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Report on Progress by the Executive Director

For Information Only:

The Executive Director will highlight key areas of progress since July 2003. For information, a detailed report on progress covering the following activities is attached:

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Partnership highlights

CEPF support played an important role in the public launch of a groundbreaking guide by BirdLife to help governments and civil society prevent the extinction of Asia's 324 threatened bird species. An important alert in the new publication is that more than 100 sites critically important for globally threatened birds remain unprotected and should be a major priority for action. A CEPF delegation of Conservation International (CI), the Global Environment Facility and the World Bank participated in a central launch of the publication in Tokyo as part of an overall mission to Japan, which included a CEPF informational seminar for Japanese civil society organizations and meetings with a variety of government and civil society representatives. The Japanese government also participated in the Tokyo launch. BirdLife and CEPF have since distributed the guide to CEPF grant recipients, governmental decisionmakers and media across Asia as well as to a variety of other donors and organizations.

At the request of the Japan Government following the CEPF mission to Tokyo, the CEPF management team also conducted a review of how CEPF's strategic grantmaking is helping to alleviate poverty. The review found that CEPF investments are contributing to three identified dimensions of poverty reduction: increased livelihood opportunities and incomes; improved health; and reduced vulnerability. CEPF has:

- 1 contributed to increased livelihood opportunities and incomes through the support of income-generating projects such as ecotourism, alternative agricultural practices, community-based natural resource management and capacity building;
- 2 contributed to improved health through the support of projects such as the creation and management of protected areas, the restoration of natural ecosystems and the benefits they provide, and the sustainable use of medicinal plants; and
- 3 reduced vulnerability to natural, social and political disasters through the support of projects that increase livelihood opportunities and improve health and empower communities as well as projects that directly address threats such as floods, deforestation and forest fires.

The finding is key: the CEPF partners share a common understanding that biodiversity conservation and poverty alleviation are intrinsically linked. The CEPF strategy to preserve the rich natural resources of the world's hotspots is vital to the health and well being of nature as well as sustaining the livelihoods of people and contributing to poverty alleviation—the fundamental objective of the Millennium Development Goals that all UN member nations have agreed to meet by 2015.

Save The Tiger Fund and CEPF have joined forces to link tiger conservation programs across Asia. The two new partners will forge united tiger conservation strategies, catalyzing partner organizations and community groups to further combine their tiger conservation efforts. A key focus will be efforts to combat the threats to tigers, which include highly organized regional networks that are smuggling tiger parts and are often linked to trafficking in narcotics and weapons. Tigers live on land that provides some of the most fertile and abundant natural resources for humans and wildlife alike. As an umbrella species, tigers range over large landscapes that support a complex web of life. Efforts to save the tiger ultimately benefit entire ecosystems and all the species and communities they support. Since its founding in 1995 by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation in collaboration with ExxonMobil Foundation, Save The Tiger Fund has supported 226 tiger-conservation projects in 13 countries. As part of the new alliance, CEPF financial support—matched by ExxonMobil Foundation—will also enable Save The Tiger Fund to at least double its grant distribution in Asia's biodiversity hotspots.

Highlights from the field

CEPF's global grant portfolio has grown to in excess of \$36 million, with support being provided to more than 130 partners to protect nature's biodiversity hotspots for people and prosperity. This support made significant conservation outcomes possible in the field since the last summary of progress, including the declaration of a new protected area in Indonesia and a commitment to establish others this year; new and expanded protected areas in the Philippines; and a 60 percent increase in protected areas together with dramatic reform of natural resource conservation policies in Liberia.

- In February the government of Indonesia publicly committed to creating 12 new protected areas in 2004, including Tesso Nilo in Sumatra's Riau Province and Batang Gadis National Park in Northern Sumatra. The government announced the pledge in Kuala Lumpur during the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity at a special side event featuring CEPF Executive Director Jorgen Thomsen. The inclusion among the 12 of Batang Gadis National Park, just previously declared as a national park by officials at the district level, will make way for a declaration at the national level and, local officials hope, national funding for the park. Tesso Nilo is one of the largest remaining blocks of flat, dry lowlands rain forest in Sumatra. Only about 350 Sumatran elephants are left in this region's forests. More than 300,000 hectares of Tesso Nilo's forest have been converted to industrial plantations since 1984. As part of an alliance led by WWF, more than 30 local organizations have worked together to save Tesso Nilo with support from CEPF. These allied efforts have demonstrated the immense value of partnership and bottom-up approaches, clear conservation outcomes and the success that can be achieved when civil society joins forces with and complements the activities of governments.
- In the Philippines, President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo also took landmark action by signing a presidential proclamation declaring the Quirino Protected Landscape, which covers some 206,875 hectares. The new protected area and the expanded Peñablanca Protected Landscape and Seascape proclaimed in October 2003 bookend the Sierra Madre Biodiversity Corridor, with the total area under permanent protection in the central part of the corridor now extended to 391,000 hectares and representing the largest block of forest under conservation management in the country. The area also serves as the watershed of the Cagayan River basin supporting several irrigation systems of the Cagayan Valley Region, considered the "rice bowl" of the Philippines. A variety of stakeholders including members of the Protected Area Management Board, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, the Interim Local Government Unit of Quirino and local community and nongovernmental organizations led by CI-Philippines worked together for years to make the declarations possible. In the case of the Peñablanca protected area, CI-Philippines worked with the Philippines Department of Environment and Natural Resources to provide a biological justification for expanding the protected area and to develop an initial protected area plan, with CEPF support funding biological surveys and other key activities in the area.
- In Liberia, outgoing President Moses Blah signed three landmark laws—the Protected Forest Area Network Law, the Sapo National Park Act and the Nimba Nature Reserve Act—just before a transitional government took its place in Liberia in October. The first of the laws amends the New National Forestry Act of 2000, defining a series of eight protected area types and the uses permitted and prohibitions for each and establishing a coherent legal framework for conservation of forest resources. The second law expanded Sapo National Park—Liberia's first and only fully protected area—to more than 180,000 hectares, an increase of 38 percent. CEPF-funded biological surveys coupled with GIS and remote sensing analysis since 2001 have demonstrated that Sapo Park is among West Africa's least disturbed lowland rainforest areas, with populations of forest elephants, chimpanzees, pygmy hippos and other species whose West African ranges have been severely reduced outside of Liberia. The third law created the Nimba Nature Reserve out of the former Nimba East National Forest. Analysis indicates this mountainous reserve could be as great as 13,568 hectares. Together, the laws represent significant progress toward the overall goal of creating a biologically representative network of protected areas covering at least 30 percent of the country's existing forest area or about 1.5 million hectares. The government of Liberia committed to establishing this network, including an expansion of Sapo National Park and creation of Nimba Nature Reserve, as part of a Memorandum of Understanding signed with CI in 2002. Preparation of the laws was led by Fauna & Flora International (FFI) with technical input from numerous Liberian and international partners and with financial support principally from the European Commission, CEPF and the Pantone Trust. All three laws were passed by the Liberian legislature earlier in 2003 and came into force shortly after the action by then-President Blah.
- In Costa Rica's Corcovado and Piedras Blanca national parks, new park rangers and a level of patrolling not seen in the area for years launched and began proving to be highly visible and effective means to reduce the incidence of illegal hunting, logging and fishing in the parks. The

patrols are part of a new partnership between a local nongovernmental organization—The Corcovado Foundation—and the government ministries of environment and security. The foundation covers operating costs to conduct the park patrols, while the ministries provide personnel and equipment. The foundation's effort also includes education and awareness-raising activity in local communities near the parks. As the first public-private collaboration of its kind in Costa Rica, the project is being watched as a potential model for other parks in Costa Rica and even other Central and Latin America parks.

