

**CRITICAL ECOSYSTEM**  
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PROTECTING NATURE'S HOTSPOTS  
FOR PEOPLE AND PROSPERITY

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# ABOUT CEPF



The Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund (CEPF) was formed to empower people to be good stewards of the planet, so they and future generations could continue to benefit from its life-sustaining resources like clean air, fresh water and healthy soils. The partners believed that civil society was well suited to protect some of Earth's most biologically rich yet threatened ecosystems.

CEPF has spent more than a decade providing grants to nongovernmental and private sector organizations so they can conserve these critical ecosystems, located in biodiversity hotspots. The investments have become even more meaningful because these regions are home to millions of people who are impoverished and highly dependent on natural resources.

Enabling civil society groups to have stronger voices and exert greater influence in the world around them has been the hallmark of our approach from the beginning. CEPF's support equips these groups to conserve their environment and influence decisions that

affect lives, livelihoods and, ultimately, the global environment for the benefit of all. Our partners range from small farming cooperatives and community associations to private sector partners and international organizations.

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- Target biodiversity hotspots in developing and transitional countries.
- Are guided by regional investment strategies developed with stakeholders.
- Go directly to civil society groups to build this vital constituency for conservation alongside governmental partners.
- Create working alliances among diverse groups, combining unique capacities and eliminating duplication of efforts.
- Achieve results through an ever-expanding network of partners working together toward shared goals.





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With the help of grantee organizations big and small in biodiversity hotspots around the world, CEPF advanced during the past year from its successful first decade into its future. Following 10th anniversary celebrations at the Conference of the Parties of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) in Nagoya, Japan, in October 2010, the partnership progressed with renewed commitment to the objectives of the CBD—the conservation of biological diversity, the sustainable use of the components of biological diversity, and the equitable sharing of its benefits.

In a fiscal year that overlapped part of the U.N. International Year of Forests, CEPF continued its long-standing efforts to secure forest ecosystems and the services they provide, such as fresh water, soil fertility, carbon storage and reduced risk of natural disasters. Working in forests and other critical ecosystems, our grantees forged ahead on efforts to protect these vital resources and help communities depending on these ecosystems to ensure that those natural assets—including rich biodiversity—are passed on to their children and grandchildren. Examples of our grantees in action are featured in this report. They include the organizations working with a community near the sarus crane reserve in Cambodia's Kampong Trach District to improve livelihoods and agricultural practices, as well as the groups enabling people who live near a major road project in Bolivia to get their voices heard regarding environmental and health safeguards. We also highlight our efforts to bring together conservationists, researchers, government representatives and community stakeholders in East Africa and the Arabian Peninsula to develop the ecosystem profile of the Eastern Afromontane Hotspot. This comprehensive conservation strategy for the region also directs CEPF's future investment there to the areas and types of projects in which CEPF can make the most difference. We also present two additional examples of grantees achieving results: the regional implementation team in Polynesia-Micronesia that is ensuring implementation of CEPF's strategy for protecting the region's natural treasures by building the strength of local organizations; and grantees and former grantees in the Succulent Karoo Hotspot in southwestern Africa who are working together to sustain and expand on their conservation achievements.

These featured initiatives demonstrate the determination and commitment of organizations and communities across the globe who, with the support of the CEPF partnership, are making crucial strides toward a healthy future for life on Earth. We at CEPF, in turn, commit to providing them with the financial and technical means to keep moving forward.

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**Patricia Zurita**  
Executive Director, CEPF

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# MESSAGE FROM THE PARTNERS



Partnership is the beating heart of CEPF. The fund connects those of us who make up its global donors with the organizations and people of even the smallest communities in the world's biodiversity hotspots, forging a thriving, diverse partnership with the resources and reach to address vital conservation needs.

In the course of the fiscal year, as the fund's granting increased to \$135.5 million, the list of CEPF grantees working in the hotspots grew to more than 1,600. Meanwhile, the fund forged new relationships at the global level as well. CEPF donor partner the Government of Japan hosted the fund in Nagoya during the Conference of the Parties of the Convention on Biological Diversity at events that brought together international conservation leaders to discuss the future of biodiversity and celebrate CEPF's 10th anniversary. In cooperation with donors l'Agence Française de Développement and Conservation International, CEPF held events in Paris and Brussels to engage European organizations and governments in conversations about protecting critical ecosystems. The events drew many participants, including guests of honor at the Brussels reception Their Royal Highnesses Prince Constantijn and Princess Laurentien van Oranje of the Netherlands, who share our commitment to protecting the environment for future generations.

We brought together stakeholders from different sectors within hotspots, including grantees and government and donor representatives. In Indo-Burma and the Western Ghats region of India, CEPF held participatory midterm assessments that will help guide the activities funded through the end of these initial five-year investments. In the Eastern Afromontane Hotspot in eastern Africa and the Arabian Peninsula, CEPF conducted several stakeholder

meetings across the vast landscape, resulting in not only a comprehensive conservation strategy—the ecosystem profile—but also an unprecedented collaboration that included CEPF's first engagement with the Saudi Arabian and Yemeni governments.

We owe a debt of gratitude to the many individuals, communities, organizations and entities who have joined forces with us to carefully analyze and confront some of the most pressing environmental challenges around the globe. It is only by working together that we can stem the tide of biodiversity loss, ensure healthy communities and lay the foundation for a rich, vital future.

**James D. Wolfensohn**, Chairperson, CEPF Donor Council

**Monique Barbut**, Chairperson and CEO, The Global Environment Facility

**Robert L. Gallucci**, President, John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation

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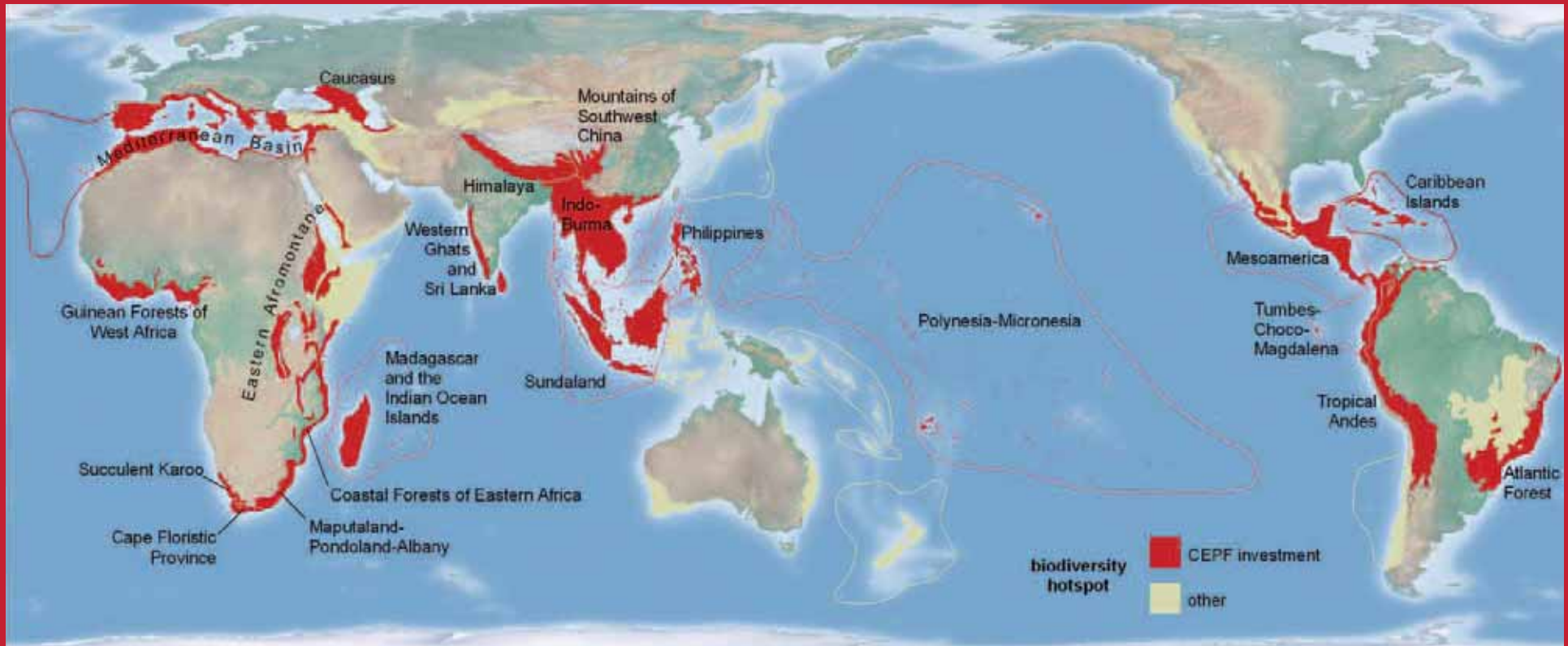
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**Peter A. Seligmann**, Chairman and CEO, Conservation International



