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Biodiversity



Human Wellbeing



Enabling Conditions



Capacity Building

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CARIBBEAN ISLANDS HOTSPOT

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



Climate and Conservation Risk Mapping Initiative in St Vincent and the Grenadines

Facilitate the collaborative preparation of GIS maps illustrating the effects of climate change and conservation challenges on biodiversity within the St. Vincent Central Mountain Range. Development of alternative livelihood options and action plans for the conservation of biodiversity.

Funding: US\$48,635
Grant Term: 3/1/2024 – 1/28/2025
Grantee: JEMS Environment Management Services



Improving Management of the Blue and John Crow Mountains National Park, Jamaica

Strengthen management and monitoring of the Blue and John Crow Mountains National Park by updating the area's management plan, enhancing biodiversity monitoring and research capacity, and implementing the conservation action plan for the Wild Pine Sargent (Jamaican Blackbird).

Funding: US\$252,881
Grant Term: 4/1/2024 – 3/31/2027
Grantee: Jamaica Conservation and Development Trust

Strategic Direction #5. Civil society capacity strengthening and stakeholder collaboration.



Implementing the Conservation Standards Online Training Workshop Pilot Project in the Caribbean Islands

Enhance the technical capacities of civil society organizations across the region in the use and application of the Open Standards for the Practice of Conservation (Conservation Standards) for project and program design, management, and monitoring in order to help improve the practice of conservation.

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Funding: US\$49,861
Grant Term: 4/1/2024 – 3/31/2025
Grantee: Vermont Center for Ecostudies

INDO-BURMA HOTSPOT

Strategic Direction #4. Empower local communities to engage in conservation and management of priority Key Biodiversity Areas.



Community-based Conservation of Karst Key Biodiversity Areas in Myanmar

Strengthen the conservation of seven limestone karst Key Biodiversity Areas in Kayin and Mon states, through building the capacity of local community cave management committees, developing community-based management plans, raising conservation awareness among local communities, training citizen scientists to monitor and protect karst-dwelling species, and piloting sustainable karst eco-tourism, targeting young visitors.

Funding: US\$99,997
Grant Term: 1/1/2024 – 3/31/2025
Grantee: Fauna & Flora International - HQ

MADAGASCAR AND THE INDIAN OCEAN ISLANDS HOTSPOT

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



Advancing Collaborative Forest Restoration and Protection in Amoron'i Onilahy Area, Madagascar

Halt deforestation and erosion of Amoron'i Onilahy Protected Area by engaging local conservation areas managers in ecosystem-based adaptation (protection and restoration of forest habitats), empowering and strengthening their local governance with the development of public-private alliance/partnership and promoting good farming practices/transition to address forest exploitation.

Funding: US\$18,8920
Grant Term: 12/1/2023 – 11/30/2026
Grantee: Arboretum d'Antsokay



Eradication of Black Rats from Curieuse Island, Seychelles

Eradicate all black rats (*Rattus rattus*) from Curieuse Island in Curieuse Marine National Park using an array of self-resetting traps, camera traps, a detector dog and thermal imaging drone in a dynamic rat-free mainland island approach, with associated monitoring, permanent biosecurity and significant educational component for park rangers and the local population.

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Funding: US\$149,928
Grant Term: 12/1/2023 – 11/30/2025
Grantee: Indian Ocean Tortoise Alliance



Understanding Invasive Alien Species Eradication as a Nature-based Solution for Aldabra Island, Seychelles

Conduct thorough research to inform planning for the eradication of invasive alien species from Aldabra Atoll, a World Heritage Site in Seychelles. Enable this step and promote the Aldabra eradication as the second-largest eradication of rats on a tropical island worldwide and as a critical nature-based solution to boost ecosystem-based adaptation to climate change.

Funding: US\$301,400
Grant Term: 1/1/2024 – 12/31/2026
Grantee: Seychelles Islands Foundation

MOUNTAINS OF CENTRAL ASIA HOTSPOT

Strategic Direction #1. Address threats to priority species.



Bioremediation of Former Gold Mines in the Floodplain of the Kasan-Say River, Kyrgyzstan

Engage the local community in the restoration of damaged lands in the Kassan-Say floodplain. Restore disturbed sections of the floodplain forest and riverbed and the population of endemic fish species. Create biotope ponds in place of pits left by gold mining.

Funding: US\$20,000
Grant Term: 1/24/2024 – 5/31/2024
Grantee: AKMENA



Building Public Knowledge About Biodiversity and Its Practical Application in Zhambyl Oblast, Kazakhstan

Promote an attitude of responsibility for nature and biodiversity among the population, administration and law enforcement agencies. Raise widespread awareness about rare and endangered species, threats to biodiversity, including invasive species, and practical methods to reduce threats.

