority corridors.

Mainstreaming Effective Conservation Models into Cambodia's Environmental Code

Document effective conservation models demonstrated by CEPF grantees and other organizations in Cambodia. Promote integration of conservation good practice into guidelines and sub-ordinate regulations under the Environmental Code, with particular emphasis on co-management of protected areas, landscape conservation and community-based monitoring. Pilot novel data management infrastructure and processes that will enable inter-agency collaboration to enforce sub-ordinate regulations against wildlife crime.

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Funding: \$79,998
Grant Term: 7/1/17 – 6/30/18
Grantee: Wildlife Conservation Society

Madagascar and Indian Ocean Islands

Strategic Direction 1. Empower local communities to protect and manage biodiversity in priority Key Biodiversity Areas.

Mauritian Fruit Bat – A Tool for Forest Regeneration

Use the threatened Mauritian fruit bat (*Pteropus niger*) as an umbrella species to advocate for preservation and restoration of natural habitats by removal of invasive species and planting of bat-preferred, indigenous plant species. Explore non-lethal methods and awareness raising to minimize the conflict between bats and fruit farmers.

Funding: \$143,630
Grant Term: 7/1/17 – 6/30/20
Grantee: Ecosystem Restoration Alliance Indian Ocean

Strategic Direction 3. Strengthen civil society capacity at local and regional levels through training, exchanges and regional cooperation.

Developing Indian Ocean Capacity for Conservation Through Training and Exchange

Connect young and more experienced professionals working within the Western Indian Ocean with the biological, social and conservation management training required to become more effective conservation leaders. Each year, 15 professionals will benefit from field research and training from leading organizations in Madagascar and Mauritius. A proportion of these individuals will then be selected for a six-month post-graduate diploma in endangered species recovery.

Funding: \$231,254
Grant Term: 7/1/17 – 10/31/20
Grantee: Durrell Conservation Training Ltd

Strengthening the Capacities of Young Marine Conservationists in South-Western Madagascar

Train 20 young professionals in marine wildlife monitoring, protected area management and fisheries management, through in-door training as well as field research in two important sites of the Toliara region. Regional exchanges will be organized with Nature Seychelles to transfer experience on coral reef management and restoration.

Funding: \$199,801
Grant Term: 7/1/17 – 6/30/19
Grantee: Institut Halieutique et des Sciences Marines

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Strengthening Civil Society Organizations' Capacity for Improved Conservation and Sustainability

Build the organizational capacity of civil society organizations working on biodiversity conservation across the hotspot, through an integrated, learning-by-doing-together approach. The project includes master classes on organizational capacity; mentoring visits focusing on specific, pre-identified capacity needs; thematic site exchanges for sharing best practices; documentation of lessons learned; and development of thematic networks among CEPF grantees and with other stakeholders.

Funding: \$231,676
Grant Term: 7/1/17 – 12/31/19
Grantee: Tropical Biology Association

Tropical Andes

Strategic Direction 1. Improve protection and management of 36 priority Key Biodiversity Areas to create and maintain local support for conservation and to mitigate key threats.

Conservation Assessment and Planning to Safeguard Globally Threatened Birds in San José de Lourdes Key Biodiversity Area of Peru

Identify, document and map the status, location and habitat of Marañon pigeon (*Patagioenas oenops*) and royal sunangel (*Heliangelus regalis*) in the San José de Lourdes Key Biodiversity Area in Peru. This project will generate recommendations for the prioritization and planning of conservation action for these priority species in a participatory way with local stakeholders.

Funding: \$25,445
Grant Term: 7/1/17 – 11/30/17
Grantee: Practical Actions - Regional Office for Latin America

Fostering Altitudinal Connectivity and Conservation in the Cotacachi-Awa Conservation Corridor of Ecuador

Promote altitudinal connectivity across Key Biodiversity Areas of the Pacific Northwest of Ecuador, starting from the Awá Territory to El Angel Ecological Reserve. Components include strengthening management and governance of the Awa Federation, strengthening formal protection of Awa sites, and establishing networks and tools for stakeholder coordination.

Funding: \$140,900
Grant Term: 8/1/17 – 7/31/19
Grantee: Fundacion Altropico

Identifying Conservation Priorities with Local Participation in Cotapata Key Biodiversity Area in Bolivia

Working in close partnership with the Commonwealth of Northern La Paz Municipalities (another CEPF grantee), lay the technical foundation and conduct stakeholder outreach to strengthen protection and sustainable land-use of Cotapata Key Biodiversity Area. Support baseline biological and socio-economic assessments, consultations with local communities and governments for zoning and conservation site

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identification, and preparation of technical designs as required for declaration of conservation and sustainable use zones in the Key Biodiversity Area.

