

Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund

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Report on Progress by the Executive Director

For Information Only:

The Executive Director will highlight key areas of progress since the sixth meeting of the Donor Council on 31 March 2004. For information, a detailed report on progress covering the following activities is attached:

- Partnership highlights
- Highlights from the field
- Increasing communication with grantees, donor partners and the conservation community
- Taking Stock – update on monitoring and evaluation
- Update on the pipeline ecosystem profiles
- Approved grants (January – September 2004)
- Report on CEPF Financial Summary and Fifth Spending Plan (July 2004 – June 2005)

Partnership Highlights

CEPF Executive Director visit to Tokyo

In July, CEPF Executive Director, Jorgen Thomsen, went to Tokyo to welcome Mr. Takashi Kihara, as the new CEPF Donor Council Member for the Government of Japan. Mr. Kihara is the new Director, Development Institutions Division in the Ministry of Finance. During this visit Mr. Kihara reiterated their request for CEPF to agree on a vision shared by the CEPF donor partners on the relationship between biodiversity conservation and poverty reduction and to develop metrics to report on CEPF's contribution to poverty reduction.

While in Tokyo, Mr. Thomsen also met with representatives from the Ministry of Environment and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

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The CSD was created in 1992 to ensure follow up and effective monitoring of the implementation of the Rio Earth Summit agreements. During CSD11 (Spring 2003), the commission was restructured and now operates on two-year thematic cycles; the first year discusses the progress made towards sustainable development in relation to the identified thematic cluster and the second year focuses on speeding up implementation and building on lessons learned. The CSD has been designated as the focal point for discussion on partnerships in the context of sustainable development. At the request of the commission and with the understanding that partnerships contribute to the implementation of sustainable development, a Partnership Fair component was added to the Program of Work for CSD12. Registered partnerships were invited to present the progress of their programs to CSD12 participants. Each partnership had 30 minutes to present, followed by a 15-minute question and answer session.

While biodiversity conservation was not the primary focus of CSD12, each thematic cluster is addressed in the context of several crosscutting issues, including poverty eradication and protecting and managing the natural resource base of economic and social development. As a registered partnership with the CSD, CEPF participated in the Partnership Fair component of CSD12 on 23 April 2004 to demonstrate our progress made towards implementing sustainable development through these two crosscutting issues. The CEPF presentation provided an overview of the partnership's objectives, its means of reaching civil society on the ground and its relationship to poverty alleviation. CEPF has demonstrated significant progress towards sustainable development through its capacity building work with civil society in developing countries. This message was relayed to the Partnership Fair participants.

CEPF's participation in the Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD) Partnership Fair is part of our requirements to fulfill our Type II Partnership status (now called WSSD Partnerships). The Government of Japan contribution to the CEPF is categorized as a WSSD Partnership.

World Bank Mission to Brazil

In March, World Bank colleagues, Warren Evans (Sector Director, Environment Department), Michael Carroll (CEPF Task Manager), Abel Mejia (Sector Manager of Environment Department for Latin America), Garo Batmanian (Senior Environment Specialist for Brazil) spent time in Brazil with Jason Cole (CEPF Grant Director for Brazil) and various grantees learning about CEPF's program in the Atlantic Forest. CEPF has been providing grants in the Atlantic Forest since December 2002 and currently has an active portfolio of 26 grants providing \$5.1 million to civil society groups working to conserve biodiversity. CEPF's niche in the Atlantic Forest hotspot is the opportunity to increase the number of conservation priority areas under protection and management in the two defined corridors through innovative public/private alliances and partnerships. An important element of this niche is the opportunity to complement existing corridor efforts such as the PPG-7.

The trip provided for significant discussion among the visiting Bank team and the CEPF grant director. Key points discussed included:

- How decentralization of CEPF decisionmaking is working in the Atlantic Forest – The mission discussed in detail how proposals are reviewed and decided upon, both in the regular CEPF process and the small grant programs. .
- Incentives for the creation of private reserves, which is a fundamental component of the CEPF niche for the Atlantic Forest – The mission had long discussions about the fact that financial incentives are lacking for creating private reserves, yet there seems to be strong support for them with many landowners agreeing to create reserves on their lands. This is being used as an innovative tool for helping establish connectivity between protected areas, yet further exploration on new policies to provide better incentives is needed.
- Working with the private sector – The mission discussed the merits of a CEPF grant to Instituto BioAtlantica for the Establishment of a Network of Private Reserves and Conservation/Recuperation Systems of Forest Fragments in the South of Bahia implementing efforts on the lands of one of the largest pulp producers of Brazil. This is a sensitive debate within the NGO community since the companies involved have for so long been viewed as the enemy to conservation. This debate continues, but it is exciting for CEPF to be participating in the first direct effort to engage such a company in Brazil.
- Collaboration with the local Bank team – The mission highlighted that collaboration between CEPF and the local World Bank office is occurring and they discussed how to expand this effort. One agreed method is for the Grant Director to provide regular updates of the projects funded. Also discussed was the idea of having CEPF present a second time to the Bank’s periodic “brown bag” type sessions in Brasilia. In addition, there may be opportunities to share lessons learned in the CEPF experience with other Bank-led projects within the Atlantic Forest; for example, presenting how the locally-managed small grant mechanisms work under CEPF.
- General comment about donor communication – The mission suggested that future donor reports should highlight more interesting elements in the reports to the donors, highlighting local coordination of the initiative, innovative programs on the ground, links to other large initiatives, key leveraging examples, and major partnerships.

The mission in Brazil provided a solid overview of CEPF’s management in the Atlantic Forest portfolio, including highlights focused on decentralized coordination, innovation, and collaboration among key partners, and was a great opportunity to strengthen the relationship between CEPF and the World Bank.

Highlights From The Field

The CEPF global grant portfolio has grown to in excess of \$49 million, up a robust \$13 million from the Summary of Progress presented to the Donor Council in March 2004. To date, our grants have enabled more than 190 nongovernmental organizations (NGOs), community groups and other civil society partners to undertake strategic conservation projects in 13 of Earth’s biodiversity hotspots.

This support to civil society has made a significant new partnership and a number of outcomes possible in the field since the last meeting of the Donor Council.

- CEPF and the United Nations Foundation agreed to join forces in supporting a conservation action and network program on the Indonesian island of Sumatra that will build local capacity to manage the island's third largest national park and benefit two other important parks too. Together the parks—Bukit Barisan Selatan National Park, Kerinci Seblat and Nunung Leuser—represent the most important blocks of lowland forests on the island. The World Heritage Committee declared the three parks as a single "Tropical Rainforest Heritage of Sumatra" World Heritage Site in June. The program, known as CANOPI, will train local NGOs and individuals in and around Bukit Barisan to monitor and mitigate threats to the park. It will also provide small grants for the groups to implement related projects and will offer training to managers and NGOs working in the other two parks as well.

- Also in Sumatra, long-time CEPF support to an alliance of more than 20 local groups led by WWF played a key role in the Indonesian government's declaration of Tesso Nilo as a national park in July 2004. The new 38,576-hectare Tesso Nilo National Park is a vital piece of 188,000 hectares of natural tropical lowland forest that remain in the Tesso Nilo Forest Complex. The national government also declared Batang Gadis National Park in northern Sumatra—both in follow-up to its public pledge to create 12 new protected areas this year. In the case of Tesso Nilo, the government took advantage of two retired logging concessions. Work is now underway to establish a management board, including community representatives, to devise and implement a management plan. With CEPF support, WWF also helped establish the Tesso Nilo Community Forum, bringing together all 23 communities surrounding the greater Tesso Nilo Forest Complex. The communities work together to protect the forest and deter potential illegal loggers by creating alternative sustainable income sources from nontimber forest products, such as production of wild honey.
- The CEPF-supported publication of a new action plan for the conservation of West African chimpanzees proved to be a needed springboard for increasing momentum, networking and donor commitments in the Guinean Forests of West Africa Hotspot. The Regional Action Plan for the Conservation of Chimpanzees in West Africa confirms that chimpanzees in the West African region are in serious decline and details a strategy for protecting 80 percent of those surviving. It is the result of a meeting of 72 experts in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire. New commitments include a \$226,780 investment by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and initiatives by several zoos. In March 2004, the United States Agency for International Development Mission to Guinea and Sierra Leone also issued an official Annual Program Statement calling for potential partners to submit proposals to carry out activities in support of its Chimpanzee Conservation and Sensitization Activity in the two countries. The program expects to award a total of \$1 million. Local populations of chimpanzees and humans both stand to benefit. Deforestation is a principal driver of chimpanzee declines in the hotspot, and scientists have shown that it has far-reaching consequences for human populations as well. Deforestation in West Africa has led to decreased rainfall, causing a desertification process that, combined with recent growth in human populations in the region, could bring about resource shortages that could be catastrophic. The degradation of natural resources has also been linked to poverty and civil conflict in the region.
- In the Tropical Andes Hotspot, CEPF support enabled the Amazon Conservation Association (ACA) to assist 80 pioneering Brazil nut producers—known as castañeros—in ensuring the continuity of their livelihood, which in turn depends on healthy forests. With assistance from ACA, each of the castañeros in the Peruvian state of Madre de Dios mapped their traditional area of land tenure, developed a management plan and won a 40-year concession from the Instituto Nacional de Recursos Naturales, which oversees natural resource management in the country. The results are no small feat in Madre de Dios, where conservation has at times been viewed as taking away access to resources and where land tenure is far from straightforward. It is also an imperative for the thousands of castañeros in the region. Recent national forestry legislation requires castañeros to develop formal management plans, complete with maps, for their concessions, which could otherwise be granted to more intensive, extractive industries.

Increasing Communication with Grantees, Donor Partners and the Conservation Community

CEPF continued to enhance its communications efforts to promote and help advance its mission, while expanding information sharing between grantees. One of the major communications aims is to demonstrate and share progress and lessons learned.

