

Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund

Fifth Meeting of the Donor Council
World Bank Headquarters, Washington, DC
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The Eastern Arc Ecosystem Profile

Recommended Action Item:

The Donor Council is requested to **review** and **approve** an [ecosystem profile \(Appendices\)](#) covering ecosystems within the Eastern Arc Mountains and Coastal Forests of Tanzania and Kenya hotspot. Grant disbursement in both countries is contingent on securing GEF Focal Point endorsement. This document was discussed with the Working Group during the April meeting. Input from this discussion was incorporated into the Profile and a revised version was submitted for additional comment on June 23, 2003. The enclosed version now incorporates any final input received since then.

Background:

The Conservation International Eastern Africa Program developed the ecosystem profile for the Eastern Arc Mountains and Coastal Forests of Tanzania and Kenya hotspot with the assistance of the International Centre of Insect Physiology and Ecology (ICIPE), Nature Kenya and WCST and input from WWF and TFCG. The outcome definition process was supported by the Center for Applied Biodiversity Sciences of CI. The profile was a result of data compilation, outcome definition at a species and site level, and a stakeholder workshop to further define threats, current investments and priority areas. The workshop was held in Tanzania and was attended by a large number of local stakeholders representing both Kenyan and Tanzanian governments and NGOs.

GEF Focal Point Endorsement is being sought for this ecosystem profile from Kenya and Tanzania.