- In Peru, construction of three new control posts to curtail illegal logging got underway outside Alto Purus Reserved Zone. The move by Asociación para la Conservación del Patrimonio de Cutivireni is part of a two-year WWF project to improve protection of the reserve zone as well as Manu National Park and Amarakaeri Communal Reserve in the Vilcabamba-Amboró biodiversity conservation corridor—CEPF's geographic focus in the Tropical Andes hotspot. The locations of these new control posts on key river junctions means post staff will be able to control two of the primary access routes for illegal loggers and the transport routes for their illegally harvested timber. Additionally, they will enable monitoring of the logging activities of forest concessions and the impact on indigenous communities in the zone.

CEPF projects follow World Bank safeguard policies, including any issues that may result from resettlement concerns. CEPF periodically consults with safeguard experts, for advice, as necessary. A full list of approved grants for this period is included at the end of this summary of progress.

Increasing communication with grantees, donor partners and the conservation community

CEPF released its second annual report this period. Released in December, the report covers CEPF's 2003 financial year (July 2002-June 2003)—a remarkable year that saw a near trebling of the CEPF global grant portfolio compared to its first 18 months. During the period, the CEPF Management Team approved \$17.8 million in new grants, completed extensive stakeholder consultations and preparations to expand to two additional hotspots and began preparation to expand to other hotspots. The report has been distributed to all CEPF donor and grantee partners and is now used as a core communications and outreach tool to help demonstrate CEPF progress and results. More than 1,400 people also downloaded the full report from the CEPF Web site (www.cepf.net) in response to an article about the publication in the December issue of the CEPF monthly e-newsletter.

Taking stock – update on monitoring and evaluation

CEPF continues to emphasize monitoring and evaluation at all programmatic levels. Recent events include the completion of an overview of CEPF and Poverty Alleviation (see above), the refinement of portfolio and project-level automated reporting and the completion of two portfolio review field visits. The CEPF monitoring and evaluation team has taken steps to further articulate its role within the CEPF program as well as continuing to refine methodologies and tools for the ongoing portfolio review process. Important among these refinements is that the inclusion of an external evaluator has been formalized and will now be an element in each of the planned portfolio reviews. A draft global timeline has also been completed and is attached for your information. A presentation on the evolution of CEPF monitoring and evaluation was given at the December 2003 Working Group meeting. Portfolio review results will be discussed at future Working Group meetings.

The portfolio review methodology continues to evolve and be refined, as two additional portfolio review field visits have been conducted in the last six months. The second portfolio review was conducted in the Tropical Andes. A CEPF monitoring and evaluation team, which included an external consultant, traveled to Peru and Bolivia during the first two weeks of August. The report is in final stages of compilation and will be shared with the CEPF Working Group during its next meeting. Additionally, the CEPF monitoring and evaluation team, accompanied by an external consultant, has just returned from Madagascar. Since the initial visit to Madagascar, there have been significant changes that have impacted the context within which CEPF is operating. The two most significant from the perspective of the review are a resurgent commitment to conservation as exemplified by President Marc Ravalomanana's pronouncements at the World Parks Congress and the solidification of the Center for Biodiversity Conservation in Madagascar. With these evolutions in Madagascar we have the opportunity to make some observations that it would be

remiss not to include in the review. It was also an opportunity to include an external reviewer in the process. The additional information from the second visit to Madagascar will be integrated into the report and will be shared with the Working Group along with the Tropical Andes review.

The next CEPF portfolio review will be conducted in the Cape Floristic Region during the last two weeks of March 2004. Following the completion of that review, we plan to conduct a review of the West Africa portfolio next, followed by reviews of the Sumatra and Philippines portfolios this year. Reports from these reviews will be shared with the Working Group as they are finalized.

The CEPF monitoring and evaluation team is an active participant in the process of defining, refining and monitoring outcomes in CEPF funding regions in an effort to increase linkages between ecosystem profiling, portfolio implementation and programmatic evaluation. CEPF targeted investments in outcome definition, refinement and monitoring, are building a solid foundation for assessing the overall impact of the CEPF initiative while providing the broader institution and our strategic partners with a concrete example of a results-focused strategic initiative.

Progress on preparation regions

In June 2002, the CEPF Donor Council authorized CEPF to begin preparation and profiling processes in Northern Mesoamerica in the Mesoamerica hotspot and in five new hotspots.

- 1 Caucasus (Georgia, Russia, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Turkey, Iran)
- 2 Eastern Arc Mountains and Coastal Forests of Tanzania and Kenya
- 3 Polynesia & Micronesia
- 4 Western Ghats & Sri Lanka
- 5 Indo-Burma

During the 31 July Donor Council Meeting, the Caucasus and Eastern Arc profiles were approved for \$8.5 million and \$7 million respectively. Upon the recommendation of the CEPF Working Group, the Northern Mesoamerica profile was circulated by e-mail for a “no-objection approval.” On January 15 the Northern Mesoamerica profile was approved by electronic no-objection for \$7.3 million. The relevant GEF focal point endorsements are now being secured for this region.

Consultations, meetings, roundtables and scientific analysis have been under way in the remaining regions for over a year. Draft profiles for the other three hotspots—Indo-Burma; Polynesia & Micronesia; and Western Ghats & Sri Lanka were presented to the CEPF Working Group on December 2, 2003. Input received during that meeting and during subsequent in-region consultations is being integrated into final versions, which will be submitted for consideration for the June/July 2004 Donor Council meeting. A revised draft of the profiles will be submitted to the CEPF Management Team in May for these three hotspots. The CEPF Management Team will circulate edited, revised drafts to the Working Group and others, for last comment and review before final submission to the Donor Council members.



Approved Grants
7/01/03 – 12/31/03

Atlantic Forest Hotspot
Brazil

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

Expanding the Site Conservation Network in the Atlantic Forest Hotspot

Through the development of conservation feasibility assessments at five Important Bird Areas (IBAs), set the stage for targeted conservation action at some of the highest priority biodiversity sites in the Atlantic Forest biodiversity conservation corridors. The project is focused on the following IBAs: Boa Nova/Serra da Ouricana; Valença; Fazenda Pindobas IV; Restinga de Maçambaba/Cabo Frio; and Serra das Bocaina/Paraty/Angra dos Reis.

Funding: \$233,885

Grant Term: 10/03 – 9/06

Grantee: BirdLife International Brazil Program, www.birdlife.net. Partners: Instituto Driades de Pesquisa e Conservação da Biodiversidade, Fundação Zoobotânica

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

Mapping the Occurrence, Distribution and Conservation Status of Endemic and Threatened Reptiles in Bahian Restingas

Implement a small grant to map the occurrence, distribution and conservation status of Endemic and Threatened reptiles in Bahian Restingas.

Funding: \$9,894

Grant Term: 11/03 – 10/05

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

Strategic Direction 4: Create an Action Fund to improve civil society identification and management of critical habitats

Protection of Threatened Species of the Brazilian Atlantic Forest

Implement a small grants program to support efforts specifically aimed at addressing issues related to critically endangered species within the entire Atlantic Forest hotspot. This is one of the four core grant-making programs within the CEPF Atlantic Forest Program. The others are for capacity building and the support of private reserves (RPPNs).

