



## EMI Small Grants – Project Completion and Impact Report

*Instructions to grantees: please complete all fields, and respond to all questions listed below.*

<b>Organization Legal Name</b>	<i>Mai-Maasina Green Belt Trust Board</i>
<b>Project Title</b>	Developing the Mai-Maasina Green Belt for Malaita, Solomon Islands
<b>Grant Number</b>	GA 19/02
<b>Strategic Direction</b>	4
<b>Grant Amount</b>	USD19644
<b>Project Dates</b>	September 2019 to December 2020
<b>Date of Report</b>	20/01/21

**CEPF Hotspot: East Melanesian Islands**

### **PART I: Overview**

#### **1. Implementation Partners for this Project (*list each partner and explain how they were involved in the project*)**

MMGB – The Mai-Maasina Green Belt were key implementing body of this project. This included the executive lead by the Chair, the staff lead by the coordinator and all the participating member communities.  
MECDM – The Ministry of Environment, Climate and Disaster Management were a supporting partner who was supportive of this project and its aims as well as including staff who were able to participate in this project.

MPG – The Malaita Provincial Government were an important supporting stakeholder who received regular feedback and as well supporting the aims of the organization.

#### **2. Summarize the overall results/impact of your project**

1. Four key governing and guiding documents were written and endorsed by the executive which have formed key pillars toward institutional strengthening of the organization: these are the Organizational Policy, Business Feasibility Study, Strategic Action Plan and Financial Policy
2. Important dialogue was conducted with all members during the project, both on Malaita in their communities but also in Honiara and at MMGB base during general meetings, which enabled the sharing of the common vision and underlying principles of the guiding documents. This has also strengthened the relationship between MMGB and its members but also lead to the growth of the MMGB to 30 members from 10 in the beginning of the project.

#### **3. Briefly describe actual progress towards each planned long-term and short-term impact (as stated in your approved proposal)**

*List each long-term impact from your proposal*

Planned Long-term Impacts - 3+ years

Description of long-term impact	Summary of progress towards long-term impact
Communities will become more aware and better understand principles of conservation and sustainable development	Communities are beginning to realise the value and importance of conservation and sustainable development and this has led to many communities expressing interest in and becoming members of MMGB.
Develop shared, guiding principles for environmental management on the island	Principles have been developed through the MMGB strategic and business plans that are built upon the foundation of environmental management.
Malaita region as a whole taking notice of this initiative and seeing a viable road to development that keeps a level of intactness to the environment	The Malaita Provincial Government through the Premier has announced a restorative economy model for the province which is built upon environmental intactness, this work is very much related to the work being carried out by MMGB.

Planned Short-term Impacts - 1 to 3 years

Description of short-term impact	Summary of progress towards short-term impact
A renewed stand against the logging industry in communities	The provincial government has cracked down on logging making business tougher and stricter, local communities are also turning against logging.
Communities who are better equipped with knowledge and resources and also a network that is able to support them	Many communities are now engaged in conservation related initiatives through the MMGB network this has also created the space and avenue for “conservation” communities to work together.

**4. Describe the success or challenges of the project toward achieving its short-term and long-term impacts**

The impacts have successfully been achieved in most cases which is mainly due to the networking and relationships of MMGB within the communities of Malaita.

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

No

**PART II: Project Outcomes and Products/Deliverables**

**6. Outcomes (as stated in the approved proposal)**

*List each outcome of the project, and the product/deliverables produced*

Describe the results of your project and each deliverable:

Expected Output/Outcome	Results	Associated deliverable
1 Workshop - Participants (individual and community) benefit from increased awareness, strengthened relationships and conservation	A 3 day community awareness workshop and general meeting was held in September 2019 bringing together all members of	3-day workshop/meeting

momentum by being a part guiding the future of the Association.	MMGB to share around the vision and plans of the organization.	
5 year strategic plan - Members and committee of the Association benefit through a clear knowledge of the direction that the association will take and will then be able to align and work together toward a common goal.	A strategic plan was drafted and written by the executive and staff of MMGB.	10 year strategic plan published and endorsed
Financial policy - The association and committee will benefit from having guidelines that ensure the use and accountability of funds are enacted in a transparent manner.	A financial policy was drafted and written by the executive and staff of MMGB	Financial policy published and endorsed
Organizational policy - The association and committee will benefit from having guidelines that ensure the organization is run in a transparent and efficient manner.	A organizational policy was drafted and written by the executive and staff of MMGB	Organizational policy published and endorsed
1 page factsheet - Communities of Malaita will benefit from a document that summarizes the purpose of the Association and steps on pursuing conservation related activities, and also information on how communities can become a part of the network.	An MMGB factsheet was drafted and written by the executive and staff of MMGB	Factsheet produced and shared
10 formally registered members for the 'Mai-Maasina Green Belt' - The individual communities will benefit through formal recognition of membership and the association will benefit through strength in numbers and official support.	As of 31/12/20 there are 30 formally registered members for the MMGB	30 formal members registered
Community scoping and consultation - 10 community visitations to carry out awareness, scoping and to raise community support for the Mai-Maasina Green Belt. These consultations will have 2	A scoping mission was carried out in June 2020 to visit all members of MMGB in the communities around Malaita. The 10 day mission was a success and also provided the avenue to conduct	Scoping, visitation mission trip carried out

parts; 1. A scoping meeting with the local conservation committee & rangers to discuss current issues and future plans and activities of the both the community and MMGB. 2. An open community awareness program to gauge key issues that communities are facing and spread the good news of conservation.	awareness, meetings and share plans of MMGB with members.	
Feasibility study and Business plan - Towards long term sustainability we request that a feasibility study and business plan be undertaken to support our communities with livelihood activities, namely agriculture and eco-tourism.	An Business Feasibility Study was drafted and written by the executive and staff of MMGB, this included feasibility scoping and inputs from members.	Business Feasibility Study published and endorsed
Draft new proposals - 3 proposals drafted and submitted to different supporting NGOs that have already been identified by the executive committee	Three proposals were drafted during the course of the grant, with all 3 being successfully approved, these were to GEF Small Grants, Sky Islands and USFS PIFRI.	Three proposals drafted and submitted to GEF, USFS and Sky Islands. They have all been successful in the first round.

**7. Please describe and submit any project outputs – e.g. tools, products, or methodologies that resulted from this project or contributed to the results.**

N/A

**PART III: Lessons, Sustainability, Safeguards and Financing**

**Lessons Learned**

**8. Describe any lessons learned during the design and implementation of the project, as well as any related to organizational development and capacity building.**

This project has enabled us to interact and engage with members on the ground and to discuss the concept of the organization with those in communities. By looking at the big picture this organization has developed with strategic planning and long-term thinking. There has also been capacity development for executive members through the creation, discussion and critiquing of these important documents. Though documents and processes are important for organization development and operation, it is also important to ensure that as many personnel are involved in the creation and review of such documents, this ensures that the documents are “real” and not just “ticking the box”.

In the Pacific relationships are the most important part of institutional strengthening, therefore investing resources into opportunities for relationships to be built and strengthened is invaluable. Therefore, the opportunity afforded in this project to visit communities at their level enables a greater understanding of the challenges and opportunities face by them.

**Sustainability / Replication**

**9. Summarize the success or challenges in ensuring the project will be sustained or replicated, including any unplanned activities that are likely to result in increased sustainability or replicability.**

During our initial scoping mission we were only able to visit communities along the coast or to invite inland communities coastward, though this was useful it was not as good as visiting themselves in their places. Therefore, when we were able to complete an inland mission, visitation and training for rangers into the interior of Malaita this was an additional success that built upon the initial scoping and visitation that was carried out earlier in the year. The creation of the strategic plan has help guide future grants and effort to be focused and deliberate in accordance with strategic areas.