- Our local coordination teams and partners helped bring together hundreds of civil society organizations to share secrets of success for maximizing conservation in the hotspots. Each of the conferences that took place in China, Costa Rica, Peru and South Africa aimed to help the groups we support and their partners build on one another's successes, avoid duplication of effort and learn and share best practices—all fundamental tenets of our strategic approach.
 - o In the Mesoamerica Hotspot, 36 groups receiving CEPF support participated in the "Conservation Dialogues for Projects in the Southern Mesoamerican Corridor" hosted by the Rainforest Alliance

- in March. The meeting was a key output of a grant to the Rainforest Alliance to advance information sharing in Neotropical hotspots, particularly through expansion of the Eco-Index site, www.eco-index.org.
- o Our grantee partners gathered in Lima, Peru in May to review strategy, prioritize key areas for further action and share experiences in their work to safeguard the Vilcabamba-Amboró conservation corridor in the Tropical Andes Hotspot. In addition to grantees, representatives from Peru's Instituto Nacional de Recursos Naturales and Bolivia's El Servicio Nacional de Areas Protegidas as well as park guards from protected areas participated.
 - o In June, more than 260 people gathered for the Cape Action for People and the Environment (C.A.P.E.) first partners' conference. Entitled "Innovating Conservation," it brought together partner organizations, government agencies and donors to review progress, share lessons learned and plan for the next five years of implementation in the Cape Floristic Region Hotspot.
 - o Also in June, a "Sharing, Cooperation and Scaling Up" meeting organized by Conservation International's China Program drew together for the first time civil society groups we support in the Mountains of Southwest China Hotspot.
- Our newly created local coordination teams in the Caucasus Hotspot and the Eastern Arc Mountains and Coastal Forests of Tanzania and Kenya Hotspot publicly launched the CEPF ecosystem profiles for these two regions in May and June, respectively. Both launches brought a range of stakeholders together to learn how they can help implement and benefit from the investment strategies, and resulted in prominent coverage in the local media, including coverage by local media and the Reuters and Inter Press news services in the Caucasus and a half-page Q & A in the *East African* newspaper with the CEPF communications director in the Eastern Arc and Coastal Forests hotspot. The Caucasus launch also included the first meeting of a new high-level advisory council composed of governmental and nongovernmental representatives from each of the six countries to help conserve the rich natural resources of the region. Support for the Regional Council for Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Use in the Caucasus is a key component of a new regional approach to coordinate CEPF investments in the hotspot and ensure maximum impact. In East Africa, the coordination team—the International Centre of Insect Physiology and Ecology, the Tanzania Forest Conservation Group, the WWF-Eastern Africa Program Office and local BirdLife partners NatureKenya and the Wildlife Conservation Society of Tanzania—held consultative meetings with more than 70 community-based groups and other partners as part of the launch activities.
 - The CEPF Web site, www.cepf.net, continues to grow as a valuable resource for CEPF grantees and others, with an average of 1,299 visitors a day from more than 100 countries. In July, also CEPF launched a significantly expanded online Resource Center to consolidate and enable visitors to more easily locate the many documents and other resources available on the site. The center offers four special sections:
 - o [Partner Gateway](#): A gateway to the CEPF donor partners and more than 100 CEPF grantee partners with Web sites.
 - o [Publications](#): A library bringing together all CEPF publications available online, including annual reports, ecosystem profiles and final project completion reports. In FY 2004 (July 2003-June 2004), visitors to the site downloaded 264,722 copies of these documents, including 20,490 final project completion reports detailing results and lessons learned by project leaders.
 - o [Related Programs](#): Summaries of CEPF small grants programs managed by local organizations, CEPF-supported conservation funds and other related resources. To date, the small grants programs have provided support to more than 200 additional local groups and individuals in the Atlantic Forest, Cape Floristic Region, Madagascar and Philippines hotspots.
 - o [E-News Subscribe](#): An easy-to-complete, online subscription form for our newsletter. Subscribers to the newsletter now number more than 1,200.

Taking stock – update on monitoring and evaluation

In early March 2004 CEPF conducted its third portfolio review. From March 13 –31 the CEPF monitoring and evaluation team, which included an external consultant, traveled to South Africa to conduct a review of the Cape Floristic Region. The report has been finalized and will be shared at the next Working Group

meeting on October 14, 2004. Additionally, the Madagascar and Tropical Andes reviews have been finalized and are being shared along with the Cape Floristic portfolio review during this meeting. The three completed reviews and review summaries are enclosed at the end of this section for your information.

As with the ecosystem profiles, the portfolio review process will continue to benefit in richness and depth from lessons learned and integrated from previous reviews. CEPF looks forward to discussing the portfolio review process with the Working Group to further define the process and to ensure that we are maximizing our ability to capture the impact and lessons from CEPF portfolios. Following the Working Group meeting and the Donor Council meeting CEPF will circulate a summary document outlining how the current process will evolve based on the first three reviews. As part of this update CEPF will also provide a schedule of the next portfolio review.

Looking forward, the World Bank is currently planning a CEPF Supervision meeting in Sumatra. This trip, scheduled for mid-November, 2004, will visit CEPF projects in the Sundaland portfolio and will provide an opportunity for CEPF and the World Bank to discuss CEPF implementation on the ground.

Update on the pipeline Ecosystem Profiles

CEPF has prepared ecosystem profile for the Indo-Burma (Indochina and Eastern Himalayas), Polynesia/Micronesia and Western Ghats and Sri Lanka). In accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding, each profile was initially submitted to the CEPF partners 45 days prior to the second meeting of the Donor Council. The attached profiles have since been revised to incorporate additional comments and information received from CEPF partners and peer review contributors. Status of the profiles is as follows:

1. The CEPF Donor Council authorized CEPF to begin preparing Cycle 4 ecosystem profiles in June 2002. To date, the Caucasus, Eastern Arc Mountains and Northern Mesoamerica profiles have been approved.
2. First drafts of the ecosystem profiles were provided to the Working Group on 19 November 2004.
3. On 2 December 2004, CEPF convened a Working Group Meeting with representatives from Conservation International (CI), the Global Environmental Facility (GEF), MacArthur Foundation, World Bank, BirdLife International, World Wildlife Fund, South Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP), Ashoka Trust for Research and Environment (ATREE) and Ministry of Environment, Sri Lanka to present and discuss each of the three new ecosystem profiles. Issues and observations discussed during and subsequent to this meeting were incorporated into new drafts of the ecosystem profiles. Additional in-region consultations were held and their input has been integrated into these new draft ecosystem profiles.
4. CEPF submitted revised drafts of the ecosystem profiles on 7 September 2004 to the working group. Kathy MacKinnon, Tony Whitten and David Hulse were consulted on any outstanding technical points in the ecosystem profiles because of their regional expertise and provided comments. Comments from this final review period and any comments discussed at the 14 October 2004 Working Group meeting will be incorporated into the ecosystem profiles following the Working Group meeting.
5. Revised drafts of the profiles will be shared based on the conclusions and recommendations emerging from the discussion on options for funding the pipeline profiles.
6. GEF Focal Point endorsement has been secured for Sri Lanka. The ecosystem profiles are in the process of being considered by GEF focal points in Cambodia, Thailand, Vietnam, Laos P.D.R, China, India, Nepal, Bhutan, and the CEPF eligible countries in the Polynesia/Micronesia hotspot.



Approved Grants
January 1, 2004 – September 30, 2004

Atlantic Forest
Brazil

Strategic Direction 1: Stimulate landscape management initiatives led by civil society in Central and Serra do Mar Corridors

Ecology of Cave-Dwelling Invertebrates in the Atlantic Forest

Understand the richness, diversity, endemism and distribution of cave-dwelling invertebrate fauna within the Central and Serra do Mar Corridors of the Atlantic Forest remnants. The study will also provide information of the general state of conservation in the surrounding areas, allowing for the development of appropriate regulations for adequate management of the areas.

Funding: \$10,000

Grant Term: 10/04 - 8/06

Grantee: Fundação de Desenvolvimento da Pesquisa / Departamento de Biologia Geral - UFMG

Study of Wildlife Animal Traffic in the Atlantic Forest and Its Implications for Conservation.

Consolidate information regarding illegal wildlife trade with the aim of gathering enough knowledge to sufficiently analyze the extent of illegal traffic in the Central and Serra do Mar corridors of the Atlantic Forest. Included will be the development of instruments for measuring the efficiency and effectiveness of conservation strategies in the region.

Funding: \$174,829

Grant Term: 10/04 - 8/06

Grantee: Rede Nacional de Combate ao Tráfico de Animais Silvestres

Biodiversity Conservation of the Restingas in the State of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Carry out a study of the state of conservation of the Restingas along the coast of Rio de Janeiro State with the objective of identifying areas for increasing the protected areas system within the region.

Funding: \$14,537

Grant Term: 9/04 - 11/06

Grantee: Instituto de Pesquisas e Conservação da Biodiversidade dos Biomas Brasileiros

Recuperation of the Atlantic Forest in the Watershed of Rio Caraiva

Implement sustainable systems of environmental restoration and the collective management of the landscape by the citizens of the Carava River Watershed on the Discovery Coast.

Funding: \$194,267

Grant Term: 9/04 - 8/06

Grantee: Instituto Cidade

Socio-Environmental Restoration of the Atlantic Forest of Minas Gerais, Brazil - Education, Research and Environmental Restoration

Increase the forested areas in the region and promote sustainable use of natural resources through community participation, environmental education and the introduction of new techniques for reforestation. Activities include the development of a monitoring program for environmental indicators in the private reserve RPPN Fazenda Bulcão.

Funding: \$159,822

Grant Term: 8/04 - 7/06

Grantee: Instituto Terra

Biodiversity Conservation and Management in the Watershed of the Sao Joao River

Develop integrated management plans among the various protected areas in the watershed of the Sao Joao River to help ensure protection of threatened species and their habitats.

Funding: \$180,000

Grant Term: 4/04 - 12/05

Grantee: Associação Mico-Leão-Dourado

Agroforestry Systems in Southern Bahia: Economic & Conservation Potential of the Atlantic Forest

Carry out a diagnostic of agroforestry systems in the mico-region of Valena (Southern Bahia), working directly with communities and the Agronomy School of the Universidade Federal da Bahia to determine what systems are yielding the best results for conservation and productivity. These results will be disseminated with the hopes of influencing public policy in terms of the region's agrarian development plans.

Funding: \$100,000

Grant Term: 2/04 - 12/04

Grantee: Sociedade de Estudos dos Ecossistemas e Desenvolvimento Sustentável da Bahia

Strategic Direction 2: Improve management of existing and future public protected areas through targeted civil society efforts

Biodiversity Corridor of the Costa do Cacau

Develop and implement an integrated set of actions including agroforestry extension, landscape planning, public policy and environmental awareness compatible with the concept of biological corridors with the long-term objective of creating a mosaic of protected areas and diversified economic activities able to support and maintain biodiversity in the Costa do Cacau, Southern Bahia.

