

CEPF Final Completion and Impact Report

Organization's Legal Name:	Centre for Environmental Law and Community Rights Inc.
Project Title:	Improving resource management in the Baining Mountains and Nakanai Ranges, New Britain-Papua New Guinea
Grant Number:	CEPF-109899
Hotspot:	East Melanesian Islands
Strategic Direction:	2 Integrate biodiversity conservation into local land-use and development planning
Grant Amount:	\$86,485.41
Project Dates:	October 01, 2020 - September 30, 2021
Date of Report:	February 04, 2022

IMPLEMENTATION PARTNERS

CELCOR is the main implementing partner in the project. In the successful facilitation of the project CELCOR was supported by the following organizations:

- a. FORCERT - Local NGO – assistance with identifying participants for all workshops and logistics support.
- b. Pakia Sustainable Heritage Programme_Community Based Organization - Assistance with logistic arrangement, identifying of participants and participation in the Central Inland Pomio Community Legal Education Workshop
- c. Tavolo Wildlife Management Association _ Community Based Organization - Assistance with logistics, identifying of participants and participation in the Melkoi LLG Community Legal Education workshop
- d. Pomio Potongpaga Group Inc_Community Based Organization – Assistance with logistics and facilitation of the Melkoi LLG Community Legal Education workshop.
- e. Sinivit Local Level Government Administration – assistance with identifying participants and logistics arrangement for the planned/cancelled Mediation workshop.

CONSERVATION IMPACTS

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

Impact Description	Impact Summary
By 2025, 52,000 ha of customary land in the Baining Mountains will progress conservation, with community members taking a more proactive role in environmental governance and participation in public environmental hearings, input in large scale development plans and ward development planning.	The long term impact remains as it is, as goal for conservation efforts in the Baining Mountains, as partner NGOs such as FORCERT and CELCOR continue to work with in support of local CBOS and respective communities.
By 2025, 117,000 ha of customary land in the Central Inland Pomio and Melkoi LLG are conserved with community members proactively participating in conservation areas management and ward development forums	Long term impact of conservation of 117,000 ha of customary land remains as it is. Communities are empowered and expressed verbal support and commitment to continue their efforts in conservation and to further seek additional support from their local level government administration to support their efforts.
By 2025, CELCOR will further extend its reach to over 150 communities and maintain a sustained revenue for three years through successful fundraising and effective service delivery	CELCOR within the last year has been able to acquire an additional funds from two Donors to support the work in the Nakanai and Baining. The two donors are Bread for the World and Rainforest Foundation Norway (RFN).

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

Impact Description	Impact Summary
By June 2021, twenty-five clan leaders, youths and women representatives from the 3 communities will attain skills in customary land use conflict mediation to resolve and manage conflict within the Baining Mountain communities.	The workshops planned for the Baining Mountains communities was cancelled as the Sinivit LLG administration had advised that a similar workshop was held by the National Judicial Staff Services on the same week and all identified participants for the community legal education workshop (CLE) were attending that workshop. The activity unfortunately could not be rescheduled as a suitable time for both the communities and CELCOR could not be identified as time lapsed.
By the end of 2021, thirty clan leaders, youth and women representatives from the Central Inland Pomio & Melkoi LLG will attain skills in biodiversity conservation to progress a conservation area within the Nakanai Range.	A total of ninety six (96) youth, women and men from Central Inland Pomio and Melkoi LLG have participated in the Community Legal Education workshop. They have been taken through a chapter on Environment and conservation and Protected Areas they attained the knowledge to raise issues and generate discussions and directions towards the process of formally establishing their protected areas. CELCOR was able to sit with the community reps of Pakia Wildlife Management Area (WMA) in Central Inland Pomio LLG and provide direction on the progress of their conservation efforts parallel to strengthening the work of promoting protected areas.

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	<p>CELCOR also had the opportunity to sit with the Central Inland Pomio LLG Manager and discuss the need for recognition at the LLG level the importance of the biodiversity and cultural significance of the Nakanai Range and the need to endorse communities protected areas proposals. The LLG Manager had given verbal consent to ensure the LLG will assist in whatever they can as a community government.</p>
<p>By 2021, CELCOR will have initiated steps to strengthen its own technical, administrative, and financial capacity by showing improvements in efficiency in donor report submission and quality of training materials produced.</p>	<p>An evaluation of the CLE programme was planned to be implemented, however due to the Covid-19 Pandemic lock down measures that had taken place and the rescheduling of activities. This activity was not completed</p>

Unexpected impacts (positive or negative)?

a. COVID 19 has had the most negative impact on the implementation of all activities stated within the project period.

i. A number of lock downs has seen the need for CELCOR to reschedule all current project activities CEPF included resulting in CELCOR unable to maintain planned activity schedule as set out in the CEPF grant agreement.

ii. In the process of rescheduling there were no immediate suitable dates for CELCOR as the facilitating team and the community's availability as there were already planned activities.