Funding: US\$8,250
Grant Term: 1/24/2024 – 6/30/2024
Grantee: Jabagly-Manas



Green Approaches to Preserve Mountain Biodiversity in the Forests of Kakpak, in Narynkol, Almaty Region, Kazakhstan

Develop an Integrated Forestry and Rural District Rangeland Resource Management and Use Plan to reduce threats to rangeland landscapes and biodiversity. Actively engage local communities in improving rangeland landscape management and use in accordance with the plan. Demonstrate "green" approaches in rangeland resource management and biodiversity

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conservation. Develop local management and community capacity in the transition to integrated nature management.

Funding: US\$6,586
Grant Term: 1/24/2024 – 6/30/2024
Grantee: Zhassyl Azyk



Income Generation for Women's Groups Through Wild Apple Cultivation in Kyrgyzstan

Conserve biodiversity and restore degraded pastures while increasing the income and improving the standard of living in the Zhyl-Bulak area of Ken-Kol village, Ala-Buka. Engage residents, including self-employed local women, in the capacity-building activities of planting wild apple trees, caring for them, harvesting and drying the fruits.

Funding: US\$20,000
Grant Term: 1/24/2024 – 3/31/2024
Grantee: Nurmuhamed



Resource-Saving Technologies to Sustain Key Species in the Arid Mountains of South-Eastern Kazakhstan

Develop and implement resource-saving technologies to provide artificial watering places for wild animals in key biodiversity areas of South-East Kazakhstan, including Toraigyr, Charyn Park and Altyn-Emel. This initiative will make up for the lack of a vital resource during the driest summer and fall months for large mammals, including snow leopard and gazelle.

Funding: US\$4,380
Grant Term: 1/24/2024 – 6/30/2024
Grantee: Wildlife Without Borders

Strategic Direction #2. Improve management of priority sites with and without official protection status.



Bird and Raptor Conservation and Population Restoration in Kyrgyzstan

Strengthen the capacity of the Animal Rehabilitation Center in the village of Novopokrovka. Conserve and restore the populations of wild birds and raptors inhabiting the Chui and Issyk-Kul regions of Kyrgyzstan, including the priority corridor of Khan Tengri and Tomur.

Funding: US\$20,000
Grant Term: 1/24/2024 – 3/31/2024
Grantee: Bugu-Enye

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Strategic Direction #4. Engage communities of interest and economic sectors, including the private sector, in improved management of production landscapes.



Biodiversity Conservation within the Karatau Nature Reserve and Buffer Zone, Kazakhstan

Conserve biodiversity in the Karatau Nature Reserve and its buffer zone near Khantagy Village through threat reduction and promotion of sustainable rangeland management. Conservation targets include the Karatua argali, steppe eagle, Siviers apple and wild apricot.

Funding: US\$19,992
Grant Term: 1/24/2024 – 3/31/2024
Grantee: Shk Khantagy

Strategic Direction #6. Provide strategic leadership and effective coordination of conservation investment through a Regional Implementation Team.



Supporting Civil Society Organizations Promoting Conservation of Biodiversity in the Mountains of Central Asia

Serve as the Regional Implementation Team for the Mountains of Central Asia Hotspot by communicating CEPF's goals, engaging and mentoring civil society organizations, and monitoring impact across the grant portfolio.

Funding: US\$273,821
Grant Term: 1/1/2024 – 4/30/2025
Grantee: Conservation of Rare Species Animals and Plants Fund

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.



Fostering Community Development and Biodiversity Conservation in Yunguilla Cloud Forest, Ecuador

Support community-based conservation and sustainable development in 8,000 hectares of cloud forest by strengthening land tenure, expanding formal protection to new forests, strengthening protected areas management, strengthening ecotourism development and sustainable agriculture, and funding organizational strengthening and fund raising.

Funding: US\$199,987
Grant Term: 1/1/2024 – 6/30/2025
Grantee: Corporación Microempresarial Yunguilla

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Strengthening Local Governance of the Intag-Toisán Key Biodiversity Area in Ecuador

Strengthen local governance and stakeholder capacity to conserve the Intag-Toisán municipal protected areas. Undertake capacity building for local stakeholders, conservation awareness building, mainstreaming conservation in municipal policies, gender inclusion, community conservation projects and baseline biodiversity and hydrologic studies.

Funding: US\$139,210
Grant Term: 2/1/2024 – 7/31/2025
Grantee: Corporación Toisan



Strengthening the Protected Areas System for Quito Municipality, Ecuador

Update the protected areas strategy for the municipality of Quito, strengthen management and build capacity for three municipal reserves through trainings, and strengthen the protection status for one municipal reserve as an example of an Other Effective Conservation Measure.

Funding: US\$200,000
Grant Term: 1/1/2024 – 6/30/2025
Grantee: Conservation International - Ecuador

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.



Conservation Through Beekeeping Bio-entrepreneurship in Podocarpus National Park, Ecuador

Contribute to scaling the beekeeping value chain, increasing production, marketing and social organization management capabilities of the San Pedro de Vilcabamba Beekeepers Association, as a means for the conservation of the Podocarpus National Park and sustainable development in the area of buffer, western sector.

