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CARIBBEAN ISLANDS HOTSPOT

Strategic Direction #1. Improve the protection and management of 33 priority sites for long-term sustainability.



Planning for Participatory Conservation of Biodiversity in Peckham Woods, Clarendon, Jamaica

Demonstrate how community and partner engagement can drive biodiversity conservation in the Peckham Woods through participatory approaches and education. Update biodiversity status, stakeholder engagement and developing a participatory action plan that integrates public awareness, sustainable livelihoods and forest management. Explore opportunities for Other Effective Area-Based Conservation Measures (OECMs) and provide actionable recommendations to stakeholders, including policymakers.

Funding: US\$46,281

Grant Term: 1/1/2025 – 12/31/2025

Grantee: Clarendon Parish Development Committee Benevolent Society

Strategic Direction #3. Safeguard priority Critically Endangered and Endangered species.



Implementing Critical Conservation Actions for the Jamaican Rock Iguana in Hellshire Hills, Jamaica

Perform ecological monitoring within the Hellshire Hills to assess invasive and native species, enhance control measures, and build local capacity. Improve the headstart facility at Hope Zoo, ensuring optimal health of iguanas through rigorous veterinary assessments and local training. Emphasize public education on the iguana's ecological importance. Update the conservation action plan through collaborative stakeholder engagement.

Funding: US\$49,914

Grant Term: 1/1/2025 – 12/31/2026

Grantee: International Iguana Foundation

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Strategic Direction #5. Support Caribbean civil society to conserve biodiversity by building local, national and regional institutional capacity and fostering stakeholder collaboration.



Support Integration of Data Science and Technology in Caribbean Conservation Efforts by Civil Society

Empower Caribbean Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) by integrating data science and technology into their conservation efforts. Evaluate current capabilities and identify opportunities for scaling up these tools to drive impactful biodiversity conservation.

Funding: US\$36,750
Grant Term: 11/1/2024 – 8/31/2025
Grantee: Cropper Foundation

GUINEAN FORESTS OF WEST AFRICA HOTSPOT

Strategic Direction #1. Empower local communities to engage in sustainable management of 40 priority sites and consolidate ecological connectivity at the landscape scale.



Creating a Voluntary Community Nature Reserve at the Dodo River at Grand-Béréby, Côte d'Ivoire

Contribute to the establishment of a voluntary community reserve at the Dodo River at Grand-Bereby, Cote d'Ivoire. Support the creation of green jobs to sustainably improve the income and living conditions of local communities. Train ecoguards on monitoring techniques to improve species conservation.

Funding: US\$48,892
Grant Term: 10/15/2024 – 10/14/2025
Grantee: Conservation des Espèces Marines



Empowering Civil Society Organizations and Local Communities to Sustainably Manage the Cape Three Point Forest Reserve in Ghana

Empower local conservation and women-led organizations in the Cape Three Point Area by enhancing their capacity to secure funding. Train and provide mentorship for these organizations to strengthen their strategic planning, marketing, financial management, and project management skills. Improve the leadership abilities of women leaders and uplift the livelihoods of women's group members, fostering sustainable development and conservation in the region.

Funding: US\$49,622
Grant Term: 10/15/2024 – 10/14/2025
Grantee: Ghana Wildlife Society

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Enhancing Community-based Forest Management of Biologically Important Rainforest in Southwest Ghana

Enhance the protection of the wildlife population of the Cape Three Points/Subri River areas by strengthening community-based structures for effective forest monitoring. Restore degraded wildlife habitat around the two reserves and adjoining wetlands while supporting forest-dependent households with ecosystem-based livelihood innovations.

Funding: US\$49,067
Grant Term: 10/15/2024 – 10/14/2025
Grantee: Hen Mpoano



Improving the Management and Protection of the Ankasa Community-conserved Territories in Ghana

Improve community-based governance in the Ankasa Rainforest Landscape. Support the Amokwaw Community Resource Management Areas in the development and implementation of its management plan. Develop a green value chain business plan to support sustainable livelihood opportunities.

