

GUINEAN FORESTS OF WEST AFRICA LOGICAL FRAMEWORK: 2016-2021

Objective	Target	Means of Verification	Important Assumptions
<p>Engage civil society in the conservation of globally threatened biodiversity through targeted investments with maximum impact on the highest conservation priorities.</p>	<p>At least 60 local communities are empowered to engage in the sustainable management of priority sites and/or consolidate ecological connectivity at the landscape scale.</p> <p>At least 20 Key Biodiversity Areas targeted by CEPF grants have new or strengthened protection and management.</p> <p>At least 100,000 hectares within production landscapes are managed for biodiversity conservation or sustainable use.</p> <p>Public policies and/or private sector business practices in at least 6 conservation corridors incorporate provisions for biodiversity conservation.</p> <p>Populations of at least 30 globally threatened species targeted by CEPF grants are stable or increasing.</p> <p>At least 15 networks are formed among civil society, government and private sector actors to facilitate capacity building, avoid duplication of effort and maximize impact.</p> <p>At least 50 civil society organizations, including at least 10 Indigenous People's, women's and/or youth groups, demonstrate improvements in organizational capacity.</p> <p>Investment strategies of at least 2 other donors active in the Guinean Forests incorporate geographic and/or thematic priorities from the ecosystem profile.</p>	<p>Grantee and Regional Implementation Team performance reports.</p> <p>Annual portfolio overview reports.</p> <p>Portfolio midterm and final assessment reports.</p> <p>Protected Area Tracking Tool (SP1 METT).</p> <p>IUCN Red List of Threatened Species.</p> <p>Civil society organizational capacity tracking tool.</p> <p>Strategies and reports of other donors.</p>	<p>The CEPF ecosystem profile effectively guides and coordinates conservation action in the Guinean Forest Hotspot.</p> <p>Stakeholder interest remains stable or increases with respect to working in partnership with civil society organizations to achieve conservation outcomes.</p> <p>Investments by other funders support complementary activities that reduce threats to priority corridors, sites and species, and improve the operating environment for civil society.</p> <p>Regulatory and institutional environments for conservation and civil society engagement remain stable or improve over time.</p> <p>Implementation of conservation initiatives and operations of civil society organizations are not prevented by political instability, public health emergencies or other crises.</p>

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<p>Outcome 1: Local communities are empowered to engage in sustainable management of 40 priority sites and consolidate ecological connectivity at the landscape scale.</p> <p>\$3,000,000</p>	<p>At least 15 local land-use plans elaborated and implemented to facilitate good governance in the management of community and private reserves and concessions.</p> <p>At least 10 local and indigenous communities are trained to initiate and advocate for land tenure and forestry reforms in relation to management of community and private reserves and concessions.</p> <p>At least 10 participatory management plans that support stakeholder collaboration in Protected Area management are prepared and implemented.</p> <p>At least 30 local communities targeted by sustainable livelihood/job creation activities or benefit-sharing mechanisms show tangible wellbeing benefits.</p>	<p>Official land-use plans.</p> <p>Pre- and post-activity training needs assessment reports.</p> <p>Approved participatory management plans.</p> <p>Human wellbeing monitoring reports.</p> <p>Grantee and Regional Implementation Team performance reports.</p> <p>Secretariat supervision mission reports.</p>	<p>Local communities are willing to play an active role in site-based conservation.</p> <p>Local governments are receptive to participation of local and indigenous communities in reform and implementation of policies related to land and natural resource management.</p> <p>Government policies continue to provide for participatory management of protected areas.</p> <p>Appropriate, cost-effective protocols for monitoring human well-being impacts can be developed.</p>
<p>Outcome 2: Biodiversity conservation mainstreamed into public policy and private sector practice in the nine conservation corridors, at local, sub-national and national levels.</p> <p>\$2,000,000</p>	<p>At least 5 conservation-related policies of national governments are informed or influenced by research, analysis and outreach supported by CEPF grants.</p> <p>Locally-relevant information on natural ecosystems is generated for at least 20 key biodiversity areas and used to influence political and economic decision-making in favor of their conservation</p> <p>At least 20 partnerships are formed or strengthened among civil society, government, private sector and communities to promote best practices in mining, sustainable forestry and agriculture by private companies.</p> <p>At least 5 private companies adopt new management practices consistent with biodiversity conservation at operations in the conservation corridors.</p>	<p>National government conservation policies.</p> <p>Reports on the values of natural ecosystems.</p> <p>Partnership agreements.</p> <p>Corporate sustainability strategies, annual reports and media.</p> <p>Grantee and Regional Implementation Team performance reports.</p> <p>Secretariat supervision mission reports.</p>	<p>Governments and companies remain committed to sustainable development goals.</p> <p>Governments create space for civil society to engage in policy reform processes.</p> <p>Economic decision making can be influenced by arguments about the values of natural ecosystems.</p> <p>Sufficient civil society capacity to undertake biodiversity mainstreaming exists or can be built.</p>