Funding: \$599,989

Grant Term: 10/03 – 12/06

Grantee: Fundação Biodiversitas para Conservação da Diversidade Biológica, www.biodiversitas.org.br/.

Partners: This program is jointly managed with Centro de Pesquisas Ambientais do Nordeste,

www.cepan.org.br/.

Small Grants Program- Institutional Development of NGOs in the Serra do Mar Corridor

Implement a small grants program to help build the capacity of small organizations working in the Serra do Mar Corridor. Small grant projects will be targeted toward specific elements within the overall strategy,

while at the same time providing training and an opportunity for small NGOs to build their capacity to become more constructive members of the conservation community.

Funding: \$350,000

Grant Term: 7/03 – 7/06

Grantee: Associação Mico-Leão-Dourado, www.micoleao.org.br. Partners: Associação Mico-Leão-Dourado will implement this project on their own, however they participate in the overall coordination of CEPF in the Atlantic Forest together with Conservation International, SOS Mata Atlântica, Fundação Biodiversitas and the Instituto de Estudos Socio Ambientales do Sul da Bahia

Cape Floristic Region Hotspot

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

Blaauwberg Conservation Area

Promote civil society involvement in the management, development and conservation of the Blaauwberg Conservation Area, a key area of biodiversity importance in the vicinity of Cape Town.

Funding: \$182,536

Grant Term: 11/03 – 12/05

Grantee: Wildlife and Environment Society of South Africa: Western Cape Region, www.wcape.school.za/wessa. Partners: City of Cape Town; Western Cape Nature Conservation Board; Friends of BCA; Botanical Society of South Africa; South African Heritage Resources Agency; Provincial Administration of the Western Cape (both Cultural Affairs and Environmental Affairs) are all involved with the project and represented on the Blaauwberg Conservation Area Implementation Coordination Committee

Botanical Assessment and Hotspot Identification for the Slanghoek Valley, Western Cape Province, South Africa

Conduct a botanical survey and GIS-based mapping, and produce a regional conservation plan of private landholdings in the Slanghoek Valley in the Upper Breede Valley in Western Cape, South Africa.

Information will be collected on a farm-by-farm basis to determine which areas are suitable for wine expansion and which are identified as irreplaceable and should be formally conserved.

Funding: \$7,844

Grant Term: 10/03 – 12/03

Grantee: Rawsonville Wine & Tourism. Partners: Western Cape Nature Conservation Board, Department of Agriculture

The St. Francis Conservancy Project

Establish and develop a pilot private conservancy in the St. Francis area of the southeastern lowlands of the Eastern Cape Province, South Africa

Funding: \$99,300

Grant Term: 8/03 - 7/05

Grantee: Wildlife and Environment Society of South Africa, Eastern Province Region, www.wildlifesociety.org.za. Partners: Terrestrial Ecology Research Unit, the Rebelsrus Conservation Association

The Cederberg Mega-reserve Project Management Unit: Setting the stage for conservation in the Cederberg Mega-reserve, South Africa

Establish the Cederberg Mega-reserve Project Management Unit to further collaboration and partnerships with stakeholders, increase awareness of the proposed Cederberg Mega-reserve, coordinate strategic input into the development of the mega-reserve and ensure effective implementation of the Cederberg Mega-reserve plans by Western Cape Nature Conservation Board and the Cederberg Mega-reserve Steering Committee. Develop a strategic management and business plan for the Cederberg Mega-reserve biodiversity corridor.

Funding: \$129,179

Grant Term: 8/03 - 3/04

Grantee: Western Cape Nature Conservation Board. Partners, www.capenature.org.za: Conservation International, Succulent Karoo Ecosystem Programme, the Development Bank of South Africa, Cederberg Mega-reserve Interim Steering Committee

Strategic Direction 2: Promote innovative private sector and community involvement in conservation in landscapes surrounding Cape Floristic Region biodiversity corridor

Baviaans Conservancy: Feasibility Study for the Conversion of Land Use from Small Stock Farming to Sustainable Biodiversity-based Ventures in the Baviaanskloof Area

Evaluate the Baviaans Conservancy area to determine current and future land use potential in the area, conduct a financial feasibility study for the area and prepare a business plan that will focus on the transition from small stock farming to game and tourism-based ventures. The project will address landowners of this 52,000 ha conservancy, which adjoins the Baviaanskloof Wilderness Area.

Funding: \$10,000

Grant Term: 11/03 – 5/04

Grantee: Wilderness Foundation, www.wild.org. Partners: Baviaans Conservancy

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, www.nbi.ac.za. Partners: City of Cape Town, Table Mountain Fund, Botanical Society of South Africa, Schools Environmental Education Project, SA Youth Federation, Manenberg Peoples' Centre, Manenberg Self-Help, Mitchells Plain Tourism Forum, Mitchells Plain Youth Development Council, Khayestlisha Youth Development Forum, Khayelitsha Education Resource and Information Centre, Macassar Dunes Co-management Working Group, Harmony Flats Working Group, Lwandle Museum

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

Putting Conservation Plans to Work

Mainstream the use of systematic conservation plans in the land-use planning and decision-making system in the Western Cape Province to curtail habitat loss in priority areas for biodiversity conservation. Develop suitable materials and methodologies that interpret the outputs of fine-scale systematic conservation plans and test and apply these in pilot municipal areas. The project aims to lay the basis for the uptake of systematic conservation planning outputs in land-use planning and decisionmaking throughout the Western Cape.

Funding: \$206,342

Grant Term: 1/04 – 12/05

Grantee: Botanical Society of South Africa, www.botanicalsociety.org.za. Partners: Conservation Planning Unit (Cape Nature Conservation), Western Cape Nature Conservation Board (regional ecologists and extension staff), Western Cape Department of Environment Affairs and Development Planning, Swartland Municipality, linked with Saldanha Bay Municipality, Cape Agulhas Municipality, linked with Theewaterskloof Municipality, Western Cape Department of Agriculture, Botanical Society West Coast branch, Lower Breede River Conservancy

Investing In Technology To Build Communication And Financial Management Capacity For Civil Society Biodiversity Conservation NGOs In African Hotspots

Upgrade the Internet and video-conferencing facilities at the Kirstenbosch Research Centre (KRC), National Botanical Institute. Through this strategic investment, the KRC will improve its financial management ability in the African hotspots and catalyze a larger Internet technology development strategy to develop the KRC into a Center for Biodiversity Conservation that can serve as a communication hub for nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) working on biodiversity conservation issues in African hotspots with a particular focus on the Southern African hotspots in the initial phase.

Funding: \$120,428

Grant Term: 10/03-10/04

Grantee: National Botanical Institute, www.nbi.ac.za (\$54,040) and Conservation International, www.conservation.org (\$66,388)

*To capitalize on maximum potential for global conservation impact and to minimize administration, funding for this grant came from the Cape Floristic Region and Succulent Karoo hotspots.

**Chocó-Darién-Western Ecuador Hotspot
Chocó–Manabi Conservation Corridor**

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

Chachi Reserve Zone Planning Grant

Carry out a planning grant for the possible creation of a reserved zone on indigenous lands in the northern Ecuadorian Chocó. This is a collaboration with the Global Conservation Fund and if successful, GCF could follow this up with a larger grant for the creation of this reserve.

