



CEPF Small Grants - Final Project Completion Report

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

Organization Legal Name	<i>Unión Internacional para la Conservación de la Naturaleza y los Recursos Naturales, Delegación en España (IUCN Med)</i>
Project Title	Support participation of civil society members in the “II Mediterranean Plant Conservation Week” to enhance plant conservation capacities and skills.
Grant Number	
Date of Report	15/01/2019

CEPF Hotspot: Mediterranean

Strategic Direction: 4. Strengthen the engagement of civil society to support the conservation of plants that are critically endangered or have highly restricted ranges.

Grant Amount: USD 19.867

Project Dates: 15/10/2018-15/12/2018

PART I: Overview

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

- Leading organization: *Centre of Mediterranean Cooperation of IUCN (IUCN Med)*
- *University of Malta* was responsible for logistical organization (hotels reservations, registration fees, venue...)(<https://www.um.edu.mt/>)
- Other institutions involved in the organization of the MPCW, the development of programme, chairing of sessions, agenda items and content organization
 - *Mediterranean plant specialist group of IUCN (IUCN SSC-MPSG)*
 - *Care-Mediflora project* (<http://www.care-mediflora.eu/>), mainly the *CIHEAM centre in Maich, Greece*
 - *Global Diversity Foundation* (<https://www.global-diversity.org/>)
- *An independent scientific committee ensures the quality of presentations and sessions.*

- Gianluigi Bacchetta (Chair) (Hortus Botanicus Karalitanus, University of Cagliari Sardinia, Italy)
- Emily Caruso (Global Diversity Foundation)
- Charalambos Christodoulou (Department of Forests, Cyprus)
- Bertrand De Montmollin (Mediterranean Plants Specialist Group, IUCN/SCC)
- Giuseppe Fenu (Centro Conservazione Biodiversità, University of Cagliari Sardinia, Italy)
- Christini Fournaraki (Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Chania, Crete, Greece)
- Gianpietro Giusso Del Galdo (Dept. of Biological, Geological and Environmental Sciences, University of Catania, Sicily, Italy)
- Angelos Kyrtziz (Agricultural Research Institute, Cyprus)
- Carole Piazza (Conservatoire Botanique National de Corse – Office de l’Environnement de la Corse, France)
- Marcos Valderrabano (IUCN Centre of Mediterranean Cooperation)
- Magdalena Vicens Fornes (Jardí Botànic de Sóller, Balearic Islands, Spain)

2. Summarize the overall results/impact of your project

The specific objectives are:

- Widening the geographical participation of Mediterranean CSOs to provide broader input and represent non-EU countries and plant conservation issues/solutions
- Enhance the capacities of CEPF-grantee participants to help develop more sustainable plant conservation initiatives and understand current plant conservation initiatives in region
- Develop linkages of CEPF grantee participants with scientists and plant conservation community in Mediterranean.

The project have allowed to engage the participation of 6 practitioners that will be involved in CEPF project implementation related to plant conservation.

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
Skilled conservation community in the region capable of delivering impactful	One week of training and exchange is not enough time to develop full range of skills needed for

plant conservation programmes and initiatives	delivering impactful plant conservation programmes. However the 6 grantees that have participated in MPCW have acquired the necessary contacts with scientific community to answer future request, and received an overview of different fields of specialization that successful plant conservation plans require.
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b. Planned Short-term Impacts - 1 to 3 years (as stated in the approved proposal)

Impact Description	Impact Summary
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Widening the geographical participation of Mediterranean CSOs to provide broader input and represent non-EU countries and plant conservation issues/solutions 	6 grantees from Jordan, Tunisia, Cape Verde, Macedonia, Montenegro and Albania have participated in the MPCW, and provided presentation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhance the capacities of CEPF-grantee participants to help develop more sustainable plant conservation initiatives and understand current plant conservation initiatives in region 	Overall more than 50 presentation (between plenary, short presentations, side events) have provided a significant overview on ongoing initiatives at regional level and allowed the CEPF grantees to understand the relevant institutions in each field of speciality
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop linkages of CEPF grantee participants with scientists and plant conservation community in Mediterranean. 	More than 100 MPCW participants from scientific institutions, civil society, conservation community have participated, allowing a wide range of networking and linkages development.

