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In the Guinean Forests of West Africa Biodiversity Hotspot, CEPF has entrusted BirdLife International to be the dedicated regional implementation team (RIT) to provide strategic leadership for the CEPF investment in the hotspot.

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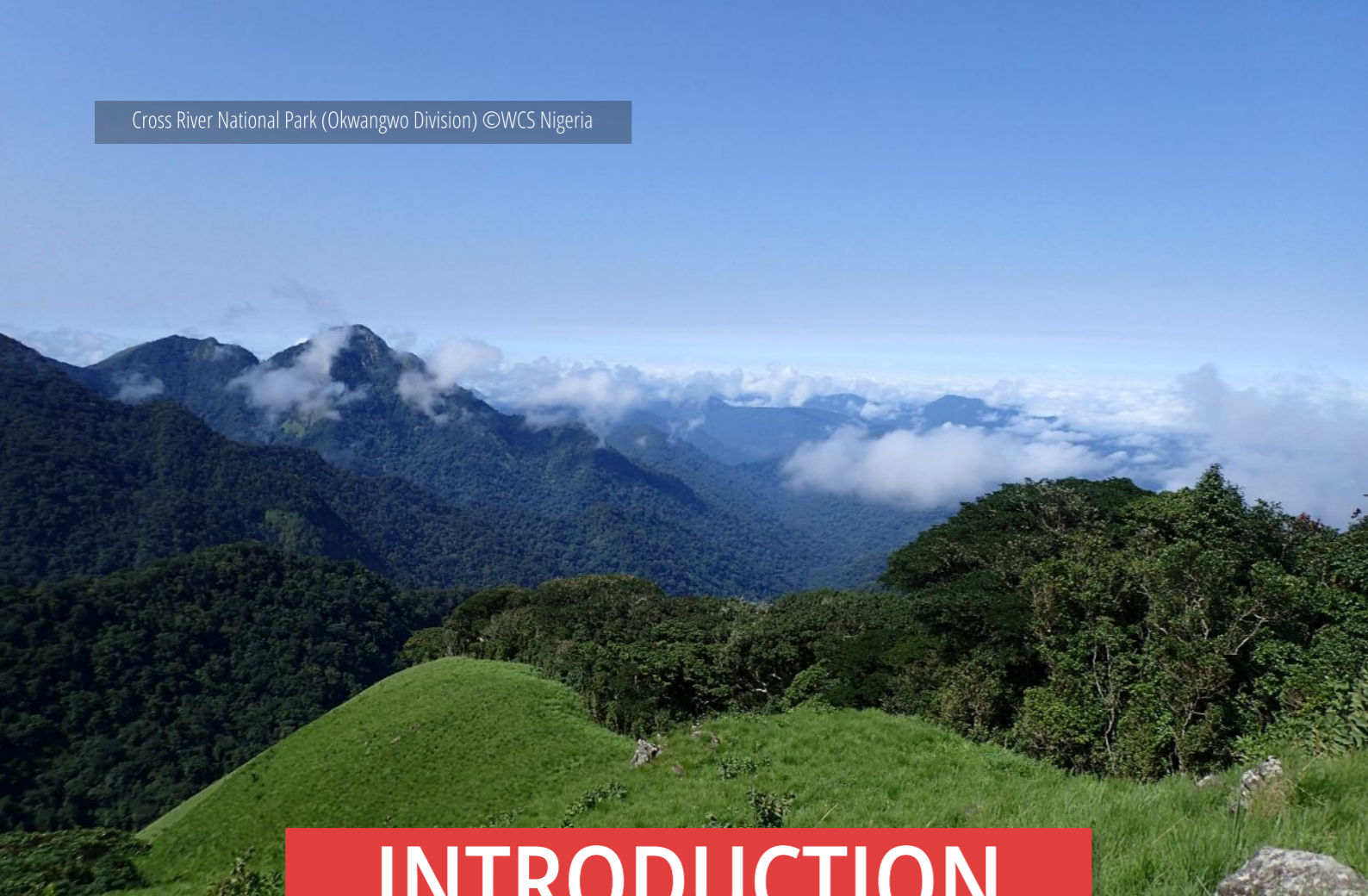
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INTRODUCTION

Founded in 2000, the **Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund (CEPF)** is a joint initiative of l'Agence Française de Développement, Conservation International, the European Union, the Global Environment Facility, the Government of Japan and the World Bank. A fundamental goal is to ensure civil society is engaged in biodiversity conservation. CEPF enables communities to take charge of protecting their own ecosystems, giving them the resources and skills they need to take on the challenge of conserving their natural heritage and finding ways of sustainably benefiting from it.

The **Guinean Forests of West Africa Biodiversity Hotspot** extends across the southern part of West Africa and into Central Africa, north of the Congo Wilderness Area. The Guinean Forests support impressive levels of biodiversity, with high levels of species richness and endemism. But the hotspot is also facing

“ Many of the threats to biodiversity occurring in the region are linked, either directly or indirectly, to a high incidence of poverty, political instability and/or civil conflict, which are underlying challenges to civil society subsistence itself, not to mention its mobilization. ”

multiple threats, including agricultural expansion; unsustainable logging and fishing; hunting and the trade of bushmeat; industrial and artisanal mining; industrial development; climate change;



Installing a camera trap in the Afi Mountain Wildlife Sanctaury © WCS Nigeria



Cross River gorilla in the Afi Mountain Wildlife Sanctuary © WCS Nigeria



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and pollution. Many of the threats to biodiversity occurring in the region are linked, either directly or indirectly, to a high incidence of poverty, political instability and/or civil conflict, which are underlying challenges to civil society subsistence itself, not to mention its mobilization.

This is CEPF's second phase of investment in the Guinean Forests region, and it is the first time its funding has extended into the Lower Guinean Forests and the Gulf of Guinea Islands. This is also the first time that CEPF has engaged a Regional Implementation Team (RIT), led by BirdLife International, to help support grantees, build local capacity and implement CEPF's conservation strategy.

Over the term of this 6-year investment, CEPF and the RIT have supported 78 projects across the region, more than 65% of which led by local civil society organizations. A mentorship programme was developed to further assist the smaller

organizations in their missions to protect the amazing biodiversity of the hotspot. The engagement of the grantees and mentees was exceptional, and networks were formed and strengthened for this common cause.

The following pages are a brief overview of how civil society across the 11 countries is addressing the major threats to local biodiversity, work that desperately needs to continue. Coordinated efforts among multiple institutions are required to confront the challenges facing biodiversity, ecosystem services and communities in the hotspot today. CEPF and the RIT are committed to supporting civil society in protecting this wonderful and extensive region. With this brochure, we invite all to know more about the amazing and motivating work of CEPF grantees in the region between 2016 and 2022. Enjoy!

Mariana Carvalho

Team Leader for the Regional Implementation Team

Protecting the Guinean Forests of West Africa Biodiversity Hotspot

The Guinean Forests of West Africa Biodiversity Hotspot is one of eight biodiversity hotspots in Africa and Madagascar and covers 621,705 km² divided into two sub-regions:

- The 'Upper Guinean Forests' stretching from Guinea, through Sierra Leone, Liberia, Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, Togo and, marginally, into Benin.
- The 'Lower Guinean Forests' covering much of southern Nigeria, extends into Cameroon, and also includes São Tomé and Príncipe and the offshore islands of Equatorial Guinea.

Duration - 2016 – 2022 (6 years)

Donor - **Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund (CEPF)**

Implementer - **BirdLife International Africa Secretariat – Regional Implementation Team (RIT)**

Budgets and Funding - **\$10.1 million**

CEPF's investment niche in the Guinean Forests is therefore to provide civil society organizations at grassroots, national and international levels with the capacity and resources to establish and sustain multi-stakeholder partnerships that demonstrate models for sustainable growth, target the poorest populations and achieve priority conservation outcomes.

Strategic Directions (SD) for CEPF investment in the hotspot

01

Empower local communities to engage in sustainable management of 40 priority sites and consolidate ecological connectivity at the landscape scale.

02

Mainstream biodiversity conservation into public policy and private sector practice in the nine conservation corridors, at local, sub-national and national levels.

03

Safeguard priority globally threatened species by identifying and addressing major threats and information gaps.

04



Build the capacity of local civil society organizations, including Indigenous People's, women's and youth groups, to conserve and manage globally important biodiversity.

05

Provide strategic leadership and effective coordination of conservation investment through a Regional Implementation Team.



CEPF Projects

-  Small grant
-  Large grant

GFWA Hotspot

-  Hotspot

GFWA Corridor

-  Corridors

Key Biodiversity Areas

-  KBA

Map of the projects funded by CEPF in the Guinea Forest of West Africa Biodiversity Hotspot during the 2nd investment phase (2016 to 2022)

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PORTFOLIO OF CEPF FUNDED PROJECTS IN THE GFWA (2016-2022)





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STRATEGIC DIRECTION 1

Empower local communities to engage in sustainable management of 40 priority sites and consolidate ecological connectivity at the landscape scale

INVESTMENT PRIORITIES

Strengthen the elaboration and/or implementation of land-use planning, land tenure and forestry reforms to facilitate good governance in the management of community and private reserves and concessions

Promote preparation and implementation of participatory management plans that support stakeholder collaboration in protected area management

Demonstrate sustainable livelihood/job creation activities for local communities that will act as incentives for the conservation of priority sites (e.g., domestication of wildlife species, sustainable logging from locally-controlled forests, harvesting of non-timber forest products, sustainable agriculture, etc.)