Funding: US\$50,000
Grant Term: 3/1/2024 – 2/28/2025
Grantee: Asociación de Apicultores San Pedro de Vilcabamba

Strategic Direction #3. Safeguard priority globally threatened species.



Preparing a Conservation Plan for the Black-and-Chestnut Eagle in Southern Ecuador

Prepare a corridor-level conservation plan for the population recovery of the Endangered black-and-chestnut eagle (*Spizaetus isidori*). This project focuses on providing funding for various initiatives, including crafting a conservation plan through inclusive workshops, training, monitoring, and outreach efforts, as well as research to enhance the overall conservation strategy. This plan must guarantee healthy populations of this species in KBAs in the south of Ecuador.

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Funding: US\$50,000
Grant Term: 2/1/2024 – 4/30/2025
Grantee: Fundación Condor Andino

WALLACEA HOTSPOT

Strategic Direction #3. Support sustainable natural resource management by communities in priority sites and corridors.



Building a Network of Partnership in Marketing Fishery Products with the Private Sector, Wallacea

Creating partnerships between local enterprises such as village suppliers, fishermen, and local civil society organizations to the fish processing unit. Building business agreements among them to ensure sustainability of sustainable fisheries product market and its supply chain.

Funding: US\$48,287
Grant Term: 1/17/2024 – 8/16/2024
Grantee: Asosiasi Perikanan Pole and Line dan Handline Indonesia (AP2HI)



Promoting Sustainable Practices in Small-scale Fisheries Management and Community-based Marine Conservation, Indonesia

Provide learning and reference materials for policy makers through documentation of small-scale fisheries practices and community-based water area conservation. Promote successes and dissemination of lessons learned from the communities in 6 KBAs.

Funding: US\$27,847
Grant Term: 3/1/2024 – 9/15/2024
Grantee: Perkumpulan Masyarakat Jurnalis Lingkungan / The Society of Indonesian Environmental Journalists (SIEJ)



Protecting Marine Biodiversity in Wallacea by Supporting Civil Society Organizations

Documenting lessons learned in Wallacea regarding coastal resources management by optimizing local civil society organizations as leaders in the site conservation activities.

Funding: US\$49,983
Grant Term: 3/14/2024 – 9/13/2024
Grantee: PT. Indonesia Lebih Hebat (Arise! Indonesia)

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Strengthening the Community's Role in Sustainable Fisheries Management Towards Implementing OECM, Indonesia.

Assessment of potential OECM in specific areas of Wallacea grantees to figure out the opportunities and its challenges in developing OECM tools in Wallacea.

Funding: US\$49,147
Grant Term: 1/17/2024 – 8/16/2024
Grantee: Pusat Kajian Sumberdaya Pesisir dan Lautan Institut Pertanian Bogor

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CARIBBEAN ISLANDS HOTSPOT

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



Controlling Invasive Species in the Dominican Republic

Mitigate the threat posed by the invasive alien species *Leucaena leucocephala* in the Jaragua-Bahoruco-Enriquillo Biosphere Reserve of the Dominican Republic. Implement a public awareness campaign highlighting the risks associated with the invasive species and emphasizing the importance of its control. Conduct removal activities and enhance the technical capacity of key local stakeholders in controlling *Leucaena leucocephala*.

Funding: US\$43,065
Grant Term: 5/1/2024 – 4/30/2025
Grantee: Fundación Atabey



Ecotourism Development and Management Planning in Cabo Samana, Dominican Republic

Strengthen conservation of Cabo Samana Key Biodiversity Area by updating the management plan of Cabo Samana Natural Monument, building community capacity for conservation, taking targeted action for globally threatened species, and promoting community-based ecotourism.

Funding: US\$320,581
Grant Term: 6/1/2024 – 5/31/2026
Grantee: Fundacion CODESPA



Removal of Alien Invasive Species for Habitat Restoration in Isla Alto Velo, Dominican Republic

Remove invasive alien species (IAS) from 152 hectares of Alto Velo island, to restore oceanic island habitat and to promote survival of two Critically Endangered reptile species. Plan and implement IAS removal, biosecurity measures to prevent future invasions, species action planning, and environmental education.

Funding: US\$477,376
Grant Term: 7/1/2024 – 12/31/2026
Grantee: American Bird Conservancy

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Strengthened Management of Parque Nacional Lago Enriquillo, Dominican Republic

Strengthen management of Lago Enriquillo and Isla Cabrito National Park to mitigate threats from agricultural encroachment, hunting and fishing. Update the national park management plan, strengthen the capacity of park guards, promote ecotourism, raise local awareness of the park and its ecosystem services, and restore ecological connectivity through reforestation and agroforestry in the buffer zone.

