

**Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund**  
No Objection Approval Pursuant to Section 2.03(c) of the Financing Agreement

11 May 2015

Selection of Fundación para el Desarrollo del Sistema Nacional de Áreas Protegidas de Bolivia (FUNDESNAP) as Regional Implementation Team for the Tropical Andes Biodiversity Hotspot

**Recommended Action Item**

The Donor Council is asked to approve, on a no-objection basis, the selection of Fundación para el Desarrollo del Sistema Nacional de Areas Protegidas de Bolivia (FUNDESNAP) as the Regional Implementation Team for the Tropical Andes Biodiversity Hotspot.

The deadline for no-objection approval is 26 May 2015.

**Background**

*Selection of the Regional Implementation Team for the Tropical Andes Biodiversity Hotspot*

On 13 January 2015, CEPF requested that organizations interested in serving as the Regional Implementation Team (RIT) submit an expression of interest by 3 February 2015 in order to pre-qualify to submit a formal proposal. Fifteen organizations submitted an expression of interest by the closing date and were invited to submit full proposals. CEPF released the Request for Proposals (RfP) on 6 February 2015. The RfP placed the maximum value of proposals at \$1,500,000 as per the approved Spending Authority for this Strategic Direction in the Ecosystem Profile. Five organizations submitted valid proposals by the closing date of 23 March 2015: American Bird Conservancy in consortium with Armonia; Conservation International – Andes Program; Fundación para el Desarrollo del Sistema Nacional de Áreas Protegidas de Bolivia (FUNDESNAP) in consortium with Patrimonio Natural of Colombia, Fondo de Promoción de las Áreas Naturales Protegidas del Perú (PROFONANPE), and Fondo Ambiental Ecuador; PRISMA; and Fundación Pro-Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta.

The CEPF Secretariat evaluated the five proposals in March and short-listed the top three applications. Interviews were conducted with these top three applicants from 9 – 13 April. Following the review and interviews, the Secretariat ranked FUNDESNAP Consortium first. The Secretariat then shared the full proposals and its evaluation summary with the Working Group.

On 5 May 2015, the Working Group met to discuss the assessment presented by the Secretariat. During the presentation, the Working Group expressed its satisfaction with the clarity and transparency of the review, and also indicated its full support for the assessment prepared by the Secretariat. The Working Group agreed to recommend to the Donor Council the selection of the FUNDESNAP Consortium as RIT for the Tropical Andes Biodiversity Hotspot, and authorized the Secretariat to begin negotiations with FUNDESNAP to resolve various issues.

The documents provided to the Working Group through this review process are available for Donor Council review at the link listed below.

Full proposals can be downloaded from this link:

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/tf16rzwncf31e7y/AABlc3TRsT3vKJPqacUbjZwza?dl=0>

Attachment 1: Proposal from the American Bird Conservancy

Attachment 2: Request for Proposals Conservation International – Andes

Attachment 3: Proposal from Fundación para el Desarrollo del Sistema Nacional de Áreas Protegidas de Bolivia (FUNDESNAP)

Attachment 4: Proposal from PRISMA

Attachment 5: Proposal from Fundación Pro-Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta

Attachment 6: CEPF\_RFP\_Tropical\_Andes RIT

Attachment 7: Procurement Summary and Assessment of Proposals