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Ukpom-Okom community mangrove restoration and tree planting project

OPPORTUNITY NAME:
CEPF-102088



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ORGANIZATION:
Society For Women And Vulnerable Group Empowerment, Nigeria

AMOUNT:
\$24,538.86

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Restoration of mangrove vegetation and improved habitat for coastal species, in the process, protecting and sustaining an important source of food for coastal communities, through reforestation and forest management activities.

The project will also create alternative sources of income for the local population such as bee and snail farming. The main objective is to restore 10 hectares of degraded mangrove area and protect an estimated 50 hectares stretch of intact community mangrove reserve.

Mobilisation des Communautés locales pour la Conservation de la Biodiversité à Touguissoury

OPPORTUNITY NAME:
CEPF-102090



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ORGANIZATION:
Guinée Ecologie, Guinea

AMOUNT:
\$41,800.00

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Island of Touguissoury in Guinea is under serious threat owing to excessive deforestation activities in the mangrove forests, weak enforcement of existing national laws relating to biodiversity preservation and the lack of awareness on the importance of the site to people and nature, among others. Guinée Ecologie's project will be implemented with full participation of local communities in Touguissoury to carry out socio-economic studies, identify and build on best practices to conserve the mangroves. With the goal of developing a participatory land use management plan for the Island and empower biodiversity friendly income generating activities.

Elaboración Plan de Manejo Participativo del Parque Nacional Pico Basilé

OPPORTUNITY NAME:
CEPF-109609



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ORGANIZATION:
Organización No Gubernamental Amigos de la Naturaleza y del Desarrollo de Guinea Ecuatorial

AMOUNT:
\$48,984.91

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Contribute to the conservation of Pico Basilé National Park's natural resources by developing a management plan.

The park contains one of the highest densities of primates in Africa and is threatened by illegal hunting and uncontrolled cutting of the forest.

Apiculture for Mount Oku Biodiversity Conservation and Livelihood Improvement

OPPORTUNITY NAME:
CEPF-109612



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ORGANIZATION:
Cameroon Gender and Environment Watch, Cameroon

AMOUNT:
\$38,087.30

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Apiculture for Mount Oku Biodiversity Conservation and Livelihood Improvement project, seeks to protect habitat of many plants and animals, re-organize and build capacity of community-based forest groups and develop a strong sustainable market for forest products to reduce pressure on forest resources and biodiversity. This will be achieved through, strengthening the Oku White Honey value chain by improving the quality of the finished products and developing robust markets and regenerate degraded forest biodiversity with native bee loving and economic trees, which will help increase the quantity of honey produced.

Empowering Women and Youths to Restore Watershed in Obudu plateau.

OPPORTUNITY NAME:
CEPF-109613



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ORGANIZATION:
Cross River State Environment And Carbon Emission Board, Nigeria

AMOUNT:
\$39,996.00

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project is intended to reclaim the fast-disappearing natural water sources through the restoration of a 10.55km stretch of watershed by planting of trees along both sides of the water course up to a distance of two to three kilometers, thereby boosting the ecosystem services provided by the natural course of the streams.

The project will significantly empower the women and youth in the selected rural communities through, the formation of four community-based women and youth groups and providing training and extension services in the cultivation of economic trees (cocoa, mango, bush mango, avocado, etc.) which will have a direct impact on their incomes, employment, and poverty reduction.

Community Based Action to Save Iko-Esai Rhoko Forest

OPPORTUNITY NAME:
CEPF-109614



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ORGANIZATION:
Development Concern, Nigeria

AMOUNT:
\$49,995.00

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Contribute to the sustainable management of the Cross River National Park Oban Division by strengthening local community's capacity to manage 20,000ha of community forest contiguous with the Cross River National Park Oban Division.

The project will strive to achieve this through; Community organizing and institutional capacity; Forest business development through management planning and implementation, ecotourism, and education; and sustainable livelihoods development.

Demonstrate Sustainable Livelihood in Communities for conserving Yawri Bay Area

OPPORTUNITY NAME:
CEPF-109620



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ORGANIZATION:
Muloma Women's Development Association, Sierra Leone

AMOUNT:
\$34,903.00

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Contribute to conserving the Yawri Bay Key Biodiversity Area, its ecosystem and its biodiversity as a key global heritage site.

Strengthening Community Capacity for Sustainable Land -Use Plan in Zwedru/Cavally/(LBR18)

OPPORTUNITY NAME:
CEPF-109687



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ORGANIZATION:
Society for Environmental Conservation, Liberia

AMOUNT:
\$45,249.85

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Empower and strengthen local communities' capacities for sustainable landscape management.

CONSOLIDATION de la bonne GOUVERNANCE ENVIRONNEMENTALE LOCALE du FLEUVE KONKOURE

OPPORTUNITY NAME:
CEPF-109615



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ORGANIZATION:
Développement Pour Tous, Guinea

AMOUNT:
\$20,000.00

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Introduction of new technology that will enable the production of salt using sunlight and tarpaulins instead of fuelwood.

Community Led Coastal Biodiversity Management in Cestos -Senkwen, Liberia

OPPORTUNITY NAME:
CEPF-109617



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ORGANIZATION:
Friends of Ecosystem and the Environment, Liberia

AMOUNT:
\$44,099.95

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Provide critical support to the local people's efforts to strengthen the coastal and marine protected area system and conservation of globally significant species and habitats in the Cesto-Senkwen.

Promoting sustainable livelihoods as incentives for conservation of Yawri Bay

OPPORTUNITY NAME:
CEPF-112430



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ORGANIZATION:
Muloma Women's Development Association, Sierra Leone

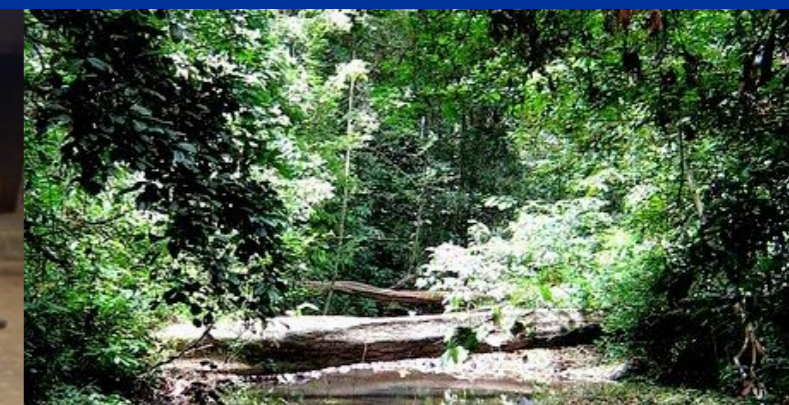
AMOUNT:
\$24,887.5

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Strengthen the conservation of the Yawri Bay Key Biodiversity Area through the development of sustainable income-generating activities based on apiculture benefiting four communities in Bumpheh chiefdom, Sierra Leone.

Implementing the participatory management plan for primate conservation in cape three points, Ghana

OPPORTUNITY NAME:
CEPF-112431



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ORGANIZATION:
Hen Mpoano, Ghana

AMOUNT:
\$24,998.00

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Support the implementation of the Cape Three Points Forest Reserve (CTPFR) community management action plan and related CREMA initiatives within and outside of the Cape Three Points Key Biodiversity Area, Western Region, Ghana.

Création de la Réserve Naturelle Volontaire gérée par les communautés locales de Grand Béréby en Côte d'Ivoire

OPPORTUNITY NAME:
CEPF-112434



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Providing Additional Income Initiatives to Promote Smallholder Conservation Practices

OPPORTUNITY NAME:
CEPF-112435



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Using Apiculture to Improve Livelihood of the Gola Rainforest Communities

OPPORTUNITY NAME:
CEPF-112441



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Restoring the degraded Afi Mountain Sanctuary in Buanchor-Boki, Nigeria

OPPORTUNITY NAME:
CEPF-112443



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ORGANIZATION:
Conservation des Espèces Marines, Cote d'Ivoire

AMOUNT:
\$20,957.98

ORGANIZATION:
Resourcetrust Network, Ghana

AMOUNT:
\$25,000.00

ORGANIZATION:
Greening Economies, Environments and Lives in Fifteen States of West Africa-Sierra Leone

AMOUNT:
\$24,995.84

ORGANIZATION:
Biakwan Light, Nigeria

AMOUNT:
\$29,686.09

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Support the local communities of Grand Béréby in the creation of a community-managed Voluntary Nature Reserve. And the development of income-generating activities based on non-timber products.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Contribute to improving the living standard of smallholder plantation farming communities through beekeeping and promoting forest protection by enhancing buffer management in Cape Three Point Forest Reserve, Western Region, Ghana.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Increase the use of apiculture (beekeeping) around the Gola Forest Reserve and the Gola Rainforest National Park to support biodiversity and improve local livelihoods.

