

Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund

**43rd Meeting of the CEPF Donor Council
Virtual Meeting**

Wednesday 9 October 2024

8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT)

2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Brussels and Paris Time

9:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m. (+1 day) Tokyo Time

Highlights from the 2023 CEPF Impact Report

Recommended Action Item:

The Donor Council is asked to review and provide comment on the [2023 CEPF Impact and Annual 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 demonstrates CEPF's contributions at project, hotspot and global levels, including to the Convention on Biological Diversity Global Biodiversity Framework and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. The following are key results for the period of fiscal year 2001 through fiscal year 2023 are presented below.

Biodiversity

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

- The creation 17.1 million hectares of new protected areas.

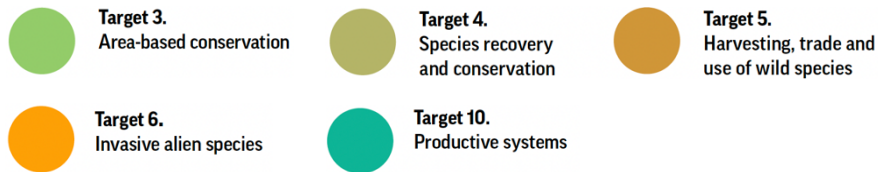


- The improved management of 55.1 million hectares of Key Biodiversity Areas.
- The strengthened management of biodiversity in 12.4 million hectares of production landscapes.
- 1,259 globally threatened species benefiting from conservation action.

Links to the Sustainable Development Goals:



Links to the Global Biodiversity Framework:



Civil Society

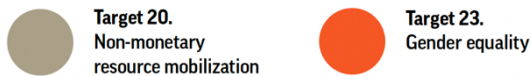
A key objective of CEPF is to strengthen civil society, because CEPF believes that an empowered civil society holds the key to the future of biodiversity conservation. CEPF grants have resulted in:

- 2,735 civil society organizations receiving support from CEPF.
- 461 local grantees reporting an increase in their organizational capacity.
- 286 local grantees reporting an increased understanding of and commitment to gender issues.
- 998 networks/partnerships supported, 722 of which CEPF helped to create.

Links to the Sustainable Development Goals:



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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:

- 5,709 communities benefiting.
- More than 228,445 people receiving structured training, including 64,817 women.
- More than 112,560 people receiving cash benefits, including 36,758 women.
- At least 1,727 projects promoting nature-based solutions to climate change.

Links to the Sustainable Development Goals:



Links to the Global Biodiversity Framework:



Enabling Conditions

Ensuring that the underlying conditions in which conservation can take place, and can be sustained, is a top priority. CEPF grantees have contributed to:

- The creation of, or support to, 73 sustainable financing mechanisms.
- The enactment or amendment of 511 laws, regulations and policies with conservation provisions.
- At least 235 companies adopting biodiversity-friendly practices.

Links to the Sustainable Development Goals:



Links to the Global Biodiversity Framework:



The report also includes a description of CEPF’s monitoring framework and processes, results achieved for the 2023 fiscal year, the data and stories behind the program results for the period 2001 through 30 June 2023, and financials through 30 June 2023.

Hard copies have been mailed to the members of the Donor Council and Working Group.