# WHERE CEPF WORKS



Earth's 35 biodiversity hotspots hold especially high numbers of unique species and provide important services for human well-being, such as clean air and water, flood and climate control, and soil regeneration, as well as food, medicines and raw materials. The hotspots, which face extreme threats, cover only 2.3 percent of the planet's land surface and have each lost at least 70 percent of their original natural vegetation.

Through fiscal year 2011, CEPF had awarded grants to civil society partners in 20 hotspots in support of its strategies for protecting critical ecosystems in these regions. During the 2011 fiscal year, CEPF staff and regional partners were also hard at work on an ecosystem profile, including a detailed conservation strategy, for the Eastern Afromontane Hotspot in eastern Africa and the Arabian Peninsula. CEPF also continued its efforts toward implementation of the conservation strategy for the Mediterranean Basin.

Note: The Eastern Arc Mountains and Coastal Forests of Tanzania and Kenya Hotspot was divided in 2005; a portion of it is now part of the Eastern Afromontane Hotspot, and the remainder is part of the Coastal Forests of Eastern Africa Hotspot. Before the separation, CEPF had initiated an investment in the original Eastern Arc Hotspot, and, through that investment, awarded grants in portions of the hotspots that are now known as the Eastern Afromontane and the Coastal Forests of Eastern Africa.

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# CEPF AND FORESTS

## SUPPORTING THE ROOTS OF BIODIVERSITY AND COMMUNITIES



A pair of birds breeding might not sound like an event of great significance. But when that pair consists of Critically Endangered Taita thrushes, the significance becomes more obvious. Throw in the fact that these orange-breasted birds are breeding in an isolated forest in their native habitat that had been on the verge of devastation, and the implication is clear.

Something has changed for the better in these birds' range.

The Taita thrush is endemic to the forests in Kenya's Taita Hills. Over the past 200 years the land has been ravaged mainly for agricultural purposes. The resulting deforestation has not only degraded a natural resource that is vital to soil retention and water resources, but also fragmented the forest habitat for the thrush and other endemic species. The isolation of an important subpopulation of the thrush in a block of the forest called Chawia resulted in significant inbreeding and genetic complications for the few birds that remained there. The fact that birds are now breeding there following years of CEPF support to the forest is the first glimmer of hope that they may avoid becoming extinct—and that this 50-hectare swath of forest may be a thriving resource once again for all creatures.

This bit of hope came during 2011, a year the United Nations designated as the International Year of Forests to “raise awareness on strengthening the sustainable management, conservation and sustainable development of all types of forests for the benefit of current and future generations.” It serves as one small example of CEPF's commitment to conserving forests. The importance of this objective is clear. Covering 31 percent of the land on Earth, forests provide livelihoods for more than 1.6 billion people and provide habitat for 80 percent of terrestrial biodiversity. Destroying forests accounts for 12 to 20 percent of the greenhouse gas emissions that contribute to global warming, according to the U.N.

CEPF investments have used numerous approaches to support forests in biodiversity hotspots around the world. In Chawia, the fund's partner, East African Wild Life Society (EAWLS), provided 9,800 trees to plant and gave 4,000 seedlings

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to residents to use at farms, schools and churches and on communal plots to decrease their reliance on the trees in the forest for fuelwood. These trees are also expected to serve as stepping stones between the blocks of remaining forest, thus allowing the birds to move freely. In Armenia, CEPF helped a nongovernmental organization (NGO) conduct a survey of forests remaining in the mountainous country and to write a sustainable forestry training manual for community members, forestry students, conservationists and government officials.

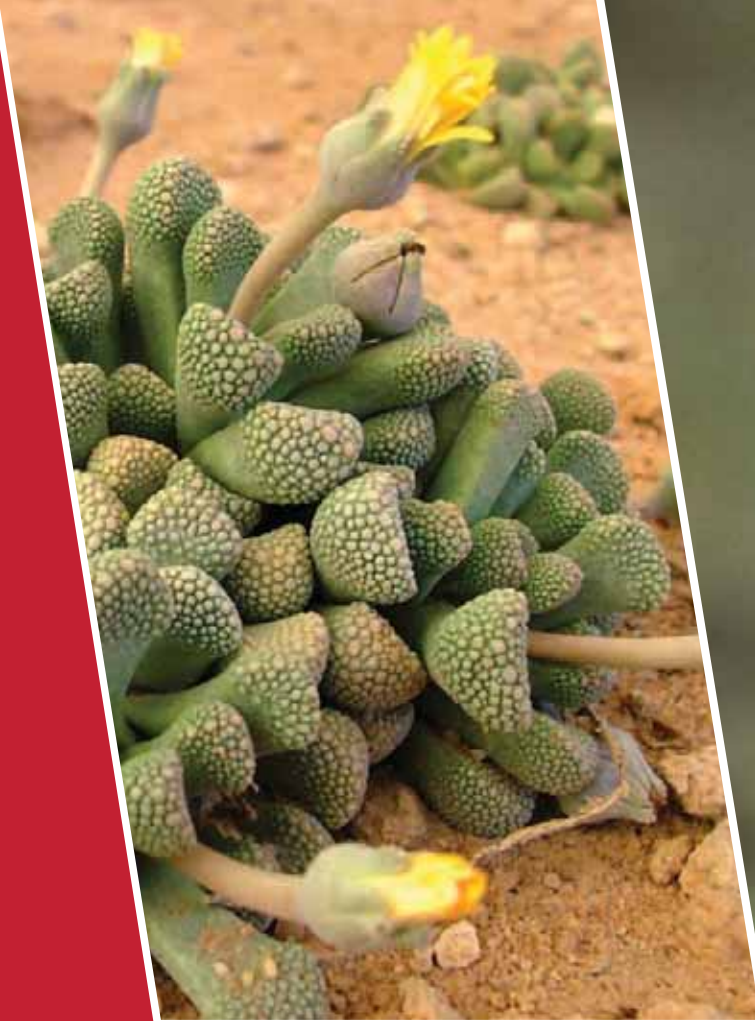
To the east in Bhutan, CEPF partner World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) helped the government create a nation-spanning “biological complex,” a corridor of protected and sustainably used forests that are connected. The biological complex secures the habitat of tigers, among other well-known species, while also ensuring watershed protection for the literally millions of people living downstream. And in the Nilgiri Hills of Tamil Nadu, India, local NGO Keystone Foundation has worked with tribal communities, school children and urbanites to raise awareness of the forests and the water they provide to downstream communities, and to build constituencies for conservation of these forests.

Many of these investments have encouraged others to join the efforts. “CEPF funding has been very crucial in first steering conservation thinking backed by concrete science ... and attracting funding and support from other sources,” said James Mwang’ombe, project manager for the Taita Hills Forest Programme. The project recently received a grant worth more than \$320,000 from Nature Kenya and Taita/Taveta Wildlife Forum.