Funding: \$94,449
Grant Term: 7/1/17 – 8/31/18
Grantee: Conservation International - Bolivia

Management and Species Recovery Planning in the Serranía del Pinche Key Biodiversity Area of Colombia

Strengthen conservation of Serranía del Pinche by supporting a consultative planning process involving local stakeholders to update the Key Biodiversity Area's management plan by undertaking ecological studies to identify priorities to expand the protected area; by developing a conservation plan to safeguard the endemic bird *Eriocnemis isabellae*; and by supporting a sustainable financing strategy.

Funding: \$55,600
Grant Term: 8/1/17 – 8/31/18
Grantee: Fundacion Ecohabitats

Multi-Stakeholder Management Planning and Governance Strengthening for the San Antonio Key Biodiversity Area in Colombia

Work with 20 stakeholders in the design of a governance strategy for the Bosque de San Antonio Key Biodiversity Area. More than 4,500 hectares of forest reserves (Cerro-Dapa Carisucio, Cali and Bitaco) will have a strategic and monitoring plan to integrate climate change criteria into their management planning. By the project's end, strategies for financial sustainability will be agreed upon and implemented. Key species focused on in biodiversity assessments include the Endangered *Strabomantis ruizi* and cerulean warbler (*Setophaga cerulea*).

Funding: \$75,000
Grant Term: 7/1/17 – 8/31/18
Grantee: Corporación para la Gestión Ambiental Biodiversa

Promoting the protection of Water Ecosystem Services in San Lorenzo Municipality as a Vehicle to Strengthen Legal Protection and Multisectorial Collaboration to Conserve Awacachi Key Biodiversity Area in Ecuador

Set up a municipal conservation area of 10,000 hectares within the Awacachi Corridor, which will be organized through a multi-stakeholder platform that includes the Ministry of the Environment, the San Lorenzo Municipality, Flora & Fauna International, and Nature and Culture International. A legal framework will be set up through a municipal regulation that includes the design of a funding mechanism that contributes to a regional water fund.

Funding: \$140,824
Grant Term: 7/1/17 – 12/31/18
Grantee: Fauna & Flora International

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Securing Legal Protection of Alto Nangaritza Forest Reserve in Ecuador

Increase the Cerro Plateado Reserve by 4,000 hectares and work to have the ancestral use by the Shuar Nayump Center legally recognized in the Nayump-Ciudad Perdida sector of the Alto Nangaritza Key Biodiversity Area. Furthermore, Amuicha Entsa Parroquial protected area will be legally recognized with 8,000 hectares in the Cóndor-Kutuku-Palanda Corridor. Fifteen communal leaders will exchange their experiences through a local network and will adopt collective agreements about territorial management within the Nangaritza watershed.

Funding: \$113,254
Grant Term: 7/1/17 – 12/31/18
Grantee: Fundación Naturaleza y Cultura Ecuador

Strengthening Community Management for the Sustainable Development and Conservation of Intag Toisan Key Biodiversity Area of Ecuador

Increase the Intag Toisán municipal protected area by between 18,000 and 122,782 hectares as "Intag Toisan Municipal Conservation and Sustainable Use Area." A management plan will be designed and agreed upon in the participatory way between communities and the Autonomous District Governments, and a management and development committee will be set up for ACUS-MIT involving 21 civil society representatives who will receive training and will be part of the cantonal assembly. Six local ecotourism organizations will increase visitor numbers by 20 percent as part of a strategy to contribute to the ACUS-MIT.

Funding: \$107,015
Grant Term: 7/1/17 – 9/30/18
Grantee: Fundacion Prodeci a Favor de los Derechos Ciudadanos

Strengthening Community Management of Yunguilla – Santa Lucia Conservation and Sustainable Use Area in Ecuador

Work to legally protect approximately 8,000 hectares of cloud forest in the Maquipucuna-Guallabamba River Key Biodiversity Area under communal management schemes. The corresponding management plan for the Yunguilla ACUS will be updated using a broader territorial approach that includes the Santa Lucia community and provides guidance for sustainable natural resources management.