Funding: US\$49,756
Grant Term: 12/1/2024 – 11/30/2025
Grantee: Noé Conservation



Linking Livelihoods to Community-based Conservation to Secure Sierra Leone's Coastal Yawri Bay

Promote sustainable livelihood and income generating activities to incentivize the adoption of good conservation practices and enhance food security for poor communities in Yawri Bay. Conduct community-led restoration of degraded areas and capacitate ecoguards to improve the protection of the Yawri Bay as a marine protected area.

Funding: US\$50,000
Grant Term: 10/15/2024 – 10/14/2025
Grantee: Conservation Society of Sierra Leone



Promoting Apiculture to Improve Sustainable Livelihood as Incentives for Conservation of Yawri-Bay in Sierra Leone

Provide trainings and resources for sustainable beekeeping, offering an alternative livelihood for local communities in Yawri Bay to reduce pressure on natural resources. Promote sustainable beekeeping practices through sensitization sessions and community engagement.

Funding: US\$48,420
Grant Term: 10/15/2024 – 10/14/2025
Grantee: Muloma Women's Development Association

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Strengthening Capacities of Local Conservation Committees for the Sustainable Management of the Azagny National Park in Cote d'Ivoire

Strengthen local conservation committees and women's organizations to improve the conservation of Azagny National park in Cote d'Ivoire. Provide trainings on organizational governance, financial management and fundraising to local conservation committees and women's organizations. Strengthen SOS-Forêts' own skills in fundraising to increase their projects portfolio and thus their conservation efforts.

Funding: US\$49,965
Grant Term: 10/1/2024 – 6/30/2025
Grantee: SOS-Forêts



Supporting Community Resource Management Areas to Strengthen Their Role in Protecting the Atewa Forest, Ghana

Support the Community Resource Management Areas to establish by-laws to regulate forest activities in Atewa Range Forest reserve. This project will support them in order to implement their management plans through access to data on biodiversity and forest threats.

Funding: US\$50,000
Grant Term: 11/1/2024 – 10/31/2025
Grantee: A Rocha Ghana



Supporting Farmers' Livelihoods in Ghana to Reinforce Biodiversity Conservation Practices

Support small-scale farmers in order to reinforce the conservation of buffer zones around Cape Three Points Forest Reserve. Promote good beekeeping practices to support the implementation of sustainable livelihood activities for farmers within the landscape as conservation incentive.

Funding: US\$49,765
Grant Term: 12/1/2024 – 11/30/2025
Grantee: Resourcetrust Network

Strategic Direction #2. Mainstream biodiversity conservation into public policy and private sector practice in the nine conservation corridors, at local, sub-national and national levels.



Harnessing Environmental DNA for Mangrove Conservation and Sustainable Management in Côte d'Ivoire's Parc National d'Azagny

Bridge critical knowledge gaps regarding mangrove ecosystems in West Africa, particularly in Côte d'Ivoire's Parc National d'Azagny by combining data from biophysical, chemical, and ecological surveys. Identify biodiversity using environmental DNA, develop a conservation framework with local managers and populations, and raise public awareness about

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mangrove preservation. The outcomes will support national policies, facilitate conservation actions, and enable mangroves to contribute to decarbonization and carbon trading initiatives.

Funding: US\$49,128
Grant Term: 10/15/2024 – 10/14/2025
Grantee: Nature Metrics Ltd.

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.



Strengthening Response and Resilience of Civil Society Organizations in the Guinean Forests

Assess the institutional, technical and technological barriers to the responsiveness and effectiveness of civil society organizations' engagement in conservation in Ghana and Liberia. Provide needs-based trainings that target sustainability, resilience and efficiency and capacitate organizations to speak to and influence policy.

Funding: US\$49,985
Grant Term: 11/1/2024 – 10/31/2025
Grantee: West Africa Civil Society Institute

MADAGASCAR AND THE INDIAN OCEAN ISLANDS HOTSPOT

Strategic Direction #1. Improve resilience to climate change in priority KBAs.



Establishing Shared Governance for the Protection of Endangered Trees in Sainte-Marie, Madagascar

Prepare and implement a plan for the conservation of six endemic and threatened tree species on Sainte Marie Island. Support participatory management of Sainte Marie Marine and Terrestrial Protected Area, with specific actions to protect and restore forest habitats in four blocks.