“CEPF’s investment gave the Armenia Tree Project [ATP] the opportunity to connect with Yale’s School of Forestry and Environmental Studies,” said Jeff Masarjian, the organization’s executive director. “We actually hired the person who implemented the forest surveys underwritten by CEPF as our forestry director. He has been invaluable in helping ATP to establish high-quality control methodology.”

CEPF’s investment in ATP helped inspire an American woman, Virginia Ohanian, to do the same; she paid for an environmental education center that bears her name and that of her late husband, Michael, in the town of Karin, Armenia. “CEPF ... helped further establish ATP’s presence there,” said Masarjian. “We have plans to conduct a series of teacher trainings there this year, as well as trainings for local community members on sustainable forest management techniques, using the manual developed with funds from CEPF.”







A remarkable collaboration results in a strategy for the Eastern Afromontane Hotspot.

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A network of conservation groups in southern Africa flourishes with CEPF investment.

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Cambodian grantees work to secure habitat for cranes and resources for people.

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A variety of stakeholders come together to influence road construction decisions in Bolivia.

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Polynesia-Micronesia's regional implementation team helps grantees meet goals.

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# 2011 HIGHLIGHTS





# ENGAGING STAKEHOLDERS



## Unprecedented collaboration yields new data and conservation strategy

Conservationists, researchers and stakeholders from Zimbabwe to Saudi Arabia and many places in between collaborated over more than a year with a single purpose: developing a strategy to save the critical ecosystems of the Eastern Afromontane biodiversity hotspot.

A core team led by BirdLife International Africa brought more than 200 contributors together from more than 100 organizations to share data about natural areas and the factors that affect the hotspot's mountainous ecosystems, which sprawl across 17 countries in East Africa and the Arabian Peninsula. Then the core profiling team distilled the resulting mountains of information into a comprehensive conservation strategy—an ecosystem profile—for the hotspot, including a specific, highly prioritized strategy for CEPF's \$9.8 million investment in the region.

For some countries, like Yemen, this was the first time that biological data on mountain ecosystems had ever been compiled and that priorities had been set for sites and actions to preserve biodiversity. The process identified a total of 677 species, including 67 birds, 77 mammals and 140 freshwater fish in need of conservation in the hotspot. Sixty-two of the species are Critically Endangered. The amount of valuable data the team collected on endangered plants was unprecedented. They also incorporated a new methodology for identifying key freshwater biodiversity areas, recognizing that species-rich inland lakes and rivers deserve special attention.

"The Eastern Afromontane Hotspot profiling was a monumental task," said Sam Kanyamibwa, executive secretary of the Albertine Rift Conservation Society, a participant. "The region was so complex and diverse, and there were enormous gaps in information. But the answers came from the great spirit of the participants and good coordination."

Many of the participants involved in the process—which included five national and two regional workshops—had never shared data with counterparts in other countries before, according to Pierre Carret, an advisor to CEPF. Incorporating data from several languages was just one of many challenges.

The profiling team also developed a new relationship with the Saudi Arabia Wildlife Authority, an important stakeholder at the northern end of the hotspot.

The threats to the region's biodiversity are daunting. One of the biggest is that the number of people living in countries within the hotspot is expected to more than double in coming decades, from 465 million today to more than 1 billion by 2050. All of the countries except Saudi Arabia suffer from poverty, and many are involved in wars or armed conflict. Their strategies for developing their economies often focus on mining, oil extraction and hydropower—all of which can endanger fragile ecosystems. Another threat to the region is climate change.

"The Eastern Afromontane Hotspot profiling was timely for protecting the integrity and resilience of these fragile ecosystems to climate change, one of the pressing priorities today," said Kanyamibwa.

CEPF will use the newly gathered information to move forward in protecting the Eastern Afromontane Hotspot by working with a regional implementation team to achieve its specific strategic goals:

- Mainstreaming biodiversity into wider development policies, plans and projects to deliver biodiversity conservation, improved local livelihoods and economic development in priority conservation corridors
- Improving the protection and management of the key biodiversity area (KBA) network throughout the hotspot
- Initiating and supporting sustainable financing and related actions for the conservation of priority KBAs and corridors

Through the collaborative profiling process, CEPF hopes to have encouraged biodiversity conservation not only as a part of planning at a very local level, but also as a mainstream part of major national development policies.



# COORDINATING ACTION



## Civil society groups in South Africa and Namibia network to address conservation issues

The vast 116,000-square-kilometer desert that blankets the Atlantic coast of South Africa and Namibia is a place of stark beauty, bleak and golden-brown for most of the year and then ablaze with jewel-toned wildflowers each spring. Called the Succulent Karoo for the thousands of types of succulent plants that find the environment there hospitable, the region is a hard place for humans to live. Yet people who call the region home have helped create a thriving conservation network to ensure the Succulent Karoo endures.

That network is the Succulent Karoo Ecosystem Plan (SKEP), formed in 2001 shortly after CEPF decided to invest in the region. About 107 small community groups, government agencies, academic institutions and international NGOs were involved in SKEP's early stages.

There were many issues to tackle in those stages, recalled Lubabalo Ntsholo, SKEP's program developer. "Exploration and mining of the region's mineral resources, at both small and large scale, irrigated agriculture, and overgrazing by communal and commercial farmers significantly transformed a great part of the landscape," he said. "From the conservation sector, there was little going on in the area. While there were a handful of committed scientists who dedicated their lives toward unearthing more knowledge on the richness of the area, the science was not coordinated and developed into implementable conservation programs. These facts, combined with the then less understood potential impacts of climate change, prompted an interest to develop a coherent regional strategy for conservation."

There was much to conserve. The Succulent Karoo is one of the 25 richest—and most threatened—places in the world for plants and animals. The hotspot is home to more than 6,000 plant species, 250 species of birds, 78 species of mammals, 132 species of reptiles and amphibians, and an unknown number of insects. Almost 40 percent of the plants are not found anywhere else on Earth.

As SKEP fleshed out a 20-year conservation strategy for the region, the number of groups involved shrank into more

compact, focused entities. "Over the years, with the lack of resources to coordinate all these disparate groups, the implementation of the program became more centralized, but still with satellite forums catalyzing local participation," Ntsholo said. Today, the satellite or regional forums meet quarterly.

Since 2003, CEPF has invested \$9.4 million in SKEP grantees to increase awareness of the region's rich biodiversity, expand protected areas, strengthen the abilities of local people to use the land wisely, and make scientific knowledge more accessible to decision makers.

The network has a number of success stories to tell. The Knersvlakte Nature Reserve, whose conceptualization and planning were results of CEPF investment, is now a 70,000-hectare protected area near South Africa's border with Namibia.

To the south, the Namaqua District Municipality incorporated some of SKEP's ideas and strategies into the local government's land-use guidelines. And throughout the Karoo, SKEP has publicized Conservation South Africa's Biodiversity and Red Meat Initiative to help sheep and goat farmers. Through this, the farmers agree to reduce their herds by 10 percent in the first year, thereby using less land; in return they receive a premium price for the livestock. The goal is to save land from overgrazing while sustaining, and even boosting, livelihoods. Such initiatives have been crucial to SKEP's own sustainability.

"The single most important aspect that has kept us going is that when SKEP was conceptualized, the central theme was that of linking conservation with livelihoods," Ntsholo said. "This concept has been carried through in most of the projects implemented thus far and is what keeps people interested, even those who would otherwise not be interested in conservation. People's very livelihoods in the Succulent Karoo are intimately linked to the biodiversity of the region.

"The greatest resource the program has are the people of the Succulent Karoo themselves," he continued. "The indestructibility of their spirit and their willingness to do more remains an ever-fixed inspiration for the program."