Funding: \$8,840

Grant Term: 9/03 – 8/04

Grantee: Conservation International - Conservation Economics Program, www.conservation.org

Conserving Highly Threatened Coastal Rain Forest of Punta Galeras to Achieve Connectivity with Mache Chindul Ecological Reserve

Support participatory approaches to conserve the biodiversity conservation corridor spanning Punta Galeras – Mache Chindul reserve. Activities include the establishment of a network of local nongovernmental organizations, private landowners and municipalities to support conservation efforts; development of a conservation action plan; placement of 1,000 ha of forest under formal protection; and community-based development projects in buffer zones.

Funding: \$59,992

Grant Term: 9/03-8/04

Grantee: Fundación Ecuatoriana de Estudios Ecológicos, www.ecociencia.org. Partners: Municipality of Atacames, Fundación de Defensa Ecológica, Fundación San Francisco

Strengthening Local Government Capacity for Conservation Planning and Implementation in the Machalilla National Park - Chongon Forest Reserve Subcorridor

Increase local and provincial government capacity to conserve critical areas in Manabi through training, development of local conservation plans, improved coordination of government activities, provision of basic equipment, community outreach, fundraising and monitoring. Project results will include declaration of new municipal parks, improved coordination with Machalilla National Park and community conservation projects in critical areas.

Funding: \$146,828

Grant Term: 9/03-2/05

Grantee: Comitato Internazionale per lo Sviluppo dei Popoli. Partners: Corporación Amingay Municipalities of Santa Elena, Puerto López, Jipijapa y Montecristi Provincial Council of Manabi, Ministry of the Environment

Achieving Stakeholder Collaboration for the Sustainable Development of Northern Esmeraldas - Support for the Ecological Summit Process

Support a process of dialogue and agreement among 120 organizations in order to develop and implement the Sustainable Development and Conservation Plan for Esmeraldas. The grant supports activities to implement municipal ordinances for conservation, development of local agreements for conservation among municipalities and nongovernmental organizations, establishment of biological corridors and development of a land-use plan for the entire region.

Funding: \$40,000

Grant Term: 6/03 – 12/04

Grantee: Fundación Alternativas para el Desarrollo Sostenible en el Trópico. Partners: the Inter-Institutional Coordination Committee, which includes 120 organizations representing indigenous, Afroecuadorian and Mestizo communities, local municipalities, national organizations, the central government and private businesses

Preparation of a Land and Cultural Use Plan for Awá Indigenous Territory of Barbacoas and Tumaco, Colombia

Prepare a land-use and management plan for the Awa indigenous territories of Barbacoas and Tumaco in southwest Colombia through a participatory process that integrates traditional uses of local resources. The project supports an assessment of the state of natural resources, identification of traditional uses of these resources, training of community leaders, development of a zoning plan and land-use policies and community outreach.

Funding: \$178,588

Grant Term: 7/03 – 12/04

Grantee: Asociación de Autoridades Tradicionales y Cabildos Indígenas Awá, Organización Unidad Indígena del Pueblo Awá. Partner: CORPONARINO

Strategic Direction 2: Bring selected protected areas and species under improved management

Forestry Workshop for the Choco Bio-Region

Conduct a workshop, “Identification and Promotion of Sustainable Development Practices in Communities Surrounding Protected Areas” with the objective of demonstrating and applying “Forestería Análoga” as a best practice for reforestation.

Funding: \$9,900

Grant Term: 11/03 – 11/03

Grantee: Fundación Rainforest Rescue

Assessment of Deforestation, Threats and Management Needs of Five Protected Areas in the Chocó-Manabi Corridor of Ecuador

Provide detailed information about current forest extent and deforestation pressure and analyze five major protected areas—Cotacachi-Cayapas, Machalilla, Cayapas-Mataje, Mache Chindul and Awa Forest Reserve—with respect to threats and current management capacity and needs. The project will ultimately support partner efforts to improve protected areas management and to monitor the corridor.

Funding: \$49,361

Grant Term: 9/03-9/04

Grantee: Center for Applied Biodiversity Science at Conservation International, www.biodiversityscience.org. Partners: EcoCiencia, Center for Conservation Data, University of Arizona, Ministry of the Environment (Ecuador).

**Guinean Forests of West Africa Hotspot
Upper Guinean Forest**

Strategic Direction 1: Strengthen institutional capacities for conservation

Support for the Africa Biodiversity Collaborative Group

Support the Africa Biodiversity Collaborative Group in its review of the effectiveness of select forms of networking and communication of conservation concepts, tools and lessons to conservation decisionmakers

and practitioners in all regions of Africa.

Funding: \$38,420

Grant Term: 11/03 – 10/04

Grantee: Conservation International - West Africa Program, www.conservation.org. Partners: African Wildlife Foundation, IUCN-The World Conservation Union, Wildlife Conservation Society, World Resources Institute, WWF, FRAME project

Improving the Capacity of GECOMSA in NGO Management

Attendance of the Executive Director of GECOMSA at a course in nongovernmental organization (NGO) NGO management to be held Nov. 3 to Dec. 12, 2003, at the Ghana Institute of Management and Public Administration.

Funding: \$3,666

Grant Term: 10/03-12/03

Grantee: Grand Gedeh Community Servant Association

Strategic Direction 4: Collaborative public awareness, education and community outreach programs

Education and Awareness to Improve the Protection of Wild Chimpanzees in West Africa

Contribute to the lasting protection of viable chimpanzee populations in their original forested habitat by conducting environmental education (drama, newsletters) and capacity building to generate support from local populations for the protection of the chimpanzees and their habitat in various regions in West Africa: the Taï region, the Marahoué and the Banco national parks (Côte d'Ivoire), Sapo National Park (Liberia) and the Fouta Djallon region (Guinea).

Funding: \$184,276

Grant Term: 12/03-12/06

Grantee: Wild Chimpanzee Foundation; www.wildchimps.org. Partners: Taï Chimpanzee Project; Directorate for the Protection of Nature and National Parks of Cote d'Ivoire; Directorate of the Tai National Park; WWF; Wildlife and National Parks Division, Forestry Department Authority, Monrovia, Liberia; National Directorate for Nature Conservation, Division of Fauna and Nature Protection, Guinea; and numerous local organizations.

Strategic Direction 5: Small Grants (Biodiversity Action Fund)

Inventory of Butterflies in the Missahoe Classified Forest in Togo, Upper Guinea Forest

In the Forêt Classée de Missahoe, Togo, conduct an inventory of butterflies, prepare an ecotourism management plan for the area and sensitize 11 adjacent villages on revenue-generating activities that do not degrade the environment.

Funding: \$9,800

Grant Term: 10/03 – 12/04

Grantee: Association pour la Gestion Intégrée et Durable de l'Environnement. Partners: Kouma Konda Local Committee for the Development and Protection of Missahoe

Madagascar Hotspot

Strategic Direction 2: Private sector conservation initiatives

Assessment of the Environmental, Economic And Quality Control Issues Of Wild-Harvesting Medicinal Plants *Centella asiatica* and *Drosera madagascariensis* in Madagascar

Conduct an assessment of plant populations, traditional use and harvesting, commercial harvesting and domestic and international markets for the two species. Identify means to improve the efficiency and sustainability of harvest by local communities and train local communities in these practices.