By building beekeeping capacity in two local communities and further promoting the benefits to the broader community through engagement meetings and radio broadcasts.

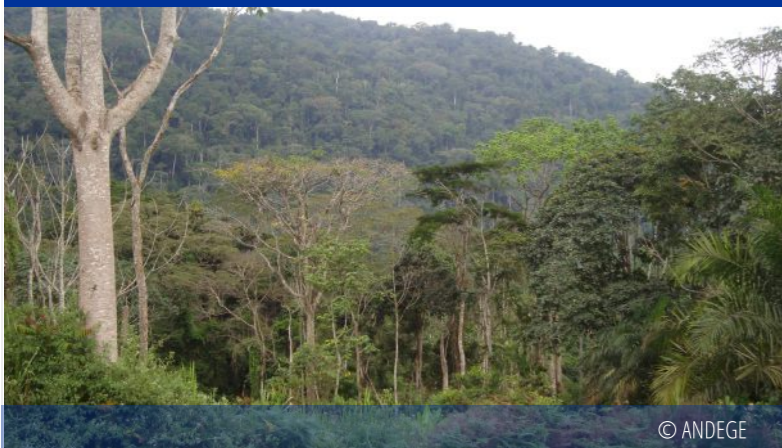
PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Development of land use management plans for cluster communities of Buanchor, Katabang and Olom in the Afi Mountain Wildlife Sanctuary (AMWS). Increased community participation in sustainable forest management.

By facilitating the establishment, registration, and operation of women groups as community-based organizations in these three communities. Restoration efforts will focus on three degraded hectares of the AMWS by planting 2,000 indigenous tree species.

Community-based Participatory Sustainable Forest Management Action (CoPSFoMA)

OPPORTUNITY NAME:
CEPF-112437



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Sustainable Development of Non-Timber Forest Products in Wonegizi Proposed Protected Area

OPPORTUNITY NAME:
CEPF-112439



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Enhancing Protection of Threatened Wildlife species in Ebo forest (Yabassi KBA)

OPPORTUNITY NAME:
CEPF-112549



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Projet d'appui à la conservation et la gestion participative du Massif forestier de Tchabal Mbabo (COGESPA-Tchabal Mbabo)

OPPORTUNITY NAME:
CEPF-104194



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ORGANIZATION:
Non-Governmental Organization Coalition for Environment, Nigeria

AMOUNT:
\$29,954.00

ORGANIZATION:
Skills and Agricultural Development Services, Liberia

AMOUNT:
\$24,943.62

ORGANIZATION:
Community Assistance In Development, Cameroon

AMOUNT:
\$25,000.00

ORGANIZATION:
Forêts et Développement Rural, Cameroon

AMOUNT:
\$239,950.50

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Establish the delineation of thirty hectares of mangrove forest as community conserved areas and strengthen local capacity to sustainably manage.

Restore local biodiversity and increase carbon sequestration through improved conservation of mangrove forests by developing Participatory Land Use Plans for four communities in Odukpani Local Government Area in Cross River State.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Support Non-Timber Forest Products (NTFP) primary users, especially women and youth, in six communities around Wonegizi Proposed Protected Area, Liberia, in best harvesting practices and management of NTFPs including rattan, bush pepper, bitter kola, country spice, and walnut.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Enhance the conservation of threatened wildlife species in the Ebo Forest through the promotion of sustainable alternative income and livelihood actions within the communities of Ebo, and Ndogbong in Yabassi Key Biodiversity Area (YKBA).

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Improve the level of knowledge of local and national actors on the biodiversity, threats, and opportunities of Tchabal Mbabo. Facilitate in a participatory manner the process of enactment of Tchabal Mbabo as a protected area. Strengthen the capacities of the neighboring communities on the sustainable exploitation of *Prunus africana*.

Communities as Environmental Stewards of the Largest Guinea Rainforest Block

OPPORTUNITY NAME:
CEPF-100786



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ORGANIZATION:
Society for the Conservation of Nature of Liberia

AMOUNT:
\$479,554.17

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Support 15 communities in the Gola Forest area in Liberia to become active stewards of the natural resources through well-managed community forests, with strong governance structures, sustainable financing, rainforest-friendly, and climate-smart income generating activities.

From Bee-burners to Beekeepers: Supporting Community Beekeeping Organization in Príncipe

OPPORTUNITY NAME:
CEPF-100798



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ORGANIZATION:
Fauna & Flora International - Sao tome & Principe

AMOUNT:
\$198,890.81

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Establish beekeeping and agroforestry as sustainable livelihood options on Príncipe in and around the Obô Natural Park (Parque Natural Obô do Príncipe) to incentivize better management of forest habitat, threat reduction to the western honeybee and restoration of degraded areas.

Gestão participativa dos mangais de Malanza e Praia das Conchas

OPPORTUNITY NAME:
CEPF-103972



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ORGANIZATION:
Oikos - Cooperação e Desenvolvimento, Sao Tome and Principe

AMOUNT:
\$206,906.06

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Update and implement participatory management plans for mangroves of Malanza and Praia das Conchas, in the São Tomé Natural Park, to conserve the last mangrove forests of São Tomé.

By increasing scientific knowledge of ecosystems to implement mangrove conservation and enhanced measures. Constitute, train and activate mangrove management committees, which will include representatives of communities and other stakeholders.

Participatory Management for Community-based Avoided Deforestation in São Tomé Obô Natural Park

OPPORTUNITY NAME:
CEPF-104174



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ORGANIZATION:
RSET - ASSOCIAÇÃO TÉCNICO-CIENTÍFICA PARA O DESENVOLVIMENTO - Sao tome & Principe

AMOUNT:
\$296,000.00

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Strengthen participatory community-based management of Obô National Park and its buffer zone to improve governance through the integration of stakeholders in planning and decision-making, the production of data for management, and the access to financial flows for sustainability interventions via the implementation of a REDD+ pilot project.

Sustainable Actions for Conservation of Obudu Plateau (SACOP), Nigeria

OPPORTUNITY NAME:
CEPF-103792



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ORGANIZATION:
African Research Association, Nigeria

AMOUNT:
\$208,044.63

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Support 12 communities of Obudu Plateau (KBA-NGA9 Cross River State, Nigeria), to carry out integrated sustainable forest management. Build community-driven commitments through increased awareness, fire management incentives, and adapted alternative livelihood initiatives. Support two pilot communities regenerating degraded forests and establishing woodlots for sustainable firewood extraction. Build capacity of community leaders for collective actions with government, NGOs, and private sector.

Integrated Mangrove Forest Management and Livelihoods in Nigeria (IMFOMALN) Project

OPPORTUNITY NAME:
CEPF-103913



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ORGANIZATION:
United Purpose, Nigeria

AMOUNT:
\$143,944.16

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Support fifteen communities to carry out sustainable forest management and livelihoods practices by increasing awareness on mangrove forests, supporting Sustainable Community Forest Management Plans, building the capacity of a Community-Based Organization dedicated to mangrove conservation, increasing profitability and sustainability of agricultural livelihood activities as viable alternatives to ecosystem depletion, regenerating depleted forests, and establishing woodlots for sustainable firewood harvesting.

Enforcing Community - Led Conservation Leadership around Ebo forest.

OPPORTUNITY NAME:
CEPF-112547



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ORGANIZATION:
Ajemalebu Self Help, Cameroon

AMOUNT:
\$25,000.00

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Strengthen community involvement in land governance and natural resource management across the Yabassi Key Biodiversity Area (YKBA), Littoral Region, Cameroon.



An early career conservation Ifeanyi Ezenwa receives training in research techniques © WPT



STRATEGIC DIRECTION 2

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Mainstream biodiversity conservation into public policy and private sector practice in the nine conservation corridors, at local, sub-national and national level

INVESTMENT PRIORITIES

Conduct policy-relevant research, analysis and outreach that informs and influences the development of national government conservation policies, including on protected area management, payment for ecosystem services, REDD+ and ecosystem-based adaptation to climate change.

Generate locally relevant information on natural ecosystems (e.g., economic valuations of ecosystem services) to influence political and economic decision-making in favor of their conservation.

Facilitate partnerships among local communities, private sector and government to demonstrate models for best practice mining, sustainable forestry and sustainable agriculture by private companies.