# DEVELOPING LIVELIHOODS



## Improved farming, work opportunities aid Cambodians and cranes

The Anlung Pring Management and Conservation Area for Sarus Cranes and Other Birds in Cambodia's Kampong Trach District occupies some of the last remaining natural wetlands in the Mekong Delta. To keep the wet grasslands habitat safe for the world's tallest flying birds—and for the people who live near them—CEPF grantees have helped the local community improve farming techniques and create ecotourism-based livelihoods.

“Improving community livelihoods in an environmentally sustainable manner is a key factor in motivating people to participate in environmental protection and conservation,” said Karun Albert Kouth, who heads the Cambodian Institute for Research and Rural Development (CIRD).

It is also a core part of CEPF's strategy. With CEPF funding, CIRD trained 86 farmers over the past year in eco-friendly sustainable agriculture techniques. Supported by CIRD educators, the farmers established a dozen rice farms. Using a technique called SRI, or system of rice intensification, they produced more rice than a typical yield while decreasing their use of water, harmful chemical fertilizers and insecticide. Six more farmers started making organic compost to cut down on the need for synthetic fertilizers. All the farmers pledged to demonstrate the techniques to others.

To qualify for the training, farmers signed a written promise to stop activities such as hunting that endanger the sarus cranes and other wildlife, and to respect the rules of the reserve's management. The tradeoff was worth it: using the new techniques, the rice farmers were able to earn \$500 per hectare, double their previous annual income.

CIRD is exploring the possibility of developing a wildlife-friendly farm product labeling program, which not only could make the farmers' products more appealing to consumers, but also could bring in funding for conservation efforts.

The new crane reserve was made official in January 2011, after more than five years of effort. A year before, more than 270 of the eastern subspecies of the crane (*Grus antigone sharpii*) were seen in the reserve—more than a third of the global population of the subspecies, according to CEPF partner BirdLife International. Thanks to Mlup Baitong, another CEPF partner, ecotourists will be able to go on a bird-watching tour, led by local guides, and see the magnificent red-headed cranes and other birds from either an observation platform or the deck of a motorboat.

Mlup Baitong has also been working with the more than 7,000 residents of nearby villages, organizing them into self-help groups and providing microfinance and training so that they, too, will benefit from the conservation area. This assistance helps local organic farmers hold on to their land in the face of commercial agricultural interests. It also gives women farmers an alternative to going to Phnom Penh or Malaysia to look for low-paid work.

“Improving livelihoods of local people needs to involve reducing pressure on natural resources from areas of conservation importance by providing alternative sources of income,” Kouth said.





# INFORMING DEVELOPMENT



## **Bolivians come together to minimize impact of new highway**

As an international highway is built along protected forests and grasslands of the Tropical Andes Hotspot in Bolivia, some local residents worry that measures designed to help blunt the road's impact on the environment have not been fully employed.

In response, the people most affected by a portion of the road between the towns of Yucumo and Rurrenabaque formed an environmental monitoring committee last year to protect themselves and the fragile land near two important national protected areas: Pilón Lajas and Madidi, which harbor some of the richest areas for biodiversity in the hemisphere. They established the committee with help from the Foundation for Development of the National System of Protected Areas (FUNDESAP) and four local partners, and through funding from CEPF. The committee is not opposed to the road, which is part of the Northern Corridor highway development plan and an important part of the Bolivian government's plan to improve living standards in South America's poorest country. However, they want to make sure that the voices of those concerned with the region's biodiversity and indigenous culture are heard, and best practices are applied.

Committee members were drawn from an unusually broad cross-section of society, including indigenous people, migrant farmers from the highlands, academics, nongovernmental groups, and municipal, regional and national government agencies. The establishment of the environmental monitoring committee marks the first time in the history of Bolivia that such a range of government and civic groups have collaborated in this way.

They are doing so for good reason. Over the long term, local communities fear the road will bring new settlements near and within protected areas, putting more pressure on natural resources and raising the potential for human conflict over their use. They are concerned that the road will result in increased illegal logging, hunting and agricultural encroachment. These threats could change the way of life of local indigenous communities.

In the short term, local people have expressed concern that the project brings environmental changes such as noise and altered access to and quality of water.

"The flow of traffic brings more accidents," said committee member Clemente Caimani, president of the Tsimane Mosestén Regional Council, an organization that represents indigenous residents of the Pilón Lajas Biosphere Reserve and Indigenous Territory, which is near the new highway. "The road brings more dust. This affects the health of children and their ability to attend school."

Caimani and other committee members interviewed people in communities near the highway project and visited sites in field trips funded and arranged by the CEPF grantees. They learned about road-building practices and regulations, collected information on where lack of enforcement was causing problems, and presented this information to authorities.

The committees submitted their first monitoring report in June at a meeting in La Paz organized by the Institute of Ecology and FUNDESAP. The meeting was attended by about 25 people, including representatives from local residents' groups, towns and protected areas, as well as the Ministry of the Environment and Waters, the National Service for Protected Areas (SERNAP) and the Bolivian road-building agency.

Soon after a second report was released in September, the road-building agency started a hiring process for staff to supervise environmental compliance. Committee members said they are looking forward to the time when that staff is in place so they can address some of the issues. And they plan to maintain this channel of open communication between the affected communities and decision makers to ensure that health and environmental integrity are considered in the road's development.





# NURTURING CONSERVATION



## **Regional implementation team: championing CEPF's strategy in Polynesia-Micronesia**

Island systems present a particular conservation challenge. In the Polynesia-Micronesia biodiversity hotspot, CEPF is implementing a strategy tailored to the unique circumstances and needs of this vast region of 4,500 islands comprising 20 Pacific island countries and territories across an area four times the size of the United States.

The isolated nature of many of the islands has contributed to the hotspot's status as one of the most endangered in the world. The unique ecosystems and flora and fauna with small populations make them particularly vulnerable to habitat destruction and invasive species. These threats are compounded by the effects of climate change, compromising ecosystem services such as freshwater supply, soil fertility and pollination.

To combat these threats, CEPF's strategy focuses on helping the people, organizations and programs in the region that can most effectively conserve the local biodiversity and ecosystems. Key to the strategy's success is the Polynesia-Micronesia regional implementation team (RIT). As it does in each of its regions of investment, CEPF engaged conservation professionals already operating in the region to provide program coordination, oversight and technical assistance informed by local knowledge. The Polynesia-Micronesia RIT, based at Conservation International's Pacific Islands Program, works closely with grantees before, during and after CEPF funds are committed to ensure that projects offer the greatest possible benefits to nature and people.

To extend the reach of the RIT and ensure up-to-date geographic coverage and language capacity in such a vast territory, the RIT formed a technical advisory group (TAG). It is composed of individuals representing governmental, nongovernmental, and private organizations working in the four subregions: Polynesia, French Polynesia, Fiji and Micronesia. TAG members have a broad range of management experience and technical expertise, as well as indispensable knowledge of local conservation issues, organizations and stakeholders.

They assist the RIT and CEPF in reviewing grant proposals to avoid duplicating efforts and to ensure that projects are well coordinated with other environmental initiatives being carried out in the region. Together, the RIT and the TAG serve as CEPF's eyes and ears in the hotspot.

"The RIT's decentralized management structure is a huge advantage for us," said James Atherton, a former member of the RIT. "Employing local knowledge is key, and much of our success is due to the strong networking abilities and on-the-ground experience of our TAG members."

In addition to managing the grant-making process, the RIT is responsible for a program of small grants of up to \$20,000 each that enables the RIT to respond quickly to emerging conservation threats. For example, when a mongoose—an invasive species that preys on endangered birds and mammals—was sighted on Samoa, the team was able to fund rapid action to eradicate it. Local organizations are learning how to act on such threats, and they are raising awareness with residents about the problems caused by invasive non-native species. "We learn something from each project we do, and now we know a lot about what makes a project succeed," Atherton said. To share this knowledge with others facing similar issues, the RIT publishes and distributes a series of "lessons learned" pamphlets summarizing project experiences and achievements.