Funding: US\$360,032
Grant Term: 7/1/2024 – 6/30/2026
Grantee: Fondazione AVSI

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



Ecosystem-based Adaptation and Biodiversity Conservation at Los Haitises, Dominican Republic

Support ecosystem-based climate resiliency and species conservation in Los Haitises National Park and its buffer zone. Safeguard four globally threatened species, restore 20 hectares of degraded habitat, provide sustainable livelihoods for two communities through reforestation and agroforestry, and raise environmental awareness through communications outreach.

Funding: US\$271,161
Grant Term: 7/1/2024 – 12/31/2026
Grantee: Fundación Atabey

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



Implementing the Jamaican Blackbird Conservation Action Plan, Jamaica

Implement the Jamaican Blackbird Conservation Action Plan in the buffer zone of the Blue and John Crow Mountains National Park. Support bird-friendly coffee cultivation, awareness building, and a policy review supporting protection of the blackbird and its habitat. Strengthen the institutional capacity of the Jamaica Environment Trust.

Funding: US\$183,742
Grant Term: 6/1/2024 – 5/31/2026
Grantee: Jamaica Environment Trust (JET)

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



Improving the Capacity and Enabling Conditions for the Protection of Key Biodiversity Areas of the Dominican Republic

Build capacities of civil society organizations (CSOs) operating within Key Biodiversity Areas (KBAs) in the Dominican Republic. Foster sustainable biodiversity conservation and reduce climate risks through an Ecosystem-based Adaptation (EbA) approach. Establish a network of CSOs focused on participatory learning and experience sharing. Emphasize the protection, conservation and sustainable management of KBAs through EbA strategies.

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Funding: US\$49,417
Grant Term: 6/1/2024 – 5/31/2025
Grantee: Instituto Dominicano de Desarrollo Integral, Inc. (IDDI)

GUINEAN FORESTS OF WEST AFRICA HOTSPOT

Strategic Direction #5. Provide strategic leadership and effective coordination of conservation investment through a Regional Implementation Team.



Regional Implementation Team for the Guinean Forests of West Africa Biodiversity Hotspot

Manage a program of small grants in Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, Liberia, and Sierra Leone. Build the capacity of subgrantees and ensure the contribution of projects to indicators related to biodiversity conservation, improved livelihoods, civil society engagement, and the enabling environment.

Funding: US\$199,985
Grant Term: 6/1/2024 – 11/30/2025
Grantee: BirdLife International

Strategic Direction: Profile Preparation.

Ecosystem Profile Update for Guinean Forests of West Africa

BirdLife International and its partners will update the ecosystem profile for the Guinean Forests of West Africa Biodiversity Hotspot.

Funding: US\$199,970
Grant Term: 5/1/2024 – 4/30/2025
Grantee: BirdLife International

INDO-BURMA HOTSPOT

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



Supporting Conservation Action for Threatened Fish Species, Cambodia

Implement monitoring system to track populations, status and distribution of endangered and threatened species of freshwater fish present in the Lower Mekong River.

Funding: US\$39,999
Grant Term: 7/1/2024 – 6/30/2025
Grantee: Royal University of Agriculture

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MADAGASCAR AND THE INDIAN OCEAN ISLANDS HOTSPOT

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



Ambondrolava Mangrove Conservation and Restoration, Madagascar

Reforest more than 20 hectares of mangrove forest in two years by setting up permanent nurseries, eliminating invasive plants to expand the space for reed cultivation (*Typha augustifolia*).

Funding: US\$49,925
Grant Term: 4/1/2024 – 3/31/2026
Grantee: MIANTSOROKA



Building Ecosystem Resilience by Rehabilitating Sainte-Anne Marine National Park Islands, Seychelles

Control and eradicate invasive species present in Sainte-Anne Marine National Park and reintroduce populations of giant tortoise and endemic plants to enhance ecosystems' resilience to climate change. Support the cleaning of turtle nesting beaches, and relocate turtle nests threatened by beach degradation. Establish a permanent conservation team to ensure the application of long-term biosecurity measures and the evaluation of progresses and performances of these activities.

Funding: US\$279,990
Grant Term: 4/1/2024 – 12/31/2026
Grantee: Island Biodiversity & Conservation (IBC)



Community-Driven Coral Restoration and Ecosystem Monitoring in the Southeastern Islets of Mauritius

Address coral reef degradation and coastal erosion exacerbated by climate change and sea-level rise. Implement Ecosystem-based Adaptation (EbA) strategies, engaging local communities in coral farming and erosion mitigation efforts. Enhance ecological and socio-economic resilience by restoring coral ecosystems, fortifying natural coastal barriers, and providing sustainable livelihood opportunities for the local population.