Funding: \$250,000

Grant Term: 8/04 - 12/05

Grantee: Instituto de Estudos Sócio-Ambientais do Sul da Bahia

Protecting and Restoring the Três Picos Buffer Zone: A Corridor Approach to Conserving Forest-Based Services and Biodiversity

As a strategy to restore and protect landscape connectivity within the corridor, catalyze forest protection and sustainable land-use management by private land users and community-based organizations in the areas surrounding the Tres Picos State Park.

Funding: \$175,476

Grant Term: 8/04 - 7/06

Grantee: Instituto Rede Brasileira Agroflorestal

Ecological Corridor of the South of Minas

Develop and implement the Serra do Mar Corridor concept within Minas Gerais State; assist the management of existing protected areas, create new protected areas (both public and private), train in sustainable use practices and disseminate information across the region.

Funding: \$225,270

Grant Term: 5/04 - 4/06

Grantee: Valor Natural

Cape Floristic Region

Strategic Direction 1: Support civil society involvement in the establishment of protected areas and management plans in CFR biodiversity corridors

Van der Kempkloof/Parsonsvlei Management Plan

Develop a management plan for the sustainable use of the Van der Kempkloof/ Parsonsvlei area of the

Eastern Cape Province in South Africa that will inform the development of a community conservation project at Bethelsdorp in the Nelson Mandela Metropole. Funding for the development phase of the community conservation project, which will include a plan and implementation strategy, has already been secured from The Table Mountain Fund.

Funding: \$10,000

Grant Term: 8/04 - 1/05

Grantee: Wildlife and Environment Society of South Africa: Eastern Province Region

Effective Conservation Of Amphibians And Reptiles in the Greater Cederberg Biodiversity Corridor

Collate, analyze, interpret and disseminate data on the amphibians and reptiles of the proposed Cederberg Mega-reserve and western corridor in order to provide strategic input into design and management plans for the reserve, as well as build capacity within civil society in the region to enhance visitor experience.

Funding: \$69,435

Grant Term: 1/04 - 12/06

Grantee: University of Stellenbosch

Strategic Direction 2: Promote innovative private sector and community involvement in conservation in landscapes surrounding CFR biodiversity corridors

Turning Duineveld Eco-Threat Into Profitable Employment: Phase 1 - Development of a Business Plan

Address threats to biodiversity by exploring means to remove alien species and increase employment opportunities in the Cape Floristic Region through a firewood-cutting scheme. Focus efforts in this first phase by preparing a business plan and action plan for the rural coastal area from Gouritsmond to Jongensfontein in the southern region.

Funding: \$1,967

Grant Term: 7/04 - 9/04

Grantee: Duineveld Coastal Association

Mainstreaming Biodiversity on the Cape Flats: Building Good Practice in Sustainable Management

Achieve good practice in sustainable management of sites in the City of Cape Town. It will first achieve this at four pilot sites - the Edith Stephens Wetland Park, Harmony Flats Nature Reserve, Macassar Dunes and Wolfgat Nature Reserve - selected for their diversity of vegetation type as well as their location in the midst of poor black townships.

Lessons learned at these pilot sites will be shared broadly, and the project seeks to develop and initiate the implementation of a strategy to roll out good practice to the rest of the City's biodiversity network that ensures connectivity between sites and links them within catchments and along coastlines.

Funding: \$375,000

Grant Term: 10/03 - 6/07

Grantee: National Botanical Institute

Strategic Direction 3: Support civil society efforts to create an institutional environment that enables effective conservation action

Ensuring an Effective Role for the Southern Cape Herbarium and Garden Route Botanical Garden in Conservation in the Southern Cape, South Africa

Develop a long-term business plan for the Southern Cape Herbarium and Botanical Garden, ensuring that the center is sustainable, appropriately resourced and relevant to users and able to provide services, support, information and data, as well as taxonomic expertise for conservation and biodiversity initiatives and projects in the Southern Cape.

Funding: \$18,334

Grant Term: 3/04 - 8/04

Grantee: Garden Route Botanical Garden Trust

Caucasus

Strategic Direction 1: Support civil society efforts to promote transboundary cooperation and improve protected area systems in five target corridors

Strengthening Conservation Alliances Through CEPF Coordination in the Caucasus

As the CEPF coordination mechanism for the Caucasus hotspot, build civil society capacity to effectively engage in conserving the region's globally threatened species and unique biodiversity. Activities include raising awareness about the CEPF opportunity in the region, helping develop and assess grant proposals, communicating lessons learned, monitoring and evaluating the investment portfolio, and leveraging additional funding to ensure sustainability.

Funding: \$1,300,000

Grant Term: 7/04 - 7/08

Grantee: World Wide Fund for Nature Caucasus Program

Planning Workshop for the Project: Development of an Important Bird Area Caretaker Network in the Five Priority Corridors

Enhance participatory development in a larger grant proposal through an international workshop in Tbilisi, Georgia. Through this forum the existence of a network of like-minded organizations associated with BirdLife in five countries—Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Russia and Turkey—will provide a unique opportunity to increase civil society support to the 45 sites identified for birds in the priority corridors of the Caucasus biodiversity hotspot.

Funding: \$4,652

Grant Term: 5/04 - 6/04

Grantee: BirdLife International, European Office Division

Attending the Regional Stakeholder Meeting and Planning Workshop for the Project: Development of an IBA Caretaker Network in the 5 Priority Corridors

Provide support for a staff member from the Center for Applied Biodiversity Science at Conservation International to attend a regional stakeholders workshop organized by WWF Caucasus to launch CEPF investment in the Caucasus hotspot and a second workshop organized by BirdLife International to develop an Important Bird Area Caretaker Network in the hotspot. Staff will assist participants in developing clear objectives and priority setting during both workshops to be held in June in Tbilisi, Georgia.

Funding: \$4,586

Grant Term: 5/04 - 6/04

Grantee: Conservation International

Strategic Direction 4: Increase the awareness and commitment of decisionmakers to biodiversity conservation in five target corridors

Conservation in the Caucasus: Reports from the Field

Raise awareness about the importance of the Caucasus hotspot and the efforts underway to protect it through a series of articles in Russian Conservation News, an English-language quarterly that promotes biodiversity in Russia and throughout northern Eurasia. Activities also include building local capacity in communications through work with local writers contributing to the publication.

Funding: \$20,000

Grant Term: 7/04 - 7/05

Grantee: Center for Russian Nature Conservation

Chocó-Darién-Western Ecuador

Strategic Direction 1: Establish/strengthen local and regional mechanisms to foster corridor-level Conservation

Connectivity of the Golondrinas Protected Forest and the Awa Indigenous Territories of Northern Ecuador: Preparatory Phase

Coordinate the inter-institutional working group of the Bosque Protector Golondrinas, including building awareness, and planning and coordination of the process to put in place the management plan for the area

together with the communities and local authorities.

Funding: \$9,000

Grant Term: 7/04 - 9/04

Grantee: Fundación Altrapico. Partners: Federación de Centros Awa del Ecuador, Fundación Golondrinas, Gobierno Provincial del Carchi, Ministerio del Ambiente

Communication Strategy for the Chocó–Manabi Conservation Corridor (Phase 1)

Carry out the first phase of a communication strategy for the Chocó-Manabi Conservation Corridor. This first phase will bring together key partners in the elaboration of a shared communications strategy and workplan for the full implementation of a communications strategy.

Funding: \$101,846

Grant Term: 10/03 - 12/04

Grantee: Conservation International

Strategic Direction 3: Identify and promote sustainable development practices in communities near selected protected areas

Conservation and Sustainable Development in Laguna de Cube

Improve the management of biodiversity in Laguna de Cube – Mache-Chindul Reserve, promoting sustainable practices that halt the loss of habitat, increase the forest coverage and improve the livelihoods of communities. The project will help reforest areas surrounding the lake, improve solid waste collection, improve agroforestry systems and develop ecotourism activities.

Funding: \$35,000

Grant Term: 3/04 - 2/05

Grantee: Fundación Jatun Sacha

Promoting Conservation Coffee Production Within the Coffee Growing Zone of the Micro-Corridor Paraguas-Tatamá

Develop the micro-corridor of Serranía de Los Paraguas – Parque Nacional Tatamá Paraguas-Tatama through the implementation of a series of interventions with local coffee growers in the region. Maintain and improve practices of conservation coffee under the shade of the forest canopy in this region, which connects two key protected areas.

Funding: \$316,450

Grant Term: 10/03 - 9/06

Grantee: Conservation International

Eastern Arc Mountains

Strategic Direction 1: Increase the ability of local populations to benefit from and contribute to biodiversity conservation

Capacity Building to Empower Community Conservation

Create environmental conservation awareness among the village members and promote ecotourism in the region.

Funding: \$11,285

Grant Term: 10/04 - 9/05

Grantee: Kasigau Conservation Trust

Baseline Carbon Storage Assessment of Kenya's Coastal Forests

Obtain baseline estimates of carbon storage for Arabuko Sokoke and the Lower Tana forests in Kenya.

Funding: \$19,500

Grant Term: 10/04 - 3/05

Grantee: International Centre of Insect Physiology and Ecology

Kaya Kinondo Community Ecotourism Project

Demonstrate the positive influence of ecotourism by connecting conservation management in the Kinondo

region with tangible social and economic benefits to the local people

Funding: \$19,915

Grant Term: 10/04 - 3/06

Grantee: Kaya Kinondo Conservation and Development Group and Coastal Forest Conservation Unit

CEPF Investment Coordination and Sustainability in the Eastern Arc / Coastal Forests Hotspot

Coordinate CEPF's investments in this hotspot to ensure they are complementary with on-going activities, engage a wide array of nongovernmental organizations and achieve the greatest impact. The International Centre of Insect Physiology and Ecology will lead a consortium of the WWF Eastern Africa Regional Programme Office, the Tanzania Forest Conservation Group and BirdLife Africa as the eyes and ears of CEPF in the region to promote the conservation of biological diversity at all levels of civil society.

Funding: \$700,000

Grant Term: 2/04 - 12/08

Grantee: International Centre of Insect Physiology and Ecology

*Partial funding for this grant came from all five strategic directions in this hotspot to achieve more strategic investment across the established objectives for the region.

Strategic Direction 2: Restore and increase connectivity among fragmented forest patches in the hotspot

Rapid Environmental Impact Assessment of the Rehabilitation of the Tana Delta Irrigation Project with Design of Critical Primate Habitat Improvement, Increased Indigenous Forest Connectivity and

Review previous research and documentation of the Lower Tana River Forest area, update both the biological and socioeconomic baseline and use this information to design an environmental component of a planned rehabilitation with the focus of enhancing conservation management while also engaging local residents in discussion and action regarding the long-term benefits of forest connectivity.