"In addition to helping grantees implement projects that address CEPF's objectives in the region, the RIT works to ensure the sustainability of local organizations," said Leilani Duffy, RIT manager based in Samoa. She relates how the RIT helped the staff of Te Ipukarea Society Inc., a small NGO in the Cook Islands, manage grant funds and provide accurate reporting. In demonstrating enhanced accountability, the organization was able to get support from CEPF and also increased its eligibility to receive funds from additional donors. This same NGO has now gone on to help other local NGOs improve their own management capabilities.



# APPROVED GRANTS

## CARIBBEAN ISLANDS HOTSPOT

**Strategic Direction 4:** A regional implementation team provides strategic leadership and effectively coordinates CEPF investment in the Caribbean Islands Hotspot

### CEPF Regional Implementation Team in the Caribbean Islands

\$655,000  
Caribbean Natural Resources Institute

**Strategic Direction 5:** Provide emergency support to Haitian civil society to mitigate the impacts of the 2010 earthquake

### Post-Earthquake Environmental Support for the Haitian NGO Sector

\$251,354  
BirdLife International

## CAUCASUS HOTSPOT

**Strategic Direction 5:** Reinforce and sustain the conservation gains achieved as a result of the initial 5-year CEPF investment in this region

### Enhancing the Integrity of the East Lesser Caucasus Corridor through the Establishment of Gnishik Community Managed Sanctuary, Armenia

\$160,000  
World Wide Fund for Nature

### Publication of the “Red List of the Endemic Plants of the Caucasus Region” and “Caucasus Plant Initiative” (Caucasus Regional Plant Conservation Strategy)

\$40,000  
Missouri Botanical Garden

### Supporting the Operations of the Caucasus Nature Fund – Phase 2

\$360,000  
Caucasus Nature Fund

## INDO-BURMA HOTSPOT

### INDOCHINA REGION

**Strategic Direction 1:** Safeguard priority globally threatened species in Indochina by mitigating major threats

### Assessing the Conservation Status of Edwards’ Pheasant

\$20,000  
World Pheasant Association

### Cambodia Crocodile Conservation Program: Building Civil Society Capacity to Tackle the Unsustainable Exploitation of Siamese Crocodiles

\$44,393  
Fauna & Flora International

### Community Actions to Improve Livelihoods Linked to Protection and Conservation of Sarus Cranes and Other Globally Threatened Species in Boeung Prek Lapouv Conservation Area, Cambodia

\$19,951  
Chamroien Chiet Khmer

### Community Livelihood Development for Supporting Sarus Crane Conservation in Kampong Trach, Cambodia

\$89,994  
Mlup Baitong

### Conservation of Black-Shanked Douc through Community-Based Ecotourism

\$19,000  
Sam Veasna Center for Wildlife Conservation

### Conservation of Green Peafowl at Key Sites in Vietnam

\$20,000  
World Pheasant Association

### Conservation of the Siamese Crocodile in Cambodia

\$18,069  
Wildlife Conservation Society

### Conservation of Tiger and Prey Populations by Improved Monitoring of Tiger and Prey Population to Assess the Success of Management Interventions in the Nam Et-Phou Louey National Protected Area, Lao PDR

\$49,810  
Wildlife Conservation Society

### Conservation Planning for the Spoon-Billed Sandpiper Population of Mekong Delta, Vietnam

\$20,000  
Russian Society for Conservation and Studies of Birds (BirdsRussia)

### Distribution, Population and Habitat Extent of Bengal Florican in Cambodia: A Re-assessment after Seven Years

\$19,958  
Westfälischer Zoologischer Garten Münster GmbH (Münster Zoo)

### Ecology and Conservation of Green Peafowl (*Pavo muticus*) in Cambodia

\$19,991  
Westfälischer Zoologischer Garten Münster GmbH (Münster Zoo)

### Establishing Sustainable Management at Key Wetlands for Sarus Crane in the Cambodian Lower Mekong

\$239,998  
The Wildfowl & Wetlands Trust

### Identification of Wild Water Buffalo Presence in Mondulkiri Protected Forest, Eastern Cambodia

\$19,421  
World Wide Fund for Nature, Greater Mekong Program–Cambodia Country Program

### Improved Agricultural Productivity and Capacity Building for Income Generation amongst Farmer Households Reliant on the Kampong Trach Sarus Cranes Conservation Area in the Province of Kampot, Cambodia

\$19,995  
Cambodian Institute for Research and Rural Development

### Mitigating Transboundary Illegal Wildlife Trade in Central Vietnam to Protect 16 CEPF Priority Species in Nakai Nam Theun National Protected Area, Lao PDR

\$124,981  
Fauna & Flora International

### Moving from Planning to Action to Save the Saola: The Second Meeting of the Saola Working Group

\$16,952  
Center of Environment and Rural Development, Vinh University

### Network-Based Mekong Giant Catfish Conservation in Cambodia

\$4,974  
Youth for Peace and Development Biodiversity Conservation Program

### Preventing Poisoning of Cambodia’s Vultures

\$19,970  
Wildlife Conservation Society

### Protection of a Priority Population of Saola: Flagship Species of the Indo-Burma Hotspot

\$245,000  
Wildlife Conservation Society

### Surveys for Additional Information on Edwards’ Pheasant (*Lophura edwardsi*) in Dakrong Nature Reserve, Quang Tri

\$19,825  
Quang Tri Center of Education and Consultancy on Agriculture and Rural Development

**Strategic Direction 2:** Develop innovative, locally led approaches to site-based conservation at 28 key biodiversity areas

**Community-Based Protection and Monitoring of Threatened Bird Biodiversity in Sekong River IBA (Koh Thbeng Island and Surrounding Area)**

\$19,999  
Royal University of Phnom Penh

**Conserving Biodiversity and Sustaining Livelihoods along the Mekong River in Luang Phrabang, Xayabouri and Vientiane Provinces, Laos**

\$248,248  
International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources

**Conserving Freshwater Biodiversity and Critical Wetland Resources for Local Communities along the Mekong River, Kratie and Stung Treng Provinces, Cambodia**

\$599,815  
World Wide Fund for Nature

**Developing a Model for the Sustainable Wild Collection of Medicinal Plants through the Implementation of FairWild in Vietnam**

\$79,962  
TRAFFIC International

**Sustainable Development to Support Wise Use and Conservation of the Wetland Ramsar Site in Stung Treng, Cambodia**

\$80,016  
Cambodian Rural Development Team

**Sustainable Livelihoods for Mekong Biodiversity and Critical Wetland Resource Conservation in Cambodia**

\$204,400  
Cambodian Rural Development Team

**Strategic Direction 3:** Engage key actors in reconciling biodiversity conservation and development objectives, with a particular emphasis on the Northern Limestone Highlands and Mekong River and its major tributaries

**Analyzing Trade Dynamics and Catalyzing Enforcement Responses toward Eliminating the Illegal Trade in CEPF Priority Species in Southern Vietnam**

\$18,998  
Wildlife Conservation Society

**Developing a Conservation Data Management Tool for the Inner Gulf of Thailand**

\$20,000  
Bird Conservation Society of Thailand

**Engaging with Key Actors in Reconciling Biodiversity Conservation and Development Objectives, Using the Critically Endangered Mekong Giant Catfish as a Flagship Species for Biodiversity Conservation**

\$120,000  
World Wide Fund for Nature

**Mekong Biodiversity Protection Project**

\$199,878  
Community Economic Development

**Mekong Decision Points: Building a Dialogue between Policymakers and Civil Society on Water Management**

\$64,220  
The Henry L. Stimson Center

**River at Risk: Modeling and Monitoring the Potential Impacts of Large-Scale Disruptions to the Hydrological Cycles of the Mekong River Basin on Biodiversity and Natural Systems**

