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### East Melanesian Islands

#### **Strategic Direction 1. Empower local communities to protect and manage globally significant biodiversity at priority Key Biodiversity Areas under-served by current conservation efforts**

#### **Empowering the People of Pobuma to Design Conservation Actions on Manus Island, Papua New Guinea**

Engage the Pobuma LLG communities of Timoenai, Tawi, Peli and Mbuke in Manus Province, Papua New Guinea. Conduct a series of consultations with stakeholders to design relevant actions to address conservation threats from a rubber estate development located uphill from these communities. Though nothing will stop this development from going ahead, this project will engage technical and legal experts, along with local level government and partners (including representatives from the rubber estate), to map out an action plan that minimizes the impacts on affected communities in Pobuma LLG.

Funding: \$19,750  
Grant Term: 7/1/2016 - 6/30/2016  
Grantee: Tawi-Asi Resource Network  
Notes: Awarded by Regional Implementation Team

#### **Sustainable Management of Ngali Nut Trees and Threatened Flying Foxes in the Solomon Islands**

Make information on the local and global cultural significance of threatened monkey-faced bat species available to customary landowners and government agencies to inform conservation of priority Key Biodiversity Areas in the Solomon Islands and Bougainville Island, Papua New Guinea. Support customary landowners to establish regimes for the managed harvest of Makira flying fox (*Pteropus cognatus*) and ngali nuts consistent with the long-term persistence of these species.

Funding: \$79,644  
Grant Term: 5/1/2016 - 12/31/2017  
Grantee: The University of Queensland

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### **Strategic Direction 3. Safeguard priority globally threatened species by addressing major threats and information gaps**

#### **Building Capacity in Monitoring and Management of the Leatherback Turtles in Are'are.**

Safeguard Vulnerable leatherback turtles (*Dermochelys coriacea*) in West 'Are'are, Malaita province in the Solomon Islands by addressing threats and information gaps. A series of community consultations will be facilitated by technical experts to inform the development of a turtle monitoring and recovery plan. Nominated individuals or local rangers will be trained in enforcing and monitoring this community developed plan.

Funding: \$19,885  
Grant Term: 7/1/2016 - 9/30/2017  
Grantee: Wai-Hau Conservation Foundation Registered Trust Board Inc.  
Notes: Awarded by Regional Implementation Team

### **Strategic Direction 4. Increase local, national and regional capacity to conserve biodiversity through catalyzing civil society partnerships**

#### **Strengthening the Governance and Capacity of Kahua Association for Biodiversity Conservation**

Strengthen the capacity of Kahua Association in the areas of financial management, project management and organizational governance to ensure its emergence as a conservation leader in Makira-Ulawa province, Solomon Islands. Work in partnership with the Solomon Islands Community Conservation Partnership to implement this project.

Funding: \$19,927  
Grant Term: 6/1/2016 - 6/30/2017  
Grantee: Kahua Association Trust Board Inc.  
Notes: Awarded by Regional Implementation Team

#### **Eastern Afromontane**

### **Strategic Direction 1. Mainstream biodiversity into wider development policies, plans and projects to deliver the co-benefits of biodiversity conservation, improved local livelihoods and economic development in priority corridors.**

#### **Conservation and Forest Management in the Mafinga Hills Priority Key Biodiversity Area of Zambia**

Work to help implement the initial stages of the Conservation Action Plan for the Mafinga Hills in Zambia. This will include informing local communities of prohibitions against slash-and-burn

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within protected landscapes, cultivation and planting of native tree species on 400 hectares of riparian corridor, training 45 residents from three villages in beekeeping, and facilitating sales agreements between the communities and purchasers of honey.

Funding: \$130,000  
Grant Term: 9/1/2016 - 8/31/2018  
Grantee: Wildlife and Environmental Conservation Society of Zambia

### **Ensuring the Long-term Sustainability of Nsumbu National Park and Tondwa Game Manage Area Key Biodiversity Area Through Strengthening the Role of Village Action Groups**

Ensure the effective participation of local communities in the recently initiated Lake Tanganyika Sustainable Development Project (LTDP), which is partly funded by GEF. The LTDP aims to develop a land use plan for Tondwa Game Management Area (GMA), conduct a law enforcement review and create a strategic law enforcement plan for both Tondwa GMA and Nsumbu National Park, and finally contribute toward a general management plan for Nsumbu. The project will add value to this larger initiative by strengthening the role of village action groups in the LTDP through local consultations, agreements on local demarcations and inclusion of local community considerations in the final LTDP documents.