**Safeguards**

**10. If not listed as a separate Project Component and described above, summarize the implementation of any required action related to social or environmental safeguards that your project may have triggered.**

N/A

**Additional Funding**

**11. Provide details of any additional funding that supported this project and any funding secured for the project, organization, or the region, as a result of CEPF investment**

N/A

**a. Total additional funding (US\$)**

**b. Type of funding**

Please provide a breakdown of additional funding (counterpart funding and in-kind) by source, categorizing each contribution into one of the following categories:

Donor	Type of Funding*	Amount	Notes

\* Categorize the type of funding as:

- A Project Co-Financing (other donors or your organization contribute to the direct costs of this project)
- B 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)
- C Regional/Portfolio Leveraging (other donors make large investments in a region because of CEPF investment or successes related to this project)

**Additional Comments/Recommendations**

**12. Use this space to provide any further comments or recommendations in relation to your project or CEPF.**

N/A

**PART IV: Impact at Portfolio and Global Level**

CEPF requires that each grantee report on impact at the end of the project. The purpose of this report is to collect data that will contribute to CEPF’s portfolio and global indicators. CEPF will aggregate the data that you submit with data from other grantees, to determine the overall impact of CEPF investment. CEPF’s aggregated results will be reported on in our annual report and other communications materials.

**Ensure that the information provided pertains to the entire project, from start date to project end date.**

**Contribution to Portfolio Indicators**

**13. If CEPF assigned one or more Portfolio Indicators to your project during the full proposal preparation phase, please list these below and report on the project’s contribution(s) to them.**

N/A

Indicator	Narrative

**Contribution to Global Indicators**

**Please report on all Global Indicators (sections 16 to 23 below) that pertain to your project.**

**14. Key Biodiversity Area Management**

**Number of hectares of Key Biodiversity Areas (KBA) with improved management**

Please report on the number of hectares in KBAs with improved management, as a result of CEPF investment. Examples of improved management include, but are not restricted to: increased patrolling, reduced intensity of snaring, invasive species eradication, reduced incidence of fire, and introduction of sustainable agricultural/fisheries practices. Do not record the entire area covered by the project - only record the number of hectares that have improved management.

If you have recorded part or all of a KBA as newly protected for the indicator entitled “protected areas” (section 17 below), and you have also improved its management, you should record the relevant number of hectares for both this indicator and the “protected areas” indicator.

Name of KBA	# of Hectares with strengthened management *	Is the KBA Not protected, Partially protected or Fully protected? Please select one: NP/PP/FP
	~15,000ha	Customarily protected

*\* Do not count the same hectares more than once. For example, if 500 hectares were improved due to implementation of a fire management regime in the first year, and 200 of these same 500 hectares were improved due to invasive species removal in the second year, the total number of hectares with improved management would be 500.*

## 15. Protected Areas

### 15a. Number of hectares of protected areas created and/or expanded

Report on the number of hectares of protected areas that have been created or expanded as a result of CEPF investment.

N/A

Name of PA*	Country(s)	# of Hectares	Year of legal declaration or expansion	Longitude**	Latitude**

\* If possible please provide a shape file of the protected area to CEPF.

\*\* Indicate the latitude and longitude of the center of the site, to the extent possible, or send a map or shapefile to CEPF. Give geographic coordinates in decimal degrees; latitudes in the Southern Hemisphere and longitudes in the Western Hemisphere should be denoted with a minus sign (example: Latitude 38.123456 Longitude: -77.123456).

### 15b. Protected area management

If you have been requested to submit a Management Effectiveness Tracking Tool (METT), please follow the instructions below. If you have not been requested to submit a METT, please go directly to section 16.

N/A

Should you want to know more about the monitoring of protected area management effectiveness and the tracking tool, please click [here](#).