\$298,889  
University of Canterbury

**Securing Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services in Vietnam through Analyzing Development Policies and Promoting Good Governance of Natural Resources**

\$147,900  
Center for People and Nature Reconciliation

**Strengthening Communities' Resilience to the Potential Risks from Proposed Dams on the Mekong Mainstream**

\$50,000  
Center for Water Resources Conservation and Development

**Stung Treng Ramsar Site in Cambodia: Integrating Fisheries Management and Wetlands Conservation**

\$159,965  
International Center for Living Aquatic Resources Management

**MAPUTALAND-PONDOLAND-ALBANY HOTSPOT**

**Strategic Direction 2:** Expand conservation areas and improve land use in 22 key biodiversity areas through innovative approaches that sustain biodiversity and ecosystem services

**A Wonderful Opportunity to Invest in a Wildlife Conservation Education Initiative**

\$9,514  
WildReach

**Environmental School Awareness Program by ARC (Alliance of Rural Communities)**

\$20,000  
Alliance of Rural Communities

**Landmark Foundation's Predation Management Manual**

\$20,000  
Landmark Foundation Trust

**Mkuze River Conservation Project: Expansion of the Protected Area Network**

\$116,178  
African Conservation Trust

**Nelson Mandela Bay Urban Conservation Programme**

\$186,702  
Wildlife and Environment Society of South Africa

**Promoting Management Effectiveness in Protected Areas in the Albany, Amathole-Sneeuberg and Pondoland Conservation Corridors**

\$160,720  
Wilderness Foundation

**Wildlife ACTIVE Community Conservation Project**

\$146,182  
Wildlife ACT Fund

**Strategic Direction 4:** Create an enabling environment to improve conservation and management of Maputaland-Pondoland-Albany priority sites

**Developing Civil Society Capacity to Improve Conservation and Management of Maputaland-Pondoland-Albany Priority Sites: Planning for an Integrated Approach**

\$19,870  
South African National Biodiversity Institute

**Embedding Lessons and Leveraging Networks from the Cape Floristic Region and Succulent Karoo CEPF Experience in the Maputaland-Pondoland-Albany Hotspot**

\$18,363  
Conservation South Africa

**GIS and Data Coordination for the Maputaland-Pondoland-Albany Hotspot (Phase 1)**

\$19,091  
Endangered Wildlife Trust

**Strategic Direction 5:** Provide strategic leadership and effective coordination of CEPF investment through a regional implementation team

**Regional Implementation Team for the Maputaland-Pondoland-Albany Biodiversity Hotspot**

\$700,000  
Wildlands Conservation Trust





# APPROVED GRANTS

## MESOAMERICA HOTSPOT

### SOUTHERN MESOAMERICA

**Strategic Direction 5:** Reinforce and sustain the conservation gains achieved as a result of the initial five-year CEPF investment in this region

**Consolidating Key Management Actions in Indio Maiz Biological Reserve, Nicaragua, Phase II**

\$300,000  
Fundación Amigos del Río San Juan

### POLYNESIA-MICRONESIA HOTSPOT

**Strategic Direction 1:** Prevent, control, and eradicate invasive species in key biodiversity areas

**Assessment of Chytrid Fungus Prevalence amongst Native Amphibian Populations (Family Ceratobatrachidae) and Introduced Cane Toad (Family Bufonidae)**

\$19,990  
Environment Futures Centre, Griffith University, Australia

**Biodiversity Management and Ecotourism Development on Atiu, Cook Islands**

\$97,516  
Cook Islands Natural Heritage Trust

**Emergency Response to Introduced Green Iguanas (*Iguana iguana*) in Fiji**

\$19,944  
Fiji Nature Conservation Trust

**Managing Invasive Species at Key Biodiversity Areas in Palau and Fiji**

\$194,350  
BirdLife International

**Restoration of Breeding Habitat for the Endangered Tuamotu Sandpiper (*Prosobonia cancellata*) on Toreautea and Kotuetue Isles and Assessment of the Feasibility of Reintroductions elsewhere**

\$19,745  
Simon Fraser University

**Survey of Indigenous Biota and Pests in the Tokelau Islands**

\$57,500  
Eco Oceania Pty Ltd.

**Toward Establishing the Economic Value of Invasive Species Impacts in the Pacific**

\$20,000  
Landcare Research New Zealand Ltd.

**Strategic Direction 2:** Strengthen the conservation status and management of 60 key biodiversity areas

**A Model Release for Captive Bred Polynesian Tree Snails**

\$75,000  
Bristol, Clifton and West of England Zoological Society Ltd.

**A Pilot Study of the Impacts of Climate Change on Fiji's Cloud Forest**

\$49,300  
University of the South Pacific

**An Overlooked Flora of the Fijian Islands: Diversity and Implications for Conservation**

\$19,898  
Field Museum of Natural History

**Building Conservation Capacity in Micronesia: Toward Sustainable Watershed Management in Key Terrestrial Biodiversity Sites**

\$157,070  
The Nature Conservancy

**Convening the CEPF Mid-Term Evaluation Conference for the Polynesia-Micronesia Hotspot**

\$81,147  
BirdLife International

**Expansion of the Database of Invasive Species Impacts on Island Biodiversity & Ecosystems**

\$61,589  
Auckland Uniservices Ltd.

**Management Planning for the Mesekelat Watershed Conservation Area, Babeldoab, Palau**

\$20,000  
Palau Conservation Society

**Native Birds and Flying Foxes: Natural Aids to Forest Restoration in Lake Ngardok Nature Reserve**

\$19,513  
Belau National Museum

**Rapid Biological Assessment Survey of Southern Lau, Fiji**

\$58,000  
University of the South Pacific

**Strategic Direction 3:** Build awareness and participation of local leaders and community members in the implementation of protection and recovery plans for threatened species

**Building Community Support to Search for the Red-throated Lorikeet in Fiji**

\$19,173  
Fiji Nature Conservation Trust

**Conservation of Fiji's Endemic and Rare Butterflies: *Hypolimnys inopinata* and *Papilio schmeltzii***

\$49,300  
University of the South Pacific

**Dual Research Program on Sea Turtles of the Society Archipelago—French Polynesia**

\$80,000  
Te mana o te moana

**Improving the Status of the *Gallicolumba erythroptera*, Critically Endangered Species**

\$88,187  
Société d'Ornithologie de Polynésie Manu

**Rare Plants of Tonga**

\$19,275  
Arthur Whistler

**Save the Last Monarchs of Polynesia, Two Critically Endangered Birds, for Future Generations**

\$198,578  
Société d'Ornithologie de Polynésie Manu

**Strengthening Information for Regional Assessments of the Conservation Status and Distribution of Biodiversity in the Pacific Islands**

\$151,169  
International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources

**Yela Forest Reserve: A Critical Ecosystem and Natural Habitat**

\$20,000  
Yela Environment Landowners Authority

## TUMBES-CHOCÓ-MAGDALENA HOTSPOT

### CHOCÓ-MANABÍ CONSERVATION CORRIDOR

**Strategic Direction 4:** Reinforce and sustain the conservation gains achieved as a result of CEPF investment in the initial five-year investment period for the region

**Promoting Public Policies for Biodiversity Conservation in the Ecuadorian Chocó**

\$309,999  
Conservation International Foundation

## **WESTERN GHATS AND SRI LANKA HOTSPOT**

### **WESTERN GHATS REGION**

**Strategic Direction 1:** Enable action by diverse communities and partnerships to ensure conservation of key biodiversity areas and enhance connectivity in the corridors

#### **Assessing the Status and Distribution of Large Mammals in Highway and Its Environs, Southern Western Ghats**

\$19,779

Wildlife Information Liaison Development Society

#### **Hill Wetlands in the Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve: A People's Conservation Initiative**

\$19,702

Keystone Foundation

#### **Identification of Critical Crossing Points of Animals along the Road in and around Anamalai Tiger Reserve and to Suggest Relevant Mitigation Measures to Minimize Road Mortality**