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<p>Outcome 3: Priority globally threatened species are safeguarded by identifying and addressing major threats and information gaps.</p> <p>\$1,200,000</p>	<p>Priority actions identified in Conservation Action Plans are implemented for at least 15 Critically Endangered and Endangered species.</p> <p>The inventory of Key Biodiversity Areas in the hotspot is updated to fill critical information gaps, particularly with regard to the Lower Guinean Forests subregion, and freshwater ecosystems.</p> <p>The global conservation status of at least 100 species from poorly assessed taxonomic groups is updated or assessed for the first time on the IUCN Red List.</p>	<p>World Bird and Biodiversity Database.</p> <p>IUCN Red List of Threatened Species.</p> <p>Grantee and Regional Implementation Team performance reports.</p> <p>Secretariat supervision mission reports.</p>	<p>Sufficient civil society capacity to conceive and implement species conservation actions exists or can be built.</p> <p>The main causes of declines in specific species populations are amenable to conservation action and can be addressed within the timeframe of the investment.</p> <p>Organizations and individuals holding data on species and sites are willing to share it.</p>
<p>Outcome 4: Capacity of local civil society organizations, including Indigenous People's, women's and youth groups built to conserve and manage globally important biodiversity.</p> <p>\$1,300,000</p>	<p>At least 50 local civil society organizations, including at least 10 Indigenous People's organizations, demonstrate strengthened capacity with regard to financial, institutional and project management, organizational governance, and fundraising.</p> <p>At least 20 women-led conservation and development organizations, associations and networks are established and strengthened to foster gender equality in natural resource management and benefit sharing.</p> <p>At least 20 local civil society organizations demonstrate increased communication capacity in ways that support the delivery of their mission.</p>	<p>Pre- and post-activity training needs assessment reports.</p> <p>Civil society organizational capacity tracking tool.</p> <p>Grantee and Regional Implementation Team performance reports.</p> <p>Secretariat supervision mission reports.</p>	<p>Civil society actors are able to work collaboratively to respond to conservation challenges.</p> <p>The operating environment for civil society remains constant or improves across the hotspot</p> <p>Key capacity limitations of civil society organizations can be addressed through trainings, mentorship and other activities suitable for grant support.</p> <p>Civil society organizations are able to retain trained staff who benefit from capacity building opportunities.</p>

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<p>Outcome 5: A Regional Implementation Team provides strategic leadership and effective coordination of CEPF conservation investment in the Guinean Forests Hotspot.</p> <p>\$1,500,000</p>	<p>At least 60 civil society organizations, including at least 30 local and indigenous NGOs actively participate in conservation actions guided by the ecosystems profile.</p> <p>At least 85 percent of local NGOs receiving grants demonstrate more effective capacity to design and implement conservation actions.</p> <p>At least 5 civil society organizations supported by CEPF secure follow-up funding to promote the sustainability of their CEPF grants.</p> <p>At least \$1 million in additional funding is leveraged from other donors towards the priorities set in the ecosystem profile.</p> <p>At least 2 participatory assessments are undertaken and documented.</p>	<p>Civil society organizational capacity tracking tool.</p> <p>Portfolio midterm and final assessment reports.</p> <p>Grantee and Regional Implementation Team performance reports.</p> <p>Secretariat supervision mission reports.</p> <p>Strategies and reports of other donors.</p>	<p>Suitably qualified organizations will apply to serve as the Regional Implementation Team in line with the approved terms of reference and the ecosystem profile.</p> <p>Calls for proposals will elicit appropriate proposals that advance the goals of the ecosystem profile.</p> <p>Civil society organizations will collaborate with each other, other donors, government agencies, and private sector actors in a coordinated regional conservation program in line with ecosystem profile.</p>
Funding Summary	Amount		
Total Budget	\$9,000,000		