Funding: US\$74,953
Grant Term: 11/1/2024 – 4/30/2026
Grantee: GRET



Evaluation of Ecosystem Impact Following Restoration Efforts in Morne Seychellois National Park, Seychelles

Enhance the survival prospects of native and endemic plants, including six critically endangered species, in the Morne Seychellois National Park. Expand restoration activities, improving in situ conservation practices for successful propagation, educating stakeholders and the wider community on climate resilience for native and endemic plants.

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Funding: US\$49,989
Grant Term: 11/1/2024 – 12/31/2026
Grantee: Plant Conservation Action



Preserving the Threatened Trees of Ankarafantsika, Madagascar

Gather data about threatened tree species in the Ambanjabe area of Ankarafantsika National Park in collaboration with the management authority and local communities. Pilot ex situ propagation and reintroduction into natural habitats for 10 species. Design protocols for including these species in future restoration actions.

Funding: US\$79,884
Grant Term: 10/1/2024 – 9/30/2026
Grantee: Planet Madagascar Association



Protecting Endangered Trees from Extinction in Madagascar

Save from extinction the most endangered trees found outside of protected areas in Madagascar. For at least 36 trees species, project partners will set up expeditions, gather data about repartition and phenology, and get material (seeds and tissues) for testing ex-situ reproduction, preparing later strengthening of wild populations.

Funding: US\$169,224
Grant Term: 9/1/2024 – 8/31/2026
Grantee: Missouri Botanical Garden



Strengthening Aride Island through Ecosystem Restoration, Seychelles

Rejuvenate the Aride Island ecosystem by providing essential breeding habitat for seabirds, endemic land-birds and two species of endangered sea turtles.

Funding: US\$49,613
Grant Term: 11/1/2024 – 1/31/2026
Grantee: Island Conservation Society

Strategic Direction #3. Strengthen the capacity of local communities and civil society at regional and local levels to enhance adaptive capacity and reduce exposure to climate change risks.



Building Capacities of Civil Society Organizations for Ecosystem-based Adaptation, Seychelles

Strengthen the technical, and administrative capacity of local civil society organizations with missions related to the environment and the fight against climate change.

Funding: US\$50,000
Grant Term: 12/1/2024 – 11/30/2026
Grantee: Citizens Engagement Platform Seychelles

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Capacity Building for Environmental and Climate Action in the Comoros

Strengthen the technical and financial capacities of eight local CSOs in the Comoros and their members, to enable them to be capable and effective players in biodiversity conservation and ecosystem-based adaptation to climate change in priority Key Biodiversity Areas. Deliver technical training workshops, administrative and financial management training courses, and learning exchanges.

Funding: US\$139,440
Grant Term: 1/1/2025 – 12/31/2025
Grantee: DAYIMA



Forest Ecological Restoration and Improved Silviculture Techniques Dissemination in Madagascar

Share experiences on ecological restoration techniques with civil society organizations working on forest restoration in Madagascar (including advanced silviculture techniques, firebreaks, nurseries, invasive species control, monitoring, training and dissemination) by hosting field schools at Ambohitantely Special Reserve.

Funding: US\$176,907
Grant Term: 11/1/2024 – 10/31/2026
Grantee: Association Vahatra

MEDITERRANEAN BASIN HOTSPOT

Strategic Direction #4. Strengthen the engagement of civil society to support the conservation of plants that are critically endangered or have highly restricted ranges.



Building a Network of Plant Conservation Organizations in Cabo Verde

Improve skills of NGO staff working on plant conservation in Cabo Verde and discuss opportunities for future NGO collaboration through the organization of a field exchange visit on the islands of Fogo and Brava.

Funding: US\$14,960
Grant Term: 10/1/2024 – 1/31/2025
Grantee: Associação Projecto Vitó

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TROPICAL ANDES HOTSPOT

Strategic Direction #1. Strengthen protection and management of 52 priority KBAs to foster participatory governance, green recovery from COVID-19, climate change resilience, species conservation, and financial sustainability.



