



## CEPF Small Grants - Final Project Completion Report

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

<b>Organization Legal Name</b>	Vanuatu Environment Advocacy Network
<b>Project Title</b>	Enhancing the Ability of VEAN to Deliver Effective Conservation Action through the development of a VEAN Strategic Plan.
<b>Grant Number</b>	GA17/04
<b>Date of Report</b>	April 2019

### CEPF Hotspot: East Melanesian Islands

**Strategic Direction 4:** To Increase local, national and regional capacity to conserve biodiversity through catalyzing civil society partnerships

**Grant Amount: USD\$ 14,985**

**Project Dates: 1 August 2017-30 November 2018**

### PART I: Overview

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

(A)	Partners (organizations responsible for implementation of project activities):
<b>Name</b>	<b>Summary of Role on Project</b>
VEAN members <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Taule Taule</li><li>• Tarepman</li><li>• latoto MPA &amp; Eco-tourism</li><li>• Kurumambe Conservation committee</li><li>• Erakor Bridge Youth</li><li>• Green Star</li><li>• Vanuatu Community Development Ass.</li><li>• Nakotangole Ass.</li><li>• Lewi Saldrowo</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Contribute to consultation process for strategic planning by identifying their conservation needs and their capacity to deliver conservation programs</li></ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maro Landscaping and Botanical Garden Association</li> </ul>	
Taule Taule Tarepman Japjap	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To build capacity of the Tanna-wide network to manage conservation</li> </ul>
<b>(B) Stakeholders (other actors that benefit from or influence project outcomes):</b>	
<b>Name of Individual or Organization</b>	<b>Summary of Role on Project</b>
VESS	Participate in VEAN strategic planning consultation process
Live and Learn	Participate in VEAN strategic planning consultation process
Environmental NGOs and CBOs – REDD + Department of Environment Department of Forestry Department of Fisheries Eco livelihood Tafea Provincial Council Shefa Provincial Council Port Municipality Lenakel Municipality Global Environment Facility –SGP Geology and Mining Department of rural water supply	To share their knowledge and experience in conservation

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

Two capacity building and strategic planning workshops were held on Tanna. The workshops aimed to provide local community organizations with the technical skills that they require to work closely with the communities and stakeholders on Tanna to undertake conservation actions on Tanna.

An outcome of the first workshop was that a draft capacity building manual for CSOs was produced for community based organisations, and input was gathered for the VEAN strategic plan.

A second workshop was held on the Western side of the island, and the strategic Plan for VEAN was circulated for approval.

Community members from the Mt Tukusmera where the collared petrel are nesting attended the workshops.

The strategic plan developed will cover medium and short term strategy and can be used after the end of the project period. The document is subject to a review when is need arises. Other conservation NGOs will have access to the strategic plan and lesson learned will be shared with other organization. VEAN provided support to a number of CSOs who apply for funding to the

GEF small grants program. This has been the primary form of funding for VEAN prior to the current CEPF program. VEAN charges a nominal annual subscription to each of the CSOs, and in return provides technical skills, knowledge, access to the internet, and office facilities.

**3. Briefly describe actual progress towards each planned impact (as stated in the approved proposal)**

*List each impact from your proposal*

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

Impact Description	Impact Summary
<p>The strategic plan document developed will cover medium and short term strategy and can be used after the end of the project period. The document is subject to a review when is need arises. Other conservation NGOS will have access to the strategic plan and lesson learned will be shared with other organization. VEAN provided support to a number of CSOs who apply for funding to the GEF small grants program. This has been the primary form of funding for VEAN prior to the current CEPF program. VEAN charges a nominal annual subscription to each of the CSOs, and in return provides technical skills, knowledge, access to the internet, and office facilities.</p>	<p>The strategy will provide a flexible framework for action by stakeholders to save biodiversity and enhance benefits to people. The purpose of the strategic plan is to promote effective implementation of activities of the organisation through a strategic approach comprising a shared vision, a mission, strategic goals and targets that will inspire broad-based action by all parties and stakeholders. VEAN sees that delivering a strategic plan is one of the most important things any organization, regardless of size can undertake. A well-formulated and executed strategy establishes the foundations against which the organization can create, monitor and measure their success. Understanding what is happening in the external environment is important in preparing a strategy that will ensure long-term effectiveness and growth of VEAN. VEAN is excited to have a document that will streamline the organisation and ensure every time and effort spent is in the direction of sustained success.</p>
<p>The organization will be more resilient, and better able to cope with fluctuations in funding opportunities. The training that we gave to organizations on Tanna will ensure that they have increased capacity to be able to effectively deliver a program of work on providing benefits for biodiversity. We delivered training, and improved our relationship with the Tanna-based CSOs, such as Taule Taule, improving their capacity to facilitate conservation actions. This could then be replicated to other parts of TAFEA province and throughout Vanuatu.</p>	<p>VEAN is putting together a proposal to GEF-SGP for funding support for TEAN to coordinate community environment and conservation initiatives on Tanna, Futuna and Aneityum</p>