Funding: US\$49,994
Grant Term: 4/1/2024 – 3/31/2026
Grantee: Eco-Sud



Fire-proofing in Analalava Forest, Madagascar

Protect and restore Analalava forest to its natural integrity and structure to resist wild fire penetration. Launch reconstructive restoration by continuing to propagate native trees reduce the risk of fires penetrating the compromised forest by removing alien invasive *Pyrophile* species and by maintaining the encircling firebreak.

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Funding: US\$49,849
Grant Term: 4/1/2024 – 12/31/2026
Grantee: MAMPITA



Improve Habitat Resilience in the Beza Mahafaly Special Reserve Through Invasive Species Removal and Native Reforestation, Madagascar

Work with local communities to improve the resilience of habitats in the Beza Mahafaly special reserve located 35 kilometers from Betioky south, in the Atsimo Andrefana region of Madagascar. Eradicate 20 hectares of *Opentia* and replant 10 hectares of forage plants.

Funding: US\$49,991
Grant Term: 4/1/2024 – 5/31/2025
Grantee: Taharisoa Developpment



Promoting Agroforestry to Safeguard Vohibe Forest's Biodiversity, Madagascar

Reduce the practice of slash-and-burn cultivation, the main threats to forest biodiversity. Promote agroforestry, by creating demonstration plots and supporting pilot farmers around the Vohibe forest, to avoid the extension of new clearings and to improve the habitat and the ecosystem by through the restoration of degraded parts.

Funding: US\$49,949
Grant Term: 4/1/2024 – 12/31/2026
Grantee: Missouri Botanical Garden (MBG)



Promoting Resilient Agroforestry and Developing Nature-based Solutions for Climate-smart Agriculture, Mauritius

Combat two primary threats to biodiversity and soil health: excessive chemical fertilizer usage and ineffective waste management, both contributors to greenhouse gas emissions. Implement integrated nutrient production, fostering soil fertility while reducing reliance on chemical fertilizers. Capacity building for local communities, establishment of organic agroforestry farms, and support for sustainable agricultural practices to mitigate environmental degradation and promote biodiversity conservation.

Funding: US\$49,596
Grant Term: 4/1/2024 – 3/31/2026
Grantee: Nature Technics Ltd.



Reducing Vulnerability to Climate Change in Lake Tseny, Madagascar

Alleviate negative impacts of climate change by conserving wetland through preservation (patrolling, fire management) and restoring the integrity of Lake Tseny and its catchment (about 24,000 hectares) for people and wildlife's benefits. Enable local communities, to whom the management of the lake has been transferred since October 2022, to perform their roles and responsibilities.

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Funding: US\$246,208
Grant Term: 4/1/2024 – 12/31/2026
Grantee: Madagasikara Voakajy



Seagrass Restoration of the Great Reef of Toliara, Madagascar

Conserve the biodiversity specific to and associated with the seagrass beds of the great reef of Toliara by restoring degraded and recently silted-up areas with local communities. Train local communities and raise their awareness of bio-ecological restoration monitoring and the ecosystem services provided by seagrass beds. Reduce pressure from small-scale fishing and fix sediments in seagrass beds.

Funding: US\$49,900
Grant Term: 4/1/2024 – 12/31/2026
Grantee: Institut Halieutique et des Sciences Marines

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.



Capacity Building for the Mitsiry Program Biodiversity and Climate Fund Pipeline, Madagascar

Strengthen the capacity of seven small and medium enterprises and 23 start-ups through mentoring and technical assistance on biodiversity conservation and ecosystem-based adaptation; partnerships and collaboration with the right civil society organizations or public institutions in the environmental field; strong, clear and compelling impact strategy and theory of change; and institutional and managerial support to implement their strategy, optimize their business model and fundraise.

Funding: US\$249,261
Grant Term: 4/1/2024 – 3/31/2026
Grantee: Miarakap



Driving Malagasy Leadership and Organizational Growth to Deliver Meaningful Ecosystem-based Adaptation, Madagascar

Strengthen ten Malagasy conservation organizations through a two-pronged capacity building program of Organizational Development (OD) to enhance their conservation impacts and of Leadership Development to produce a generation of ecosystem-based adaptation leaders. Facilitate peer learning exchanges and webinars to share lessons on agroforestry for climate change adaptation that expands the knowledge base and tools for community-based engagement.

Funding: US\$200,001
Grant Term: 4/1/2024 – 3/31/2026
Grantee: Maliasili Initiatives, Inc.

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Enhancing Indian Ocean Civil Society Organizations' Capacity for Ecosystem-based Adaptation

Build the technical capacity of civil society organizations (CSOs) to understand and incorporate ecosystem-based adaptation principles and priorities of national climate change policies, to allow them to effectively mobilize communities and stakeholders to embrace ecosystem-based adaptation approaches. Strengthen the organizational capacities of CSOs in effective strategic planning, program management and monitoring, human resources management, and financial resources mobilization and management.