Download the METT template which can be found on [this page](#) and then work with the protected area authorities to fill it out. Please go to the Protected Planet website [here](#) and search for your protected area in their database to record its associated WDPA ID. Then please fill in the following table:

WDPA ID	PA Official Name	Date of METT*	METT Total Score

\* Please indicate when the METT was filled by the authorities of the park or provide a best estimate if the exact date is unknown. And please only provide METTs less than 12 months old.

Please do not forget to submit the completed METT together with this report.

## 16. Production landscape

Please report on the number of hectares of production landscapes with strengthened management of biodiversity, as a result of CEPF investment. A production landscape is defined as a landscape where agriculture, forestry or natural product exploitation occurs. Production landscapes may include KBAs, and therefore hectares counted under the indicator entitled "KBA Management" may also be counted here. Examples of interventions include: best practices and guidelines implemented, incentive schemes introduced, sites/products certified and sustainable harvesting regulations introduced.

**Number of hectares of production landscapes with strengthened management of biodiversity.**

Name of Production Landscape*	# of Hectares**	Latitude***	Longitude***	Description of Intervention
Forests	~ 15,000ha			Under sustainable customary management and conservation

\* If the production landscape does not have a name, provide a brief descriptive name for the landscape.

\*\*Do not count the same hectares more than once. For example, if 500 hectares were strengthened due to certification in the first year, and 200 of these same 500 hectares were strengthened due to new harvesting regulations in the second year, the total number of hectares strengthened to date would be 500.

\*\*\* Indicate the latitude and longitude of the center of the site, to the extent possible, or send a map or shapefile to CEPF. Give geographic coordinates in decimal degrees; latitudes in the Southern Hemisphere and longitudes in the Western Hemisphere should be denoted with a minus sign (example: Latitude 38.123456 Longitude: -77.123456).

## 17. Beneficiaries

CEPF wants to record two types of benefits that are likely to be received by individuals: structured training and increased income. Please report on the number of men and women that have benefited from structured training (such as financial management, beekeeping, horticulture) and/or increased income (such as from tourism, agriculture, medicinal plant harvest/production, fisheries, handicraft production) as a result of CEPF investment. Please provide results since the start of your project to project completion.  
N/A

### 17a. Number of men and women receiving structured training.

# of men receiving structured training *	# of women receiving structured training *

\*Please do not count the same person more than once. For example, if 5 men received structured training in beekeeping, and 3 of these also received structured training in project management, the total number of men who benefited from structured training should be 5.

### 17b. Number of men and women receiving cash benefits.

# of men receiving cash benefits*	# of women receiving cash benefits*

\*Please do not count the same person more than once. For example, if 5 men received cash benefits due to tourism, and 3 of these also received cash benefits from increased income due to handicrafts, the total number of men who received cash benefits should be 5.



## 18. Benefits to Communities

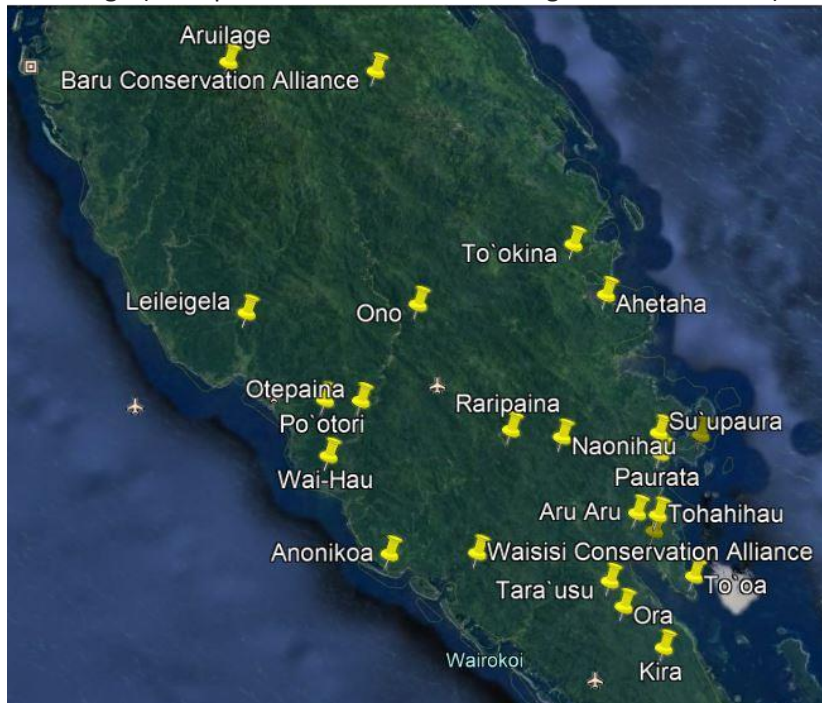
CEPF wants to record the benefits received by communities, which can differ to those received by individuals because the benefits are available to a group. CEPF also wants to record, to the extent possible, the number of people within each community who are benefiting. Please report on the characteristics of the communities, the type of benefits that have been received during the project, and the number of men/boys and women/girls from these communities that have benefited, as a result of CEPF investment. If exact numbers are not known, please provide an estimate.