Funding: \$10,000

Grant Term: 10/03 – 3/04

Grantee: L'Homme et l'Environnement, www.mate.mg. Partners: Agribusiness in Sustainable Natural Plant Products / Rutgers University

Mesoamerica Hotspot
Southern Mesoamerica: Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Panama

Strategic Direction 2: Connect critical areas through economic alternatives

Promoting Sustainable Development in the Buffer Zone of La Amistad Biosphere Reserve through Ecotourism in the Naso Indigenous Community Territory.

Promote the sustainable management of the Naso Indigenous Territory in the La Amistad Biosphere Reserve by promoting ecotourism and environmental education. The grant finances infrastructure improvement, marketing of services, and development of a business plan.

Funding: \$20,000

Grant Term: 12/03 – 5/04

Grantee: Organización para el Desarrollo Sostenible del Pueblo Naso, www.ecotour.org/destinations/wekso.htm. Partners: National Environmental Authority of Panama, Naso Territory Authority, Conservation International, Panama Institute of Tourism.

Natural Resource Conservation and Recovery of Degraded Areas of Palo Seco Reserve - Chiriqui Grande, Panama.

Support ecological restoration in the Palo Seco Forest Reserve and its buffer zone following the construction of the Punta Peña Almirante road, through activities in reforestation, use of organic fertilizer, and cleaner agricultural production systems.

Funding: \$10,000

Grant Term: 11/03 – 7/04

Grantee: Asociación Comercial y Agropecuaria de Chiriquí Grande. Partners: National Environmental Authority of Panama (ANAM)

Promoting Biological Connectivity in the Osa Peninsula through Sustainable Agriculture

Promote appropriate land-use regimes that contribute to maintaining connectivity in the Osa Biological Corridor. Working with local farmers in support of sustainable development projects in agriculture, ecotourism, reforestation, and biogas, this grant aims to increase forest under protection and restore degraded land, as well as to disseminate project techniques and lessons to new communities.

Funding: \$214,685

Grant Term: 9/03-9/06

Grantee: Fundación Neotropica, www.neotropica.org. Partners: Technical Coalition for the Osa Biological Corridor, which includes Fundación Tierras Unidas Vecinales por el Ambiente; Fundación Corcovado; Centro de Derecho Ambiental y de los Recursos Naturales; Instituto Nacional de Biodiversidad; Área de Conservación de Osa del Sistema Nacional de Áreas de Conservación (Costa Rica); la Fundación Costa Rica - United States; The Nature Conservancy; and la Campaña Corcovado

Promoting Conservation Coffee in the Buffer Zone of La Amistad Biosphere Reserve

Promote conservation coffee within 23 communities located in the buffer zone of La Amistad Biosphere Reserve as a means of reducing pressure on the park and promoting connectivity. Activities include assisting farmers in growing conservation coffee, promoting environmental education and building capacity of community groups and government agencies.

Funding: \$199,936

Grant Term: 7/03 – 7/06

Grantee: Centro Científico Tropical, <http://www.cct.or.cr>. Partners: CoopeAGRI, Coopejibaye, Coopehumo, CoopeSuiza, Association of Chirripó Producers, National Institute of Learning, Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock, Institute of Coffee, Ministry of Environment and Energy, Centro Agronómico Tropical de Investigación y Enseñanza

Strategic Direction 3: Promote awareness and conservation of flagship species**Conserving the West Indian Manatee as a Forest and Wetland Conservation Tool of the Tortuguero and Rio San Juan Binational Region (Costa Rica-Nicaragua)**

Establish a bi-national vision for protecting the globally endangered manatee of Costa Rica and Nicaragua. The grant supports satellite tracking of manatees to identify key habitat for protection, environmental education to improve local understanding and appreciation of the species, integration of manatee protection in local conservation strategies and improved coordination between conservation organizations and agencies for manatee protection.

Funding: \$55,770

Grant Term: 1/04 – 10/05

Grantee: Fundación Amigos del Río San Juan, www.fundar.org.ni. Partners: Foundation to Save the Manatee of Costa Rica, Development Agency of Spain

Conservation Research of the Central American Tapir (*Tapirus bairdii*) in the La Amistad International Park, Costa Rica

Strengthen the protection of the globally endangered Baird tapir in La Amistad International Park, Costa Rica through research into its distribution, habitat and nutrition; preparation of a map delineating its critical habitat; and dissemination of the results for its management.

Funding: \$10,000

Grant Term: 11/03 – 12/04

Grantee: Asociación Meralvis. Partners: Ministry of Environment and Energy, Costa Rica, Maralvis 2000 S.A.

Campaign to Increase Awareness about the Biological Importance of Baru Volcano National Park

Conduct an awareness-building campaign to heighten attention on the importance of conserving the Baru Volcano National Park, which is under threat from road construction. This grant will fund a series of meetings, outreach to media and production of literature.

Funding: \$10,000

Grant Term: 10/03-4/04

Grantee: Fundación para el Desarrollo Integral del Corregimiento de Cerro Punta. Partners: Alianza para el Desarrollo Ambiental de Tierras Altas, which is an association of 15 local environmental nongovernmental organizations working on the Pacific side of La Amistad Biosphere Reserve.

Strategic Direction 4: Support improved management of key protected areas**Environmental and Economic Needs Assessment to Conserve the Caño Negro Wetlands of the Kukra River, Nicaragua**

Conduct a needs assessment for the network of Caño Negro Wetlands in close consultation with local communities to understand the ecological, environmental and socioeconomic dynamics of the wetlands and formulate recommendations for conservation action.

Funding: \$10,000

Grant Term: 12/03 – 4/04

Grantee: Fundación para el Desarrollo Sostenible. Partners: Community leaders of Caño Negro and of San Sebastián de Taleno 1 and 2

Support to Civil Society for the Protection of Volcan Baru National Park, Panama

Support a coalition of local organizations in efforts to conserve the Volcan Baru National Park through public outreach on the park's biodiversity (includes a study tour for journalists, publication of materials and local meetings), and technical and legal assistance to maintain the area's legal protection status.

Funding: \$19,945

Grant Term: 12/03 – 4/04

Grantee: Asociación Nacional para la Conservación de la Naturaleza, www.ancon.org. Partners: Alianza para el Desarrollo Ambiental de Tierras Altas, Comité Pro-Integridad del Parque Nacional Volcán Barú, Parque Internacional La Amistad, Comité Pro-Defensa del Sendero Los Quetzales

Park Guard Capacity Building - Mahogany Wetlands Intermunicipal Ecological Park, Nicaragua.

Equip and train the Community Park Association of Mahogany Wetlands to control illegal hunting and fishing, logging, agricultural encroachment and forest fires. Grant provides basic equipment and infrastructure for conducting patrolling and environmental education.

Funding: \$10,000

Grant Term: 11/03 – 2/04

Grantee: Bluefields Indian & Caribbean University. Partners: Association of Community Park Guards of Mahogany Wetlands, Intercommunity Alliance for the Development of Mahogany, Regional Autonomous University of the Nicaraguan Caribbean COSAT

Structure and Composition of a Fragmented Forest Landscape: A Tool for Strategy Design for Biodiversity Conservation

Generate baseline forest cover data and maps geared toward designing the San Juan - La Selva Corridor. The grant will produce a characterization of primary forest in the corridor and present scenarios at a landscape scale identifying critical sites for conservation and forest restoration.