Funding: \$19,500

Grant Term: 10/04 - 12/04

Grantee: National Museums of Kenya

Strategic Direction 3: Improve biological knowledge in the hotspot

Field Guide to the Moist Forest Trees of Tanzania

Publish the completed text of a Field Guide to Moist Forest Trees of Tanzania

Funding: \$19,697

Grant Term: 9/04 - 2/05

Grantee: University of York

Conservation Ecology of the Endangered Endemic Sanje Mangabey *Cercocebus sanjei* of the Udzungwa Mountains, Tanzania

Complete a study that will define, for the first time, the ecological requirements, behavior and demographics of the Sanje Mangabey *Cercocebus sanjei* in the Udzungwa Mountains National Park. These data are vital in determining the conservation needs of this highly endangered endemic primate.

Funding: \$13,000

Grant Term: 8/04 - 10/05

Grantee: Carolyn L. Ehardt

Primates on Mt. Kasigau, Kaya Rubai and Along the Tana River, Kenya: Preparing for Red List Assessments and Conservation Action

Conduct research on primate species in important sites in Kenya to fill knowledge gaps on population and distribution data and enable adequate assessment of extinction risks and conservation action.

Funding: \$19,900

Grant Term: 1/04 - 6/04

Grantee: Conservation International

Preventing Unsustainable Timber Trade from the Coastal Forests of Southeast Tanzania Following

Completion of the Mkapa Bridge

Build on existing baseline research about threats to coastal forests from illegal timber extraction in this hotspot, which has increased due to completing the Mkapa Bridge over the Rufiji River in southeast Tanzania and improved infrastructure. TRAFFIC will undertake a rapid assessment of the threats to these forests and define conservation action

Funding: \$19,999

Grant Term: 7/04 - 6/05

Grantee: TRAFFIC International

Managing CEPF's Outcomes Database for the Eastern Arc Mountains and Coastal Forests Of Kenya And Tanzania Biodiversity Hotspot

Maintain and expand the conservation outcomes database for this hotspot pending the development of a comprehensive monitoring system for the duration of the CEPF investment period. Ultimately, this will improve the Red Listing of species and benefit conservation action in the region.

Funding: \$9,998

Grant Term: 3/04 - 2/05

Grantee: East Africa Natural History Society

Chytrid Distribution and Pathogenicity Among Frogs of the Udzungwas

Conduct a study to improve understanding of the level of infection and the threat posed by the Chytrid fungus amongst endemic amphibian species in the Udzungwa Mountains.

Funding: \$19,999

Grant Term: 3/04 - 12/04

Grantee: The Wildlife Conservation Society

**Guinean Forests of West Africa
Upper Guinean Forest****Strategic Direction 1: Strengthening Institutional Capacities for Conservation****Status of White-Necked Picathartes (*Picathartes gymnocephalus*) in Ghana**

Study and investigate data to update existing information on the distribution and population status of the white-necked picathartes in Ghana.

Funding: \$19,320

Grant Term: 10/04 - 9/05

Grantee: Ghana Wildlife Society

Stimulating a Coordinated and Informed Approach to Biodiversity Conservation in Sierra Leone through**Capacity Building of EFA and the Forum for Environmental Action**

This project aims to redress the specific challenge of environmental reform in gov't policy in post-civil war Sierra

Leone by providing substantive forums and telecommunication devices as appropriate tools for engaging thoughtful discussion and action in both the private and public sector areas of environmental management.

Funding: \$96,700

Grant Term: 7/04 - 6/05

Grantee: Environmental Foundation for Africa - Sierra Leone

Bushmeat Hunting and Trade in the Nimba Mountains

Establish a collaborative management program for wild fauna, involving local communities and Mt. Nimba Biosphere Reserve authorities as the first phase of a long-term initiative for the management of Mt. Nimba Biosphere Reserve.

Funding: \$49,946

Grant Term: 7/04 - 9/05

Grantee: Fauna & Flora International

Improving Implementation of Environmental Legislation in Liberia

Improve institutional capacity of this association, also known as Green Advocates, through review of existing biodiversity legislation, raising awareness about environmental laws and enforcement, training a number of lawyers in environmental law and motivating local communities to conserve biodiversity.

Funding: \$40,000

Grant Term: 1/04 - 12/04

Grantee: Association Of Environmental Lawyers of Liberia

Strategic Direction 4: Public Awareness**Support For African Ornithologists From The Upper Guinea Forest To Attend The Eleventh Pan-African Ornithological Congress - PAOC XI**

Support attendance of five African biologists from the Upper Guinean Forest of West Africa to attend the eleventh Pan-African Ornithological Congress – PAOC XI, to be held in Tunisia, 21-26 November 2004.

Funding: \$15,500

Grant Term: 7/04 - 3/05

Grantee: BirdLife International

Strategic Direction 5: Biodiversity Action Fund**Capacity Building of Local Riverine Communities for Biodiversity Conservation of Two Important Bird Areas: the Grande Chutes Forest at Kindia and the Kounoukan Forest at Forécariah (Guinea)**

Build capacity for natural resource management amongst local riverine communities associated with the two forests.

Develop and prepare management plans for the two forests, and put the plans into action.

Funding: \$19,605

Grant Term: 8/04 - 6/05

Grantee: Guinee-Ecologie

Ensuring Effective and Sustainable Management of the Tiwai Island Wildlife Sanctuary, Sierra Leone, Through the Establishment of the Tiwai Island Administrative Committee Secretariat

Facilitate the establishment of a full time Secretariat to serve as the implementing agency of the Tiwai Island Administrative Committee, the entity that will be responsible for managing the Tiwai Island Wildlife Sanctuary, Sierra Leone. Prepare a business plan for the sanctuary.

Funding: \$10,000

Grant Term: 2/04 - 7/04

Grantee: Environmental Foundation for Africa - Sierra Leone

Madagascar**Strategic Direction 2: Private-sector conservation initiatives****Wetland Conservation in the Mahavavy-Kinkony Complex, Madagascar**

Contribute to conservation of globally important biodiversity of the unique western Malagasy wetlands and associated forests through private sector management initiatives controlled by legally registered community associations and industrial food producers operating locally.

Funding: \$200,000

Grant Term: 4/04 - 12/06

Grantee: BirdLife International. Partners: Sirama; Aquabo; Aquamav; Rainbow Tours; NatureTrek; Za Tours; Ecotour; Austral Evasion; Parcs Nationaux Madagascar; Directorate Generale des Eaux et Forêts

Improving Conservation Site Management Through Stakeholder Empowerment and Private Sector Participation in Daraina, Northeast Madagascar

Establish the Daraina Information and Communication Center as an official forum for community-based forest conservation and community development. All community members, authorities and public sector personnel will have access to information on local, national and international market structures, product

development, natural resources management techniques and improved agricultural systems.

Funding: \$104,500

Grant Term: 4/04 - 9/05

Grantee: Association Fanamby

Strategic Direction 3: Biodiversity conservation and management training

Legal Fees Associated with the Creation of the Malagasy NGO “Vahatra”

Support the creation of a Malagasy nongovernmental organization (NGO) that would focus on biological research and training of Malagasy scientists. The requested funds are associated with legal fees for the creation of this NGO.

Funding: \$3,000

Grant Term: 4/04 - 6/04

Grantee: The Field Museum of Natural History

Strategic Direction 4: Awareness and advocacy mechanism

Expedition Madagascar

Produce a package of media products to highlight the unusual wildlife of Madagascar, the threats to the country’s forests and efforts to promote sustainable use of Madagascar’s resources and protect the island’s plants and animals. The products will include a Web site and a 30-minute radio documentary that will be distributed to public radio stations across the USA and broadcast worldwide via Radio Netherlands’ global shortwave network. The documentary will also be translated into Malagasy and made available free of charge to broadcasters in Madagascar.

Funding: \$9,250

Grant Term: 7/04 - 5/05

Grantee: The Human Footprint

Strategic Direction 5: Biodiversity Action Fund

Madagascar Small Grants Project

Involve local communities, organizations and researchers in biodiversity conservation programs via allocation of small grants for biodiversity management, species conservation communication and information gathering. A complementary program of development of capacity for technical action, and project and financial management will also be implemented through regional partners. These partners or “nodes” will be contracted for the administration of micro-grants to local communities, organizations or community associations who will conduct conservation activities in

Funding: \$271,200

Grant Term: 1/04 - 12/06

Grantee: Conservation International

Strategic Direction 6: Creating a participatory monitoring and coordination network

Madagascar Biodiversity Network (REBIOMA)

Improve biodiversity conservation in Madagascar by providing access to the conservation tools and biodiversity data necessary to set conservation targets and to move toward standards for defining conservation outcomes. The project aims to improve conservation decisionmaking by enabling users to conduct advanced spatial analyses for conservation planning, environmental management and monitoring of project success in Madagascar and, in the longer term, establishing a distributed network system providing broad access biodiversity data for conservation indicator taxa, as well as other geographic layers.

Funding: \$90,024

Grant Term: 2/04 - 12/05

Grantee: Wildlife Conservation Society Madagascar

Mountains of Southwest China

Strategic Direction 1: Develop and operationalize hotspot-wide monitoring and evaluation projects.**Applied Ethnoecology for Biodiversity Assessment, Monitoring and Management in Northwest Yunnan**

Empower local communities to manage key species and ecosystems in an ecologically sustainable manner that will improve the environment while maintaining or enhancing cultural identities and knowledge in northwest Yunnan, China. The project aims to demonstrate to land-use planners how to formulate policy that reflects specific local needs while enhancing biodiversity conservation.

Funding: \$167,904

Grant Term: 9/04 - 6/07

Grantee: Kunming Institute of Botany, The Chinese Academy of Sciences

Assessment on Resource and Environment of Sichuan Partridge in Panzhihua Area

Aim to map the distribution of the Sichuan Partridge in Panzhihua area, investigate the threats to the population, provide specific conservation recommendations, and offer environmental education to the local communities. Another goal is to draft a work plan to establish a new nature reserve with the purpose of protecting this population. The information collected and the techniques applied will contribute to the establishment of a platform for sharing ecological information and a conservation system.

Funding: \$19,555

Grant Term: 6/04 - 12/06

Grantee: Sichuan Wildlife Research Institute, Sichuan Normal University

The Inspection of Three Rivers' Communication of Upper Reaches of Changjiang River

Investigate the human impact on the water system including pollution, fishing and the building of the Xiluodu Dam in the Sichuan Province of Southwest China. This project will promote public participation in conserving water resources as well as enhance students' capacity and awareness on environmental protection.

