

## CEPF Final Completion and Impact Report

<b>Organization's Legal Name:</b>	Van Vat Integrated Environmental Consultants
<b>Project Title:</b>	Capacity Building and Conservation Mainstreaming in Vanuatu
<b>Grant Number:</b>	CEPF-111608
<b>Hotspot:</b>	East Melanesian Islands
<b>Strategic Direction:</b>	4 Increase local, national and regional capacity to conserve biodiversity through catalyzing civil society partnerships
<b>Grant Amount:</b>	
<b>Project Dates:</b>	September 01, 2020 - December 31, 2021
<b>Date of Report:</b>	January 31, 2022

### IMPLEMENTATION PARTNERS

IUCN Oceania Regional Office  
CEPF in Vanuatu  
Vanuatu Department of Environment

### CONSERVATION IMPACTS

Planned Long-Term Impacts: 3+ years (as stated in the approved proposal)

Impact Description	Impact Summary
Mainstream conservation goals into public and private sector operations	Engagement of government departments and donors in Vanuatu to promote adoption of policies that integrate site-based conservation into development plans and priorities.

Planned Short-Term Impacts: 1 to 3 years (as stated in the approved proposal)

Impact Description	Impact Summary
Create a network of CSOs working on conservation in Vanuatu	As many as 17 local/national and international NGOs working on CEPF-identified species and KBAs are now working together to promote mutual goals.
Build the capacity of individual CSOs in Vanuatu	As many as 11 local/national NGOs received direct capacity building support.

## **Unexpected impacts (positive or negative)?**

### **PROJECT RESULTS/DELIVERABLES**

#### **Overall results of the project:**

VVIEC undertook three streams of work.

1. Worked with CSOs to create a network of groups who can promote and achieve conservation as per the goals of IUCN and the CEPF Ecosystem Profile.
2. Provided direct assistance to CSOs to build their capacity in project management and delivery of conservation results.
3. Engaged of appropriate public sector agencies, the private sector, government and donor representatives to ensure the sustainability of site-based conservation initiatives.

This included direct engagement with CEPF grantees, including in-office and on-site visits to partners in Port Vila, Gaua, and Santo.

VVIEC helped to establish links and strengthen existing partnerships amongst grantees and stakeholders. This included facilitating a national meeting to enable information sharing and exchange between grantees and other donors.

VVIEC also compiled and shared lessons learned and summarized portfolio results and impacts to provide input to government and donor partners.

**Results for each deliverable:**

Component		Deliverable		
#	Description	#	Description	Results for Deliverable

**Tools, products or methodologies that resulted from the project or contributed to the results:**

**PORTFOLIO INDICATORS**

Portfolio Indicator Number	Portfolio Indicator Description	Expected Numerical Contribution	Expected Contribution Description	Actual Numerical Contribution	Actual Contribution Description
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**GLOBAL INDICATORS**

**Protected Areas**

Protected areas that have been created and/or expanded as a result of the project. Protected areas may include private or community reserves, municipal or provincial parks, or other designations where biodiversity conservation is an official management goal.

Name of Protected Area	WDPA ID*	Latitude	Longitude	Country	Original Total Size (Hectares) **	New Protected Hectares ***	Year of Legal Declaration or Expansion
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\*World Database of Protected Areas

\*\*If this is a new protected area, 0 should appear in this column

\*\*\* This column excludes the original total size of the protected area.

## Key Biodiversity Area Management

Key Biodiversity Areas (KBAs) under improved management—where tangible results have been achieved to support conservation—as a result of the project.

KBA Name	KBA Code	Size of KBA	Number of Hectares with Improved Management

## Production Landscapes

Production landscapes with strengthened management of biodiversity as a result of the project.

A production landscape is defined as a site outside a protected area where commercial agriculture, forestry or natural product exploitation occurs.