Funding: \$6,917

Grant Term: 10/03-1/04

Grantee: Centro Agronómico Tropical de Investigación y Enseñanza. Partners: Foundation for the Development of the Central Volcano Range, Tropical Science Center, Commission for Forest Development of San Carlos, Executive Committee of the San Juan – La Selva Biological Corridor, Costa Rica Ministry of Environment and Energy, Latin American Professional Society for Tropical Forest Ecology

Establishing Maquenque National Park to Achieve Connectivity within the Cerro Silva-La Selva Biological Corridor

Establish the Maquenque National Park as a means of achieving connectivity between Indio Maiz Biological Reserve in Nicaragua and the Central Volcanic Range in Costa Rica to total 1.2 million ha. of contiguous area under protection. Activities include a land tenure study, preparation of a management plan, a public outreach campaign and a fund raising strategy for park management.

Funding: \$210,000

Grant Term: 8/03 – 7/06

Grantee: Centro Científico Tropical, www.cct.or.cr/lapa. Partners: Ministry of Environment and Energy, Executive Committee for the San Juan-La Selva Biological Corridor, Center for Environment and Natural Resource Law, Costa Rica-Canada Debt Swap, Mesoamerica Biological Corridor, Organization for Tropical Studies, United Nations Development Program, Wildlife Conservation Society, Association for the Environmental Welfare of Sarapiquí, Association for Conservation and Forest Management of San Carlos, Association of Environmental Research and Development, La Tirimbina Biological Reserve, Association for the Preservation of Fauna and Flora

Mountains of Southwest China Hotspot**Strategic Direction 1: Develop and operationalize hotspot-wide monitoring and evaluation projects****Building Best Biodiversity Conservation Strategies in the Mountains of Southwest China**

Ensure that the mechanism of coordinating CEPF implementation in the Mountains of Southwest China biodiversity hotspot is well facilitated. Develop programmatic approaches and Conservation International programmatic approach in China in line with CEPF strategy and seek other sources to leverage CEPF funding and develop and implement a communications strategy so lessons and progress are shared inside the hotspot and internationally.

Funding: \$651,863

Grant Term: 7/03 – 6/04

Grantee: Conservation International – China Program, www.conservation.org. Partners: Sichuan Planning Commission, WWF, Sichuan Forestry Department, Center for Biodiversity and Indigenous Knowledge, The Nature Conservancy, Yunnan Forestry Department, Peking University, State Environment Protection Agency, Sichuan Academy of Social Science

Strategic Direction 2: Support site-related projects led by civil society to mitigate key threats to

natural areas and species populations

A Media Campaign to Promote Ecotourism in China

Bring conservation nongovernmental organizations (NGOs), civil society and media together to promote biodiversity conservation and ecotourism. Ecotourism has been misinterpreted in many ways in China. This project aims to promote the best practice of ecotourism to ensure that civil society and tourism business understand the importance of participating in conservation of biological diversity, improving ecotourism management. It includes organization of a nation-wide quiz. Winners will undertake a study tour in Yunnan Province to visit key ecotourism sites and collect information.

Funding: \$7,500

Grant Term: 10/03 – 1/04

Grantee: China Youth Daily-Green Island, www.cydgn.org. Partners: The Nature Conservancy, Bao Shan Municipal Government of Yunnan Province, Fauna & Flora International, Conservation International China Program. Each partner has committed funding to support the initiative.

Protecting Cypress in Kawagebo

Bring together local community people and Tibetan religious groups to promote conservation of endemic cypress, which has been over-collected for use in religious ceremonies and as a souvenir to an excessive level. Engage prestigious Tibetan reincarnated Buddha with local community people, schools and government officials to promote culture and nature conservation and to take measures to protect the cypress. Project activities include urging local government to regulate the market and collection, raising awareness of the plight of the tree during each ceremony by Buddha and work closely with local community to ensure the implementation of the regulations, and identifying alternatives to cypress.

Funding: \$9,500

Grant Term: 10/03 – 9/04

Grantee: Kawagebo Culture Society. Partners: The Nature Conservancy, prestigious Huo Fuo and other religious leaders from neighboring counties, Ren Qing Duo Ji who has been very well-known and active in nature conservation and local school principles.

World Heritage Nomination for Giant Panda Habitat

Bring together domestic and international experts to review and finalize the World Heritage Site nomination that is scientifically based, including a sound management plan that clearly defines financial implications, institutional responsibilities and obligations and represents a genuine consensus among local and regional stakeholders.

Funding: \$3,030

Grant Term: 7/03 – 7/03

Grantee: Eco-Security Task Force of China Council for International Cooperation on Environment and Development, www.chinabiodiversity.com. Partners: Sichuan Government, local communities and governments of Aba Prefecture, Ya'an City, Ganzi Prefecture and Chengdu City, China National Committee of UNESCO, Ministry of Construction, State Environmental Protection Administration, State Forestry Administration

Extending Distribution of “Restoring China’s Natural Vegetation”

Republish and extend distribution of “Restoring China’s Natural Vegetation.” The booklet, originally produced by the grantee, illustrates seven misunderstandings in the current vegetation restoration programs in China and the principles of development of natural ecosystem. Through a wider range of distribution to decisionmakers at national, provincial, county and nature reserve levels, the booklet will help inform thinking about ecology and its relationship with combating degradation of ecosystem.

Funding: \$3,027

Grant Term: 7/03 – 7/03

Grantee: Eco-Security Task Force of China Council for International Cooperation on Environment and Development, www.chinabiodiversity.com. Partner: Fauna and Flora International

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

Training for Green Journalists in Southwest China

Provide training for journalism students who are also conservation activists from Southwest China. This project aims to promote conservation among young/future environmental journalists; provide an opportunity to exchange and communicate experiences and lesson learned in practical work among them; enhance their capacity and knowledge in handling critical environmental issues; build a stronger network to disseminate conservation information and to be able to influence others such as university professors, local conservation groups, communities and government officials.

Funding: \$6,180

Grant Term: 1/04 - 9/04

Grantee: Green Student Organizations, www.greensos.org. Partners: Green Student Organizations, Global Greengrants Fund, China Environment News, China Youth Daily, Chinese Student Green Camp, Green Volunteer Association in Chongqing and Wanglang State Nature Reserve

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

Leveraging SARS to Significantly Reduce Illegal and Unsustainable Wildlife Trade

Develop a strategy to use the issues raised by SARS as a foundation to improve wildlife policy and its enforcement in China. SARS has spotlighted the use of wildlife in modern China. SARS continues to award wildlife unprecedented attention. With immediate action, a momentum catalyzed by SARS to significantly reduce illegal and unsustainable wildlife trade in China can be built, especially, wildlife originating from the Mountains of Southwest China.

Funding: \$10,000

Grant Term: 10/03 – 2/04

Grantee: TRAFFIC East Asia, www.traffic.org. Partners: WWF China, IUCN Veterinary Specialist Group, The World Health Organization and the State Forestry Administration.

Philippines Hotspot

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

Stakeholders Workshop on Philippine Eagle

Following on from a Philippine eagle workshop hosted by CEPF in September 2003, host a workshop with stakeholders to help determine which projects are of immediate priority for CEPF support to help save Philippine eagles and their critical habitat.

Funding: \$6,000

Grant Term: 10/03 – 12/03

Grantee: Conservation International–Philippines Program. Partners: Philippine Eagle Foundation, Haribon Foundation, BirdLife International, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources

Strengthening Corporate and Philanthropic Support for Biodiversity Conservation in the Philippines

Engage Philippines corporate business sector as an active partner and philanthropic contributor to biodiversity conservation in the Philippines, especially in scaling up projects supported by CEPF.