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

Impact Description	Impact Summary
The strategic plan document that VEAN wishes to produce will be used by VEAN and its conservation community based members to focus their program and resources. This will lead towards active participation of CSOs in conservation in Vanuatu.	VEAN will utilize the strategic plan for future activities and fundraising. VEAN hopes to submit an LOI for a large grant after successfully completing the implementation of the activities in this project.
Improved capacity for Taule Taule and Tarepman and others to manage a viable, environment-focused, nationally based CSO on Tanna, Vanuatu, that makes its conservation action decisions on evidence-based criteria. Increased ability to provide local community organizations with the technical skills that they require to both establish themselves as viable CSOs and to be able to undertake conservation actions on Tanna.	A Provincial environment organization called “Tafea Environment Advocacy Network” was established. This organization will be based at Isangle and will work with community conservation groups on Tanna, Futuna and Aneityum
During meetings on Tanna, discussions initiated by VEAN for greater understanding of the population levels, extent of harvesting and composition of Petrels breeding on Mt Tukasmera KBA, most likely with Tauletaule.	The Tekerkak Conservation committee was formed to oversee the conservation of Collared Petrels along Mount Tukasmera

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

VEAN has been the recipient of CEPF funding through the BirdLife International led project: “Investing for the Environment – Building Civil Society Capacity to Drive Conservation Success in Vanuatu Code No. 64259”. This has helped to establish VEAN and give VEAN the confidence to carry out financial management, project management and biodiversity conservation measures for ourselves and our members. VEAN is an ‘umbrella’ organization for locally-based CSOs across the country – we have 32 CSO members, 4 of whom are closely associated with Priority KBAs in the country. The VEAN Board have recommended that we provide support to the members in a number of areas – including financial management and organizational governance. We would plan to organize workshops for CSOs to further benefit from these important capacity needs.

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

One unexpected outcome is that the landowners of the land around Mt Tukasmera where the Collared Petrel are nesting are so concerned about the declining population of the bird that they formed a new conservation committee called Tekerkak Conservation Committee.

### Products/Deliverables

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

A strategic plan was developed.

### 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.**

### 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 organization should be more resilient, and better able to cope with fluctuations in funding opportunities.

The training that we delivered on Tanna ensures that we can effectively deliver a program of work on providing benefits for biodiversity. We improved our relationship with the Tanna-based CSOs, such as Taule Taule, improving their capacity to facilitate conservation actions. We hope to be able to replicate this training and outreach in other parts of TAFEA province and throughout Vanuatu. With a greater understanding of what is required, they themselves can be confident in continuing the work after the project finishes, seeking alternatives to help sustain the conservation initiatives into the future.

### Safeguards

Updated document submitted

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

### Additional Funding N/A

- 10. 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**
  - 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**

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

**Impact at Portfolio and Global Level**

CEPF requires that each grantee report on impacts 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 relates to the entire project, from start date to project end date.**

**Contribution to Portfolio Indicators**

**12. 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 relate to your project.

**13. Key Biodiversity Area Management N/A**

**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

*\* 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.*

**14. Protected Areas N/A**

**15a. Number of hectares of protected areas created and/or expanded N/A**

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

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 N/A**

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.

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.

### 15. Production landscape N/A

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

*\* 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 N/A**

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.

**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. N/A**

# 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 N/A**

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
		X	X										X	X	X	X		

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



1																			
2							X										X		
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19b. For each law, policy or regulation listed above, please provide the requested information in accordance with its assigned number. N/A

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 N/A

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 N/A

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

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 N/A

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

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 date 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 N/A

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

No.	Name of company	Description of biodiversity-friendly practice adopted during the project
1		
2		
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## 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	Tanna Environment Advocacy Network	VEAN LOCAL PARTNER NETWORK	2018	Y	VU	Environment advocacy
2						

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**23. Gender – Already submitted**

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](#).

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**Part V. Information Sharing and CEPF Policy**

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