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Sharpening Local - Agro-industries Partnerships in the Mount Cameroon and Mokoko-Onge Landscape

OPPORTUNITY NAME: CEPF-109616



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ORGANIZATION: Environmental Governance Institute, Cameroon

AMOUNT: \$11,533.20

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project focuses on reducing the impacts of the oil palm value chain on high conservation value areas in Mount Cameroon and Mokoko-Onge Forest key biodiversity areas. Improving oil palm productivity through; technical and organizational capacity building, intensification of agriculture based on replanting, improved extraction rates and use of high yield seedlings and farm inputs and the development of a functional, credible win-win partnership model between the Cameroon Development Corporation (CDC) and oil palm smallholders' cooperatives in Tiko Area Oil Palm Farmers' Cooperative – TAOFF-COOP and Bamusso Mainland.

Supporting Implementation of Best Management Practices in Smallholder Plantations

OPPORTUNITY NAME: CEPF-109621



© RTN

ORGANIZATION: Resourcetrust Network, Ghana

AMOUNT: \$34,975.00

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project aims to stimulate and catalyze a process for key actors of smallholder plantations within the Forest Reserves of South-eastern Côte d'Ivoire and South-western Ghana conservation corridor around Cape Three Points to work together towards achieving agricultural sustainability by incorporating biodiversity conservation in their management practices. The project used a Smallholder-Private-Public Joint Participation, Collaboration and Contribution (PCC) Biodiversity Conservation Project model.

Demonstrate how Economic Development can boost Community-based Trans-border Conservation

OPPORTUNITY NAME: CEPF-100792



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ORGANIZATION: Noé - Man&Nature, Cote d'Ivoire; Ghana

AMOUNT: \$427,999.68

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Demonstrate the efficiency of the community-based conservation model and illustrate that synergies can be, and need to be, created between conservation and economic development of communities in the Tanoé and Kwabre swamp forests of Cote d'Ivoire and Ghana. By developing green value chains that adapt global best practices to the local context in partnership with private companies, local communities, and government entities.

Mainstreaming Site-Scale Ecosystem Values into Local Decision-Making in Ghana

OPPORTUNITY NAME: CEPF-100805



© GWS

ORGANIZATION: Ghana Wildlife Society, Ghana

AMOUNT: \$93,663.71

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Assess ecosystem values of Cape Three Points Forest Reserve and Tano-Offin Forest Reserve in Ghana through the use of the Toolkit for Ecosystem Site Ecosystem Services Assessment (TESSA).

Making a case for mainstreaming biodiversity into District Assembly planning and private sector business practices for these two sites and Atewa Range Forest Reserve, and all priority Key Biodiversity Areas.

Strengthen Ivorian Cocoa Stakeholder Landscape Management Capacity to Foster Conservation

OPPORTUNITY NAME:
CEPF-100814



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ORGANIZATION:
Centre d'Etudes, Formation, Conseils et Audits Cote d'Ivoire

AMOUNT:
\$303,704.53

Provide Technical Assistance to Strengthen Ivorian Cocoa Stakeholder Landscape Management Capacity to Foster Conservation

OPPORTUNITY NAME:
CEPF-104314



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ORGANIZATION:
Rainforest Alliance, Inc. Cote d'Ivoire

AMOUNT:
\$55,005.40

Building Capacity and Sustainable Partnerships for Mainstreaming Biodiversity in Nigeria

OPPORTUNITY NAME:
CEPF-110574



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ORGANIZATION:
Society for Sustainability and Conservation Education for Rural Areas, Nigeria

AMOUNT:
\$180,000.00

Mainstreaming Opportunities for Operationalizing business contributions to Nature in the Mano River Union countries

OPPORTUNITY NAME:
CEPF-110576



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ORGANIZATION:
Fondation d'Entreprise BIOTOPE pour la Biodiversité, Cote d'Ivoire; Guinea; Liberia

AMOUNT:
\$381,295.96

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Support mainstreaming biodiversity conservation and deforestation-free agricultural economy through Public Private Partnership in the cocoa sector in the Cavally region of Cote d'Ivoire.

Activities will focus on training cocoa farmers in biodiversity conservation friendly practices, and empowering communities to adopt best practices toward conservation.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Provide technical assistance to the Centre d'Etudes, Formation, Conseils et Audits (CEFCA) to support mainstreaming biodiversity conservation, and a deforestation-free agricultural economy through Public Private Partnership in the cocoa sector in the Cavally region of Cote d'Ivoire.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Strengthen the enforcement of Environmental Impact Assessment legislations and regulations in Nigeria, and integrate biodiversity considerations into policies, as well as in private sector practices, using the country's main oil palm company, adjacent to Okomu National Park as a case study.

The project will also support the development of a growing local civil society organization in the Nigerian conservation landscape

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Create an enabling environment for the implementation of the mitigation hierarchy (avoid, minimize, restore, offset) by development projects (especially extractive and agricultural sectors, but also public infrastructure) in conservation corridors of Cote d'Ivoire, Guinea, and Liberia. Development of practical and user-friendly guidelines for private sector engagement in Public Private Partnerships and Public Private Community Partnerships, and enhanced capacity to support international best practices.

Mainstreaming Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services into Community Forestry in Liberia

OPPORTUNITY NAME:
CEPF-110443



© VOSIEDA

ORGANIZATION:
Volunteers for Sustainable Development in Africa (VOSIEDA), Liberia

AMOUNT:
\$147,976.30

Expanding Guinea's Protected Area Network including Important Plant Areas

OPPORTUNITY NAME:
CEPF-110531



© KEW

ORGANIZATION:
Royal Botanic Gardens Kew, Guinea

AMOUNT:
\$146,532.74

Conserving the Yawri Bay Ecosystem in Sierra Leone's Coastal Corridor

OPPORTUNITY NAME:
CEPF-110588



© CSSL

ORGANIZATION:
Conservation Society of Sierra Leone

AMOUNT:
\$169,906.00

Protecting Atewa Critical Ecosystem through Biodiversity Assessments and Participatory Monitoring

OPPORTUNITY NAME:
CEPF-110602



© ARG

ORGANIZATION:
A Rocha, Ghana

AMOUNT:
\$179,984.20

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Conduct policy-relevant research and outreach to influence the Liberian government's community forestry policies. Through integrating biodiversity and ecosystem consideration into community forest management plans.

Facilitating partnerships among communities, civil society, private sector, and the government as a demonstration model for best practice in sustainable community forest management.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Influence the national protected area legislation of Guinea by introducing plant-specific data into the management plans of three Tropical Important Plant Areas with existing protection, by designating two other area as Community Protected Areas and by drafting plant-specific conservation management plans for them.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Strengthen the management of Yawri Bay in Sierra Leone by increasing its protection status through nomination as a Ramsar Site and initiation of the protected area gazettal process. The project designed a state-of-the-art management plan with a detailed and budgeted action plan; raise funds to implement the plan, and promote compliance with the plan by local communities, private companies in the fisheries, and salt production sectors.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Support the on-going campaign to protect Atewa Forest (Ghana) from government's authorization to mine bauxite by empowering communities and stakeholders, particularly the Forestry Commission, with new monitoring skills and technologies to gather additional information on the global biodiversity values of Atewa, providing evidence for a court case against bauxite mining, and engaging the private sector in sustainable management of the forest range.

Improving Freshwater Biodiversity Conservation in Côte d'Ivoire Using DNA-based Monitoring

OPPORTUNITY NAME:
CEPF-110627



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ORGANIZATION:
NatureMetrics, Cote d'Ivoire

AMOUNT:
\$180,912.23

West Africa Team for Critical Habitat Protection (WATCH) of Primates

OPPORTUNITY NAME:
CEPF-111730



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ORGANIZATION:
Rewild, Cote d'Ivoire; Guinea; Liberia; Sierra Leone

AMOUNT:
\$65,483.00

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Carry out innovative environmental DNA (eDNA) biodiversity surveys to understand the state of freshwater systems of the lower Bandama river in Cote d'Ivoire.

Working closely with Université Nangui Abrogua in Abidjan, a network of conservation organizations, government stakeholders, and the private sector to use this innovative method and data to better inform decision-making in environmental management.

