

**Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund
40th Meeting of the CEPF Donor Council
In-Person, Hotel Place d'Armes, in Montreal and Virtual Meeting
Monday 12 December 2022
8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Eastern Standard Time (EST)**

Results from the 2021 CEPF Impact Report

Recommended Action Item:

The Donor Council is asked to review and provide comment on the results from the 2021 CEPF Impact Report.

Background

CEPF's monitoring framework comprises four pillars that constitute the foundation of the fund's work: biodiversity, civil society, human well-being and enabling conditions. Sixteen indicators measure progress towards achieving conservation outcomes falling within CEPF's four pillars. CEPF's monitoring system employs innovative reporting and data management tools to collect comprehensive data that demonstrate CEPF's contributions at project, hotspot and global levels, including to the Convention on Biological Diversity Aichi Targets and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. Key results for the period of FY01 through FY21 are presented below.

Biodiversity

CEPF is committed to supporting the protection and improved management of critical habitats. CEPF grantees have contributed to:

- The creation of 16.1 million hectares of new protected areas.
- The improved management of 51 million hectares of Key Biodiversity Areas.
- The strengthened management of biodiversity in 10 million hectares of production landscapes.
- More than 940 globally threatened species benefiting from conservation action.



Civil Society

A key objective of CEPF is to strengthen civil society, because CEPF believes that an empowered civil society holds the key to the future of biodiversity conservation. CEPF grants have resulted in:

- 2,602 civil society organizations receiving support from CEPF.
- 309 local/national grantees reporting an increase in their organizational capacity.
- 109 grantees reporting an increased understanding of and commitment to gender issues.

705 networks/partnerships supported, 515 of which CEPF helped to create.



Human Well-Being

CEPF measures benefits received by individuals as well as communities. Individuals may receive cash benefits due to increased income from employment or alternative livelihoods and non-cash benefits such as training. Communities may receive a range of non-cash benefits such as increased access to clean water, increased food security, increased resilience to climate change and many others. CEPF grantees have contributed to:

- 4,692 communities benefiting.
- More than 187,000 people receiving structured training, including 47,422 women.
- More than 95,000 people receiving cash benefits, including 29,189 women.
- At least 1,536 projects promoting nature-based solutions to climate change.



Enabling Conditions

Ensuring that the underlying conditions are in place to support sustained conservation is a top priority. CEPF grantees have contributed to:

- The creation of, or support to, 61 sustainable financing mechanisms.
- The enactment or amendment of 434 laws, regulations and policies with conservation provisions.



CEPF's impact report is contained in the combined **Impact Report 2001-2021/ Annual Report 2021**. You can see the full report [here](#).