Strengthening Local Capacities for Conservation of the Ilinizas Ecological Reserve, Ecuador

Promote the implementation of positive actions with a high impact on biodiversity conservation. Work together with the population of the parish, local authorities and government agencies related to environmental management. Promote a strong information campaign on the benefits generated by the reserve, creating Environmental Management Plans linked to community water systems, and developing interinstitutional instruments and strategies to strengthen governance, policies and citizen actions aimed at conservation.

Funding: US\$48,000
Grant Term: 11/15/2024 – 8/14/2025
Grantee: Centro Andino de Acción Popular



Preparing Civil Society Organizations for the Co-Management and Conservation of Los Cedros Protected Forest

Strengthen the role of the Los Cedros Scientific Station in environmental education, local capacity building for co-management and sustainable management of the forest. Involve civil society in the sustainable management of the Los Cedros Protected Forest and its areas of influence. Strengthen local capacities for the sustainable management of natural resources and to raise awareness among children and youth about the importance of the environment. Promote community participation with gender equity.

Funding: US\$49,955
Grant Term: 11/15/2024 – 10/14/2025
Grantee: Corporación para la Investigación y Protección de los Bosques de los Andes Tropicales

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Strategic Direction #2. Increase landscape-level connectivity and ecosystem resilience in seven priority corridors.



Conservation and Restoration of the Sierra de Bahoruco National Park, Dominican Republic

Conserve and restore the Sierra de Bahoruco National Park, home to unique ecosystems and endangered species. Combat deforestation, poor agricultural practices and the threats posed by unsustainable tourism development. Strengthen local civil society organizations and train community members in environmental conservation, resource management, and sustainable agriculture. Establish a Youth Network of Eco-Activists, promote gender equity in decision-making, and support reforestation efforts to protect the area's biodiversity and water resources.

Funding: US\$50,000
Grant Term: 10/1/2024 – 3/31/2026
Grantee: CESAL

Strategic Direction #4. Improve the enabling conditions for biodiversity conservation in countries with priority sites.



Promoting Sustainable Use of Natural Resources in Cockpit Country, Jamaica

Strengthen the Southern Trelawny Environmental Agency (STEA)/Cockpit Country Adventure Tours (CCAT) eco- and community-based tourism program that promotes the sustainable use of the Cockpit Country and offers alternative income-generating opportunities for the local communities, while maintaining the integrity of the landscape and biodiversity.

Funding: US\$50,000
Grant Term: 9/1/2024 – 8/31/2025
Grantee: Southern Trelawny Environmental Agency

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Strategic Direction #5. Support Caribbean civil society to conserve biodiversity by building local, national and regional institutional capacity and fostering stakeholder collaboration.

Regional Mid-term Assessment Workshop for the Caribbean Islands Biodiversity Hotspot

Facilitate exchange of experience and lessons learned among CEPF grantees by organizing a mid-term assessment workshop in the Dominican Republic for participants from across the Caribbean Islands Hotspot. Enable networking among grantees, expose them to the work of peer organizations through a site visit, and solicit feedback on the CEPF grantmaking approach and investment strategy.

Funding: US\$149,600
Grant Term: 9/1/2024 – 2/28/2025
Grantee: Fondazione AVSI



Training Local Communities in Drone Technology to Restore Degraded Forest in the Sierra de Bahoruco KBA, Dominican Republic

Reforest 150 hectares of degraded land in the Sierra de Bahoruco Key Biodiversity Area (KBA) using innovative drone and sensor technology. Strengthen the capacities of civil society and other stakeholders by transferring skills in utilizing this advanced technology for biodiversity conservation and protection, as well as in the fight against climate change.

Funding: US\$49,434
Grant Term: 8/1/2024 – 7/31/2025
Grantee: Fundacion de Cooperación e Investigación (CIDEAL)

GUINEAN FORESTS OF WEST AFRICA HOTSPOT

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.