Funding: \$8,985

Grant Term: 7/04 - 12/04

Grantee: Environmental Volunteer Association of Sichuan University

Assessment on Influencing Factors on the Giant Panda Habitat in Diebu County, Gansu Province

Assess the influencing factors on the Giant Panda habitat in Diebu County, Gansu Province in Southwest China hotspot. This project will embody drafting the ground utilization and vegetation picture of the habitat, gathering statistics of illegal and legal forest cutting, researching local communities influence on the habitat, evaluating protection and management organizations in Diebu, and providing suggestions on conservation and management.

Funding: \$9,295

Grant Term: 7/04 - 9/05

Grantee: Li Xiaohong

Third Nongovernmental Organization Forum on International Environmental Cooperation in China

Enhance communication, develop partnerships between Chinese and international nongovernmental organizations

(NGOs) and strengthen the capacity and management skills of Chinese NGOs leaders in the Southwest China hotspot.

Funding: \$19,998

Grant Term: 6/04 - 8/04

Grantee: International Fund for China's Environment

The Development of a Galliformes Monitoring Program in Southwest China: Preparatory Phase

Develop Galliformes monitoring ability in Southwest China. In doing so, develop a methodology for a Galliformes-based system for monitoring biodiversity in forested habitats. Galliformes lend themselves to this because they are relatively well known in this hotspot and are found in a wide range of forested conditions. The main aims are to develop a system for monitoring Galliformes and to assess how informative this is for other groups of organisms.

Funding: \$19,990
 Grant Term: 4/04 - 10/04
 Grantee: World Pheasant Association

Refining Conservation Outcomes for the Southwest China Hotspot

Refine the conservation outcomes and establish a system for monitoring the achievement of these outcomes in the Southwest China hotspot. This project will build on the results of the 2001 priority-setting workshop for Southwest China, which built a broad consensus for preliminary conservation outcomes for the hotspot. The project will refine the results from this workshop and produce clear and measurable conservation targets in the hotspot. It will also build the foundation for a systematic approach to monitoring outcomes that will permit the objective comparative assessment of conservation results and form the basis for a shared biodiversity research agenda for the hotspot.

Funding: \$323,478
 Grant Term: 4/04 - 5/05
 Grantee: Conservation International

Establishing Database on Mammals and Birds of Sichuan and Chongqing

Establish a database to store and manage the mammals and avian data collected by researchers of Sichuan Academy of Forestry for many years. Also conduct a survey of the endangered Derbyan parakeet, which is distributed in Liangshan Mountains of Sichuan Province, to help fill the information gap about this parakeet. The data of mammal and avian species will be integrated into Conservation International's Refining Conservation Outcome project and significantly improve information in the hotspots, the refining of outcomes and policy development.

Funding: \$47,269
 Grant Term: 4/04 - 9/05
 Grantee: Sichuan Academy of Forestry

Strategic Direction 2: Support site-related projects led by civil society to mitigate key threats to natural areas and species populations.

Establishing White Pagodas as Landmarks of Critical Ecological Sites in Xiaozhongdian Town

Use culture and religion to demarcate important ecological sites as a means to strengthen the sense of community ownership and enable effective responses to the overwhelming development pressure on natural resources in Diqing Tibetan Prefecture of Yunnan Province.

Funding: \$11,464
 Grant Term: 9/04 - 8/05
 Grantee: Angweng Reincarnated Buddha

Promote Public Participation in Conserving Nu River

Enhance awareness of the local residents on biodiversity conservation and the impact of dam construction and development projects along three of the largest rivers in Asia: the Yangtze, Mekong and Nu rivers. The long-term goal of this project is to promote a participatory decision-making process to safeguard natural resources in the hotspot.

Funding: \$16,800
 Grant Term: 9/04 - 12/04
 Grantee: Green Watershed

Natural Resources Protection and Community Development in Tuogushui Village, China

Build a partnership with the Tuogushui community to protect their agriculture from natural disasters and thus decrease the harvest of forest products and work with the Baimaxueshan Nature Reserve to monitor traffic through the mountains.

Funding: \$10,043
 Grant Term: 8/04 - 6/05
 Grantee: Baimaxueshan National Nature Reserve Management Office

Population Survey on Cedar Species (Sabia Pingii) in Yele Nature Reserve

Investigate the distribution, population, age composition and community characteristics of the Chuizhi Cedar, which provides habitat for the giant panda, in Xiaoxiang Mountain, Sichuan, in Southwest China.

Funding: \$19,751

Grant Term: 8/04 - 7/05

Grantee: Yele Nature Reserve Management Office, Sichuan

Effective Public Evaluation on the Conservation Areas and Natural Heritages in China

Improve public awareness on protected areas and World Heritages in Southwest China hotspot. This project will conduct a series of activities including a photo exhibit, workshop, forum, book publication, and network development.

Funding: \$20,000

Grant Term: 6/04 - 12/04

Grantee: Friends of Nature, China

Anti-Poaching and Reducing Illegal Collection of Endangered Species in Wanglang Nature Reserve

Reduce illegal collection of endangered wildlife by applying anti-poaching measures in Wanglang Nature Reserve in Southwest China. The purpose of the project is to improve the conservation awareness and capacity of the local communities and mitigate threats to critical species.

Funding: \$13,023

Grant Term: 6/04 - 5/05

Grantee: Wanglang Nature Reserve

Eco-Lanes Building in Wanglang Nature Reserve

Improve the management capacity, environmental education and ecotourism program in Wanglang Nature Reserve by building riverside eco-lanes with illustration boards in Sichuan Province in Southwest China.

Funding: \$11,245

Grant Term: 6/04 - 5/05

Grantee: Wanglang Nature Reserve

Green Community Network – Public Participation of Ecological Environmental Protection Action Plan

Empower Tibetan communities in their conservation capacities through a mobile unit with environmental education, health care and cultural preservation materials in Tibetan areas of Qinghai, Tibet and Ganzi.

Funding: \$20,000

Grant Term: 6/04 - 12/04

Grantee: Snowland Great River Environmental Protection Association

The Third Green Camp of Yunnan University Students- “Attention to Development of Nu River” to Discover the Biodiversity and Cultural Variety of Nu River

Improve the “green belief” of students by promoting awareness of the status of biodiversity and how local communities influence this status, and set up a communication mechanism with other nongovernmental organizations in regard to the Nu River in the Southwest China hotspot. The project will concentrate on three thematic areas: agricultural expansion, firewood collection and ecotourism.

Funding: \$4,572

Grant Term: 6/04 - 3/05

Grantee: Youth Volunteers Association of Yunnan University

Publication of a Pictorial Book on Yangtze River’s Ecology and Biodiversity

Publish the first of three books on the whole ecology, scene and culture along the Yangtze River. The albums will contain 900 pictures and 150,000 words in Chinese and English illustrating environmental issues along the river to help raise awareness about the biodiversity in this area.

Funding: \$20,000

Grant Term: 6/04 - 5/05

Grantee: Sichuan Greenriver Environmental Association

Inventory and Assessment of Non-Timber Forest Product Resources by Tibetans in Meilixueshan

Engage local Tibetans to assess the status of non-timber forest products (NTFP), explain threats resulting in degradation of NTFPs and identify measures and actions for alternative use and conservation in Mt. Meilixueshan.

Funding: \$9,850

Grant Term: 1/04 - 12/04

Grantee: Kunming Institute of Botany, The Chinese Academy of Sciences

Promotion of Ecotourism Market in the Hengduan Mountains

Improve ecotourism capacity of the Hengduan Mountains in the world ecotourism market and achieve sustainable conservation and development in the Mountains of Southwest China hotspot. This will include designing five ecotourism routes, building a professional guide team, surveying tourists to gather effective data and expanding resources for ecotourism.

Funding: \$20,000

Grant Term: 7/04 - 6/05

Grantee: Sichuan Alpine Ecology Study Centre

Green Olympics Train to the Southwest – A Public Environment Education Project

Connect China's ecological treasure to the Beijing Olympics by conducting public awareness campaigns on trains from Beijing to Southwest China, including providing basic environment, biodiversity, conservation, sustainable consumption and livelihood information to the passengers. The project aims to be adopted on a much broader scale by the Transportation Department and to promote a series of environmental standards for gradual adoption before the 2008

Olympics.

Funding: \$20,000

Grant Term: 6/04 - 1/05

Grantee: Global Village Beijing

The Preliminary Project on Wildlife Consumption and Trade Monitoring and Public Awareness Education**in Key Regions in China**

Collect information about wildlife trade in the Mountains of Southwest China hotspot and conduct consumption awareness surveys in surrounding major cities. The project will build public awareness, strengthen law enforcement and set up a wildlife trade-monitoring network. Information collected from the survey and analysis will provide better information for decisionmakers and the general public.

Funding: \$20,000

Grant Term: 6/04 - 12/04

Grantee: International Fund for Animal Welfare

Conservation Research on White-Eared Pheasant Habitat in Western Sichuan

Monitor the white-eared pheasant and its habitat, with a particular focus on the Zhu Jue monastery area in Dao Cheng County, West Sichuan where the species and its habitat are under tremendous pressure due to increased tourism business and human disturbance. Activities will also include promoting conservation of the species among Tibetan people and tourists, identifying measures to solve the conflict between conservation of the species and community development and providing constructive recommendations to the local government to help ensure local community participation in conservation efforts.

Funding: \$9,556

Grant Term: 4/04 - 7/05

Grantee: Wang Nan

“Preserve Nujiang” Photo Exhibition

Engage civil society's participation in preserving Nujiang River, one of the last free running rivers in China, through a photo exhibition in culture centers and universities of Yunnan and Beijing. The exhibition will showcase photographs taken by environmental journalists and nongovernmental organization representatives who visited the Nujiang area in February 2004 and interviewed many local community people and leaders. The pictures reflect both culture and nature elements in local people's lives.

Funding: \$10,000
 Grant Term: 3/04 - 10/04
 Grantee: Green Home Volunteers

What's Wrong With Yew? A Study of the U.S. Market for China's *Taxus wallichiana*

Examine the role that the United States plays in a devastating trade of Himalayan yew as a major consumer of the bark's extract, known as taxol. Through this grant, TRAFFIC North America will research the chain of custody of Taxol coming out of China and work closely with TRAFFIC East Asia to obtain trade records or information on Taxol, contact appropriate companies to try to determine the extent of their use of Taxol and its sources, contact U.S. government agencies to obtain any trade data available, and contact international experts and the CITES Secretariat for any information available.