Funding: US\$388,440
Grant Term: 4/1/2024 – 12/31/2026
Grantee: Tropical Biology Association



Improving Climate Resilience of Coastal Communities on Madagascar's Western Coast

Build capacity of 300 leaders from 150 Locally Managed Marine Areas in organizational management, ecosystem-based adaptation, including good governance of marine resources and sustainable management of coastal ecosystems, and advocacy, based on an assessment of their impacts on human wellbeing and ecosystem health, and their vulnerability to climate change. Organize four intra-landscape, two inter-landscape and one inter-hotspot exchange visits for knowledge-sharing and peer-to-peer learning on climate change adaptation and risk reduction.

Funding: US\$255,977
Grant Term: 7/1/2024 – 12/31/2026
Grantee: MIHARI



Strengthening Civil Society Organizations' Capacities to Implement Ecosystem-based Adaptation

Address the lack of technical, administrative, financial and operational capacity to implement ecosystem-based adaptation practices (EbA) among Mauritian civil society organizations (CSOs). Raise awareness among the private sector and the general public of the need for EbA to mitigate climate change. Share and build technical capacity to control invasive alien predators, reintroduce birds and restore forest with CSOs from hotspot countries.

Funding: US\$136,556
Grant Term: 6/1/2024 – 12/31/2026
Grantee: Ebony Forest Ltd.

Strategic Direction #4. Support research on and dissemination of ecosystem-based adaptation actions and good practices.



Analysis of Ecosystem Services Provided by Amoron'i Onilahy, Madagascar

Analyze how wetland management measures, in particular Ecosystem-based Adaptation, can minimize the negative impacts of climate change on ecosystem services, in particular water-related services, while supporting the livelihoods of ecosystem-dependent communities in Amoron'i Onilahy Protected Area. Develop more resilient management approaches by integrated Ecosystem-based Adaptation strategies and elaborating an adaptation plan for integrated water resource management.

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Funding: US\$199,966
Grant Term: 5/1/2024 – 12/31/2026
Grantee: Acting for Communities and Trees (ACT)



Ecosystem Accounting of Natural Capital for Ecosystem-based Adaptation in Madagascar and Comoros

Apply the Enabling a Natural Capital Approach in Boeny (Madagascar) and Grande Comore (Comoros) to help improve environmental management. Establish and interpret ecosystem accounts to highlight ecosystem services. Propose best-fit ecosystem-based adaptations. Train public services and private organizations in the environmental sector in ecosystem accounts. Disseminate information to regional and national decision makers.

Funding: US\$220,574
Grant Term: 6/1/2024 – 12/31/2026
Grantee: Institut et Observatoire de Géophysique d'Antananarivo (IOGA)



Embracing Ecosystem-based Adaptation for a Sustainable Future in Mauritius

Test various restoration techniques to evaluate their effectiveness. Critically assess the cost-effectiveness and environmental impact of herbicide. Evaluate the effects of invasive animals. Compare natural and assisted restoration methods in different habitat types. Explore the viability of agroforestry, including with the promotion of medicinal trees, for erosion control, shade provision, and water retention. Analyze and publish results, including to influence policies on restoration and agroforestry.

Funding: US\$276,707
Grant Term: 4/1/2024 – 12/31/2026
Grantee: Ecosystem Restoration Alliance Indian Ocean (ERA)

MEDITERRANEAN BASIN HOTSPOT

Strategic Direction #1. Support civil society to engage stakeholders in demonstrating integrated approaches for the conservation of biodiversity in coastal areas.



Strengthening of Wadi Naqa Reserve through Involving Local Community, Libya

Engage with local authorities and local communities to strengthen the recently created Wadi Naqa reserve. Assess the state of biodiversity on site, support local communities affected by natural disasters, and raise awareness on the importance of the protected area.

Funding: US\$46,063
Grant Term: 7/1/2024 – 6/30/2025
Grantee: Alhayat Organization for Protection of Wildlife and Organisms (OLPAMO)

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Strategic Direction #2. Support the sustainable management of water catchments through integrated approaches for the conservation of threatened freshwater biodiversity.



Improving the Management of Lake Dojran Monument of Nature, North Macedonia

Support Dojran municipality to adopt a management plan and set up a management body to enhance the protection of Dojran Lake. Monitor water quality in partnership with local university, and strengthen transboundary collaboration with a neighboring Greek municipality.

Funding: US\$39,440
Grant Term: 7/1/2024 – 6/30/2025
Grantee: Milieukontakt Macedonia



Saving the last Santiago Purple Herons of Cabo Verde (Phase 2)

Update the scientific baseline for the Santiago Purple Heron, *Ardea purpurea bournei*. This project will conduct genetic research to suggest adapted emergency conservation actions and start the process to update of its IUCN global status. Strengthen NGO capacities to act as a key stakeholder in biodiversity conservation by supporting the development of planning documents and a financial strategy and plan.