Strengthening Organizational Capacity of Civil Society Organizations for Biodiversity Conservation in the Guinean Forests of West Africa Hotspot

Enhance the capacities of local civil society organizations (CSOs) to improve biodiversity conservation and CEPF project management in the Guinean Forests of West Africa hotspot. Provide CEPF Master Class training in project design, budgeting and financial management, stakeholder engagement, gender, safeguards and reporting. Provide follow-up training in project design and fundraising to support longer-term sustainability of project results and impacts.

Funding: US\$49,999
Grant Term: 8/1/2024 – 7/31/2025

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Grantee: Tropical Biology Association

INDO-BURMA HOTSPOT

Strategic Direction #1. Safeguard priority globally threatened species by mitigating major threats.



Conservation of Somphongs's Rasbora in the Floodplains of Bang Pakong Basin, Thailand

Determine priority sites for conservation management of Somphongs's rasbora (*Trigonostigma somphongsi*) with input from stakeholders implement protection measures for at least one site. Engage stakeholders to identify opportunities to incentivize landscape scale floodplain conservation, and increase awareness of the importance of effective floodplain management to maintain biodiversity.

Funding: US\$39,930
Grant Term: 7/15/2024 – 7/15/2025
Grantee: Seub Nakhasatien Foundation



Conserving Iconic Endangered Species of Stingray in Laos

Engage local communities in conservation efforts of two Endangered species of stingray in Laos.

Funding: US\$40,000
Grant Term: 7/1/2024 – 6/30/2025
Grantee: World Wide Fund for Nature - Laos



Strengthening Community-led Efforts to Safeguard Giant Freshwater Stingray in Cambodia

Restore demographically viable populations of Giant Freshwater Stingrays (*Urogymnus polylepis*) along the Mekong River by safeguarding deep pools and strengthening joint law enforcement efforts.

Funding: US\$40,000
Grant Term: 7/1/2024 – 6/30/2025
Grantee: Wildlife Conservation Society

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



Supporting Continued Operation of the Lower Mekong Network

Develop annual workplan for the network. Hold regular calls with network members. Facilitate Working Group and Subgroup calls with relevant members. Support the organisation, planning and execution of the Annual Regional Meeting of the network.

Funding: US\$23,137
Grant Term: 7/18/2024 – 6/30/2025
Grantee: Non Timber Forest Products Exchange Programme - Asia

MADAGASCAR AND THE INDIAN OCEAN ISLANDS HOTSPOT

Strategic Direction #1. Improve resilience to climate change in priority KBAs.



Conservation of Endangered Palm Species in Ranomafana and Ifanadiana, Madagascar

Assess the status of threatened endemic palm species in the Ranomafana area, mapping the species, studying their ecology and their traditional uses by the local population. Launch ex-situ propagation of the most highly threatened species at three locations, to prepare for future reintroduction and habitat restoration.

Funding: US\$82,272
Grant Term: 7/1/2024 – 6/30/2026
Grantee: Madagascar National Parks



Improving the Conservation Status of Four Threatened Tree Species of the Mahafaly Plateau, Madagascar

Gather useful information about the range, ecology and regeneration of four threatened tree species from the dry forests of southwestern Madagascar. Produce 12,000 seedlings in nurseries and use them to reinforce the wild populations of these trees by working with local communities.

Funding: US\$46,785
Grant Term: 9/1/2024 – 8/31/2026
Grantee: Association Analaso

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Protecting Endangered Trees for Lemur Habitat in Maromizaha Reserve, Madagascar

Support conservation action for threatened tree species in Maromizaha forest reserve, in the Zahamena Ankeniheny Corridor. Restore forest habitat with species that benefit endangered lemurs. Work with local communities on alternative livelihood activities to reduce pressure on forest habitat.

Funding: US\$134,563
Grant Term: 8/1/2024 – 8/31/2026
Grantee: Groupe d'Etude et de Recherche sur les Primates de Madagascar (GERP)



Protecting the Remaining Population of *Barbeuia madagascariensis*, Madagascar

Set up the basis for long-term preservation of the Tsihanimboa (*Barbeuia madagascariensis*), an endemic species of Lake Ihotra known only by a few living specimens. Gather information about distribution and ecology, test germination pattern, and raise awareness for its conservation among local communities.