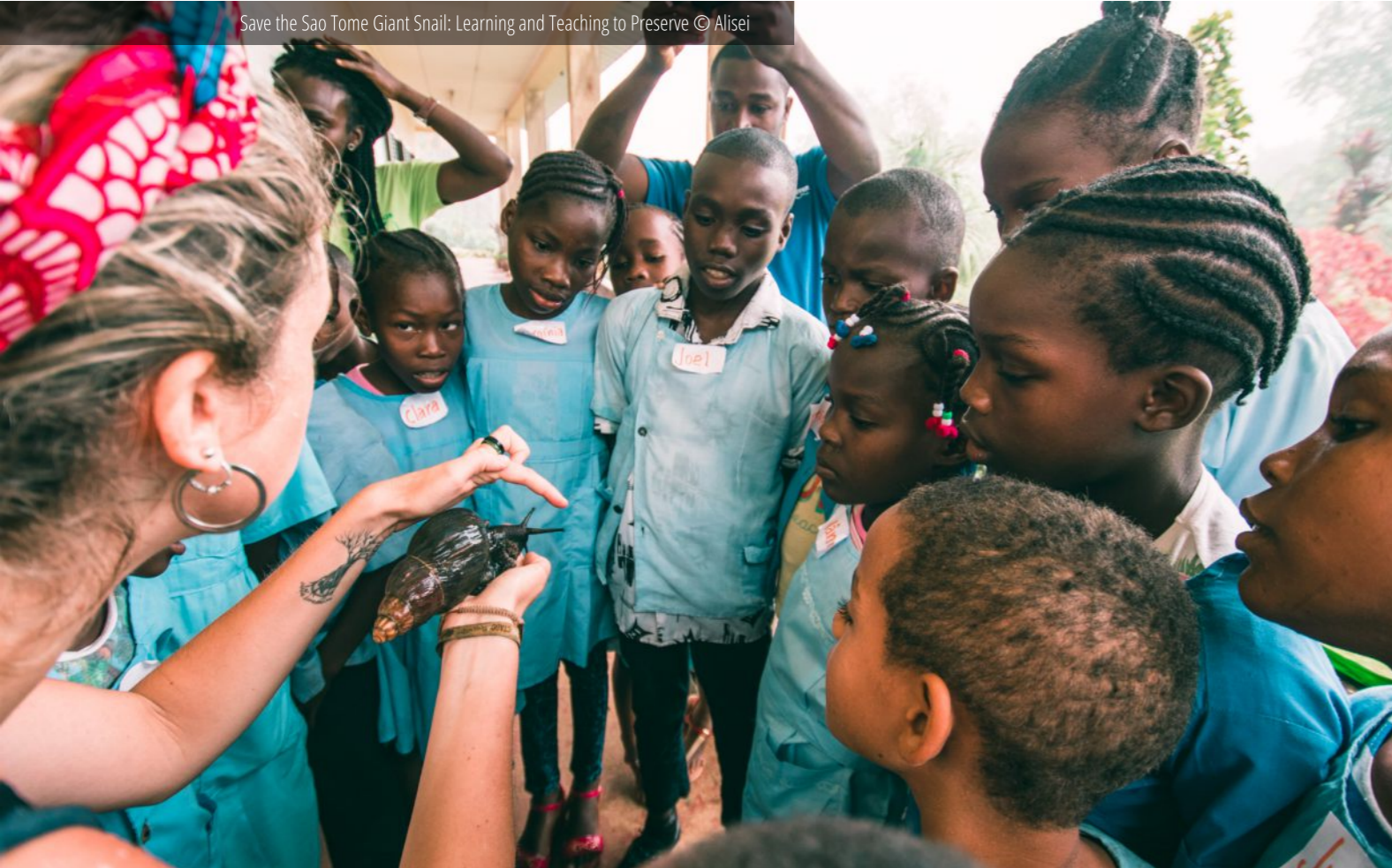
PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Strengthen the capacity of primate specialists from Liberia, Sierra Leone, Guinea, and Cote d'Ivoire to provide advice on energy, extractive and associated infrastructure projects, and improve mitigation and best practices for primates, as flagship and umbrella species to benefit more widely the biodiversity and ecosystems in which they live.



STRATEGIC DIRECTION 3

Save the Sao Tome Giant Snail: Learning and Teaching to Preserve © Alisei



Safeguard priority globally threatened species by identifying and addressing major threats and information gaps

INVESTMENT PRIORITIES
Support the implementation of Conservation Action Plans for Critically Endangered and Endangered species on the IUCN Red List.

Update the Key Biodiversity Area analysis by incorporating recently available data, including on Alliance for Zero Extinction sites and global Red List assessments and by conducting targeted research to fill critical knowledge gaps.



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Enhancing Participatory Planning and Management of Cape Three Points Key Biodiversity Area

OPPORTUNITY NAME:
CEPF-109618



ORGANIZATION:
Hen Mpoano, Ghana

AMOUNT:
\$39,977.10

Tackling Threats to Endangered Species through Community Empowerment in Korup National Park

OPPORTUNITY NAME:
CEPF-109619

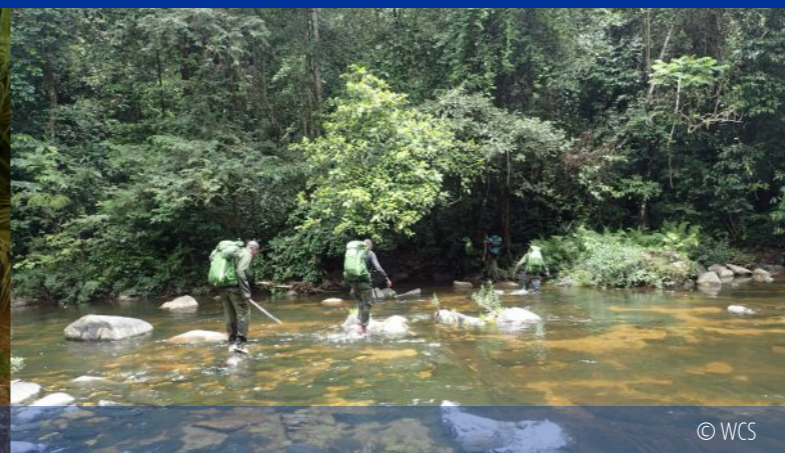


ORGANIZATION:
Korup Rainforest Forest Conservation Society, Cameroon

AMOUNT:
\$11,217.71

Saving Cross River Gorillas from Extinction in Nigeria

OPPORTUNITY NAME:
CEPF-100813



ORGANIZATION:
Wildlife Conservation Society, Nigeria

AMOUNT:
\$349,997.16

Implementing the Action Plan for the Critically Endangered Principe Thrush

OPPORTUNITY NAME:
CEPF-103778



ORGANIZATION:
Fauna & Flora International - Sao Tome and Principe

AMOUNT:
\$99,351.40

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

To ensure the preparation and implementation of a participatory management plan for coastal wetlands and mangrove forests and the Cape Three Point Forest Reserve (CTPFR). By strengthening capacities of Community Resources Management Area (CREMA) committees and Community Biodiversity Advisory Groups on values and importance of biodiversity to allow informed conservation decision making. To establish a tree nursery and reforest fragmented areas to connect terrestrial forest to coastal wetland. While also training local community members on honey production and organic vegetable production.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project is aimed at tackling threats to endangered species through community empowerment in Korup National Park. This was achieved through support for good local governance of Protected Area in Permanent Use Zone (PUZ) designation and management. Improved livelihood for communities living in the 5 "PUZ", and diversified alternatives livelihoods and improved literacy, awareness, and participation in conservation and climate change related issues.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

WCS reduced immediate threats to key species at three Cross River Gorilla sites in Nigeria by enabling rangers to sustain longer and more frequent patrols and generate data for strategic decisions on future patrols. As well as supporting an outreach program to change local attitudes and practices for the conservation of watersheds and the sustainability of non-timber forest products important for local women.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Train and support capacity of local people to address knowledge gaps identified in the Action Plan for the Principe Thrush *Turdus xanthorhynchus*.

Understand social context and human pressures on the bird. Support the government in implementing and reviewing existing legislations regarding forest use, the Principe Thrush Conservation Action Plan as well as the Management Plan of Ôbo National Park.

Safeguarding Globally Endangered Grey Parrots in Lower Guinean Forests

OPPORTUNITY NAME:
CEPF-109686



ORGANIZATION:
World Parrot Trust, Nigeria

AMOUNT:
\$15,357.68

Developing Liberia's Capacity for Effective Conservation of the Pygmy Hippopotamus

OPPORTUNITY NAME:
CEPF-100793



ORGANIZATION:
Fauna & Flora International - Liberia

AMOUNT:
\$259,906.66

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

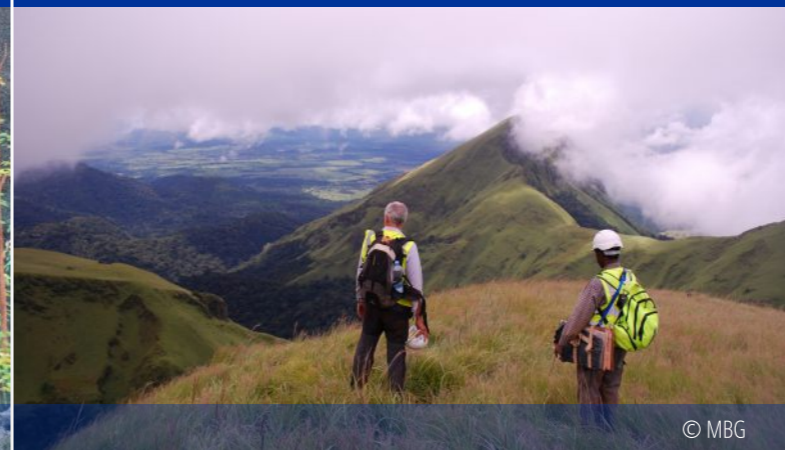
The project will establish a foundation for actions to address the overexploitation of Grey Parrots through dismantling trade networks and addressing threats to key populations in Nigeria. Specifically, its objectives are to: Identify priority sites for Grey Parrot conservation and threats to key populations. Providing up-to-date information for the analysis of KBAs, species Red List Assessments and strategy for species conservation. Identifying the socio-economic dimensions of trade in Grey Parrots, with particular emphasis on informing actions to disrupt illegal trade to remove threat of exploitation.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Develop applied training to build Liberian capacity for the implementation of the Regional Conservation Strategy and the National Action Plan for Pygmy Hippopotamus in the Cestos-Sapo-Grebo-Tai-Cavally and Lofa-Mano-Gola Corridor areas. Implement a national and transboundary Pygmy Hippo survey. Reassess the national and regional status and increase governmental and public awareness of this flagship species.