\$17,532

Nature Conservation Foundation (India)

#### **Motivating the Local Communities through Documentary Movie Campaign to Evolve Long-term Conservation Strategies in the Community and Private Reserves and Achieve Conservation Outcomes at Unprotected Sites in Malnad-Kodagu Corridor**

\$19,729

Samvada

**Strategic Direction 2:** Improve the conservation of globally threatened species through systematic conservation planning and action

#### **Assessing Biodiversity Value of Production Landscapes and Non-protected Forests on Sky Islands by Establishing Occurrence of Cryptic, Threatened Birds**

\$19,524

National Institute of Advanced Studies

#### **Gap Analysis of the Periyar-Agasthyamalai Landscape for Arboreal Mammal Conservation**

\$19,047

Foundation for Ecological Research, Advocacy and Learning

#### **Spatial Decision Support for Conservation Planning in the Western Ghats**

\$19,892

Foundation for Ecological Research, Advocacy and Learning

#### **Western Ghats Biodiversity Open Collaborative Information System**

\$241,303

French Institute of Pondicherry

#### **Western Ghats Biodiversity Open Collaborative Information System**

\$207,183

Strand Life Sciences Pvt. Ltd.





CEPF awarded \$9.3 million in grants during fiscal year 2011, bringing the amount it has invested in conserving critical ecosystems since 2000 to \$135 million. By the end of the fiscal year, more than 1,600 grantees had received support from the fund since its inception.

The fund moved forward with grants in support of relatively new strategies for the Caribbean Islands and Maputaland-Pondoland-Albany hotspots. CEPF continued granting to civil society organizations in Indochina, Polynesia-Micronesia and the Western Ghats region of India.

The fund also disbursed targeted support to sustain gains made possible by previous investments in the Caucasus, Mesoamerica and Tumbes-Chocó-Magdalena hotspots. Meanwhile, CEPF contracted with BirdLife International's Africa team to lead the process for developing an ecosystem profile for the Eastern Afromontane Hotspot in East Africa and the Arabian Peninsula. CEPF also contracted with the University of Papua New Guinea, the University of the South Pacific and Conservation International-Pacific Islands to lead the profiling process for the East Melanesia Hotspot.



## FINANCIAL SUMMARY





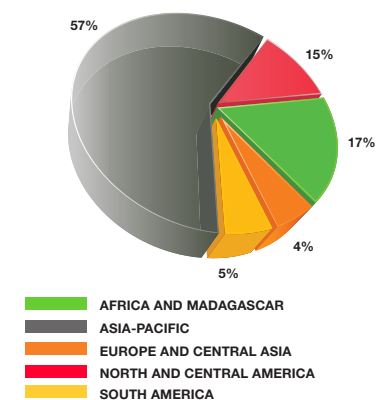
# STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

For fiscal year ended June 30, 2011

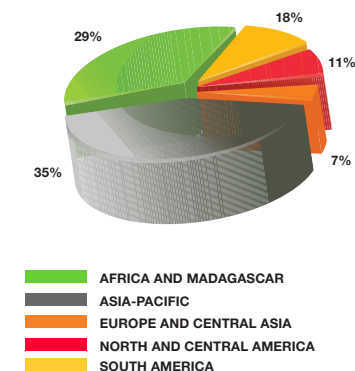
REVENUE	FY11	CUMULATIVE
Grants and Contributions	3,000,000	216,386,650
Gain (Loss) on Foreign Exchange	1,638,075	2,083,346
Interest Earned	151,305	2,161,944
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$4,789,380</b>	<b>\$220,631,940</b>
<b>EXPENSES AND GRANTS AWARDED</b>		
<b>Grants by Funding Region*</b>		
Atlantic Forest	-	10,015,144
Cape Floristic Region	-	7,615,942
Caribbean Islands	1,106,354	1,119,542
Caucasus	410,000	8,857,904
Eastern Arc Mountains and Coastal Forests	-	7,063,867
Eastern Himalayas	(113,814)	4,882,859
Guinean Forests of West Africa	(1,770)	8,264,841
Indo-Burma	3,237,389	9,406,179
Madagascar and Indian Ocean Islands	-	5,573,421
Maputaland-Pondoland-Albany	1,628,145	1,628,145
Mountains of Southwest China	-	6,535,418
Northern Mesoamerica	(208)	7,079,430
The Philippines	-	6,970,399
Polynesia-Micronesia	1,555,491	5,290,780
Southern Mesoamerica	300,000	7,038,907
Succulent Karoo	(6,184)	9,242,594
Sundaland	-	9,901,465
Tropical Andes	-	8,314,972
Tumbes-Chocó-Magdalena	509,999	6,765,573
Western Ghats and Sri Lanka	648,486	3,988,288
<b>TOTAL GRANTS</b>	<b>9,273,886</b>	<b>135,555,669</b>
Ecosystem Profile Preparation	312,193	7,862,213
Use of Interest: External Evaluations, Audit and Special Projects	312,358	776,948
Operations	2,245,933	24,030,318
<b>TOTAL OTHER EXPENSES</b>	<b>2,870,484</b>	<b>32,669,480</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES AND GRANTS AWARDED</b>	<b>12,144,370</b>	<b>168,225,149</b>
Revenue Less Expenses	(7,354,991)	52,406,791
Fund Balance at Beginning of the Period	59,761,782	
Fund Balance at End of the Period	52,406,791	
<b>FUND BALANCE AT THE END OF THE PERIOD CONSISTED OF:</b>		
Cash Net of Amount Due to/from CI		36,038,944
Accounts Receivable		31,601,482
Grants Payable		(15,233,636)
Fund Balance at End of the Period (Fully Earmarked for Investments)		52,406,791

\* The grant expenses include new grants awarded in FY11. Negative amounts in grants represent grant deobligations.

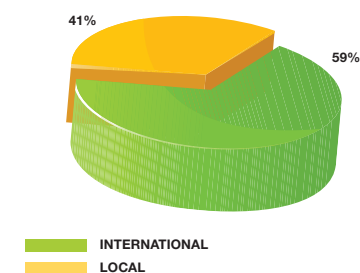
GRANTS BY REGION AWARDED IN FY11



GRANTS BY REGION THROUGH JUNE 30, 2011



LOCAL VS. INTERNATIONAL GRANTS FOR FY11







**GRANTEE PARTNERS**

**DONOR COUNCIL**

**WORKING GROUP**

**CEPF SECRETARIAT**

**FOCAL POINTS**



**THE CEPF  
COMMUNITY**

# GRANTEE PARTNERS

## SINCE ITS INCEPTION, CEPF HAS SUPPORTED 1,612 NONGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE SECTOR PARTNERS IN CONSERVING BIODIVERSITY HOTSPOTS.