Funding: US\$22,743
Grant Term: 8/1/2024 – 7/31/2026
Grantee: Asity Madagascar



Protecting Threatened Trees through Ecological Restoration at Ambohitantely, Madagascar

Protect the threatened trees of the montane forest blocks of Ambohitantely Special Reserve. Take inventory of mature seed-bearing trees of 19 species, study their ecology and collect their seeds. Establish restoration plots with local communities, including for threatened trees species, to reinforce ecological connectivity between forest blocks.

Funding: US\$88,450
Grant Term: 7/1/2024 – 6/30/2026
Grantee: Association Vahatra



Saving Threatened Trees of Northern Madagascar through Adapted Conservation Strategy

Gather information and develop species management plans for eleven threatened trees species of the Northern part of Madagascar. Initiate emergency action by strengthening wild populations in four protected areas and four non-protected sites, with support from local communities.

Funding: US\$103,390
Grant Term: 8/1/2024 – 9/30/2026
Grantee: Association Tsimoka

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Strategic Direction #3. Strengthen the capacity of local communities and civil society at regional and local levels to enhance adaptive capacity and reduce exposure to climate change risks.



Strengthening Private Sector Engagement in Ecosystem-based Adaptation in Comoros, Madagascar, Mauritius and the Seychelles

Enhance private sector's capacity in designing, implementing, and supervising Ecosystem-based Adaptation (EbA) initiatives. Carry out a regional assessment of current EbA practices and engagement status of the private sector in the four hotspot countries to develop training contents, and foster collaboration between private actors and researchers through networking, communication and knowledge exchange.

Funding: US\$150,040
Grant Term: 7/1/2024 – 10/31/2026
Grantee: Cap Business Océan Indien (CAPBOI)

TROPICAL ANDES HOTSPOT

Strategic Direction #1. Strengthen protection and management of 52 priority KBAs to foster participatory governance, green recovery from COVID-19, climate change resilience, species conservation, and financial sustainability.



Strengthening Protection for Indigenous Territories in Key Biodiversity Areas in Ecuador

Protect Indigenous territories in Key Biodiversity Areas in Ecuador through conservation mechanisms such as Socio Bosque and Other Effective Area-Based Conservation Measures (OECMs). Connect these territories with other protected areas, promoting the conservation of threatened species and climate change mitigation. Revitalize economic opportunities for local families through bioeconomy and bio-entrepreneurship, with a special focus on including women and youth in community decision-making spaces.

Funding: US\$49,970
Grant Term: 9/25/2024 – 9/30/2025
Grantee: Fundación YacuWarmi

Strategic Direction #2. In the seven priority corridors, collaborate with public and private sector stakeholders to enable biodiversity conservation, a green recovery from COVID-19, and environmental, financial, and social sustainability, in benefit of the priority KBAs.



Improving Sustainable Management of the Mindo and Western Foothills of the Pichincha Volcano in La Montaña Ecological Reserve of the Andean Chocó

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Strengthen the effective conservation of the Mindo and Western Foothills of the Pichincha Volcano through the environmental management of La Montaña Ecological Reserve.

Establish a self-sustaining private protected area that is resilient to climate change by defining a management plan with innovative protection, conservation, and promotion measures for its ecosystem services. Conduct research on the different biotic components within the reserve to establish a baseline of species, including their documentation, characterization, and determination of the conservation status of the ecosystem and its biodiversity. Establish a new Learning Center for Conservation and Sustainable Use for Private Landowners and Local Communities of the Chocó Andean region.

Funding: US\$49,999
Grant Term: 9/25/2024 – 9/30/2025
Grantee: Fundación Ser Ambiente

WALLACEA HOTSPOT

Strategic Direction #4. Strengthen community-based action to protect marine species and sites.

Final Program Workshop for Wallacea Phase II

Organize a series of final workshop activities as part of program closure to celebrate coastal conservation action achievements from the implementation of the Wallacea II Partnership Program.

Funding: US\$41,022
Grant Term: 8/1/2024 – 9/30/2024
Grantee: Manengkel Solidaritas