Funding: \$10,000
 Grant Term: 2/04 - 7/04
 Grantee: World Wildlife Fund, Inc.

Asia Wildlife Trade Strategy Planning

Undertake consultations with Save The Tiger Fund, WildAid and CEPF representatives regarding an Asia-wide strategy to more effectively address the threat of wildlife trade to biodiversity conservation.

Funding: \$5,302
 Grant Term: 1/04 - 3/04
 Grantee: TRAFFIC International

*This is a multiregional project covering two hotspots; the total grant amount is \$10,604

Asian Conservation Awareness Program - China

Develop creative partnerships with mainstream media outlets to engage cultural, commercial and political leaders to promote greater awareness, concern and action for biodiversity conservation. The program is an innovative multi-media public education campaign designed and coordinated by WildAid in partnership with local wildlife groups, specifically aimed at reducing demand for illegal or unsustainable wildlife parts and products.

Funding: \$250,295
 Grant Term: 11/03 - 9/04
 Grantee: WildAid

Strategic Direction 3: Build capacity of civil society to implement conservation efforts at a site and regional level

Capacity Building for Yunnan Shangri-la County Alpine Botanic Garden

Enhance management capacity of the botanic garden staff, develop management plan and provide training on plant education to staff as well as communities surrounding the botanic garden.

Funding: \$20,000
 Grant Term: 9/04 - 8/05
 Grantee: Construction Planning Office of Shangri-la Alpine Botanic Garden

Voice of Deqin – Dynamics in Environment and Society Through Local Peoples' Eyes

Explore the impact of deforestation and tourism on biodiversity and traditional culture through native people's eyes in the Tibetan area.

Funding: \$6,000
 Grant Term: 9/04 - 12/05
 Grantee: Zeren Pingcuo

Building Conservation Alliance through Coordinating CEPF in the Mountains of Southwest China

Achieve a broad conservation alliance with active participation from civil society to demonstrate the ability to act together to secure major conservation outcomes.

Funding: \$854,100
 Grant Term: 8/04 - 6/07
 Grantee: Conservation International

Make a Difference in 10 Days: International Conference on Nature Reserve's Scientific Exchange and Capacity Building

Build linkages between conservation and science by sending a team of conservation professionals from Wanglang Nature Reserve to a Society of Conservation Biology meeting and to visit conservation institutions and sites in the United States. In addition to capacity building, this project will enable a Chinese nature reserve manager to attend an international conference for the first time.

Funding: \$19,960

Grant Term: 7/04 - 8/04

Grantee: Chen Youping

Promoting Bird Watching in Chengdu City

Promote bird watching and improve public awareness about biodiversity conservation in Chengdu, the capital of Sichuan Province. Activities include enabling a wide range of community participation in bird watching, organizing weekly bird watching, providing training to enhance the ability and awareness on bird protection, building up a bird watching-related Web site and compiling an electronic guide about Chengdu bird watching.

Funding: \$9,744

Grant Term: 7/04 - 6/05

Grantee: Green Student Organizations

Capacity Building for Newly Established Nature Reserves in the Mountains of Southwest China

Bring staff from more than 30 newly established nature reserves in Ganzi and Liangshan prefectures of Sichuan Province together for needs assessment and a series of professional trainings to help build their management capacity to conserve these natural assets.

Funding: \$202,867

Grant Term: 3/04 - 9/05

Grantee: Conservation International

Environmental Education on Wetland Biodiversity Conservation in Northwest Yunnan Province

Raise awareness among local communities about the plight of wetlands. The project includes an evaluation of environmental awareness among local people; development of an outreach program and materials for local communities on wetland conservation; training for local officials and village leaders on wetland protection; and conducting a project evaluation, sharing lessons learned and providing related recommendations.

Funding: \$10,000

Grant Term: 2/04 - 1/05

Grantee: Yunnan Normal University

Strategic Direction 4: Integrate biodiversity conservation concerns and benefits into the implementation of policies and programs at local, regional and national levels.

One World, One Health: The Threat of Emerging Diseases to Human Security and Conservation and the Implications for Public Policy

Conduct a one-day event at the World Conservation Congress devoted to mapping out the links between animal health, conservation and human security, and to identifying creative approaches to protecting the health of people, animals, and ecosystems. The goal is to bring together experts from a range of disciplines to identify areas where unified approaches can improve conservation effectiveness.

Funding: \$20,000

Grant Term: 10/04 - 12/04

Grantee: Wildlife Conservation Society

Development of the China World Heritage Biodiversity Program

Help identify and strengthen management of World Heritage sites in the Mountains of Southwest China as part of helping to build the capacity for management of protected areas as a whole in this hotspot. The immediate objective is to develop a comprehensive countrywide China World Heritage Biodiversity

Program for building national capacity in identifying, nominating and effectively managing World Natural Heritage sites for biodiversity conservation, including through creative partnerships with civil society groups and private sector agencies and organizations.

Funding: \$20,000

Grant Term: 5/04 - 3/05

Grantee: IUCN-The World Conservation Union

Save The Tiger Fund

Award small- and medium-sized grants to partners working to save Asia's wild tigers, tiger prey species and tiger habitats and/or to address the threat posed to tigers by illegal wildlife trade.

Funding: \$500,000

Grant Term: 1/04 - 12/06

Grantee: National Fish and Wildlife Foundation

*This is a multiregional project covering two hotspots; the total grant amount is \$1,000,000.

Strategic Direction 5: Develop and operationalize a small grants program focusing on conservation capacity-building and research projects.

Green Law Clinic— Training Volunteers on Environmental Law

Provide legal assistance to the local communities and reserves while nurturing a group of law students to enhance their capacity and awareness of environmental law in Southwest China.

Funding: \$1,961

Grant Term: 6/04 - 1/05

Grantee: Green Law Institute for Action

Publishing Wildlife Trade Survey Report

Publish a wildlife trade survey report providing information on key endangered species, trade routes, market surveys and usage of the species for food and/or medicine and distribute 2000 copies of the report to regional governmental agencies, conservation organizations, nature reserves and nature magazines.

Funding: \$10,700

Grant Term: 5/04 - 11/04

Grantee: Zhao Yao

Producing Educational Posters for National Key Protected Wild Animals of Sichuan Ganzi Tibetan

Produce educational posters featuring the status of key endangered wild animals in Ganzi Prefecture that are protected under the state wildlife protection law. The posters will be produced in both Tibetan and Chinese Han languages and distributed to local villages and communities to help build awareness and support for conservation efforts. In recent years, poaching of these animals has become problematic in the prefecture due to increased demand for their parts in food and traditional medicine.

Funding: \$6,000

Grant Term: 4/04 - 9/04

Grantee: Peng Jitai

Mapping on Freshwater Fisheries in Southwest China

Produce data for maps of threatened freshwater fisheries in Southwest China; an overview of Chinese fisheries' management, law and policy; a summary report on U.S. aquatic wildlife conservation; and a report on Chinese fishery collections in the United States as director of the Research Program at the Fishery Environmental Monitoring Center in Beijing and a visiting scholar to the United States sponsored by the China Scholarship Council and the Center for Applied Biodiversity Science.

Funding: \$5,000

Grant Term: 1/04 - 4/04

Grantee: Fan Enyuan

Northern Mesoamerica

Strategic Direction 2: Collaborate with other donor-funded projects to facilitate and operationalize successful conservation activities in Northern Mesoamerica's eight most important key biodiversity areas

Infrastructure Integration and Biodiversity Conservation in Mesoamerica

Integrate conservation concerns into the planning of major infrastructure projects throughout Mesoamerica by bringing together NGOs and government agencies for capacity building and analysis of proposed projects. This grant supports an inventory of proposed major energy and transportation projects, their ranking according to economic and environmental criteria, a conservation economics and policy course, and three to five policy analyses of priority projects.

Funding: \$310,286

Grant Term: 10/04 - 3/07

Grantee: Conservation Strategy Fund

Southern Mesoamerica

Strategic Direction 1: Strengthen key conservation alliances and networks within integral corridors

Consolidation of the Protected Area System of Costa Rica

Support initial studies and initiatives that will help Costa Rica consolidate its protected areas system in an administrative, economic and legal sense. The grant supports 11 activities, including studies for improving protected areas' administration, options for cost recovery within individual parks, land-use planning for conservation, designing corridors and building human resources for parks management.

Funding: \$100,000

Grant Term: 8/04 - 7/05

Grantee: The Leatherback Trust

Strategic Direction 2: Connect critical areas through economic alternatives

Preventing Agricultural Encroachment Into Indo Maíz Biological Reserve and Cerro Silva Nature Reserve Through the Introduction of Sustainable Agriculture in Their Buffer Zones

Promote sustainable agriculture and agroforestry to reduce deforestation and promote connectivity between forest fragments in the northern frontier region of the Indo Maiz Reserve, which is threatened by agricultural encroachment. Specifically, the project will promote improved resource management on select farms and the adoption of best practices in sustainable and organic agriculture on 500 farms.

Funding: \$72,549

Grant Term: 6/04 - 8/07

Grantee: Sano y Salvo

Promoting Connectivity in the Talamanca-Caribbean Biological Corridor for Biodiversity Conservation

Increase connectivity between forest fragments along the buffer zone of the Caribbean coast of La Amistad International Park through support to channel payments for environmental services to conserve forest fragments, restore degraded areas, promote community-based tourism and strengthen community participation in patrolling and

Funding: \$99,880

Grant Term: 6/04 - 5/06

Grantee: Asociación de Organizaciones del Corredor Biológico Talamanca Caribe

Establishing the Biological Boundaries of the Osa Biological Corridor Through Data Compilation and Analysis

Analyze biological information to establish a biological baseline for future ecological monitoring and identify priorities for future research.

Funding: \$15,752

Grant Term: 4/04 - 10/04

Grantee: Instituto Nacional de Biodiversidad

Development of a Conservation Strategy for the Coffee Landscapes Within Key Biodiversity Areas of the La Amistad Biosphere Reserve in Costa Rica and Panama

Promote the adoption of sustainable agriculture and species conservation in coffee farms located around La Amistad Biosphere Reserve. Activities will include a multi-stakeholder strategy design process to integrate conservation coffee into regional conservation strategies, build partner alliances and adapt the program's approach to the local context. Starbucks Coffee Company and USAID will fund strategy implementation.