Funding: \$162,500

Grant Term: 7/03 – 6/05

Grantee: First Philippine Conservation, Inc, www.fphc.com. Partners: The Lopez Group of Companies, Conservation International - Philippines

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

Consultation on Conservation of Philippine Eagle

Participate in CEPF forum with key Philippine conservationists to prioritize and coordinate proposals for conserving the Philippine eagle in the wild.

Funding: \$3,000

Grant Term: 8/03-8/03

Grantee: BirdLife International, www.birdlife.net. Partners: Haribon Foundation, Philippine Eagle Foundation, WWF Philippines, Department of Environment and Natural Resources

Community Enforcement Initiative to Stop Poaching and Illegal Forest Destruction in Palawan

Provide a quick-response mechanism for environmental crimes including illegal logging and illegal fishing in Palawan Province in the Philippines hotspot. This project, called “Swift Justice,” is implemented together with local communities using the Philippines “citizen arrest” law. It will also provide financial and technical assistance to create alternative livelihood projects in target communities.

Funding: \$311,564

Grant Term: 7/03 - 6/06

Grantee: Environmental Legal Assistance Center, Inc., www.elac.org.ph. Partners: Fisherfolk and farm communities in Puerto Princesa City, Coron, Busuanga, San Vicente, Dumarán, Taytay, Quezon, Rizal, Espanola, Brooke’s Point and Bataraza

*The original funding amount has been increased by \$18,018 (FY04)

CEPF Grant Facilitation in the Philippines

Assisting CEPF in all aspects of attracting grant applicants, grantmaking and monitoring and evaluating grant performance in the Philippines.

Funding: \$101,775

Grant Term: 8/03 - 7/04

Grantee: Conservation International – Philippines. Partners: All CEPF grantees in the Philippines

Succulent Karoo Hotspot

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

Development of the Sutherland Succulent Karoo Route: catalyzing conservation through ecotourism and environmental awareness

Establish an ecotourism route in the Hantam/Roggeveld geographic priority area of the Succulent Karoo, specifically in the area in and around Sutherland. The project will involve extensive community participation in the initiative, and will design the route, identify sites of special interest, prepare a business plan, prepare awareness materials and raise awareness of the biodiversity and ecotourism potential of this unique area.

Funding: \$9,850

Grant Term: 10/03 - 4/04

Grantee: Garden Route Enviro Services. Partner: SANParks – Tanqua National Park

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

Southern Namib Restoration Ecology Information Package

Produce two popular publications (a pamphlet and a small handbook on plant relocation) on the topic of restoration following mining operations.

Funding: \$10,000

Grant Term: 9/03-8/05

Grantee: EnviroScience, www.enviro-science.info. Partners: Namibian National Biodiversity Program, Ministry of Environment and Tourism

Inventory, Mapping and Increased Awareness of the Brown Hyena and Other Large Predators in the Sperrgebiet and Surrounding Areas, Namibia

Conduct research on large carnivores, specifically the brown hyena, in the Sperrgebiet geographic priority area of the Succulent Karoo. Carry out a large predator awareness program in local communities, schools, farms and tourist camps. Interested parties will be engaged to complete a questionnaire developed during the project to collect information on large predator sightings, population estimates, local attitudes and problems, conservation measures and threats to large predators. Project deliverables include maps of sensitive areas, an inventory of large predators and population density estimates.

Funding: \$10,000

Grant Term: 2/04 – 3/05

Grantee: Brown Hyena Research Project, www.strandwolf.org.za. Partners: Predator Conservation Trust, Namibian National Biodiversity Programme, Ministry of Environment and Tourism (Namibia)

Ecological interactions and impact of the Tent Tortoise (*Psephobates tentorius*) on the Succulent Karoo Biome

Conduct baseline studies on the ecology and distribution of the tent tortoise in the Succulent Karoo, identify priority sites for conservation and produce sustainable management guidelines for land users within the Succulent Karoo. The project will generate public awareness of the tent tortoise as a flagship species meriting conservation attention.

Funding: \$10,000

Grant Term: 1/04 - 12/05

Grantee: University of Stellenbosch, Department of Botany. www.sun.ac.za. Partner: University of the Western Cape

Alienate the Aliens: Phase One

Conduct Phase 1 of a project aimed at eradicating alien trees and shrubs. Phase 1 would entail identifying and contacting landowners, and holding workshops for consultation and generation of MOUs with the landowners for cooperation and contributions.

Funding: \$7,905

Grant Term: 9/03-11/03

Grantee: NACLO. Partners: Western Cape nature Conservation Board; Working for Water Program of the Department of Water Affairs and Forestry

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

Investing In Technology To Build Communication And Financial Management Capacity For Civil Society Biodiversity Conservation NGOs In African Hotspots

Upgrade the Internet and video-conferencing facilities at the Kirstenbosch Research Centre (KRC), National Botanical Institute. Through this strategic investment, the KRC will improve its financial management ability in the African hotspots and catalyze a larger Internet technology development strategy to develop the KRC into a Center for Biodiversity Conservation that can serve as a communication hub for nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) working on biodiversity conservation issues in African hotspots with a particular focus on the Southern African hotspots in the initial phase.

Funding: \$120,428

Grant Term: 10/03-10/04

Grantee: National Botanical Institute, www.nbi.ac.za (\$54,040) and Conservation International, www.conservation.org (\$66,388)

*To capitalize on maximum potential for global conservation impact and to minimize administration, funding for this grant came from the Cape Floristic Region and Succulent Karoo hotspots.

Strategic Direction 5: Increase awareness of the Succulent Karoo hotspot

Biodiversity Awareness Raising: Exhibitions and Biodiversity Field Trips during the Western Cape International Youth Festival

Raise awareness about the biodiversity of the Succulent Karoo through an exhibit and activities at the Western Cape International Youth Festival held in Oudtshoorn, South Africa in July 2003. Approximately 25,000 youth attend the festival.

Funding: \$2,287

Grant Term: 7/03 – 8/03

Grantee: Western Cape International Youth Festival, www.youthfestival.co.za. Partners: Western Cape Nature Conservation Board, South Cape Herbarium, Western Cape Educational Department, Cape Action for People and the Environment, Department of Agriculture, local Farmers Associations, Succulent Karoo Ecosystem Programme

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

Raising Awareness and Building Local Capacity for Project Design and Implementation linked to SKEP Conservation Targets

Incubate the SKEP Coordination Unit in a flexible and learning-focused environment to identify the best long-term structures and processes for supporting the implementation of the SKEP 20-year strategy. An emphasis will be placed on capacity-building of the local SKEP coordinators employed at the sub-regional level and of local stakeholders in the context of rolling out CEPF investment in the Succulent Karoo hotspot. The core function of the Coordination Unit will be to ensure that the design, implementation and evaluation of CEPF-funded projects are feasible and contribute to overall biodiversity conservation targets.

Funding: \$616,588

Grant Term: 7/03-1/05

Grantee: Conservation International-Southern Africa Hotspots Program. Partners: Botanical Society of South Africa, EcoAfrica Environmental Consultants, National Botanical Institute

*The original funding amount has been increased by \$785 (FY04).

Sundaland Hotspot

Sumatra

Strategic Direction 1. Enhance stewardship of resources

Conservation of Sumatra Tiger in Tesso Nilo/Bukit Tigapuluh Landscape

Raise capacity of teams in Tesso Nilo/Bukit Tigapuluh conservation corridor to monitor tigers and stop tiger poaching as well as build awareness of local communities about the nature and value of the biological diversity in an around them.

