

Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund

Seventh Meeting of the Donor Council
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1 November 2004

Follow-up to Decisions Taken at the Sixth Meeting of the Donor Council

List of Follow up Actions:

1. Any discussions about the future of the partnership will include all partners.

*Status: During the 31 March 2004 Council Meeting, a council member requested an informal 30 minute brainstorming session prior to the opening (*or following) of the official CEPF business agenda. After consultation with the Council Member who requested this discussion, this item has been taken off the agenda for the Seventh meeting of the donor council. As recommended, CEPF committed to begin bilateral discussions with each donor agency about the future of the partnership. The bilateral conversations are being undertaken at the time and in the style preferred by each partner.*

2. The updated, revised version of CEPF's Madagascar portfolio review will be shared during the next meeting of the CEPF Working Group.

Status: Final versions of all three portfolio reviews (Tropical Andes, Vilcambamba-Amboro and Madagascar) were circulated to the members of the working group on October 5, 2004. The portfolio reviews were a primary agenda item in the 14 October 2004 CEPF working group meeting and will be discussed during the 7th meeting of the CEPF Donor Council. The second draft of the Madagascar portfolio review was shared with the MacArthur Foundation on 12 May 2004, as requested, in advance of their trip to Madagascar.

3. The CEPF Management Team will distribute The Natural History of Madagascar edited by Steven M. Goodman and Jonathan P. Benstead to each of the Council members.

Status: The book, The Natural History of Madagascar, was circulated to the Donor Council members, following the last council meeting.

4. CEPF will continue to seek needed GEF Focal Point endorsements for the Northern Mesoamerica ecosystem profile.

Status: To date, CEPF has received GEF Focal Point endorsements for the Northern Mesoamerica ecosystem profile from Belize, El Salvador, Guatemala and Mexico. CEPF will continue to seek GEF endorsement from Honduras. CEPF grant resources will not be provided in Honduras, until GEF focal point endorsement from Honduras is received.

5. The Council members will hold a brainstorming session on the future of CEPF prior to or following the next Donor Council meeting. The CEPF Working Group will develop an agenda for this session.

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6. The CEPF Working Group will develop a common statement about biodiversity and poverty alleviation and specifically on CEPF's linkage with poverty alleviation. The Working Group will develop clear metrics for monitoring and measuring progress towards poverty alleviation.

Status: In consultation with technical colleagues specialized on monitoring and evaluation, CEPF Management produced a draft "Common Statement and Measurement Indicators on CEPF and Poverty reduction." CEPF

Management discussed the draft document during the working group meeting. The current iteration of the document, for discussion during the 1 November 2004 Donor Council Meeting, incorporates advice and feedback from the working group. In August, CEPF Executive Director met with representatives from the Ministry of Finance in Tokyo, who emphasized the need to develop a system of indicators to measure CEPF's contribution to poverty alleviation.

7. CEPF will include these new metrics in CEPF reporting tools and undertake a broader scale campaign to inform the various institutions about these ratios particularly vis a vis the relationship with CI.

Status: CEPF developed criteria for delineating between internal and external; and international and national grantees. CEPF will begin reporting on these metrics in the second quarterly report for fiscal year 05 (CEPF's fiscal year is July 2004 – June 2005).

8. CEPF will undertake an assessment of changed threats and opportunities through a revised profiling process for each region, as strategic. (Part of plan for FY05, beginning with Cycle 1 reassessments)

Status: If additional donors are found, CEPF will begin re-assessing ecosystem profiles, beginning in Cycle 1 (Tropical Andes, West Africa and Madagascar) in order to assess changed threats and opportunities and derive a revised niche for CEPF investment in the hotspots. CEPF would not undertake a revised profiling exercise and stakeholder consultation process, that would raise expectations in the field, unless there was a possibility for additional grant support to that region.

9. CEPF will continue to seek regional and associate partners to join the partnership. Any potential new partnership would be vetted with the Donor Council before final offers or decisions are made.

Status: The Chair of the CEPF Donor Council invited the Asian Development Bank, the Inter-American Development Bank and the Government of Australia to consider partnering with the CEPF on a regional basis. CEPF Management has followed up these invitations with discussions on possible models for regional collaboration with the Government of Australia, the Asian Development Bank and the Inter-American Bank. The discussions and negotiations with ADB, IDB and Australia are ongoing.

10. There will be a series of efforts to further CEPF's fund-raising agenda. CEPF donor partners will be involved in this outreach, as part of strategic, targeted activities.

Status: The Chair of the CEPF Donor Council invited the Asian Development Bank, the Inter-American Development Bank and the Government of Australia to consider partnering with the CEPF on a regional basis. CEPF Management has followed these invitations with discussions on possible models for regional collaboration with the Government of Australia, the Asian Development Bank and the Inter-American Bank. The discussions and negotiations with ADB, IDB and Australia are ongoing. CEPF has also invited several individuals to consider joining the CEPF partnership.