Funding: US\$16,083
Grant Term: 5/1/2024 – 12/31/2024
Grantee: Associação Lantuna



Support Establishment of Effective Legal Protection and Management Practices for Lake Ohrid, North Macedonia

Monitor illegal activities in the Ohrid region of North Macedonia, and notify the relevant authorities about harmful development. Gather information on Ohrid Lake, participate in public hearings and consultations, and contribute to international convention missions, with the objective of promoting the approval and implementation of a strengthened management plan for Lake Ohrid.

Funding: US\$35,067
Grant Term: 5/1/2024 – 4/30/2025
Grantee: Environmental Citizens' Association "Front 21/42"

Strategic Direction #3. Promote the maintenance of traditional land-use practices necessary for the conservation of Mediterranean biodiversity in priority corridors of high cultural and biodiversity value.



Conserving Biodiversity in Kroumirie Through the Involvement of Women Shepherds (Phase 3), Tunisia

Support women shepherd on maintaining the traditional land use in favor of biodiversity conservation in Kroumirie around Feija Key Biodiversity Area. Raise awareness on sustainable land use and biodiversity conservation. Facilitate access of local product to new markets. Develop a pastoral management plan in order to regulate the grazing in the region.

Newly Approved Grants

From 1 January 2024 to 30 June 2024

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Funding: US\$33,240
Grant Term: 5/15/2024 – 4/15/2025
Grantee: Association Sidi Bouzitoun for Nature and Ecotourism (ASBZ)



Develop Nature-based Sustainable Tourism in Shebenik National Park in Albania

Support ecotourism activities in Shebenik National Park. Improve the tourism facilities created in the sheep stalls. Conduct trainings to the PA managers, tourists guides. Support local community to engage in eco-tourism as a means of increasing their income in a sustainable way.

Funding: US\$30,000
Grant Term: 4/1/2024 – 3/31/2025
Grantee: Shoqata AlbNatyra



Engaging Communities for Conservation of Barbary Macaque in Bou Hachem Natural Park, Morocco

Build support among local communities for the creation of a new protected area in Bou Hachem. Consolidate ongoing work on agroecology and local livelihoods, and strengthen community-based surveillance of forest fire and monitoring of biodiversity.

Funding: US\$33,697
Grant Term: 5/1/2024 – 4/30/2025
Grantee: Barbary Macaque Conservation in the Rif Mountains (BMC Rif)



Promote the Good Agricultural Practices in Mount Hermon Protected Area's Development Zone, Lebanon

Promote sustainable agricultural practices to the farmers and decision makers in the surrounding villages of the newly created Protected Area (PA) Mount Hermon, including activities promote for eco-friendly fertilizers. Improve the knowledge of stakeholders on the biodiversity value of the PA. Build the capacity of the PA management unit by giving trainings to the rangers and improve the management plan.

Funding: US\$17,000
Grant Term: 4/1/2024 – 12/31/2024
Grantee: Environment for Life

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



Conserve Endemic, Rare and Threatened Plant Species on Mt. Orjen, Montenegro (Phase 2)

Undertake conservation activities for the rare stenoendemic plant species *Iris orjenii*, *Salvia brachyodon* and others. Conduct monitoring, conservation, capacity building and policy level integration. Create sustainability action for *Iris orjenii* and other endemic, rare, and threatened species, with dedicated translocation of *Salvia brachyodon* specimens to suitable sites. Implement monitoring protocols to track the success of translocation to ensure ongoing maintenance of relocated individuals.

Newly Approved Grants

From 1 January 2024 to 30 June 2024

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Funding: US\$10,000
Grant Term: 6/15/2024 – 6/15/2025
Grantee: Environmental Programme (Env Pro)



Research of Subterranean Biodiversity and Identification of New Taxonomic Units in Nikšić Field, Montenegro

Conduct research in Nikšić karst field, Montenegro, to identify subterranean biodiversity and taxonomic groups. Promote importance of this karst area. Build capacity of organization through supervised trainings in the Subterranean Biology Lab, University of Ljubljana. Strengthen national and transboundary collaboration with research community, fostering young generation of future bio speleologists.

Funding: US\$30,000
Grant Term: 6/1/2024 – 5/31/2025
Grantee: Montenegrin Ecologists Society



Restore the Endemic Plants on the Island of Brava, Cabo Verde

Undertake activities to manage the plant invasive species, focusing on *Lantana camara*, *Furcraea foetida*, and *Arunda donax* in the island of Brava, Cabo Verde. Enable innovative solutions to protect endemic species by managing these invasive species while improving livelihood through collaboration and community engagement. Mitigate the impact of invasive species and promote sustainable practices for both people and nature. Build capacity of the organization by developing a strategic plan.

Funding: US\$15,000
Grant Term: 4/1/2024 – 3/31/2025
Grantee: Biflores



Support for Increasing Protected Area Network in Vardar River in North Macedonia

Support declaration of the Important Plant Area Bogdanci as a protected area. Engage experts on a study for new protected area designation. Train and educate local self-government, local schools, local civil society organizations, and the business sector about protected area principles and management. Strengthen collaboration with local and national authorities and conservation community in the project site.