Funding: \$20,000  
Grant Term: 10/1/2016 - 7/31/2017  
Grantee: Conservation Lake Tanganyika  
Notes: Awarded by Regional Implementation Team

### **Fish Inventory in Chimanimani Mountains Key Biodiversity Area, Mozambique**

Conduct a fish survey in Mozambique's Chimanimani National Reserve in order to better understand which are the existing species living in the area, update the status of the already known species and, ultimately, enable a better management of these species in the reserve by disseminating the project results among local stakeholders and the scientific community.

Funding: \$20,000  
Grant Term: 7/1/2016 - 6/30/2016  
Grantee: Museu de Historia Natural de Maputo  
Notes: Awarded by Regional Implementation Team

### **Implementing Adaptive Conservation Strategies at Mount Chiperoone Key Biodiversity Area, Mozambique**

Work with local communities located in Mount Chiperoone Key Biodiversity Area to reduce pressure on natural resources and ecosystems by supporting the development of agro-forestry systems on the slope of the inselberg and mainstreaming conservation agriculture practices among local farmers in the flatlands. Ultimately, the project aims to develop a sustainable

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model of agriculture in the area that will support local livelihoods and enable community members to avoid further degradation of the inselberg fragile ecosystem.

Funding: \$19,966  
Grant Term: 8/1/2016 - 6/30/2017  
Grantee: Verde Azul Lda  
Notes: Awarded by Regional Implementation Team

### **Rapid Faunal Assessment (Amphibians, Reptiles, Birds and Mammals) in the Nono-Sale and Garba-Dima Forest Priority Areas, Ilu-Ababor Zone, Southwestern Ethiopia**

Conduct a land vertebrate survey in two intact Afromontane forests: Sale-Nono and Garba-Dima. During the survey, the diversity, abundance and habitat associations of herpetofauna (amphibians and reptiles), mammals (small mammal, including bats and large mammals) and birds will be assessed and recorded.

Funding: \$18,399  
Grant Term: 10/1/2016 - 6/30/2017  
Grantee: Mettu University, Ethiopia  
Notes: Awarded by Regional Implementation Team

### **Strategic Direction 2. Improve the protection and management of the KBA network throughout the hotspot**

#### **Identify new Eastern Afromontane Key Biodiversity Area on the Njesi Plateau in Mozambique**

Mount an expedition to the northernmost mountains of the Njesi Plateau in Mozambique to perform standardized biodiversity surveys for selected taxa: birds; large mammals; small mammals; amphibians and reptiles; ground beetles and spiders; butterflies; Odonata and Hemiptera; selected beetles; and selected moths. Assess the biodiversity and habitat matrices present, describe new species encountered and also quantitatively document species assemblages through well-established, rapid assessment protocols. Formally assess, document and present the site's conservation value and its qualification as an Eastern Afromontane Key Biodiversity Area.

Funding: \$16,568  
Grant Term: 7/1/2016 - 6/30/2017  
Grantee: Biodiversity Inventory for Conservation  
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### **Identifying a new Eastern Afromontane Key Biodiversity Area at Nou National Forest Reserve in Tanzania**

Work with the Tanzanian Botanical Research and Conservation Programme, Wildthings Ecology, the African Butterfly Research Institute, the Tanzania Forest Services and the World Conservation Monitoring Centre to research plants; primates; large and small mammals; reptiles; amphibians; birds; and butterflies to evaluate if Nou Forest Reserve qualifies as a new Eastern Afromontane Key Biodiversity Area. Look at trends (including forest cover), threats and current management effectiveness of the reserve.

Funding: \$19,983  
Grant Term: 7/1/2016 - 6/30/2017  
Grantee: Missouri Botanical Garden  
Notes: Awarded by Regional Implementation Team

### **Promoting Energy-Efficient Stoves for Sustainable Conservation of Cyamudongo Forest, Phase Two**

Work with residents living adjacent to the Cyamudongo Forest in Rwanda to promote the adoption of fuel-efficient wood-burning stoves and assess whether use of the stoves leads to decreased pressure on the forest.