Funding: \$79,552

Grant Term: 3/04 - 12/04

Grantee: Conservation International

Promoting Traditional Conservation Practices in the Cabecares Indigenous Communities of Bajo Chirripo and Nairi Awari, La Amistad Biosphere Reserve

Conserve the indigenous territories of Bajo Chirripo and Nairi Awari by fostering the adoption of traditional resource management practices. The grant supports the development of a strategy for conservation and ancestral resource management, capacity building within indigenous communities and recuperation of ecosystems and threatened species.

Funding: \$20,000

Grant Term: 4/04 - 4/05

Grantee: Asociación IXACAVAA de Desarrollo e Información Indígena

Pilot Project for Local Participatory Management and Conservation of Biodiversity in the Buffer Zone of Indio Maíz Biological Reserve

Build local capacity to develop environmental management plans for five communities in the northern buffer zone of the Indio Maíz-Punta Gorda reserve complex. Deliver technical assistance in biodiversity and natural resources inventory and analysis, facilitate local planning processes of management plans and disseminate results, provide training in organizational development and conservation and assist local participation in higher levels of planning and partnership building.

Funding: \$75,350

Grant Term: 3/04 - 2/05

Grantee: Asociación de Desarrollo y Promoción Humana de la Costa Atlántica

Mitigating Threats to the Bi-National Region of La Amistad International Park Through Community-Based Natural Resource Management and Sustainable Agriculture

Foster connectivity along the Costa Rica – Panamanian border region of La Amistad International Park through the protection of forest fragments and sustainable economic activities. Specific activities include identifying and protecting forest fragments, ecological restoration and agroforestry, environmental education and improved coordination among local organizations.

Funding: \$101,500

Grant Term: 2/04 - 12/05

Grantee: Fundación Agro Ecológica Cotobrusena – Costa Rica

Ecotourism Development in the Inter-Municipal Park of the Mahogany Wetlands in Rama-Bluefields, Nicaragua

Support the development of ecotourism for communities living in the buffer zone of Mahogany Wetlands as part of a broader development program for the area. Specific activities include undertaking an environmental education program, biological assessments and development of tourism infrastructure, training and marketing.

Funding: \$59,765

Grant Term: 1/04 - 12/06

Grantee: Bluefields Indian & Caribbean University

Arresting Agricultural Encroachment into La Amistad Biosphere Reserve Through Community-Based Natural Resource Management and Sustainable Agriculture in the Buffer Zone

Reduce agricultural encroachment into La Amistad International Park through stabilization of the agriculture frontier along the Pacific boundary in Panama. Project supports technical assistance to farmers

to disseminate best practices in sustainable agriculture and resource management, environmental education, organizational strengthening of local environmental organizations and a monitoring program to systematize performance information and lessons learned.

Funding: \$190,000

Grant Term: 1/04 - 12/06

Grantee: Fundación Para el Desarrollo Sostenible de Panamá

Strategic Direction 3: Promote awareness and conservation of flagship species

Environmental Education to Conserve the Flagship Species of the Osa Peninsula, Costa Rica

Increase awareness of the importance of conserving the Osa Peninsula's flagship species through the development and implementation of an action plan and training modules geared toward environmental education in local institutions.

Funding: \$15,342

Grant Term: 6/04 - 7/05

Grantee: Fundación para el Desarrollo Académico de la Universidad Nacional

Rapid Ecological Evaluation and Inventory of Flora and Fauna in the Ngobe-Buglé Indigenous Reservation of Bocas del Toro, Panamá

Generate baseline ecological information, provide local training in inventorying and present management recommendations with community participation of the Ngobe-Buglé Indigenous Reserve to conserve the Damani wetlands, Guariviara y Bisiria mangroves, la Valiente Península and Veraguas Shield in Panama.

Funding: \$10,610

Grant Term: 4/04 - 5/04

Grantee: Fundación Universidad Nacional

Promoting Environmental Education in Selected Ngobe-Bugle Communities of the Palo Seco Forest Reserve, La Amistad International Park.

Increase environmental awareness in indigenous and Mestizo communities located in the Palo Seco Forest Reserve as a pilot effort by developing the first environmental education program for Ngobe Bugle communities, training local communities and local park staff in environment education and improving local infrastructure for training.

Funding: \$20,000

Grant Term: 2/04 - 1/06

Grantee: Modelo de Comunidad Ecológica Los Valles

Succulent Karoo

Strategic Direction 1: Expand protected area corridors through public-private-communal partnerships in the priority areas of Bushmanland Inselbergs, Central Namaqualand Coast, Namaqualand Uplands, Knersvlakte, Hantam-Roggeveld, Central Little Karoo and Sperrgebiet

The Botanical Importance of the Roggeveld: Tankwa Region

Collect and analyze baseline botanical data for the Hantam/Tankwa/ Roggeveld region to identify priority areas and centers of endemism. Prepare a detailed vegetation map and a field guide of the Roggeveld and Tankwa regions.

Funding: \$151,869

Grant Term: 7/04 - 6/08

Grantee: University of Pretoria

Planning the Knersvlakte Biodiversity Corridor

Conduct a stakeholder consultation workshop that will develop a Management and Business Plan for the Knersvlakte Biodiversity Corridor, that will support future implementation of activities over the next three years.

Funding: \$10,000

Grant Term: 4/04 - 10/04

Grantee: Western Cape Nature Conservation Board

Bushmanland Conservation Initiative (BCI) Preparation Phase

Establish a multi-owned protected area through a variety of innovative interventions and mechanisms that draw in local landowners. The protected area will achieve the SKEP conservation targets for this geographic priority area (60,000 ha), and will be nested within a multi-use landscape. This project will develop local conservation management capacity through training of local community members as conservators within the project management team.

Funding: \$260,240

Grant Term: 4/04 - 9/05

Grantee: Botanical Society of South Africa

Strategic Direction 2: Engage key industrial sectors in meeting conservation objectives identified by SKEP

Karoo Veld: Ecology & Management.

Republish an expanded version of a practical book, Karoo Veld: Ecology & Management, Revised Edition, which focuses on the Karoo ecosystem, management systems and tools, economics, veld assessment and monitoring. The geographic focus of the book is the Succulent and Nama Karoo biomes; it will be published in both English and Afrikaans. An awareness-raising program about the book will also be conducted.

Funding: \$39,405

Grant Term: 1/04 - 7/06

Grantee: University of Stellenbosch

Strategic Direction 3: Retain and restore critical biodiversity in areas under greatest land-use pressure

A Transformation Map for the Little Karoo

Develop a classification system for illustrating the current degradation status of the different vegetation types in the Little Karoo. Use the classification system to generate a map of Little Karoo vegetation degradation status, in terms of grazing impacts and current land use, using a combination of multi-resolution and multi-temporal satellite imagery. Produce a transformation map of the Little Karoo, suitable for 1:50,000 scale mapping and modeling applications, which describes the spatial extent of transformation within each vegetation unit.

Funding: \$9,800

Grant Term: 7/04 - 9/04

Grantee: Geo Terra Image (Pty) Ltd.

A Vegetation Map for the Little Karoo

Prepare a vegetation map at a scale of 1:50,000 and accompanying document that will i) identify Little Karoo vegetation units at four levels; ii) include diagnostic descriptions and photographic examples of the units; iii) identify key indicator species and structural characteristics of the units; and iv) provide comments on ecological significance.

Funding: \$47,230

Grant Term: 4/04 - 12/04

Grantee: Regalis Environmental Services CC

Alternative Small Predator Management Techniques in the Succulent Karoo : Options to Conserve

Explore an innovative alternative small predator management technique on private lands surrounding Namaqua National Park, South Africa. Seven Anotalolian shepherd dogs will be supplied to landowners in an effort to limit stock losses and reduce the use of harmful small mammal traps on farms.

Funding: \$9,243

Grant Term: 2/04 - 3/05

Grantee: South African National Parks

Strategic Direction 4: Mainstream conservation priorities into land-use planning and policy-making

Mainstreaming Biodiversity Conservation in the SKH Region: Strengthening and Ensuring Sustainability of the Institutional Environment for Conservation Action through SKEP

Through CI, catalyze implementation activities at the Institutional level to contribute to the long-term security of conservation in the SKH by laying the foundation for successful mainstreaming and institutionalizing of biodiversity conservation in Succulent Karoo regions of South Africa and Namibia.

Funding: \$137,073

Grant Term: 11/03 - 12/05

Grantee: Conservation International

Strategic Direction 5: Increase awareness of the Succulent Karoo hotspot

Piloting a Resource for Environmental Education in the Little Karoo

Test and develop environmental education materials for teachers and students in the Little Karoo. Materials include two booklets, the first about plants in the Succulent Karoo and the second comparing the lifestyle survival strategies of the original San people with survival strategies adapted by plants and animals in the Little Karoo.

Funding: \$6,000

Grant Term: 4/04 - 9/04

Grantee: Garden Route Botanical Garden Trust

The Botanical Importance of the Roggeveld: Tankwa Region

Collect and analyze baseline botanical data for the Hantam/Tankwa/ Roggeveld region to identify priority areas and centers of endemism. Prepare a detailed vegetation map and a field guide of the Roggeveld and Tankwa regions.

Funding: \$151,869

Grant Term: 7/04 - 6/08

Grantee: University of Pretoria

Klein Karoo Awareness Project

Create awareness and stimulate interest in the Succulent Karoo by conducting courses on plants and conservation issues at Minwater in the southern Karoo. Approximately 10 courses will be held for landowners in the region. Project staff will visit farmers who are unable to attend the courses. Through this project landowners will gain an understanding of the importance of conserving their properties and will be introduced to farming practices to help reduce the loss of biodiversity.

Funding: \$5,308

Grant Term: 4/04 - 3/05

Grantee: L. H. Jordaan

Nieuwoudtville Biodiversity Facilitators Project

Create a coordinating structure to raise awareness of biodiversity in the Nieuwoudtville area through facilitation of exchange between local communities and researchers and interactive learning events for school children.

Funding: \$10,000

Grant Term: 2/04 - 2/05

Grantee: Indigo Development and Change

Sanna's Garden: Animated Animals Teach Kids about Conservation

Create an entertaining, gentle and educational children's series using the medium of stop-frame puppet animation. The series will introduce children to a cast of animal characters indigenous to the Succulent Karoo, and will be focused around a garden they build to protect the endangered plants of the region. The aim is to change perceptions of the Karoo as a dry barren area often perceived as empty and of lesser worth. This project aims to prepare the pilot episode in a series that will be marketed to local broadcasters and distributed free of charge to schools.