Funding: US\$15,000
Grant Term: 5/15/2024 – 5/15/2025
Grantee: Polymath 13

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MOUNTAINS OF CENTRAL ASIA HOTSPOT

Strategic Direction #1. Address threats to priority species.



Empower Local Residents to Organize Sustainable Tourism in Kazakhstan's Almaty Region

Improve the accessibility of information about the Almaty region and connect potential tourists with local service providers in two of its districts. Disseminate local knowledge and practical experience. Increase competitiveness of the region and improve conservation through training, improved regulations, local government assistance and the creation of conditions for sustainable development.

Funding: US\$13,522

Grant Term: 4/1/2024 – 10/15/2024

Grantee: Association of Environmental Organizations of Kazakhstan (AEOK)

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.



Fostering Participatory Protected Area Management in Alrededores de Amaluza, Ecuador

Strengthen community participation in the management of Rio Negro Sopladora National Park and Tinajillas Río Gualaceño Municipal Protected Area. Establish stakeholder management committees, strengthen cultural and eco-tourism, develop an amphibian conservation action plan, raise community awareness, and sign conservation agreements to support agroforestry in buffer zone communities.

Funding: US\$190,321

Grant Term: 7/1/2024 – 12/31/2025

Grantee: Fundación Ecológica Rikcharina



Restoring Habitat for Endangered Amphibians in Abra de Zamora KBA, Ecuador

Support research, monitoring, implementation, and dissemination of restoration strategies to restore 120 hectares of habitat vital to globally threatened amphibians in southern Ecuador.

Funding: US\$87,778

Grant Term: 5/1/2024 – 9/30/2026

Grantee: Universidad Técnica Particular de Loja (UTPL)

Newly Approved Grants

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Strengthening Management of Moya-Molon Forest Reserve, Ecuador

Strengthen management of the Moya-Molon Forest Reserve by preparing a management plan, funding demarcation of its boundaries, identifying land tenure arrangements, establishing a stakeholder management committee, developing and implementing a sustainable financing plan, and raising environmental awareness of surrounding communities.

Funding: US\$198,114
Grant Term: 5/1/2024 – 7/31/2026
Grantee: Fundación Cordillera Tropical (FCT)



Strengthening Management of Podocarpus National Park, Ecuador

Strengthen management of Podocarpus National Park by updating the park's management plan, building management and conservation capacity of local communities and park staff, conducting baseline studies, and preparing a strategy to reduce illegal mining. Support sustainable livelihoods through bee keeping and agroforestry. Strengthen the institutional capacity of Fundación Arcoiris.

Funding: US\$194,964
Grant Term: 6/1/2024 – 5/31/2026
Grantee: Fundación Ecológica Arcoiris (FAI)

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.



Promoting Participatory Governance for Conservation in Alrededores de Amaluza, Ecuador

Establish multi-stakeholder roundtables, and support capacity building and participatory development of policies to foster participatory local governance and strengthened policy frameworks for biodiversity conservation in the Alrededores de Amaluza Key Biodiversity Area. Strengthen the institutional capacity of Fundación Rikcharina through strategic planning, communications strengthening, sustainable financing, and gender planning.

Funding: US\$109,020
Grant Term: 5/1/2024 – 10/31/2025
Grantee: Fundación Ecológica Rikcharina

Strategic Direction #3. Safeguard priority globally threatened species.



Conservation of Endangered Amphibians in the Sangay-Podocarpus Conservation Corridor, Ecuador

Support the conservation of amphibians in the Sangay-Podocarpus Conservation Corridor through baseline studies and development of a conservation action plans for two Endangered frog species. Build community support for conserving the frogs and their habitat, strengthen an alliance of herpetologists and support institutional strengthening activities.

Newly Approved Grants

From 1 January 2024 to 30 June 2024

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Funding: US\$134,167
Grant Term: 5/1/2024 – 4/30/2026
Grantee: Fundación Amaru

WALLACEA HOTSPOT

Strategic Direction #3. Support sustainable natural resource management by communities in priority sites and corridors.



Community-Based Economic Strengthening and Octopus Conservation Program on Langkai and Lanjukang Islands, Sulawesi, Indonesia

Scale up octopus conservation program on Langkai and Lanjukang Islands.

Funding: US\$22,690
Grant Term: 6/14/2024 – 8/31/2024
Grantee: Yayasan Konservasi Laut Indonesia (YKL)



Increasing Marine Protected Areas and Sustainable Fisheries Management in North Sulawesi, Indonesia

Scale up the previous project regarding improving community capacity in developing business to get more benefit/value from the small scale fisheries scheme.

Funding: US\$30,902
Grant Term: 4/16/2024 – 9/15/2024
Grantee: Manengkel Solidaritas