Funding: \$40,000  
Grant Term: 7/1/2016 - 6/30/2017  
Grantee: Association Rwandaise des Ecologistes

### **Upgrade Biodiversity Importance Status of Dedza Forest Reserve Key Biodiversity Area in Malawi**

Implement a baseline tree and orchid inventory in Dedza-Salima Forest Reserve and a complete orchid survey of Thuma Forest Reserve in Malawi. Using these lists, demonstrate the need to incorporate Thuma into the Dedza-Salima Forest Reserve Key Biodiversity Area (KBA), as well as potentially raise the biological priority of the KBA due to the presence of previously undocumented orchid species. Provide training for scouts in vegetation identification to implement more systematic monitoring and management of the newly extended KBA.

Funding: \$18,779  
Grant Term: 7/1/2016 - 6/30/2017  
Grantee: Wildlife Action Group  
Notes: Awarded by Regional Implementation Team

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### **Upgrade Biodiversity Importance Status of Sof Omar Key Biodiversity Area in Ethiopia**

Determine the appropriate biological priority for Sof Omar Key Biodiversity Area in Ethiopia through an improved understanding of the flora within the site and their threat status. Build capacity of local partners, raise awareness of relevant stakeholders, and identify appropriate protection measures for the site and species therein.

Funding: \$17,600  
Grant Term: 7/1/2016 - 6/30/2017  
Grantee: Botanic Gardens Conservation International  
Notes: Awarded by Regional Implementation Team

### **Upgrade Biodiversity Importance Status of Zomba Mountains Key Biodiversity Area in Malawi**

Validate the occurrence of all literature-listed globally threatened (i.e., Critically Endangered, Endangered and Vulnerable) and endemic species of flora and fauna in Malawi's Zomba Mountains Key Biodiversity Area (KBA) by carrying out targeted surveys for those species. The project will update the current biological priority status of the KBA from 4 to either 2 or 1; assess key threats to the ecosystem and threatened species found there; and recommend an improved and effective management and monitoring plan.

Funding: \$20,000  
Grant Term: 7/1/2016 - 6/30/2017  
Grantee: National Herbarium and Botanic Gardens  
Notes: Awarded by Regional Implementation Team

### **Indo-Burma**

#### **Strategic Direction 4. Empower local communities to engage in conservation and management of priority Key Biodiversity Areas**

#### **Environmental Education Program in Floating Villages Around the Prek Toal Core Area of Tonle Sap Biosphere Reserve**

Reduce threats to the biodiversity of Prek Toal Ramsar Site, Tonle Sap Biosphere Reserve, Cambodia, by continuing to raise awareness of environmental issues and biodiversity conservation legislation among the residents of Peak Kantiel floating village by integrating environmental Education classes into the curriculum at Peak Kantiel village public school, training teachers and organizing awareness-raising events aimed at adults in the community.

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Funding: \$20,000  
Grant Term: 8/1/2016 - 7/31/2017  
Grantee: OSMOSE  
Notes: Awarded by Regional Implementation Team

### **Strategic Direction 6. Engage key actors in mainstreaming biodiversity, communities and livelihoods into development planning in the priority corridors**

#### **Providing Incentives for Conservation in the Tonal Sap Biosphere Reserve, Stung Seng and Boeung Tonle Chhmar Core Zones Through Sustainable Livelihoods in Responsible Tourism**

Provide communities at Stung Seng and Boeung Tonle Chhmar, Tonle Sap Biosphere Reserve, Cambodia, with incentives to conserve biodiversity and sustainably manage natural resources by engaging them in the sustainable development of nature-based tourism through the participatory preparation of tourism master plans. The project will also train members of local tourism working groups and build the national profile of these sites as destinations for nature-based tourism.

Funding: \$19,916  
Grant Term: 7/1/2016 - 6/30/2017  
Grantee: Wild Cambodia Organisation (WcO)  
Notes: Awarded by Regional Implementation Team

### **Strategic Direction 8. Strengthen the capacity of civil society to work on biodiversity, communities and livelihoods at regional, national, local and grassroots levels**

#### **Strengthening the Capacity of Save Vietnam's Wildlife**

Improve the sustainability and effectiveness of Save Vietnam's Wildlife, one of Vietnam's newest and most dynamic biodiversity conservation-focused nonprofit organizations, by strengthening its systems for financial management, supporting its migration to larger office space, and helping it better engage with the national and international conservation community.

