

Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund

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

CEPF Financial Summary and Thirteenth Spending Plan

Recommended Action Item:

The Donor Council is asked to **review** and **approve** the Thirteenth Spending Plan on a no-objection basis. The Plan sets out the budget for grants and operations totaling \$17.7 million for the period 1 July 2012 – 30 June 2013.

The deadline for no-objection approval is 15 May 2012.

A summary of expenditures through 31 March 2012 against the Twelfth Spending Plan is attached for information.

Background:

In accordance with the CEPF's Operational Manual (Section OM 2.1 Rev), CEPF 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 2012-30 June 2013).

The Thirteenth Spending Plan provides for CEPF's operational budget for fiscal year 2012-2013. The Plan does not increase the authority to grant and commit funding, which remains at \$174,750,000.

The Secretariat has included in the Ecosystem Grants (page 1) the projected disbursement and new grant award amounts for East Melanesia Islands that is currently under profiling, as well as an amount for pending regions, to be discussed and approved by the Donor Council during its 21st meeting on 11 June 2012. The pending regions will include the prioritized regions for investment recommended by the Secretariat and reviewed by the Working Group following the decision of the Donor Council during its 20th meeting held on 6 February 2012.

In the Grant Making and Monitoring of the Operations budget (page 2), the Secretariat has included, in the personnel line, \$50,000 for the additional monitoring staff that will be presented to the Donor Council for approval in preparation for its 21st meeting on 11 June 2012.

The Fundraising budget included in the Special Projects table includes costs of fundraising efforts namely travel and special events. These efforts will be targeted to the European Commission and the Governments of India, the United Kingdom and Norway as well as opportunities for showcasing CEPF's results in Global Meetings such as the World Conservation Congress to be convened in Jeju, Korea in September 2012.

The Secretariat has included in the Preparation (Ecosystem Profiles) budget (page 2) the projected amounts for the ecosystem profiles for two new hotspots and the updates of two regions where CEPF has previously invested. These regions are pending discussion and approval of the Donor Council during its 21st meeting on 11 June 2012.

Pending approval of the Donor Council on 11 June 2012, the balance of the \$20 million consolidation portfolio (page 1) will be allocated to be invested in a new hotspot or a region where CEPF has previously invested.

The Donor Council is in the process of approving the Mediterranean RIT so that CEPF can proceed with awards in the region; the delay in the appointment of the RIT has resulted in the granting in this region being slower than originally anticipated.

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Thirteenth CEPF Spending Plan for the Period July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2013

Spending Category: Ecosystem Grants	Expected Disbursement	New Grant Awards
Active Regions		
Caribbean	925,000	2,000,000
Caucasus	327,000	0
Eastern Arc Mountains & Coastal Forests	561,747	0
Eastern Afromontane	500,000	2,000,000
Guinean Forests of West Africa	14,250	0
Indo-Burma	1,692,946	0
Madagascar & Indian Ocean Islands	4,722	0
Maputaland-Pondoland-Albany	1,076,587	1,500,000
Mediterranean	1,355,000	3,500,000
Mountains of Southwest China	250,000	0
Polynesia-Micronesia	1,424,201	100,000
Southern Mesoamerica	117,309	0
Succulent Karoo	258,009	0
Tropical Andes	234,172	0
Tumbes-Chocó-Magdalena	384,510	0
Western Ghats & Sri Lanka	897,671	60,000
Total Active Regions	10,023,124	9,160,000
Pending Regions		
East Melanesian Islands	120,000	600,000
Pending Regions*	922,500	3,750,000
Total Pending Regions	1,042,500	4,350,000
* Awaiting Donor Council discussion and approval of new regions, expected June 2012.		
Total All Regions	\$ 11,065,624	\$ 13,510,000
FY12 Spending Plan for Comparison	13,788,043	12,340,000

Authority to Grant & Commit Funding	Phase I	Phase II	Total Authority
Atlantic Forest	8,000,000	2,395,847	10,395,847
Cape Floristic Region	6,000,000	1,629,247	7,629,247
Caribbean Islands		6,900,000	6,900,000
Caucasus	8,500,000	1,000,000	9,500,000
Eastern Afromontane		9,800,000	9,800,000
Eastern Arc Mountains & Coastal Forests	7,000,000	1,735,852	8,735,852
Eastern Himalayas	5,000,000		5,000,000
Guinean Forests of West Africa	6,200,000	1,942,210	8,142,210
Indo-Burma		9,500,000	9,500,000
Madagascar & Indian Ocean Islands	4,250,000	1,402,955	5,652,955
Maputaland-Pondoland-Albany		6,650,000	6,650,000
Mediterranean		10,000,000	10,000,000
Mountains of Southwest China	6,500,000	1,348,406	7,848,406
Northern Mesoamerica	7,300,000		7,300,000
The Philippines	7,000,000		7,000,000
Polynesia-Micronesia		7,000,000	7,000,000
Southern Mesoamerica	5,500,000	1,644,382	7,144,382
Succulent Karoo	8,000,000	1,409,000	9,409,000
Sundaland	10,000,000		10,000,000
Tropical Andes	6,150,000	2,185,000	8,335,000
Tumbes-Chocó-Magdalena	5,000,000	1,813,864	6,813,864
Western Ghats & Sri Lanka		4,500,000	4,500,000
Consolidation (balance of \$20mm authority)		1,493,237	1,493,237
Total Authority	100,400,000	74,350,000	174,750,000