Updating Key Biodiversity Areas within the Lofa-Gola-Mano and Nimba complexes.

OPPORTUNITY NAME:
CEPF-104022



ORGANIZATION:
Missouri Botanical Garden, Cote d'Ivoire; Guinea; Liberia; Sierra Leone

AMOUNT:
\$244,458.24

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Identify the threatened components of the flora and habitats of the two cross-border complexes Lofa-Gola-Mano and Mounts Nimba to update the analysis of Key Biodiversity Areas.

Fostering regional collaboration between several key actors in Guinea, Sierra Leone, and Liberia, to harmonize inventory and conservation practices, and disseminating project results at regional scale.

Identification and validation of West African Freshwater Key Biodiversity Areas

OPPORTUNITY NAME:
CEPF-104060



ORGANIZATION:
International Union for Conservation of Nature - Benin; Cameroon; Cote d'Ivoire; Equatorial Guinea; Ghana; Guinea; Liberia; Nigeria; Sao Tome and Principe; Sierra Leone; Togo

AMOUNT:
\$219,663.85

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Improve the conservation of freshwater biodiversity throughout the Guinean Forests of West Africa Hotspot by updating existing freshwater species Red List assessments, upgrading existing freshwater Key Biodiversity Areas (KBAs) to meet the new Global Standard and by identifying and validating additional freshwater KBAs not currently recognized in the ecosystem profile (CEPF 2015).

Creating Liberia's Largest Protected Area for Critically Endangered Chimpanzees

OPPORTUNITY NAME:
CEPF-104076



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ORGANIZATION:
Wild Chimpanzee Foundation - Liberia

AMOUNT:
\$280,080.64

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Protect the critically endangered West African Chimpanzee through consultation of communities in and around the proposed area, creation of green jobs as alternatives for local hunters and bushmeat traders, capacity building of the Forestry Development Authority in protected area management, creation of livelihood alternatives for local communities through a beekeeping project, and awareness raising of communities through theater outreach.

Caractérisation de la flore menacée de São Tomé et Príncipe.

OPPORTUNITY NAME:
CEPF-104130



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ORGANIZATION:
Missouri Botanical Garden, Sao Tome and Principe

AMOUNT:
\$227,643.39

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Identify the endangered plant species of São Tomé and Príncipe and rigorously evaluate their conservation status according to the criteria and categories of the IUCN Red List. Document, and if necessary, improve the network of Key Biodiversity Areas in the archipelago. Build local capacities by training two botanists and two parataxonomists. Disseminate relevant information to stakeholders involved in biodiversity management. Project website: <https://cepf-stp-threat-flora.netlify.app/>

Determining Distribution, Density and Connectivity of Threatened Tortoises in Nigeria

OPPORTUNITY NAME:
CEPF-102089



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ORGANIZATION:
Biodiversity Preservation Centre, Nigeria

AMOUNT:
\$32,114.91

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Analyse the impact of forest habitat loss, fragmentation, and hunting on threatened species of tortoises including hinged tortoises of the genus *Kinixys* Testudinidae, Home's hinge-back tortoise *K. homeana* and forest-hinged tortoise *K. erosa*.

The aim is to provide useful data for prioritizing and recommending effective conservation and livelihood actions for its range. Conservation action plans for the target tortoise species in southeastern Nigeria shall be implemented and their population size and connectivity evaluated.

Création de la Première Aire Marine Protégée en Côte d'Ivoire dans la zone bordant l'embouchure de la Dodo

OPPORTUNITY NAME:
CEPF-102092



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ORGANIZATION:
Conservation des Espèces Marines, Cote d'Ivoire

AMOUNT:
\$44,819.00

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The zone near the Tai National Park and La Forêt classée de la Haut Dodo in Côte d'Ivoire is of high value, for spawning and growth of several species of marine turtles such as hawksbills, leatherback turtle, green turtle, and olive turtles.

However, uncontrolled exploitation of natural resources, deforestation, poaching, and illegal fishing are putting pressure on these species and their habitat. Through this project, the local NGO, Conservation des Espèces Marines, will work closely with local and national stakeholders to create a Marine Protected Area, which will be the first to exist in the country.

Promoting Endangered Primate conservation in three forest reserves in Ghana

OPPORTUNITY NAME:
CEPF-102086



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ORGANIZATION:
Presbyterian University College Ghana

AMOUNT:
\$44,259.00

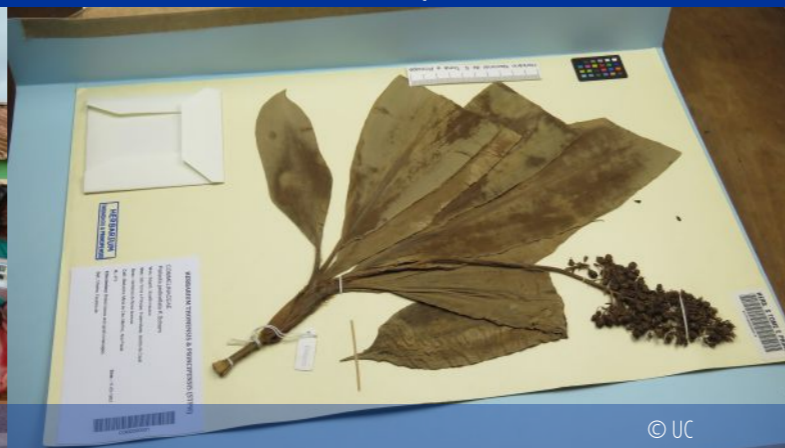
PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project seeks to implement the IUCN Regional Action Plan for the Conservation of Chimpanzees in West Africa targeting three priority Key Biodiversity Areas in Ghana: the Attewa Range, Cape Three Points and Tano-Offin Forest reserves.

The project will contribute to the long-term survival and conservation of endangered primates in Ghana by carrying out ecological surveys, conservation education and awareness campaigns, bio-monitoring, and capacity building of Wildlife Division eco-guardians.

Herbário Nacional: Referência para o Conhecimento e Conservação da Diversidade das Plantas de São Tomé e Príncipe

OPPORTUNITY NAME:
CEPF-102087



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ORGANIZATION:
University of Coimbra, Sao Tome and Principe

AMOUNT:
\$41,474.00

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project aims to support the structure and technical capacities of the National Herbarium in São Tomé, and ultimately to safeguard the unique and still poorly assessed botanical knowledge of the Island. Activities include building the capacity of local stakeholders in herbarium techniques and identification at the University of Coimbra and providing specific equipment to the to follow up with cataloging activities. Botanical collecting missions for the herbarium were conducted with experts from UC in the three Key Biodiversity Areas of São Tomé Island, gathering data to fill gaps for poorly assessed plants.

Save the São Tomé Giant Snail: Learning and Teaching to Preserve

OPPORTUNITY NAME:
CEPF-109607



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ORGANIZATION:
Alisei ONG, Sao Tome and Principe

AMOUNT:
\$24,840.00

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The São Tomé Obô Natural Park, home to remarkably unique biodiversity, hosts at least thirty species of endemic mollusks, including the iconic Giant Land Snail, *Archachatina bicarinata*. This species, endemic to São Tomé and Príncipe, and has suffered a rapid decline in the last decades, due to a combination of habitat loss and indirect competition with the introduced West African Giant Snail, *Archachatina marginata*, an invasive species in many countries outside the native distribution range in West continental Africa.

Forest Fragmentation: Causes, Ecological Implication, and Impact on Threatened Species

OPPORTUNITY NAME:
CEPF-109610



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ORGANIZATION:
A. P. Leventis Ornithological Research Institute, Nigeria

AMOUNT:
\$10,372.78

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project will provide up-to-date population status, population structure, and trends of five globally threatened bird species (*Kupeornis gilberti* - White-throated Mountain-babbler, *Andropadus montanus* - Cameroon Montane Greenbul, *Bradypterus bangwaensis* - Bangwa Forest Warbler, *Malaconotus gladiator* - Green-breasted Bush-shrike; *Ploceus bannermani* - Bannerman's Weaver) found in the Gashaka-Gumti National Park (NGA5) Key Biodiversity Area. This information will be used to revise the global conservation status of these species.



STRATEGIC DIRECTION 4

Build the capacity of local civil society organizations, including Indigenous People's, women's and youth groups, to conserve and manage globally important biodiversity

INVESTMENT PRIORITIES

Strengthen the capacity of local civil society organizations in financial, institutional and project management, organizational governance, and fundraising.

