



Small Grants – Final Completion and Impact Report

Instructions: CEPF requires that each grantee report on project results and impacts at the end of their grant. To monitor CEPF's global indicators, CEPF will aggregate the data that you submit with data from other grantees, to determine the overall impact of CEPF investment. The aggregated results of all grantees will be reported on in our annual impact report and other communications materials. Your Final Completion and Impact Report will be posted on the CEPF website.

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

Please complete all fields and respond to all questions listed below.

Organization Legal Name: Global Initiative for Food Security and Ecosystem Preservation
Project Title: Strengthening conservation knowledge and networking among journalists and civil societies in the GFWA hotspots
Grant Number:
Date of Completion of this Report: 4th July, 2022
CEPF Hotspot: GFWA - Guinean Forests West Africa
Strategic Direction: SD4
Grant Amount: \$50,000
Project Dates: 01 May 2022 to 30th June 2022

PART I: Overview

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

Tropical Biodiversity Association supported with the development of training materials and assisted with the facilitation of all the sessions

2. Summarize the overall results of your project

The project supported the creation of a network between CSOs and journalists in the hotspot. The project also enhanced the conservation knowledge and capacity of 8 journalist for informed and better communication of conservation impacts and stories. As a result, 8 journalists have so far published at least 9 news articles about biodiversity conservation and climate change. 58 CSOs (53 grantees and 5 mentees) have also gained knowhow to effectively communicate conservation better and to engage with environmental journalists.

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

List each long-term impact from your proposal

a. Planned Long-term Impacts - 3+ years (as stated in the approved proposal)

Impact Description	Impact Summary
Improved public understanding of conservation issues and solutions in the GFWA as a results of deepened communication collaboration between journalists and civil society.	The project built on the combined experiences and expertise of the project team, CEPF grantees, CSOs, key conservation actors and Journalist in the region in delivering a transformative discourse on how conservation practices, solutions and issues are communicated, in building lasting connections and cooperation between journalists and CSOs and articulating locally generated conservation lessons. This will in the long run improve media reportage of conservation outcome and help the CSOs and journalists be more impactful in leveraging support from local communities and decision makers necessary for sustaining conservation and management of globally important biodiversity across the hotspot

b. Planned Short-term Impacts - 1 to 3 years (as stated in the approved proposal)

Impact Description	Impact Summary
Creation of one network between CSOs and journalists in the hotspot as a result of joint participation in networking session.	The workshop was also successful in terms of creating and strengthening partnerships and networks between CSOs and journalists in the GFWA Hotspot. A WhatsApp group has been set up to facilitate continued and sustained communication.
Journalist with enhanced conservation knowledge and publishing at 5 news articles by the end of the project	The interaction and effective engagement between CSOS and Journalist led to the publication of 9 articles, contributing to building public awareness of their project and mission in the hotspot and the importance of conservation as envisioned in CEPF IP 4.3
30 CSO's can effectively communicate conservation better and can now engage with environmental	The conservation knowledge of journalists and media engagement capacity of 53 CSOs for informed and better communication of conservation impacts and stories, were improved. This resulted in the publication of the 9 news articles published

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

1. CSOs have adapted the use of re-useable water bottles at their future events.
2. The online streaming of the event live on Facebook and tweets by the participants created a lot of publicity about the event that was not planned.
3. The press conference also provided publicity and was a very valuable perspective we didn't think we were going to have.
4. The public display of products and IEC materials by the grantees was a positive side attraction.

PART II: Project Products/Deliverables

5. List each product/deliverable as stated in your approved proposal and describe the results for each of them:

#	Deliverable Description	Deliverable Update
1	Copies of the CEPF GFWA brochure, highlighting information on projects funded by CEPF in the GFWA hotspot and their impacts	Brochure produced and delivered by RIT
2	Strengthen networking between at least 5 journalists and 30 conservation CSOs in the hotspot for improved communication of conservation	Network of Journalists and CSO's working in the GFWA has been formed. CSO's connected to the Birdlife Hatch communication channel
3	Enhance the conservation knowledge of journalists and capacity of CSOs for informed and better communication of conservation impacts and stories	9 news articles on the impact of CEPF investments in the GFWA published

6. Please describe and submit any tools, products, or methodologies that resulted from this project or contributed to the results.

The project adopted the knowledge café and group work approach that immensely contributed to the results. These methodologies, enabled the grantees to share experiences, learn from each other, build relationships, and make a better sense of the work they are all involved with in the hotspots and came up with improved decisions by which they can replicate, upscale their work as well as tackle the conservation issues and challenges, identified

PART III: Lessons, Sustainability, Safeguards and Financing

Lessons Learned

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

“Lessons learned” are experiences you have gained that you think would be valuable successes worth replicating or practices that you would do differently if you had the chance. Consider lessons that would inform project design and implementation, and any other lessons relevant to the conservation community. CEPF Lessons Learned Guidelines are available here: <https://www.cepf.net/sites/default/files/cepf-lessons-learned-guidelines-english.pdf>.