Funding: \$7,000

Grant Term: 2/04 - 6/04
 Grantee: Fopspeen Live Art

A Conservation Awareness Raising Plan for the Bushmanland Inselberg Geographic Priority Area
 Refine the awareness raising action plan drawn up at the Bushmanland Inselberg Action Planning Workshop held at Swartkoppies, 3-4 April 2003, and produce a document suitable for implementation by stakeholders in the region.

Funding: \$9,027
 Grant Term: 2/04 - 5/04
 Grantee: Namprocon CC

Strategic Direction 6: Create the capacity to catalyze the SKEP program

Facilitating the Transition from Conservation Planning to Action: Providing Biodiversity Specialist Support to the SKEP Coordination Team

Build the capacity of the SKEP Coordination Unit to play an effective role, by providing relevant biodiversity training and access to specialist knowledge. Provide an advisory and review role in the SKEP Technical Working Group.

Funding: \$34,770
 Grant Term: 4/04 - 12/04
 Grantee: Botanical Society of South Africa

**Sundaland
 Sumatra**

Strategic Direction 1: Enhance stewardship of forest resources at district level and below

Enhance Community Capacity Through Rattan Product Development in Northern Siberut

Organize and develop capacity of rattan farmers in three villages in northern Siberut to conserve 15,000 hectares of natural forest. This project will educate the local people on conservation issues to demonstrate a strong relationship between conservation and daily life, such as water/sanitation.

Funding: \$14,913
 Grant Term: 8/04 - 7/05
 Grantee: Perkumpulan Uma Mentawai

Documenting and Stopping Economic Loss From Hydro Plants Slowed by Forest Conversion in Riau

Document and publicize lessons learned from a decision-making process that led to the construction of a hydro project resulting in local flooding and a shortage of electricity in Bukit Bungkuk, part of the Tesso Nilo/Bukit Tigapuluh Landscape. The aim is to help key stakeholders understand and avoid the negative effects of forest conversion on the provincial economy.

Funding: \$9,999
 Grant Term: 4/04 - 9/04
 Grantee: Yayasan Sikap Tulus untuk Sesama

Strategy Development for Sumatra's Newly Declared Batang Gadis National Park

Work with Conservation International-Indonesia to ascertain the best role for BITRA's local coalition of nongovernmental organizations to help secure the newly declared Batang Gadis National Park.

Funding: \$20,000
 Grant Term: 1/04 - 7/04
 Grantee: Yayasan Bina Ketrampilan Desa

Conservation of the Sumatran Orangutan in the Northern Sumatra Corridor

Continue mobile outreach unit to raise local awareness of the orangutan's conservation needs, further develop forest walk and educational program at Sibolangit Environmental Interpretation Center and create an urgent action plan for conserving wild orangutans in the Northern Sumatra corridor.

Funding: \$300,000

Grant Term: 12/03 - 11/05
 Grantee: Conservation International

Strategic Direction 2: Empower civil society to organize in favor of conserving biodiversity

Save The Tiger Fund

Award small- and medium-sized grants to partners working to save Asia's wild tigers, tiger prey species and tiger habitats and/or to address the threat posed to tigers by illegal wildlife trade.

Funding: \$500,000

Grant Term: 1/04 - 12/06

Grantee: National Fish and Wildlife Foundation

*This is a multiregional project covering two hotspots; the total grant amount is \$1,000,000.

Strategic Direction 3: Build alliances among conservation-minded groups in civil society and the private sector

Asia Wildlife Trade Strategy Planning

Undertake consultations with Save The Tiger Fund, WildAid and CEPF representatives regarding an Asia-wide strategy to more effectively address the threat of wildlife trade to biodiversity conservation.

Funding: \$5,302

Grant Term: 1/04 - 3/04

Grantee: TRAFFIC International

*This is a multiregional project covering two hotspots; the total grant amount is \$10,604.

Creation and Management of the Tesso Nilo Protected Area as a Centerpiece of Sumatra's Tesso Nilo Bukit/Tigapuluh Conservation Corridor

Encourage federal and provincial governments to designate Tesso Nilo, a last stronghold of Sumatra's fast-disappearing lowland forest, as a protected area and help to put in place a protected area management system endorsed and run by local stakeholders.

Funding: \$994,972

Grant Term: 1/04 - 12/05

Grantee: WWF Indonesia

The Philippines

Strategic Direction 1: Improve linkage between conservation investments to multiply and scale up benefits on a corridor scale in Sierra Madre, Eastern Mindanao and Palawan

Defining and Monitoring Conservation Outcomes for the Philippines

Support the conservation of biodiversity in Eastern Mindanao, Sierra Madre and Palawan by providing a corridor conservation framework for other CEPF grantees that will maximize conservation investment in the creation of new and management of existing protected areas and the management of appropriate interstitial areas for biodiversity

Funding: \$382,336

Grant Term: 7/04 - 6/05

Grantee: Conservation International

Creating a New Protected Area for the Mantalingahan Range Forests of Palawan

Carry out biodiversity surveys, help build local government's GIS capacity and refine stakeholders' strategy in ensuring the largest remaining forest left on Palawan is declared a protected area.

Funding: \$77,748

Grant Term: 3/04 - 8/04

Grantee: Conservation International

Strategic Direction 3: Build capacity of civil society to advocate for better corridor and protected area management and against development harmful to conservation

Participatory Biodiversity Assessment and Conservation of Mt. Hamiguitan Range, Davao Oriental and Its Environs for Development

Inventory and conserve the endemic, endangered and economically important flora and fauna in Hamiguitan Range and its environs by involving the local community in southeastern Mindanao. This project will provide data to validate the Protected Area Suitability Assessment results for Hamiguitan Range as a proposed protected area.

Funding: \$20,000

Grant Term: 8/04 - 3/06

Grantee: Central Mindanao University

Mt Irid-Mt Agilo Proposed Protected Area Advocacy Project

Establish a permanent Irid-Angilo protected area and strengthen the awareness of the major stakeholders in the southern portion of the Sierra Madre biodiversity conservation corridor. Educational campaigns and environmental advocacy will be used to further encourage the major stakeholders to participate in efforts to conserve the corridor.

Funding: \$19,992

Grant Term: 6/04 - 4/05

Grantee: Yakap Kalikasan Tungo sa Kaunlaran ng Pilipinas, Inc.

Enabling Communities and Ancestral Domain Stakeholders to Improve Natural Resource Management

Build capacity of local people to understand and utilize community-based forest management and ancestral domain claims as a means of conserving forests and threatened endemic species in the Cagayan portion of the Sierra Madre biodiversity conservation corridor.

Funding: \$10,000

Grant Term: 3/04 - 8/04

Grantee: Process Luzon Association, Inc.

Building Partnerships for Sustainable Management of Critical Watersheds in the Sierra Madre's Palali-Mamparang Mountains

Build capacity of local communities and government officials to call for and implement better forest corridor and watershed management as well as safeguards against development harmful to conservation.

Funding: \$9,992

Grant Term: 3/04 - 6/04

Grantee: Friends of the Environment for Development and Sustainability, Inc.

Strategic Direction 4: Establish an emergency response mechanism to help save Critically Endangered species

Enlarged Scales: Strengthening Philippine Crocodile Conservation in the Sierra Madre Corridor

Create recovery plan for the Philippine crocodile (*Crocodylus mindorensis*) that will serve as a basis for well-coordinated crocodile conservation actions by all stakeholders in the Sierra Madre corridor.

Funding: \$13,765

Grant Term: 8/04 - 7/05

Grantee: Mabuwaya Foundation Inc.

Collaborative Work Plan for the Newly Formed Alliance for Research and Conservation of the Philippine

This meeting is a second in follow up to CEPF's workshop on the same subject in September 2003 and will prepare an interim species conservation plan as well as a research plan. Proposals from alliance members should be ready for submission to CEPF immediately afterward.

Funding: \$4,103

Grant Term: 2/04 - 2/04

Grantee: Philippine Eagle Conservation Program Foundation, Inc.

Tropical Andes

Strategic Direction 6: Establish an Electronic Information Exchange and Coordinated Information and Data Gathering Mechanism

Implementing Basic Infrastructure for Local Area Networks (LAN), Internal Telephone Communications and a WAN Network Between the National Herbarium of Bolivia and the Bolivian Fauna Collection

Install a computer and telephone network connecting the National Herbarium of Bolivia and the Bolivian Fauna Collection as part of the first phase in a larger effort to interconnect all of the branches of the Instituto de Ecología.

Funding: \$9,831

Grant Term: 6/04 - 12/04

Grantee: Fundación para el Desarrollo de la Ecología

The Vilcabamba-Amboró Corridor Biodiversity Information Management System: A Collaborative Internet Resource for Scientists, Educators and Conservation Managers

Create a mechanism for information sharing across the Vilcabamba-Amboró corridor, making relevant information available on projects, activities and monitoring indicators for biodiversity conservation. The project will also help build capacity of the organizations involved and help build alliances among all those working in the corridor.

Funding: \$196,192

Grant Term: 1/04 - 12/06

Grantee: Asociación Peruana para la Conservación de la Naturaleza (\$50,059), Fundación Amigos de la Naturaleza (\$46,463), Fundación para el Desarrollo Agrario (\$49,670), Fundación San Marcos para el Desarrollo de la Ciencia y la Cultura (\$50,000)

Report on CEPF Financial Summary and Fifth Spending Plan (July 2004 – June 2005)

As required by the Memorandum of Understanding, CEPF is required to present the Donor Council with an annual report against each annually approved spending plan.

However, during the Fifth CEPF Donor Council meeting, the MacArthur Foundation requested that in future, both the spending plans and the ecosystem profiles should be put forward to the MacArthur Foundation for information only since CI, as the administering partner, holds fiduciary responsibility for the CEPF partnership. Thus, profile and spending plan approval is secured using the electronic approval process.

The enclosed report against the Fourth Annual Spending Plan is attached, as well as a request for the Fifth CEPF spending plan. In order to approve the Fifth CEPF Spending Plan, the Donor Council must first make a recommendation on the scenario presented in the document (Options for Funding the Pipeline Ecosystem Profiles (CEPF/DC7/6)(Rev.1). In order to adhere to this requirement, the Fifth CEPF Spending Plan and the report against the Fourth CEPF Spending Plan will be circulated for approval electronically, following the Seventh Meeting of the CEPF Donor Council.