Aaranyak  
Adansonia Consulting  
AfriBugs CC  
Africa Conservation Fund  
Africa Environmental News Service  
African Butterfly Research Institute  
African Conservation Trust  
African Rainforest Conservancy  
Afrique Nature International  
AGORO Centre for Intercultural Learning and Talent Development  
Agricultural Research Council and Range and Forage Institute  
Alianza para la Conservación y el Desarrollo  
Amani Nature Reserve  
Amazon Conservation Association  
American Bird Conservancy  
Amigos del Museo de Historia Natural Noel Kempff Mercado  
Anglia Ruskin University  
Angweng Reincarnated Buddha  
Anti Illegal Logging Institute  
Applied Environmental Research Foundation  
Arboretum d'Antsokay  
Arid Zone Ecology Forum  
Arizona State University  
Armenian Assembly of America, Inc.  
Armenian Forests NGO  
Arnold Arboretum of Harvard University  
Arulagam  
ASEAN Focus Group Pty. Ltd.  
Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment  
Asian Nature Conservation Foundation  
Asociación Balam para la Conservación de los Recursos Naturales y Culturales Integrados  
Asociación Centro de Acción Legal-Ambiental y Social de Guatemala

Asociación Comercial y Agropecuaria de Chiriquí Grande  
Asociación de Amigos y Vecinos de la Costa y la Naturaleza  
Asociación de Desarrollo y Promoción Humana de la Costa Atlántica  
Asociación de Organizaciones del Corredor Biológico Talamanca Caribe  
Asociación de Practicantes de Medicina Tradicional Naso  
Asociación de Profesionales y Técnicos Ngöbe Bugle  
Asociación de Profesionales y Técnicos Ngobes de Bocas del Toro  
Asociación de Reservas Naturales Privadas de Guatemala  
Asociación de Turismo de Tres Colinas  
Asociación Ecuatoriana de Ecoturismo  
Asociación IXACAVAA de Desarrollo e Información Indígena  
Asociación Mejorando al Desarrollo Rural de la Región a Traves de la Conservación de la Vida Silvestre (formerly Asociación Meralvis)  
Asociación Nacional para la Conservación de la Naturaleza  
Asociación para la Conservación, Investigación de la Biodiversidad y el Desarrollo Sustentable  
Asociación Peruana para la Conservación de la Naturaleza  
Asociación Red Colombiana de Reservas Naturales de la Sociedad Civil  
Asociación Trópico Verde/ParksWatch Guatemala  
Associação dos Pescadores e Amigos do Rio Paraíba do Sul  
Associação dos Proprietários de Reservas Particulares do Estado da Bahia  
Associação Flora Brasil  
Associação Mico-Leão-Dourado  
Associação Super Eco de Integração Ambiental e Desenvolvimento da Criança  
Association Fanamby  
Association for Nature Protection and Sustainable Use "Mta-Bari"  
Association of Environmental Lawyers of Liberia  
Association pour la Gestion Intégrée et Durable de l'Environnement  
Auckland UniServices Limited

Aurora Resource Development Initiatives Association Inc.  
Baimaxueshan National Nature Reserve Management Office  
Baviaans Conservancy  
Beijing Normal University  
Beijing Shanmo Investment Consultancy Co.  
Belize Association of Private Protected Areas  
Belize Foundation for Research and Environmental Education  
Belize Tropical Forest Studies  
Bird Conservation Nepal  
BirdLife International  
Black Sea Eco Academy  
Bluefields Indian and Caribbean University  
Bombay Natural History Society  
Botanical Society of South Africa  
Bristol, Clifton and West of England Zoological Society Ltd.  
Brown Hyena Research Project  
Cagayan Valley Partners in People Development  
Calbitz Holdings  
Cambodian Rural Development Team  
Cape Leopard Trust  
Cape West Coast Biosphere Reserve Company  
CARE Bolivia  
CARE International  
Carrick, Peter  
Caucasus Environmental NGO Network  
Caucasus Nature Fund  
Caucasus Protected Areas Fund  
Cecchi, Susie Lee  
Center for Biodiversity and Indigenous Knowledge  
Center for Russian Nature Conservation  
Center for Water Resources Conservation and Development  
Central de Pueblos Indígenas de La Paz  
Central Mindanao University  
Centre Ecologique de Libanona  
Centre for Natural Resources and Environmental Studies  
Centre for People and Nature Reconciliation  
Centre National des Sciences Halieutiques de Boussoura

Centro Agronómico Tropical de Investigación y Enseñanza  
Centro Científico Tropical  
Centro de Estudios y Acción Social Panameño  
Centro de Investigación y Estudios en Biodiversidad y Recursos Genéticos  
Centro Mexicano de Derecho Ambiental, Asociación Civil  
Centro para la Investigación en Sistemas Sostenibles de Producción Agropecuaria  
Chen, Youping  
Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding Center  
China Institute of Water Resources and Hydropower Research  
China Youth Daily-Green Island  
Chinese Academy of Sciences  
Cleveland Zoological Society  
COLUFIFA-Guinée  
Colville, Jonathan  
Comitato Internazionale per lo Sviluppo dei Popoli  
Community and Biodiversity Conservation Research Center of Lanzhou University  
Community Economic Development  
Concerned Environmentalists for the Enhancement of Biodiversity  
Conservação Internacional do Brasil  
Conservation International  
Conservation Management Ltd.  
Conservation Management Services  
Conservation Society of Pohnpei  
Conservation South Africa  
Conservation Strategy Fund  
Conserve Africa Foundation  
Construction Planning Office of Shangri-La Alpine Botanic Garden  
Cook Islands Natural Heritage Trust  
Cooperativa AMBIO Sociedad Cooperativa de Responsabilidad Limitada  
Cooperativa do Produtores Orgânicos do Sul da Bahia  
Cornell University  
Corporación Oro Verde  
Corporación para la Investigación, Capacitación y Apoyo Técnico para el Manejo Sustentable de los Ecosistemas Tropicales

Corporación Serraniagua  
Council for Scientific and Industrial Research  
Counterpart International  
Cowling, Shirley Pierce  
Crescente Fértil-Projetos Ambientais Culturais e  
de Comunicação  
Curtis, Odette  
Danish Zoological Society  
Darjeeling Ladenla Road Prerna  
Darmanto  
David Butler Associates Ltd.  
de Jong, Yvonne  
Desmet, Philip  
Deutsches Primatenzentrum  
Development Bank of Southern Africa  
Djogo, Antonius  
Doga Dernegi  
Dolphin Foundation  
Douc Langur Foundation  
Duineveld Coastal Association  
Durban Botanic Gardens  
Durrell Wildlife Conservation Trust  
East Africa Natural History Society  
East African Wild Life Society  
East Foundation  
EcoAfrica Environmental Consultants  
Ecobiosfera El Triunfo, Sociedad Civil  
Eco-Security Task Force of China Council for  
International Cooperation on Environment and  
Development  
Ecotourism Association Public Organization  
Eden to Addo Corridor Initiative  
Education for Nature-Vietnam  
Eersterivier Projects Organization  
Ehardt, Carolyn L.  
El Colegio de la Frontera Sur  
ElefantAsia  
Environics Trust  
Environmental Camps for Conservation  
Awareness  
Environmental Foundation for Africa  
Environmental Law Institute  
Environmental Legal Assistance Center, Inc.  
Environmental Monitoring Group

Environmental Volunteer Association of Sichuan  
University  
Environmental Watch on the North West  
Caucasus  
EnviroScience  
Equals Three Communications  
Equitable Tourism Options (EQUATIONS)  
Escuela Agrícola Panamericana, Zamorano  
Ethnobotanical Society of Nepal  
Facultad Latino Americana de Ciencias Sociales  
Fan, Enyuan  
Farmers Associated to Conserve the  
Environment  
Fauna & Flora International  
Federación de Centros Awá del Ecuador  
Federación Nacional de Cafeteros de Colombia,  
Comité Departamental de Cafeteros del Valle  
del Cauca  
Field Museum of Natural History  
Field Researchers' Union "Campester"  
Fiji Nature Conservation Trust  
First Philippine Conservation, Inc.  
Flower Valley Conservation Trust  
Fondo Ambiental Nacional de Ecuador  
Fondo de Conservación El Triunfo, Asociación  
Civil  
Fondo de las Americas del Perú  
Fondo Mexicano para la Conservación de la  
Naturaleza, A.C.  
Fopspeen Live Art  
Foundation for Ecological Research, Advocacy  
and Learning  
Foundation for Integrative and Development  
Studies Inc.  
French Institute of Pondicherry  
Freshwater Consulting Group  
Friends for Conservation and Development  
Friends of Die Oog  
Friends of Nature, China  
Friends of the Environment for Development and  
Sustainability Inc.  
Friends of Tokai Forest  
Fund for Biodiversity Conservation of Armenian  
Highland  
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