Name of Production Landscape	Latitude	Longitude	Hectares Strengthened	Intervention

## Benefits to Individuals

- **Structured Training:**

Number of Men Trained	Number of Women Trained	Topics of Training

- **Cash Benefits:**

Number of Men – Cash Benefits	Number of Women – Cash Benefits	Description of Benefits

## Benefits to Communities

View the <b>characteristics</b> column below with the following corresponding codes:	View the <b>benefits</b> column below with the following corresponding codes:
1- Small Landowners	a. Increased Access to Clean Water
2- Subsistence Economy	b. Increased Food Security
3- Indigenous/ Ethnic Peoples	c. Increased Access to Energy
4- Pastoralists / Nomadic Peoples	d. Increased Access to Public Services
5- Recent Migrants	e. Increased Resilience to Climate Change
6- Urban Communities	f. Improved Land Tenure
7- Other	g. Improved Use of Traditional Knowledge
	h. Improved Decision-Making
	i. Improved Access to Ecosystem Services

Community Name	Community Characteristics							Type of Benefit									Country	Number of Males Benefitting	Number of Females Benefitting
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i			

### Characteristics of "Other" Communities:

## Policies, Laws and Regulations

View the <b>topics</b> column below with the following corresponding codes:			
A- Agriculture	E- Energy	I- Planning/Zoning	M- Tourism
B- Climate	F- Fisheries	J- Pollution	N- Transportation
C- Ecosystem Management	G- Forestry	K- Protected Areas	O- Wildlife Trade
D- Education	H- Mining and Quarrying	L- Species Protection	P- Other

No.	Name of Law	Scope	Topics															
			A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P

### **“Other” Topics Addressed by the Policy, Law or Regulation:**

<b>No.</b>	<b>Country/ Countries</b>	<b>Date Enacted/ Amended</b>	<b>Expected impact</b>	<b>Action Performed to Achieve the Enactment/ Amendment</b>
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### **Companies Adopting Biodiversity-friendly Practices**

A company is defined as a for-profit business entity. A biodiversity-friendly practice is one that conserves or uses natural resources in a sustainable manner.

<b>Name of Company</b>	<b>Description of Biodiversity-Friendly Practice</b>	<b>Country/Countries where Practice was Adopted</b>
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### **Networks and Partnerships**

Networks/partnerships should have some lasting benefit beyond immediate project implementation. Informal networks/partnerships are acceptable.

<b>Name of Network/Partnership</b>	<b>Year Established</b>	<b>Country/ Countries</b>	<b>Established by Project?</b>	<b>Purpose</b>
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### **Sustainable Financing**

Sustainable financing mechanisms generate funding for the long-term (generally five or more years). These include, but are not limited to, 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.

Name of Mechanism	Purpose	Date Established	Description	Country/Countries	Project Intervention	Delivery of Funds?
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### Globally Threatened Species

Globally threatened species (CR, EN, VU) on the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species, benefitting from the project.

Genus	Species	Common Name (English)	Status	Intervention	Population Trend at Site
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## LESSONS LEARNED

Despite the challenges of the global covid-19 pandemic, work was able to proceed, even as meetings were frequently curtailed due to health restrictions. This proved the value of electronic communication methods and showed, more than ever, their necessity for the operations of local NGOs.

There was also a lesson that small grantees and less capable local partners need extensive assistance in understanding CEPF operational methods and overarching goals. We cannot assume that these groups know, prior to grant award, about compliance with international donor financial management procedures, or about designing projects in relation to “key biodiversity areas” or “production landscapes.”

## SUSTAINABILITY/REPLICATION

WVIEC remains active in Vanuatu as a high capacity leader. It continues to provide support to partners, even as funding from CEPF has ended.

## ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL SAFEGUARDS/STANDARDS

No safeguards applied to this grant.

## ADDITIONAL COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

## ADDITIONAL FUNDING

<b>Total Amount of Additional Funding Actually Secured (USD)</b>	
<b>Breakdown of Additional Funding</b>	

## INFORMATION SHARING AND CEPF POLICY

CEPF is committed to transparent operations and to helping civil society groups share experiences, lessons learned and results. For more information about this project, you may contact the organization and/or individual listed below.

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