Funding: \$19,986  
Grant Term: 8/1/2016 - 6/30/2017  
Grantee: Save Vietnam's Wildlife (SVW)  
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### Madagascar and Indian Ocean Islands

#### **Strategic Direction 1. Empower local communities to protect and manage biodiversity in priority Key Biodiversity Areas**

##### **Sustainably Manage the Natural Resources of Lake Ihotry to Ensure Local Development**

Strengthen the governance of Madagascar's Lake Ihotry by reinforcing the role of locally based association VOI Soamanantaly and by collaborating with local stakeholders and authorities. The project will conduct communication campaigns at the regional and national level.

Funding: \$19,735  
Grant Term: 8/4/2016 - 10/13/2017  
Grantee: Asity Madagascar  
Notes: Awarded by Regional Implementation Team

#### **Strategic Direction 2. Enable civil society to mainstream biodiversity and conservation into political and economic decision-making**

##### **Strengthening the System of Environmental Indicators for Monitoring the Environment in Madagascar and Updating the Environmental Board of the Menabe Region**

Provide timely information about the biodiversity and ecosystem services of the Menabe region in Madagascar. The program will help decision-makers implement programs related to biodiversity.

Funding: \$19,982  
Grant Term: 9/5/2016 - 6/5/2017  
Grantee: Office National pour l'Environnement  
Notes: Awarded by Regional Implementation Team

### Wallacea

#### **Strategic Direction 2. Improve management of sites (Key Biodiversity Areas) with and without official protection status**

##### **Ensuring Conservation Attention to Limestone-Specific Biodiversity in South Sulawesi, Indonesia**

Conduct surveys of limestone cave ecosystems in and around Bantimurung-Bulusaraung National Park in South Sulawesi, Indonesia. Produce biological studies and work with park managers and cave tourism operators to improve the management of these delicate areas.



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Funding: \$100,000  
Grant Term: 10/1/2016 - 9/30/2018  
Grantee: Fauna & Flora International

### **Strategic Direction 3. Support sustainable natural resource management by communities in priority sites and corridors**

#### **Alternative Livelihood Promotion and Sustainable Resource Use in the Bantimurung-Bulusaraung Key Biodiversity Area of Indonesia**

Reduce pressure on the area surrounding Bantimurung-Bulusaraung National Park in South Sulawesi, Indonesia. Facilitate dialogue between residents of two villages and park authorities so that people understand their rights regarding the use of formally zoned land within the park. Engage with some 400 households to provide training in the production of sustainable honey, brown sugar, rice and peanut products.

Funding: \$80,842  
Grant Term: 9/1/2016 - 2/28/2018  
Grantee: Perkumpulan PAYO-PAYO

#### **Strengthening Biodiversity Conservation in Coffee and Cocoa Production Systems in Bantaeng Regency, Indonesia**

Reduce the threats to Indonesia's Gunung Lompobattang protected forest by maintaining adjacent forest and restoring degraded and fallow areas in its buffer zones. The Gunung Lompobattang protected forest is an Alliance for Zero Extinction site and home to the last remaining population of the Lompobattang flycatcher (*Ficedula bonthaina*). Smallholder coffee and cocoa farming are the dominant economic activities in the Gunung Lompobattang protected forest buffer zones, and forest encroachment for agriculture expansion remains a significant threat to the future of this Key Biodiversity Area. The project will promote sustainable production of cocoa and coffee, leading to improved management of the forest and surrounding region.

Funding: \$105,329  
Grant Term: 7/1/2016 - 12/31/2017  
Grantee: Rainforest Alliance Inc.

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### **Strategic Direction 6. Enhance civil society capacity for effective conservation action in Wallacea**

#### **Strengthening the Capacity of Civil Society Organizations for Effective Conservation Action in Indonesia**

Use established capacity building methods to work with CEPF grantees and other members of Indonesian civil society to improve internal managerial, operational and financial abilities. This will include working with individual partners and creating networks among partners.

Funding: \$320,000  
Grant Term: 8/1/2016 - 7/31/2019  
Grantee: Penabulu Foundation