Funding: \$233,874

Grant Term: 1/04 – 12/04

Grantee: World Wildlife Fund, www.worldwildlife.org. Partners: WARSI (a Sumatra-based alliance of 12 nongovernmental organizations), Alam Sumatra Foundation, Sialang Foundation, Penyelamat Bukit Tigapuluh, the Tiger Foundation and various local government agencies, police and members of the judiciary

Human Resources and Educational Program of 34 High School Students to Study in Nine State Universities in Sumatra in the Year 2003/2004

Fund 34 students from poor families in their critical first year of studying natural resource management at state universities in Sumatra. It is hoped this grant will encourage funding from other donors to pay for subsequent years of study by these potential new conservation leaders.

Funding: \$10,000

Grant Term: 9/03-8/04

Grantee: Seleksi Penerimaan Mahasiswa Baru. Partners: Local universities

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

Investigations to Support the Cancellation of Three Forest Concessions in Sumatra's Seulawah Ecosystem

Encourage the cancellation of three logging concessions in Aceh Province within the biodiversity-rich

Seulawah Ecosystem, via documenting forest concessionaires' practices and gathering public opinions in the three districts where the concessions are located.

Funding: \$58,420

Grant Term: 9/03 – 8/04

Grantee: [Yayasan Ekowisata Aceh](#). Partners: Yayasan PASE (Pagar Alam Semesta), Yayasan Panorama, Walhi Aceh, Fauna & Flora International

Strengthen Community Forest Management in Sumatra's Seulawah Ecosystem

Develop and implement locally run adaptive forest management for 25,000 hectares to serve as a model for Northern Sumatra's Seulawah Ecosystem.

Funding: \$227,180

Grant Term: 9/03- 8/06

Grantee: Yayasan Rumpun Bambu Indonesia. Partners: Conservation International

Ecotourism Product Development as a Means to Supplant Illegal Logging in the Tangkahan Area of Leuser National Park

Build the capacity of local groups in Tangkahan, a village in the buffer zone of Gunung Leuser National Park, to develop and produce ecotourism products. It is expected that successful ecotourism in Tangkahan will slow illegal logging in this portion of the national park.

Funding: \$22,325

Grant Term: 7/03-12/03

Grantee: Indonesian Ecotourism Network, www.indecon.or.id. Partners: LPT Tangkahan, a local group focused on ecotourism; the Leuser Management Unit; the Leuser National Park Authority; Conservation International-Indonesia

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

CANOPI: A Program to Unite and Strengthen the Conservation of the Bukit Barisan Selatan Landscape in Sumatra, Indonesia through Information-building, Capacity-building and Management

Conserve the ecosystems of the Bukit Barisan Selatan landscape via training local people to monitor biodiversity and to both develop and implement an integrated management regime.

Funding: \$301,902

Grant Term: 10/03 – 4/04

Grantee: Wildlife Conservation Society, www.wcs.org. Partners: Greenomics Indonesia; Yayasan ALAS Indonesia; Garuda Sylva; Institut Hukum Sumberdaya Alam; Lembaga Studi dan Pelayanan Penyuluhan Masyarakat; Nipah; International Rhino Foundation and Program Konservasi Badak Indonesia; Lembaga Pengembangan Swadaya Masyarakat YASADHANA; Yayasan Bina Wana Sejahtera; Yayasan Masyarakat Hayati Indonesia; WATALA; Panthera Rafflesia; WWF Indonesia; Department of Forestry, including Bukit Barisan Selatan National Park and Species Conservation and Nature Protection; Lampung provincial government; Bengkulu provincial government; Tanggamus Regency; West Lampung Regency; South Bengkulu Regency; Department of Justice; University of Lampung; and University of Bengkulu

Facilitate the Establishment of the Tesso Nilo Conservation Forest

Facilitate the multi-stakeholder-driven development of Tesso Nilo as a conservation forest supported by local people and governments, a variety of donors and the international business community that utilizes paper and other products derived from Sumatra forests.

Funding: \$319,318

Grant Term: 9/03 – 8/05

Grantee: Conservation Management Ltd. Partners: WWF Indonesia, WWF's international network and Jikalahari (a consortium of local nongovernmental organizations).

Strategic Direction 4: Assess impact of conservation interventions at district level and below

Implementing the Conservation Concession Approach on Sumatra's Siberut Island

Facilitate steps necessary to keep logging concession cancelled on Siberut Island from slipping back into commercial status, through blocking related lawsuit and garnering public support for conservation of former concessions as protected areas.

Funding: \$92,841

Grant Term: 11/03 - 2-04

Grantee: Conservation International - Indonesia. Partners: United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, UNESCO Co-Management Team, Indonesia Ministry of Forestry, Directorate General of Forest Protection and Nature Conservation, Directorate General of Forest Production, provincial and district governments, Siberut National Park, Indonesian Institute for Sciences, Man And Biosphere National Committee, Asian Development Bank, Yayasan Citra Mandiri, Yayasan Uma Mentawai, Indonesian Forum for Environment, Alliance for Indigenous People Nusantara, The Center of Studies on Alternative Dispute Resolutions, Andalas University, Team of Primate Ethology (Strasbourg, France) and Department of Reproductive Biology/German Primate Centre (Gottingen, Germany).

Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund
 Financial Summary of Fourth Annual Spending Plan
 July 2003 - June 2004

Spending Category: Operational

	Budget	Expenditures (through Dec 2003)	Percent spent
Business Development, Management, Auditing			
Salaries and Fringe Benefits	\$ 339,783	\$ 184,917	
Travel, Meetings, Events	123,434	56,617	
Professional Services	131,152	39,782	
Other Direct Costs	115,071	59,872	
Subtotal:	<u>709,440</u>	<u>341,187</u>	48%
Grant Making			
Salaries and Fringe Benefits	765,113	335,256	
Travel, Meetings, Events	173,500	51,641	
Professional Services	7,400	1,447	
Other Direct Costs	59,465	24,756	
Subtotal:	<u>1,005,478</u>	<u>413,100</u>	41%
Monitoring & Evaluation, Information and Knowledge Management			
Salaries and Fringe Benefits	326,456	179,228	
Travel, Meetings, Events	43,000	12,683	
Professional Services	257,280	118,013	
Other Direct Costs	74,326	18,737	
Subtotal:	<u>701,062</u>	<u>328,661</u>	47%
Management Fee	579,835	270,483	
Operational Total	2,995,815	1,353,431	45%

Spending Category: Preparation

Capacity Building			
Polynesia-Micronesia		57,946	
Outcome Definition		325,007	
Subtotal:	<u>754,366</u>	<u>382,953</u>	
Priority Setting			
Indo-Burma		178,659	
Western Ghats and Sri Lanka		70,420	
Northern Mesoamerica		59,613	
Subtotal:	<u>309,204</u>	<u>308,692</u>	
Stakeholder Consultation			
General Preparation		140,493	
Subtotal:	<u>367,203</u>	<u>140,493</u>	
Management Fee	343,386	189,137	
Preparation Total	1,774,159	1,021,275	58%
Total: Preparation and Operational	\$ <u>4,769,974</u>	\$ <u>2,374,705</u>	<u>50%</u>

* Authority for operational and preparation funding is designated annually per the spending plan.