Spending Category: Operations (Secretariat)**FY13 Budget**

Business Development, Management & Communications	
Personnel	456,966
Travel, Meetings & Events	43,921
Professional Services	101,200
Other Direct Costs	123,726
Subtotal	725,813
Grant Making & Monitoring	
Personnel*	813,309
Travel, Meetings & Events	114,485
Professional Services	187,510
Other Direct Costs	111,035
Subtotal	1,226,339
Finance & Information Management	
Personnel	130,702
Travel, Meetings & Events	13,580
Other Direct Costs	24,302
Subtotal	168,584
Operations Total	2,120,736

**Grant Making & Monitoring Personnel includes \$50k for additional monitoring staff that requires Donor Council discussion and approval, expected June 2012.*

Spending Category: Management Fee (CI's audited indirect cost rate)

504,735

Total Operations & Management Fee	\$ 2,625,471
FY12 Spending Plan for Comparison	2,455,359

Spending Category: Preparation (Pending Profiling*)

1,400,000

FY12 Spending Plan for Comparison

544,284

** Awaiting Donor Council discussion and approval of new regions, expected June 2012.*

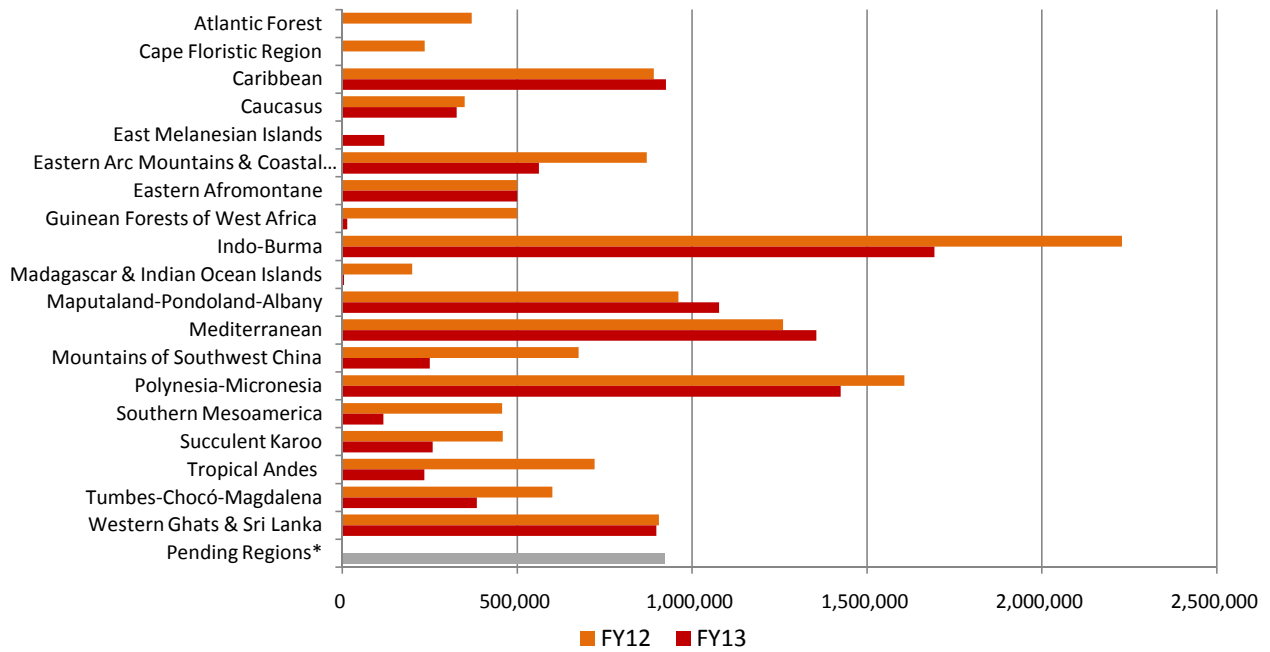
Spending Category: Special Projects (from interest)

Auditing Fee	55,000
Fundraising	112,627
Total Special Projects	167,627
FY12 Spending Plan for Comparison	174,946

Total FY13 Spending Plan	\$ 17,703,098
FY12 Spending Plan for Comparison	15,514,589