Establish and strengthen women-led conservation and development organizations, associations and networks to foster gender equality in natural resource management and benefit sharing.

Strengthen the communication capacity of local civil society organizations in support of their mission and to build public awareness on the importance of conservation outcomes.



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Renforcement de la capacité des populations de Bossou, N'Zoo et de Tounkarata dans la Gestion Durable des Ressources Naturelles des Monts Nimba

OPPORTUNITY NAME: CEPF-102091



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ORGANIZATION: Initiative de Base pour la Gestion des Ressources Naturelles, Guinea

AMOUNT: \$24,968.00

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Mount Nimba is a nature reserve and world heritage site that spans Guinea and Côte d'Ivoire. It covers significant portions of the Nimba Range, a rich geographical area with unique flora and fauna, including remarkable populations of single-site endemic species, such as viviparous toads, and horseshoe bats. The project will build a more effective network of community-based and women-led organizations that work to conserve natural resources. In addition, the project will directly support the creation and registration of seven local organizations to work around Mount Nimba. IBGRN will also conduct a series of trainings in communication, marketing, advocacy, financial management and project management, as well as in market gardening and livestock farming.

Planning and Partnership Consolidation for Biodiversity Conservation in the WAPNP

OPPORTUNITY NAME: CEPF-103713



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ORGANIZATION: Conservation Society of Sierra Leone

AMOUNT: \$4,500.00

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

To work with other partners toward planning activities with various stakeholders and actors currently active at the proposed project site, while clearly considering current roles, impacts and sources of funding. And identifying gaps to conceive new initiatives that will be developed into a new proposal to add value to ongoing interventions.

Country-specific Mentoring and Training to Strengthen West African Civil Society Organizations, Liberia and São Tomé and Príncipe

OPPORTUNITY NAME: CEPF-109175



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ORGANIZATION: Fauna & Flora International - Liberia, Sao Tome and Principe

AMOUNT: \$249,916.18

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Address capacity limitations of at least fifteen local civil society organizations from Liberia and São Tomé and Príncipe. Supporting organizational skill development, gender, communication, and fundraising. Actively demonstrating the application of these new skills by using a multi-pronged approach of training, facilitation, and mentoring, and by improving access to local, regional, and international networks and other resources.

Strengthening Civil Society Organizations' Capacities for Effective Stakeholder Engagement in Biodiversity Conservation

OPPORTUNITY NAME: CEPF-109203



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ORGANIZATION: West Africa Civil Society Institute, Cote d'Ivoire; Guinea; Sierra Leone

AMOUNT: \$300,000.23

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Strengthen key selected organizations in Cote d'Ivoire, Guinea, and Sierra Leone. Focusing on their institutional and operational capacities, communication and advocacy skills, resource mobilization successes, and effectiveness tracking methods to engage and advocate for the development and implementation of national frameworks, policies and regulations for climate change mitigation and adaptation, sustainable development, and biodiversity conservation.

Enhancing Biodiversity Conservation Capacity of Civil Society Organizations

OPPORTUNITY NAME:
CEPF-109297



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ORGANIZATION:
Tropical Biology Association LTD - Kenya
Ghana; Nigeria

AMOUNT:
\$484,490.95

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Strengthen capacity of local Civil Society Organizations in Ghana and Nigeria to improve access to funding, conservation impact, and organizational sustainability. By increasing conservation knowledge, understanding of communities, and project management skills to better tackle threats to biodiversity. Increased positive consideration and integration of gender equality in the leadership and conservation activities thus deepening participation in management and in sharing of benefits from natural resources.

Capacity and tools for Biodiversity Mainstreaming in the GFWA

OPPORTUNITY NAME:
CEPF-110280



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ORGANIZATION:
Fauna & Flora International -
Cameroon; Cote d'Ivoire; Equatorial Guinea; Ghana; Guinea;
Liberia; Nigeria; Sao Tome and Principe; Sierra Leone

AMOUNT:
\$36,130.76

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Support the production of a working draft of a Theory of Change (ToC) for biodiversity mainstreaming in private and public policy and practice across the GFWA hotspot. This will provide the basis and the rationale for actions and partnerships with private sector and will guide and facilitate partnerships among local communities, private sector, and government to develop models for best practices in mining, sustainable forestry, and sustainable agriculture by private companies.

Soutien aux associations locales des Monts Nimba dans leurs missions de sensibilisation

OPPORTUNITY NAME:
CEPF-112429



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ORGANIZATION:
Initiative de Base pour la Gestion des Ressources
Naturelles - Guinea

AMOUNT:
\$24,973.00

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Strengthen the capacities of seven civil society organizations in communication and advocacy to improve the biodiversity conservation and sustainable management of the natural resources in the Mount Nimba Complex, Guinea.

Renforcement des Capacités du Groupement de Femmes Productrices de Sel à Dubreka

OPPORTUNITY NAME:
CEPF-112432



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ORGANIZATION:
Développement Pour Tous, Guinea

AMOUNT:
\$24,824.0

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project focused on building the capacities of a women-led organization producing solar salt in Dubreka to promote gender equality in the management of natural resources, and the sharing of benefits in the Konkoure River basin, Guinea.

Learning Exchange in the GFWA – CSO capacity and networks workshop

OPPORTUNITY NAME:
CEPF-110281



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ORGANIZATION:
Fauna & Flora International -
Cameroon; Cote d'Ivoire; Equatorial Guinea; Ghana; Guinea;
Liberia; Nigeria; Sao Tome and Principe; Sierra Leone

AMOUNT:
\$49,725.54

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Build the capacity, confidence, and connections of forty CEPF grantees, in the Guinean Forests of West Africa Hotspot. This will result in a more effective and credible civil society capable of engaging more effectively in regional conservation, specifically, the mainstreaming of biodiversity. CEPF grantees will be connected and actively sharing knowledge and experiences with each other, develop realistic and concrete plans for their organization to more actively mainstream biodiversity into the public and/or private sector locally, nationally, or regionally.

Building CSOs communication skills to Enhance better engagement with the Public to respond to biodiversity conservation challenges

OPPORTUNITY NAME:
CEPF-110862



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ORGANIZATION:
CILTAD COASTAL TV - Ghana

AMOUNT:
\$40,247.94

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Strengthened capacity of local civil society organizations in Ghana to acquire skills and knowledge in the use of music, dance, drama, and film to effectively engage with their various communities to be responsive to change and be better stewards of the rainforest, mining and water resources among others.

Strengthening Communities' Indigenous Coalition for Effective Forest Governance

OPPORTUNITY NAME:
CEPF-112433



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ORGANIZATION:
Development Concern, Nigeria

AMOUNT:
\$24,954.00

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Strengthen the organizational capacity of the management team of Ekuri-Iko, Agoi, & Okpon (EKIAO) Conservation Initiative and representatives of the communities. This project aimed to increase effectiveness and improve inclusiveness on forest governance seeking to protect their 280,000 hectare community forest.

Implication des Communautés Locales dans la Gestion durable du Parc National d'Azagny

OPPORTUNITY NAME:
CEPF-112438



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ORGANIZATION:
SOS-Forêts, Cote d'Ivoire

AMOUNT:
\$24,999.52

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Involve local communities in the conservation of Azagny National Park. This project aims to assist three local communities in establishing women-led local conservation committees to support the Ivorian Parks Reserve Office in the management and protection of the park's biodiversity. This project also aims to strengthen the capacities of five local civil society organizations to enable them to participate fully in the conservation of the park.

Changing local mindsets through Women's Hands

OPPORTUNITY NAME:
CEPF-112440



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ORGANIZATION:
Fundação Príncipe, Sao Tome and Principe

AMOUNT:
\$29,973.00

Building Capacity and Sustainable Network of Women for Conservation in Akpabuyo LGA, Nigeria

OPPORTUNITY NAME:
CEPF-112442



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ORGANIZATION:
Organization for Positive Sustainability Culture in Nigeria

AMOUNT:
\$36,300.00

STRUCTURER les RESEAUX NATIONAUX et REGIONAUX pour la CONSERVATION des TORTUES MARINES et de LEURS HABITATS en AFRIQUE ATLANTIQUE

OPPORTUNITY NAME:
CEPF-112550



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ORGANIZATION:
Réseau des acteurs de la sauvegarde des tortues marines en Afrique Centrale, Cameroon

AMOUNT:
\$33,953.00

Building Networks for Key Biodiversity Area Monitoring and Protection in the GFWA

OPPORTUNITY NAME:
CEPF-112513



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ORGANIZATION:
Royal Society for the Protection of Birds Ghana; Guinea; Liberia; Nigeria; Sierra Leone

AMOUNT:
\$88,125.00

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Strengthen local civil society organizations in Príncipe Island, with focus on two Indigenous women's groups engaged in the conservation and management of four globally threatened species of sea turtles.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project established a network of women across four terrestrial forest and mangrove communities in Akpabuyo Local Government Area of Cross River State and increased inclusion of women in natural resource management.

