

# CEPF FINAL PROJECT COMPLETION REPORT

## I. BASIC DATA

**Organization Legal Name:** Arizona State University

**Project Title (as stated in the grant agreement):** Small Grants for Global Conservation of Amphibian Diversity within Hotspots

**Implementation Partners for this Project:**

**Project Dates (as stated in the grant agreement):** July 1, 2005 - September 30, 2009

**Date of Report (month/year):** March 16, 2010

## II. OPENING REMARKS

*Provide any opening remarks that may assist in the review of this report.*

## III. ACHIEVEMENT OF PROJECT PURPOSE

**Project Purpose:** The reversal in decline of key threatened amphibian species and the implementation of appropriate longer-term interventions to maintain this reversal.

### Planned vs. Actual Performance

Indicator	Actual at Completion
<b>Purpose-level:</b>	
Positive population growth rates in 10% per year of the endangered and critically endangered amphibians occurring within each hotspot region for which the Amphibian Action Fund has funding to support conservation action following a 3 year project implementation period.	This project successfully supported projects to improve the conservation status of endangered and critically endangered amphibian species within each of the hotspot regions targeted. We have allocated further funds to support continued conservation efforts in these regions and ensure sustainable results. While it is very challenging to say categorically that a growth rate of 10% per year has been achieved, we have met all our targets for achieving this goal.
Of the 24 grants that we expect to fund, 8 of these will lead to larger projects that will span an additional 2 to 7 years.	4 projects have led on to larger projects spanning an additional 2 to 7 years, and we are seeking support for 4 additional projects to do so; we expect to be able to support these projects.
By the end of the 3-year CEPF funded phase, the Amphibian Action Fund will have at least \$800,000 of additional funds for 2-3 years of further project support in 3 or more regions.	The Amphibian Action Fund has secured over two million dollars over the next three years to go towards amphibian conservation and plans to support projects in at least 4 of the regions in the next 2 years..

***Describe the success of the project in terms of achieving its intended impact objective and performance indicators.***

The project met all the intended impact objective and performance indicators, with the possible exception of projected projects leading to larger, longer-term projects. Many of the projects took longer to fund than expected because of the Arizona State sub-granting process and capacity for

holding funds – this therefore meant that many projects started later than predicted. This led to a knock-on delay in completing the deliverables, and securing follow-up support.

***Were there any unexpected impacts (positive or negative)?***

No

<b>IV. PROJECT OUTPUTS</b>
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***Project Outputs:*** Enter the project outputs from the Logical Framework for the project

**Planned vs. Actual Performance**

Indicator	Actual at Completion
<b>Output 1:</b> Grant-making system developed for allocating funds that target interlinked, science-based projects, including all operational procedures and tools. (no CEPF funding requested)	Grant-making system in place and operational.
<b>1.1.</b> Systematic protocol for contacting potential recipients of grant funds and evaluating proposals and recommending amendments developed and approved by steering committee in March 2004. (Already completed)	Protocol implemented effectively.
<b>Output 2.</b> Small grant mechanism operational. (CEPF funded)	Completed.
<b>2.1.</b> Announcement of granting mechanism in June, 2004	Announced to Amphibian Specialist Group Network and beyond.
<b>2.2.</b> \$200,000 total awarded to amphibian conservation projects with an average of \$26,000 awarded to projects within each of 6 hotspot regions.	Completed.
<b>Output 3.</b> Grantee monitoring system in place and operational. (no CEPF funding requested)	Reporting system in place and effective for monitoring progress of sub-grantees.
<b>3.1.</b> Grant recipients maintain on-time reporting on the status of projects funded by Amphibian Action Fund.	Reports received on-time.
<b>3.2.</b> DAPTF and GASG jointly store findings and reports from projects and grant recipients summarize findings in DAPTF publication, FrogLog.	Findings continue to be reported in Froglog.
<b>Output 4.</b> Fund raising strategy for the growth and continuation of the Amphibian Action Fund developed and implemented. (no CEPF funding requested)	Fund-raising strategy operational and effective (having secured more than an additional 2 million dollars to date).
<b>4.1.</b>	Several long-term sources of additional funding

Additional sources of funding for long-term support of projects identified by steering committee by March 2004	have been identified and approached.
<b>4.2.</b> Minimum of 3 proposals submitted annually to private and government foundations, individual donors, and corporations with requests for funding to support further project development and implementation in each of the hotspot regions.	This target was met and surpassed, with a minimum of 3 proposals submitted annually.

***Describe the success of the project in terms of delivering the intended outputs.***

The outputs were all met, or surpassed. From this perspective, the project has been extremely successful.

***Were any outputs unrealized? If so, how has this affected the overall impact of the project?***

Some reports are still pending because of delays in dispersing funds to some projects. This will delay our ability to assess the overall impact until the work has been completed, analysed and written-up.

**V. SAFEGUARD POLICY ASSESSMENTS**

***Provide a summary of the implementation of any required action toward the environmental and social safeguard policies within the project.***

No such special actions were taken.

**VI. LESSONS LEARNED FROM THE PROJECT**

***Describe any lessons learned during the various phases of the project. Consider lessons both for future projects, as well as for CEPF's future performance.***

***Project Design Process: (aspects of the project design that contributed to its success/failure)***

The main lesson learned was with respect to the mechanism for dispersing funds. All sub-grants were processed by Arizona State University, which has a system in place whereby it cannot hold on to funds that are not accounted for. As a result, there was a very long time lag between accepting project proposals, approving them and dispersing the funds. Because of the time-sensitive nature of some of the projects, this had implications for the ability of the grantees to implement the projects as planned. If I were to re-design this project, I would ensure that the process for dispersing funds were more streamlined, so that we could essentially reduce the timeline between soliciting applications and funding projects.

***Project Execution: (aspects of the project execution that contributed to its success/failure)***

The issue described above was the main issue that threatened the success of the project.

## VII. ADDITIONAL FUNDING

**Provide details of any additional donors who supported this project and any funding secured for the project as a result of the CEPF grant or success of the project.**

<b>Donor</b>	<b>Type of Funding*</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Andrew Sabin Family Foundation	Complementary funding	\$1,000,000	
Meyer and Semple Fund	Complementary funding	\$1,000,000	
IUCN Netherlands	Complementary funding	\$220,000	
Various	Grantee and partner leveraging	\$140,000	

**\*Additional funding should be reported using the following categories:**

- A** *Project co-financing (Other donors contribute to the direct costs of this CEPF project)*
- B** *Complementary funding (Other donors contribute to partner organizations that are working on a project linked with this CEPF funded project)*
- C** *Grantee and Partner leveraging (Other donors contribute to your organization or a partner organization as a direct result of successes with this CEPF funded project.)*
- D** *Regional/Portfolio leveraging (Other donors make large investments in a region because of CEPF investment or successes related to this project.)*

**Provide details of whether this project will continue in the future and if so, how any additional funding already secured or fundraising plans will help ensure its sustainability.**

We will continue to support the conservation of threatened amphibians in priority regions and have secured funds for the next three years to do so. We have two large applications pending that will help us to support additional projects, and sustain projects already underway.

## VIII. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

## VIII. INFORMATION SHARING

CEPF is committed to transparent operations and to helping civil society groups share experiences, lessons learned and results. One way we do this is by making programmatic project documents available on our Web site, [www.cepf.net](http://www.cepf.net), and by marketing these in our newsletter and other communications.

These documents are accessed frequently by other CEPF grantees, potential partners, and the wider conservation community.

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