**18a. Please provide information for all communities that have benefited from project start to project completion.**

Name of Community	Community Characteristics (mark with x)							Type of Benefit (mark with x)							# of Beneficiaries			
	Subsistence economy	Small landowners	Indigenous/ ethnic peoples	Pastoralists / nomadic peoples	Recent migrants	Urban communities	Other*	Increased access to clean water	Increased food security	Increased access to energy	Increased access to public services (e.g. health care, education)	Increased resilience to climate change	Improved land tenure	Improved recognition of traditional knowledge	Improved representation and decision-making in governance forums/structures	Improved access to ecosystem services	# of men and boys benefiting	# of women and girls benefiting
Waisurione	X	X	X											X	X		~50%	~50%
Gala	X	X	X											X	X		~50%	~50%
Ahetaha	X	X	X											X	X		~50%	~50%
Suupaura	X	X	X											X	X		~50%	~50%
AruAru	X	X	X											X	X		~50%	~50%
Waisisi	X	X	X											X	X		~50%	~50%

### 18b. Geolocation of each community

Indicate the latitude and longitude of the center of the community, to the extent possible, or upload a map or shapefile. Give geographic coordinates in decimal degrees; latitudes in the Southern Hemisphere and longitudes in the Western Hemisphere should be denoted with a minus sign (example: Latitude 38.123456 Longitude: -77.123456).



### 19. Policies, Laws and Regulations

Please report on change in the number of legally binding laws, regulations, and policies with conservation provisions that have been enacted or amended, as a result of CEPF investment. "Laws and regulations" pertain to official rules or orders, prescribed by authority. Any law, regulation, decree or order is eligible to be included. "Policies" that are adopted or pursued by a government, including a sector or faction of government, are eligible.

**19a. Name, scope and topic of the policy, law or regulation that has been amended or enacted as a result of your project**

N/A

No.	Name of Law, Policy or Regulation	Scope (mark with x)			Topic(s) addressed (mark with x)														
		Local	National	Regional/International	Agriculture	Climate	Ecosystem Management	Education	Energy	Fisheries	Forestry	Mining and Quarrying	Planning/Zoning	Pollution	Protected Areas	Species Protection	Tourism	Transportation	Wildlife Trade
1																			
2																			
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19b. For each law, policy or regulation listed above, please provide the requested information in accordance with its assigned number.

No.	Country(s)	Date enacted/ amended MM/DD/YYYY	Expected impact	Action that you performed to achieve this change
1				
2				
3				

## 20. Sustainable Financing Mechanism

Sustainable financing mechanisms generate financial resources for the long-term (generally five or more years). Examples of sustainable financial mechanisms include conservation trust funds, debt-for-nature swaps, payment for ecosystem services (PES) schemes, and other revenue, fee or tax schemes that generate long-term funding for conservation.