PROJECT RESULTS/DELIVERABLES

Overall results of the project:

A total of two workshops were facilitated reaching 96 participants from 20 villages within the Central Inland Pomio Local Level Government and Melkoi Local Level Government within Pomio District of East New Britain Province.

Communities in Central Inland Pomio LLG are now working at strengthening their work with the local level government and the Pomio District Office in Pomio to fast track the recognition and endorsement for their protected area.

Communities in Melkoi LLG are now collaboratively working together to resist and prevent further destructive development on their customary land, whilst exploring other options to generate income in their endeavors to promote protected areas within their LLGs.

Results for each deliverable:

Component		Deliverable		
#	Description	#	Description	Results for Deliverable
1.0	Community Awareness and mediation skills training on conflict resolution and management and conservation establishment in the Baining Mountains	1.1	Meeting report capturing clear organizational roles played in providing assistance to the communities	An MoU was developed between CELCOR and FORCERT clearly demarcating the respective organizations roles and assistance in the Baining and Nakanai Mountains. Then MoU was signed on 24th of May 2021.
2.0	Community Awareness and skills training on conflict resolution and management and conservation establishment in the Nakanai Ranges	2.3	Final training report with dates/location of training event, agenda, materials presented, participant list (with name, sex, relevant details), training notes describing lessons or next steps, and at least three photos.	This workshop was not facilitated separately given the time lapsed resulting from Covid lockdowns, however the the status of the conservation efforts and identification of the needs of assistance was raised whilst implementing the 5 day Community Legal Education Workshop. This was possible as the participants at the CLE were also community members who were involved in the conservation efforts in the local areas.
3.0	Organizational Strengthening of CELCOR	3.1	Completed CEPF civil society tracking tool upon project inception and project completion	Completed and submitted
1.0	Community Awareness and mediation skills training on conflict resolution and management and conservation establishment in the Baining Mountains	1.2	Workshop draft agenda, participants list, and summary of participation selection process	A Mediation Workbook was produced specifically for the Mediation Skills Training on Conflict Resolution that expounded on relevant laws and policies of mediation and conflict resolution. Participants of the workshop identified and logistics preparation were assisted by

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				<p>FORCERT a partner NGO and a the Agriculture Officer of the Sinivit Local Level Government Administration.</p> <p>Most of the workshop participants identified were Village Court Officials, ward members and officers of the Sinivit LLG Administration.</p> <p>The workshop did not eventuate has CELCOR was advised of a workshop of similar nature was going to happen the same week CELCOR was to run their workshop.</p>
1.0	Community Awareness and mediation skills training on conflict resolution and management and conservation establishment in the Baining Mountains	1.3	Final training report with dates/location of training event, agenda, materials presented, participant list (with name, sex, relevant details), training notes describing lessons or next steps, and at least three photos.	The workshop did not eventuate has CELCOR was advised of a workshop of similar nature was going to happen the same week CELCOR was to run their workshop.
2.0	Community Awareness and skills training on conflict resolution and management and conservation establishment in the Nakanai Ranges	2.4	Final report entailing record of plans by participants indicating utilization of skills attained at the workshop	An indication of skills utilization was identified through evaluation process facilitated in both workshops and captured in the field activity report.
3.0	Organizational Strengthening of CELCOR	3.2	Completed CEPF gender tracking tool upon project inception and project completion	Completed and submitted

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3.0	Organizational Strengthening of CELCOR	3.3	Written CELCOR organizational external evaluation narrative report of assessment and recommendations	This activity had not eventuated as a result of the covid- lock down restrictions during the course of the project. This impacted the delivery of other existing projects as well as that of CEPF. As it is still a need CELCOR will source other funds to implement this activity
4.0	Adherence to Stakeholder Engagement Plan (Indigenous Peoples Safeguard / Social Assessment)	4.1	Completed report of social assessment	Completed and submitted
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2.0	Community Awareness and skills training on conflict resolution and management and conservation establishment in the Nakanai Ranges	2.2	Workshop draft agenda, participants list, and summary of participation selection process	The community legal education tool kit is one that has been used since the establishment of CELCOR and has been reviewed with the changes in legislation and policies. The five day workshop covered the following topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Laws of PNG - Government of PNG - Land Ownership in PNG - Customary Landowners - Conservation and Management of Environment

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Use and Management of Renewable Natural Resources - Use and Management of Non-Renewable Natural Resources - Police Arrests and the Need for a Lawyer? <p>Participants to the workshop were identified by FORCERT as per the MOU for the work being done in the District, community partners on the ground and Key community leaders. The participants were identified based on their roles within the community and their involvement in the protection of the environment and resources within their respective boundaries.</p>
1.0	Community Awareness and mediation skills training on conflict resolution and management and conservation establishment in the Baining Mountains	1.4	Final report entailing record of plans by participants indicating utilization of skills attained at the workshop	The workshop did not eventuate has CELCOR was advised of a workshop of similar nature was going to happen the same week CELCOR was to run their workshop.