Increasing household incomes through adaptation of climate-smart agriculture, nontimber forest product domestication, vegetable gardening, mixed cropping and increased cassava processing.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project extended the approach initiated in Central Africa and Cameroon to West Africa in partnership with West African Sea Turtles Conservation to increase the effectiveness of civil society organizations in the conservation of marine turtles and their natural coastal marine habitats.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Operationalize Key Biodiversity Area National Coordination Groups in Ghana and Nigeria to prepare for the creation of such groups in Liberia, Sierra Leone, and Guinea, through training and stakeholder engagement, regional coordination, and cross-regional communication.

Muala Kandja (Mulher Luz): Promover o Empoderamento Feminino em prol da conservação do meio ambiente na Ilha de São Tomé

OPPORTUNITY NAME:
CEPF-112485



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ORGANIZATION:
Associação Programa Tatô, Sao Tome and Principe

AMOUNT:
\$24,963.17

Femmes et Gestion Durable de la Biodiversité à Tchabal Mbabo

OPPORTUNITY NAME:
CEPF-112548



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ORGANIZATION:
Biodiversité – Environnement et Développement Durable, Cameroon

AMOUNT:
\$24,998.00

Projet d'Appui à la vulgarisation des KBA au Cameroun

OPPORTUNITY NAME:
CEPF-112546



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ORGANIZATION:
Forêts de Développement Rural (FODER), Cameroon

AMOUNT:
\$24,998.00

Showcasing CEPF investments: Project assessment, knowledge sharing and lessons from the GFWA

OPPORTUNITY NAME:
CEPF-113090



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ORGANIZATION: Global Initiative For Food Security and Ecosystem Preservation, Cameroon; Cote d'Ivoire; Equatorial Guinea; Ghana; Guinea; Liberia; Nigeria; Sao Tome and Principe; Sierra Leone

AMOUNT:
\$50,000.00

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Contribute to the professional retraining of women ex-traders of sea turtles, through diversification of their economic activities and strengthening of their communication skills to promote environmental conservation and female health.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project focused on building capacity and improving the livelihoods of women-led associations and Local Natural Resource Management Committees (LNRMCs) in the Tchabal Mbabo Key Biodiversity Area in Cameroon.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Improve the level of knowledge of stakeholders on the concept of a Key Biodiversity Area and its implementation in Cameroon.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Consolidate and document the experiences, lessons and impacts of CEPF investment in the Guinean Forests of West Africa hotspot. Create a platform for the adoption of conservation best practices and strengthen the ability of grantees to communicate conservation impacts and solutions to inform future conservation actions. Provide communications and media training to enable grantees to effectively communicate conservation impacts of climate change.

Showcasing CEPF investments: Strengthening conservation knowledge and networking among journalists and civil societies in the GFWA hotspots

OPPORTUNITY NAME:
CEPF-113218

Celebrating 6 years of CEPF investment in the Guinea Forests of West Africa Hotspot – A documentary

OPPORTUNITY NAME:
CEPF-113483



ORGANIZATION: Global Initiative For Food Security and Ecosystem Preservation, Cameroon; Cote d'Ivoire; Equatorial Guinea; Ghana; Guinea; Liberia; Nigeria; Sao Tome and Principe; Sierra Leone

AMOUNT:
\$50,000.00



ORGANIZATION: Global Initiative for Food Security and Ecosystem Preservation

AMOUNT:
\$12,861.13

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Strengthen conservation efforts in the Guinean Forests of West Africa hotspot, by improving the capacity of Civil Society Organizations, journalists and media outfits, to effectively communicate conservation impacts in the hotspot. Enhance the sustainability of conservation efforts through the dissemination of the project outcomes and impact.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Creation of a documentary to showcase the successes and impacts of CEPF investment in the Guinean Forests of West Africa hotspots, aimed at amplifying the impacts of CEPF investment, and ultimately contribute to garner longer-term support for the sustainability of biodiversity conservation in the GFWA hotspots.



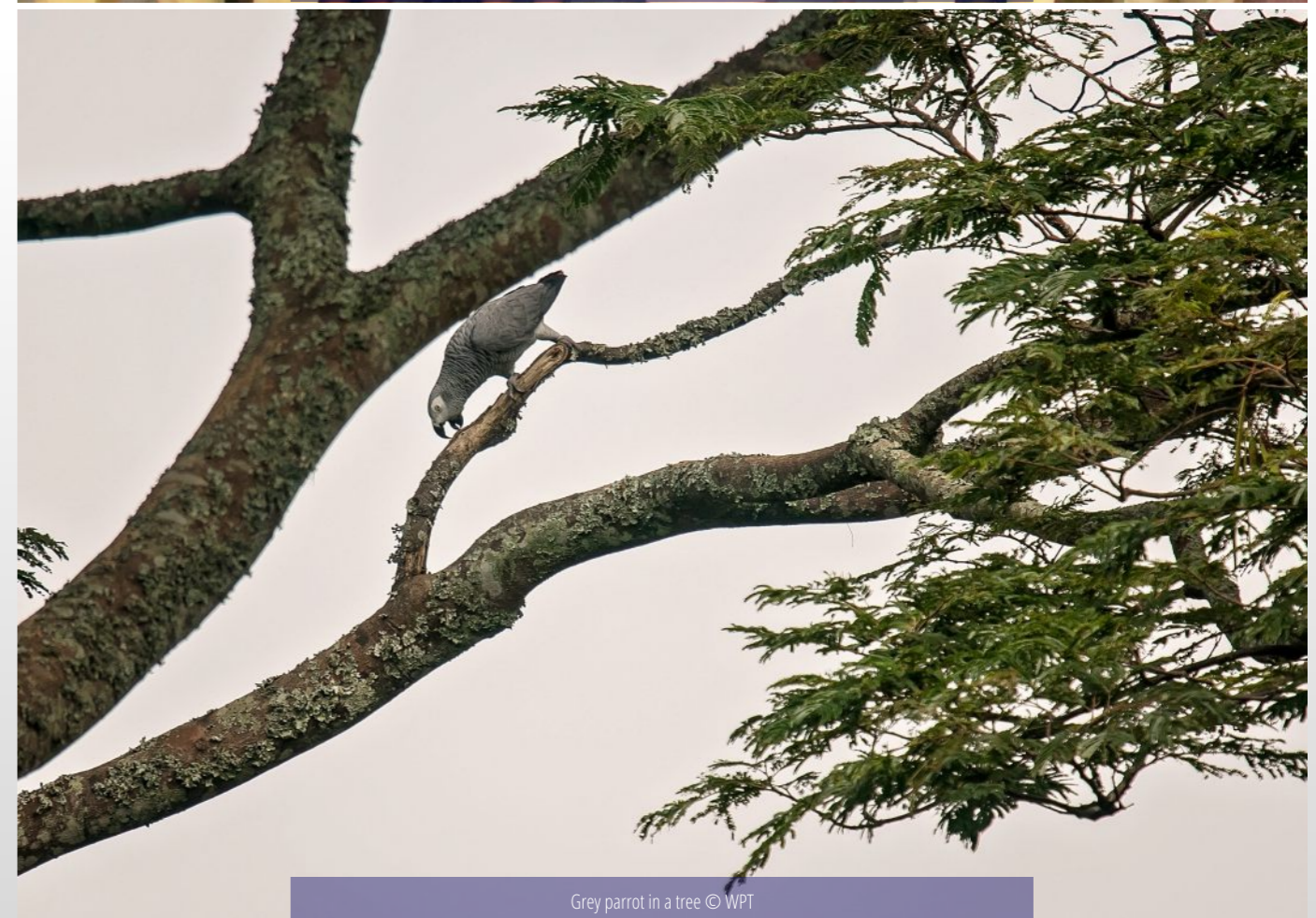
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School Nature Club demonstrate tree planting for positive environmental conservation practice in Yawri - Bay © MUWODA



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STRATEGIC DIRECTION 5

Regional Implementation Team for Guinean Forests Hotspot

OPPORTUNITY NAME: CEPF-66256



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ORGANIZATION:
BirdLife International, Hotspot-Wide

AMOUNT:
\$1,835,370.00

Provide strategic leadership and effective coordination of conservation investment through a regional implementation team

INVESTMENT PRIORITIES
Operationalize and coordinate CEPF's grant-making processes and procedures to ensure effective implementation of the investment strategy throughout the hotspot.
Build a broad constituency of civil society groups working across institutional and political boundaries to achieve common conservation objectives.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Provide strategic leadership and local knowledge to build a broad constituency of civil society groups working across institutional and geographic boundaries toward achieving the conservation goals described in the ecosystem profile for this hotspot. Major functions include coordinating, monitoring, and communicating CEPF's investment; supporting biodiversity mainstreaming into public policies and private sector practices; building local civil society capacity; managing a small grants program; coordinating a large grants program; and leading the development of a long-term strategic vision for the hotspot.



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