Beginning with an Exhibition and Networking session proved very effective and provided an opportunity for the journalist to gain better understanding of CEPF investment in the GFWA through the exhibitions and also provided a better avenue for networking between the CSO’S and the Journalist.

This project, through deliberately networking grantees with journalists aimed to create new cross-sector partnerships and contribute to CEPF Strategic Direction 4 and its respective investment priority 4.3. For maximum benefit, future training should specifically be for journalist and CSOs on communicating biodiversity conservation in the GFWA hotspot.

It was very beneficial to have experts with a range of expertise and experience participating at the workshop – both in terms of the CEPF grantees, donors, journalist, and other invited speakers. This made for a rich and diverse learning.

Sustainability / Replication

8. 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.

The project was able to build communication networks between journalists and the CEPF grantees. The grantees and the journalist have expressed interest in keeping in contact with the network and each other and this may lead to more collaborations and partnerships.

Both the journalists and the CSO’S have a shared core responsibility to communicate conservation work, the incentive from win-win collaboration will make them work together and continue to influence the wider community (including decision makers and the public) on the importance of supporting conservation work and for sustainable conservation in the hotspot in general.

Safeguards

9. 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.

Safeguard measures were taken against COVID19. We adhered to the recommended government protocols and guidelines on COVID19 prevention including travel requirements in Ghana (host country), and the delegates countries of origin and adhered strictly to COVID19 safety measures during the Final Assessment Workshop.

Additional Funding

10. Provide details of any additional funding that you have secured to support this project.

a. Total additional funding (US\$)

b. Type of funding

Please provide a breakdown of additional funding (counterpart funding and in-kind) by source.

Donor	Type of Funding	Amount

Additional Comments/Recommendations

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

1. The training and Capacity building of journalist and CSO should be organized separately from the Final Assessment workshop.
2. More time should be given to the planning and implementation of a project of this nature. The planning process should begin well ahead of time at least 6 months.

PART IV: Impact at Portfolio and Global Level

Contribution to Portfolio Indicators

12. In order to measure the results of CEPF investment strategy at the hotspot level, CEPF uses a set of Portfolio Indicators which are presented in the Ecosystem Profile of each hotspot. Please list these below and report on the project’s contribution(s) to them.

Indicator	Actual Numeric Contribution	Actual Contribution Description
5a. Number of networks formed among CSO, government and private sector for capacity building and maximized impact	1	A network of CSOs and Journalists was established to foster continued networking
4.3_Outcome 4_Number of local CSOs with increased communication capacity that support the delivery of their mission	58	The capacity of 58 CSOs (53 grantees and 5 mentees) and 8 journalists have been built to effectively communicate conservation outcomes

Contribution to Global Indicators

Please report on all Global Indicators that pertain to your project.

13. Benefits to Individuals

13a. Number of men and women receiving structured training.

Report on the number of men and women that have benefited from structured training due to your project, such as financial management, beekeeping, horticulture, farming, biological surveys, or how to conduct a patrol.

# of men receiving structured training *	# of women receiving structured training *	Topic(s) of 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.*

13b. Number of men and women receiving cash benefits.

Report on the number of men and women that had an increase in income or cash (monetary) benefits due to your project from activities such as tourism, handicraft production, increased farm output, increased fishery output, medicinal plant harvest, or payment for conducting patrols.

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

14. Protected Areas

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 your 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 PA*	Country(s)	Original # of Hectares**	# of Hectares Newly Protected	Year of Legal Declaration/ Expansion	Longitude***	Latitude***

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

** Enter the original total size, excluding the results of your project. If the protected area was not existing before your project, then enter zero.

*** 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). To obtain the latitude and longitude of your protected area, use googlemap, right click on the center of your protected area, and select "What's here?", and copy the latitude and longitude appearing in the popup window.

15. Key Biodiversity Area Management

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

Report on the number of hectares in KBAs with improved management, where tangible results have been achieved to support conservation, as a result of your project. 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", 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	KBA Code from Ecosystem Profile	# of Hectares Improved *

** 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.*

16. Production landscapes

Number of hectares of production landscape with strengthened management of biodiversity

Please report on the number of hectares of production landscapes with strengthened management of biodiversity, as a result of your project. A production landscape is defined as a landscape where commercial agriculture, forestry or natural product exploitation occurs.