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

1. Trainers Resource Kit – The resource kit is used by the facilitators during the workshop. The resource kit consists of eight chapters covering chapters including the constitution of PNG, court systems in PNG right through to all natural resource laws in the country.
2. Participants Work Book – the work book is the exact replica of the trainer’s resource kit only difference between the two kit is in the layout. Most of the content within the work book are arranged so that participants can engage in activity/exercise for a more participatory approach in learning to generate discussion amongst participants, entice possible actions against the developers and encourage ownership and empowerment in the protection of their natural resources and human rights.

3. Mediation Work Book – CELCOR developed a mediation work book to assist and guide participants during the Conflict Resolution (Mediation) workshop. The work book is quite basic and all contents are sourced directly from the respective laws.

PORTFOLIO INDICATORS

Portfolio Indicator Number	Portfolio Indicator Description	Expected Numerical Contribution	Expected Contribution Description	Actual Numerical Contribution	Actual Contribution Description
1	Hectares in a key biodiversity area (KBA) with new or strengthened protection and management.				
3	At least 5 local land-use or development plans influenced to accommodate biodiversity.				
5	At least 10 partnerships and networks formed among civil society, government and communities to leverage complementary capacities and maximize impact in support of the ecosystem profile.				
1.2	Awareness of the values of biodiversity and the nature of threats				

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	and drivers raised among local communities within at least 10 priority sites.				
1.3	Threat levels to at least 15 priority sites reduced through locally relevant conservation actions implemented by local communities.				
2.1	Number of CEPF priority sites where ownership and tenure rights within customary lands have been mapped				
2.2	Number of communities affected by incompatible development projects provided with legal training and support.				
2.4	Number of CEPF priority sites where biodiversity and ecosystem service values are integrated into land-use and/or				

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	development plans and policies.				
4.1	Number of civil society networks that enable collective responses to priority and emerging threats.				
4.2	Number of local civil society organizations that demonstrate improvements in organizational capacity.				
4.4	Number of conservationists that demonstrate strengthened capacity in conservation management, science and leadership.				

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
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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
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Benefits to Individuals

- **Structured Training:**

Number of Men Trained	Number of Women Trained	Topics of Training
70	26	Community Legal Education Workshop topics: Chapter 1: Laws of Papua New Guinea - Introduction to Law - The Hierarchy of Laws - The Law-making process - Constitution, basic rights and responsibilities - HIV and the Law Chapter 2: Government of Papua New Guinea - Democracy and separation of powers - Ombudsman Commission and Leadership Code - The Judicial System - Village Courts - Laws on Provincial Government and Local Level Government Chapter 3: Land Ownership and Management - Types of land ownership, acquisition, lease and conversion of customary land - Land Dispute Settlement Act Chapter 4: Customary Landowners

Number of Men Trained	Number of Women Trained	Topics of Training
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Incorporated land Groups (ILGs) - Free Prior Informed Consent Chapter 5: Conservation and Management of Environment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Environment Acts and Permits - Protected Areas - Climate Change Management Act 2015 Chapter 6: Use and Management of Renewable Resource

• **Cash Benefits:**

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

Benefits to Communities

View the characteristics column below with the following corresponding codes:	View the benefits 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 topics 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:

No.	Country/ Countries	Date Enacted/ Amended	Expected impact	Action Performed to Achieve the Enactment/ Amendment
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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.

Name of Company	Description of Biodiversity-Friendly Practice	Country/Countries where Practice was Adopted
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Networks and Partnerships

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

Name of Network/Partnership	Year Established	Country/ Countries	Established by Project?	Purpose
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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

Collaborative efforts between Local Level Government and communities in conservation efforts are lacking, there still needs to be more dialogue and communication. In future as an external partner, CELCOR can approach by means of facilitating the dialogue between communities and their representatives at the local level as well as creating dialogue with the members of parliament responsible for the electorate bringing to light communities challenges in conservation.

SUSTAINABILITY/REPLICATION

Challenges faced

During the implementation of the project one key observation is the lack of collaboration of the local level governments with the local CBOs and communities they represent in assisting with the development and recognition of Protected Areas. The communities need to be confident taking ownership of their project and in approaching the government at all levels to ensure effective communication and collaboration for the fast tracking of their protected area.

ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL SAFEGUARDS/STANDARDS

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

ADDITIONAL FUNDING

Total Amount of Additional Funding Actually Secured (USD)	
Breakdown of Additional Funding	

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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