Funding: \$44,999
Grant Term: 7/1/17 – 6/30/18
Grantee: Corporación Microempresarial Yunguilla

Strengthening Management and Participatory Planning in Three Key Biodiversity Areas within the Quito Metropolitan District in Ecuador

Protect about 40,900 hectares of the Los Bancos-Milpe, Maquipucuna-Río Guayllabamba and Mindo y Faldas Occidentales del Volcán Pichincha Key Biodiversity Area as metropolitan protected area of the Metropolitan District of Quito. A management plan for the Pachijal Conservation and Sustainable Use

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Area will be adopted by the Quito Municipality, the Chocó Andean Municipal Association, and the Parroquial and Autonomous District Governments, and a multi-ACUS management committee set up within the Oso Andino Ecological Corridor.

Funding: \$120,454
Grant Term: 7/1/17 – 6/30/18
Grantee: Consorcio para el Desarrollo Sostenible de al Ecorregion Andina-Condesan

Strengthening Protection and Improving Management in Shuar Arutam Territory in Cordillera del Cóndor, Ecuador

At least 80,000 hectares of the Shuar Arutam territory will be legally recognized as protected area in the Cordillera del Cóndor Key Biodiversity Area (KBA) by the Ministry of the Environment. A management plan and a financial sustainability analysis will be designed in a participatory way together with the at least 50 communities and Shuar leaders trained. A baseline of trigger species for the KBA will be set up to begin monitoring. Articles about the importance of the Cordillera del Cóndor KBA will be produced and disseminated.

Funding: \$142,814
Grant Term: 7/1/17 – 10/31/18
Grantee: Corporacion Ecopar

Strategic Direction 2. Mainstream biodiversity conservation into public policies and development plans in seven corridors to support sustainable development, with a focus on sub-national governments.

Promoting Reciprocal Watershed Agreements for Biodiversity Conservation in 27 communities of the Madidi-Pilón Lajas-Cotapata Conservation Corridor of Bolivia

Support the protection of water sources in the Coroico, Caranavi and Yanacachi municipalities through municipal-level legal instruments. In these same municipalities, new municipal protected areas will cover 20,000 hectares in or near four priority Key Biodiversity Areas. Three municipal water funds will be set up, one in each municipality, integrating US\$10,000 of local funding annually in these three funds.

Funding: \$170,074
Grant Term: 7/1/17 – 12/31/19
Grantee: Fundaión Natura Bolivia

Strategic Direction 3. Promote local stakeholder engagement and the integration of social and environmental safeguards into infrastructure, mining and agriculture projects to mitigate potential threats to the KBAs in the seven priority corridors.

Mainstreaming Conservation Strategies into Municipal Planning for the Kosñipata-Carabaya Key Biodiversity Area in Peru

Introduce the conservation and sustainable management of the Kosñipata Carabaya Key Biodiversity Area (KBA) into four municipalities (Kosñipata, Paucartambo, Camanti and Madre de Dios) and two

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natural protected areas and their management plans. Four municipal agreements have been signed for the implementation of the mitigation measures against deforestation. Information about the Kosñipata-Carabaya KBA will be enhanced for better decision making in favor of conservation. The project aims to have 200 local community members acknowledge the ecological value of the Kosñipata-Carabaya KBA and promote its conservation.

Funding: \$131,493
Grant Term: 7/1/17 – 8/31/18
Grantee: Fundación Peruana para la Conservación de la Naturaleza – PRONATURALEZA

Strategic Direction 4. Promote and scale up opportunities to foster private sector approaches for biodiversity conservation to benefit priority Key Biodiversity Areas in the seven corridors.

Promoting Nature-Based Tourism in Kosñipata-Carabaya Key Biodiversity Area of Peru

Implement the Kosñipata-Carabaya Sustainable Eco-Tourism Initiative, prepared with local tour operators through a previous CEPF grant, to include investment for signage, marketing, capacity building, exchange visits and fundraising.

Funding: \$92,234
Grant Term: 7/1/17 – 6/30/18
Grantee: AVISA SZF PERU

Strategic Direction 5. Safeguard globally threatened species.

Assessing the Risk of Extinction of Plants and Updating Key Biodiversity Areas in the Tropical Andes

Support the Red Listing of 500 endemic plants species in the Tropical Andes Biodiversity Hotspot and update its Key Biodiversity Areas to incorporate new Red Listed reptiles, fish, amphibians and plants. Work with four Andean organizations to ensure strong local engagement in data compilation and analysis; consultations; and dissemination. Project products will be used for conservation and development planning and for compliance with international conventions and biodiversity strategies.

Funding: \$249,955
Grant Term: 7/1/17 – 12/31/19
Grantee: International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN)