

Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund

No Objection Approval Pursuant to Section 2.03(c) of the Financing Agreement 30 April 2010

CEPF Financial Summary and Twelfth Spending Plan

Recommended Action Item:

The Donor Council is asked to **review** and **approve** the Twelfth Spending Plan on a no-objection basis. The Plan sets out the budget for grants and operations totaling \$15.5 million for the period 1 July 2011 – 30 June 2012.

The deadline for no-objection approval is 31 May 2011.

A summary of expenditures through 31 March 2011 against the Eleventh Spending Plan is attached for information.

Background:

In accordance with the Financing Agreement, Conservation International shall prepare an annual spending plan no later than 30 April of each year for review and approval by the Donor Council *. The plan describes the proposed funding levels of the spending categories for CEPF during the next fiscal year (1 July 2011-30 June 2012).

As presented, the Twelfth Spending Plan provides for CEPF's operational budget for fiscal year 2011-2012. The Plan does not increase the authority to grant and commit funding, which remains at \$164,550,000.

CEPF has included the projected disbursement and new grant amounts for the pending Eastern Afromontane region in order to reflect the full year plan. The Ecosystem Profile for the Eastern Afromontane region will be submitted to the Donor Council for approval in FY12, with a corresponding request for an increase in spending authority. This amount is subject to approval of the Donor Council and approval of the Spending Plan will not alter the normal protocol for CEPF ecosystem profile approval.

The Donor Council previously approved the use of the CEPF interest for evaluations, annual compliance audits and the 10 year anniversary costs. In consideration of CEPF Phase III, the Secretariat would like to expand the use of interest to include the cost of fundraising, specific donor stewardship and related events. This will clearly separate current fund management from fundraising.

* The Secretariat apologizes for a delay in submission of the Twelfth Spending Plan. The Executive Director was called away on a family emergency at the time that the plan was due, resulting in a delay.