Expected Disbursements

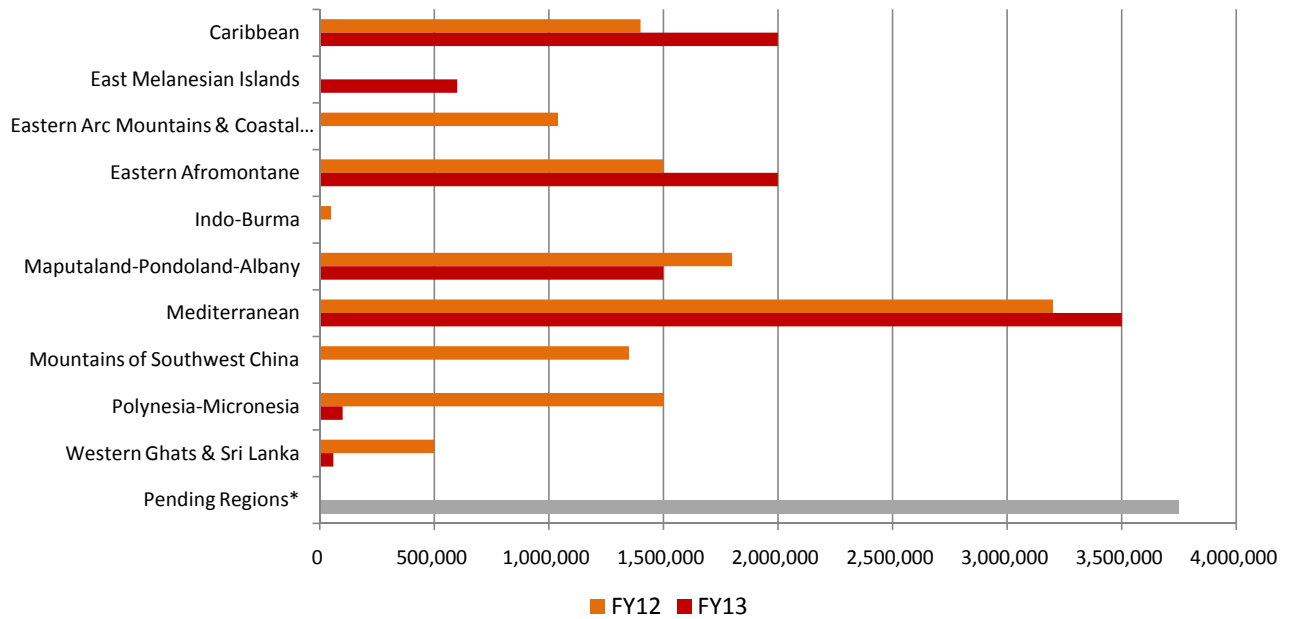
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Planned Awards

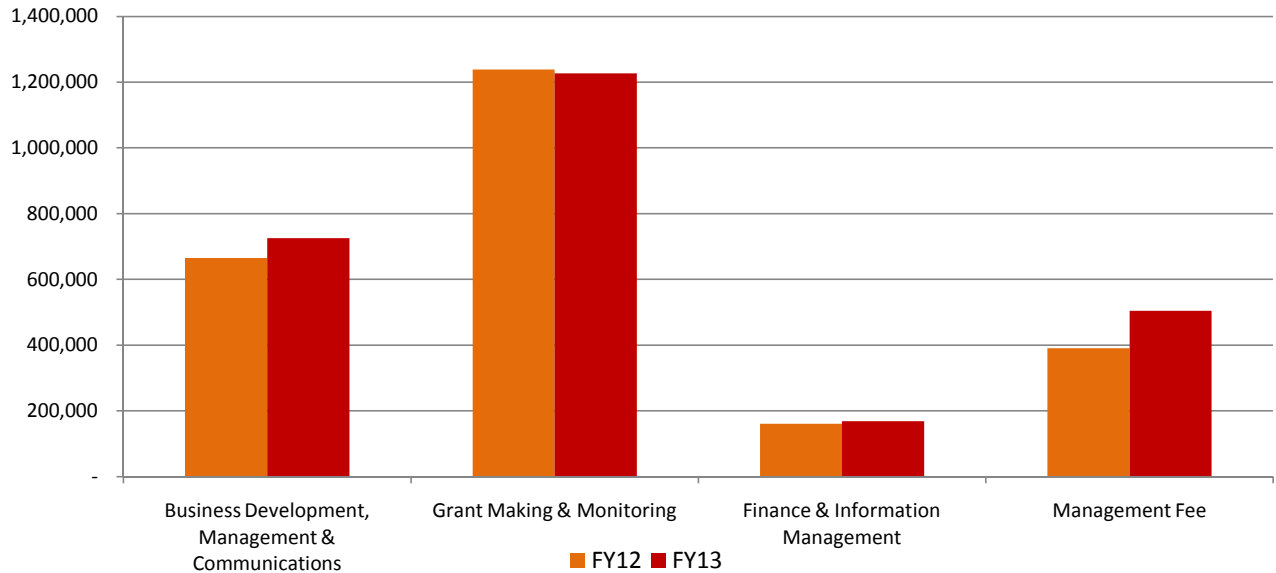
(FY12 Total = \$12.3mm, FY13 Total = \$13.5mm)



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Operational Costs

(FY12 Total = \$2.5mm, FY13 Total = \$2.6mm)



Overall CEPF Spending Plan

(FY12 Total = \$15.5mm, FY13 Total = \$17.7mm)