- For an area to be considered as having "strengthened management of biodiversity," it can benefit from a wide range of interventions such as best practices and guidelines implemented, incentive schemes introduced, sites/products certified, and sustainable harvesting regulations introduced.
- Areas that are protected are not included under this indicator, because their hectares are counted elsewhere.
- A Production Landscape can include part or all of an unprotected KBA.

Name of Production Landscape*	# of Hectares with Strengthened Management**	Latitude***	Longitude***	Description of Intervention

** 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). To obtain the latitude and longitude of your production landscape, use googlemap, right click on the center of your production landscape, and select "What's here?", and copy the latitude and longitude appearing in the popup window.*

17. Benefits to Communities

CEPF wants to record the non-cash 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 your project. If exact numbers are not known, please provide an estimate.

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

Name of Community	Community Characteristics (mark with x)							Country of Community	Type of Benefit (mark with x)								# of Beneficiaries	
	Small landowners	Subsistence economy	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	Improved representation and decision-making in governance forums/structures	Improved access to ecosystem services	# of men and boys benefiting

*If you marked "Other" to describe the community characteristic, please explain:

18. Policies, Laws and Regulations

Report on policies, laws and regulations with conservation provisions that have been enacted or amended, as a result of your project. “Policies” pertain to statements of intent formally adopted or pursued by a government, including at sectoral or sub-national level. “Laws and regulations” pertain to official rules or orders, prescribed by authority. Any law, regulation, decree or order is eligible to be included.

18a. Name, scope and topic of the policy, law or regulation that has been amended or enacted as a result of your project

No.	Name of Law, Policy or Regulation	Scope (mark with x)			Topic(s) addressed (mark with x)																
		Local	National	International	Agriculture	Climate	Ecosystem Management	Education	Energy	Fisheries	Forestry	Mining and Quarrying	Planning/Zoning	Pollution	Protected Areas	Species Protection	Tourism	Transportation	Wildlife Trade	Other*	
1																					
2																					
...																					

* If you selected “other”, please give a brief description of the main topics addressed by the policy, law or regulation.

18b. 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				

19. Biodiversity-friendly Practices

Number of companies that adopt biodiversity-friendly practices

Please list any companies that have adopted biodiversity-friendly practices as a result of your project. 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 natural resources in a sustainable manner.

No.	Name of Company	Description of biodiversity-friendly practice adopted during the project	Country(s) where the practice has been adopted by the company
1			
2			
...			

20. Networks & Partnerships

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

Report on any networks or partnerships between and among civil society groups and other sectors that you have created or strengthened as a result of your project. Networks/partnerships should have some lasting benefit beyond immediate project implementation. Informal networks/partnerships are acceptable. 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, or a working group focusing on reptile conservation.

Do not list the partnerships you formed with others to implement this project, unless these partnerships will continue after your project ends.

No.	Name of Network / Partnership	Year established	Did your project establish this Network/ Partnership? Y/N	Country(s) covered	Purpose
1	Network of Journalist working in the GFWA	2022	Yes	Nigeria Cameroon Ghana	To improve conservation communication

21. Sustainable Financing Mechanism

List any functioning sustainable financing mechanisms created or supported by your project. 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 service (PES) schemes, and other revenue, fee or tax schemes that generate long-term funding for conservation. To be included, a mechanism must be delivering funds for conservation.

21a. Details about the mechanism

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.

21b. Performance of the mechanism

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

NO.	Project intervention (mark with x)			Has the mechanism disbursed funds to conservation projects?
	Created a mechanism	Supported an existing mechanism	Created and supported a new mechanism	
1				
2				
3				

22. Red List Species

If the project included direct conservation interventions that benefited globally threatened species (CR, EN, VU), as per the IUCN Red List, add the species below.

Examples of interventions include: preparation or implementation of a conservation action plan, captive breeding programs, species habitat protection, species monitoring, patrolling to halt wildlife trafficking, and removal of invasive species.

Genus	Species	Common Name (Eng)	Status (VU, EN, CR or	Intervention	Population Trend at Site

			Extinct in the Wild)		(increasing, decreasing, stable or unknown)

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 completion and impact reports are made available on our Web site, www.cepf.net, and publicized in our e-newsletter and other communications.

Provide the contact details of your organization (organization name and generic email address) so that interested parties can request further information about your project.

Organization Name: Global Initiative for Food security and Ecosystem Preservation- GIFSEP

Generic email address: gifsep@gmail.com

ADDEDUM

1. Participant's list.

https://drive.google.com/drive/u/0/folders/16_RsHW7U14YqDfuIu9G2OWC5FQurc1A4

2. Links to the Articles and publications

<https://drive.google.com/drive/u/0/folders/1fRewNzMc0r9tl5CBs1UICRVQUCh2fNA5>