All CEPF grantees (or sub-grantees) with project activities that pertain to the creation and/or the implementation of a sustainable financing mechanism are requested to provide information on the mechanism and the funds it delivered to conservation projects during the project timeframe, unless another grantee involved with the same mechanism has already been or is expected to be tasked with this.

CEPF requires that all sustainable financing mechanism projects to provide the necessary information at their completion.

### 20a. Details about the mechanism

Fill in this table for as many mechanisms you worked on during your project implementation as needed.

N/A

NO.	Name of financing mechanism	Purpose of the mechanism*	Date of Establishment**	Description***	Countries
1					
2					
3					

\*Please provide a succinct description of the mission of the mechanism.

\*\*Please indicate when the sustainable financing mechanism was officially created. If you do not know the exact date, provide a best estimate.

\*\*\*Description, such as trust fund, endowment, PES scheme, incentive scheme, etc.

### 20b. Performance of the mechanism

For each Financing Mechanism listed previously, please provide the requested information in accordance with its assigned number.

N/A

NO.	Project intervention*	\$ Amount disbursed to conservation projects**	Period under Review (MM/YYYY -MM/YYYY)***
1			
2			
3			

\*List whether the CEPF grant has helped to create a new mechanism (Created a mechanism) or helped to support an existing mechanism (Supported an existing mechanism) or helped to create and then support a new mechanism (Created and supported a new mechanism).

\*\*Please only indicate the USD amount disbursed to conservation projects during the period of implementation of your project and using, when needed, the exchange rate on the day of your report.

\*\*\*Please indicate the period of implementation of your project or the period considered for the amount you indicated.

Please do not forget to submit any relevant document which could provide justification for the amount you stated above.

### 21. Biodiversity-friendly Practices

Please describe any biodiversity-friendly practices that companies have adopted as a result of CEPF investment. A company is defined as a legal entity made up of an association of people, be they natural, legal, or a mixture of both, for carrying on a commercial or industrial enterprise. While companies take various forms, for the purposes of CEPF, a company is defined as a for-profit business entity. A biodiversity-friendly practice is one that conserves or uses biodiversity sustainably.

#### Number of companies that adopt biodiversity-friendly practices

N/A

No.	Name of company	Description of biodiversity-friendly practice adopted during the project
1		
2		
...		

### 22. Networks & Partnerships

Please report on any new networks or partnerships between civil society groups and across to other sectors that you have established or strengthened as a result of CEPF investment. Networks/partnerships should have some lasting benefit beyond immediate project implementation. Informal networks/partnerships are acceptable even if they do not have a Memorandum of Understanding or other type of validation. Examples of networks/partnerships include: an alliance of fisherfolk to promote sustainable fisheries practices, a network of environmental journalists, a partnership between one or more NGOs with one or more private sector partners to improve biodiversity management on private lands, a working group focusing on reptile conservation. Please do not use this tab to list the partners in your project, unless some or all of them are part of such a network / partnership described above.

#### Number of networks and/or partnerships created and/or strengthened

No.	Name of Network	Name of Partnership	Year established	Did your project establish this Network/ Partnership? Y/N	Country(s) covered	Purpose
1	Malaita Green Network	Malaita Provincial Government	2020	Y	Solomon Islands	To strengthen and coordinate sustainable

						development on Malaita province
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### 23. Gender

If you have been requested to submit a Gender Tracking Tool (GTT), please follow the instructions provided in the Excel GTT template. If you have not been requested to submit a GTT, please go directly to Part V.

Should you want to know more about CEPF Gender Policy, please click [here](#).

Download the GTT template which can be found on [this page](#) and then work with your team to fill it out. Please do not forget to submit the completed GTT together with this report.

### Part V. Information Sharing and CEPF Policy

CEPF is committed to transparent operations and to helping civil society groups share experiences, lessons learned, and results. Final project completion reports are made available on our Web site, [www.cepf.net](http://www.cepf.net), and publicized in our newsletter and other communications.

Please include your full contact details below:

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