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

Significant effort has been placed in the design of a MPCW that would favor the exchanges, and “institutional mapping”. To achieve so the agenda of the event has supported the presentation of as much short- presentations in each topic as possible. Many of the sessions have used for example Pecha Kucha style presentations to strictly limit the time. The CEPF grantees were also asked to provide a very short and targeted presentation.

This approach (of many short presentations) don’t allow in depth understanding of topics but allow more interactions, questions and discussions during coffee breaks, generating overall a Plant conservation community.

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

Unfortunately the short timeframe didn’t allow the participation of all grantees that would have been desirable and was initially foreseen due to the impossibility to get the visa on time for the travel to Malta.

In total 10 invitations were sent, two potential grantees from Egypt, one from Libya, and one from Morocco were invited but could not get the necessary travelling permit on time.

PART II: Project Components and Products/Deliverables

6. Components (as stated in the approved proposal)

List each component and product/deliverable from your proposal

6. Describe the results for each deliverable:

Component		Deliverable		
#	Description	Sub- #	Description	Results for Deliverable
1	8 practitioners (members of NGOs, CSOs, academia or local associations) have attended the MPCW			6 practitioners have attended the MPCW (10 were invited but 4 did not get the visa on time)
2	Each of 8 practitioners give a presentation to highlight the challenges and approaches for plant conservation			6 presentations provided (one by each practitioner) followed by discussion on role of civil society in plant conservation and CEPF contribution.
3	Each of 8 practitioners take place in networking sessions			6 practitioners have participated in the Networking session
4	Each of 8 practitioners have reported back to their organizations and shared the lessons learned			6 practitioners participating in the MPCW have been requested to provide a presentation and report back to their sending institutions as part of their “participation agreement”.

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

*Results from the MPCW including booklet with presentations, summary of sessions
http://www.medplantsweek.uicnmed.org/public_html/medplantsweek/en/home/

* Booklet available here
http://www.medplantsweek.uicnmed.org/public_html/medplantsweek/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/00_00_IIMPCW_Booklet_Final.pdf

* Publication presented during the MPCW

<https://portals.iucn.org/library/sites/library/files/documents/2018-048-En.pdf>

* Presentation from CEPF grantees delivered during the MPCW (follow the hyperlink under the name of each presentation).

Country	Name	Presentation link
Cape Verde	Herculano Andrade Dinis	Melhorar o Conhecimento e Distribuição das Espécies da Flora Ameaçadas de Extinção na Ilha do Fogo e Brava.
Albania	Edi Haxhiraj	Conservation and propagation of the Albanian tulip.
Macedonia	Natalija Melovska	Working together for conservation of national endemic plants in Macedonia.
Jordan	Khaled Abu Laila	Mainstreaming Important Plant Areas into the national Conservation Planning Framework.
Tunisia	Imtinen ben haj jilani	Conserver les plantes patrimoniales de Garâa Sejenane et Dar Fatma-Tunisie.
Montenegro	Mihailo Jovicevic	Conservation of endemic, rare and threatened plant species on Mt. Orjen.

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.

Consider lessons that would inform:

- Project Design Process (*aspects of the project design that contributed to its success/shortcomings*)

The necessary investment in project design and, and justification may be better used in the future as part of broader (more ambitious) initiative, with multiple training and networking actions, and with more follow up in the time.

- Project Implementation (*aspects of the project execution that contributed to its success/shortcomings*)

The agenda and design of event is critical for the outcome. Some recommendations

* Censor keeping time for presentations not to exceed programmed (to ensure sufficient time for exchanges). Possibility to interrupt session chairs if needed.

* Maintain system of short presentations to facilitate exchange

* Reinforce the role of civil society and of social sciences in a structured way

- Describe any other lessons learned relevant to the conservation community

The role of small civil society organization in conservation of plants is gaining importance. And is expected to continue gaining importance in the region. Engage them in the design of future editions seems critical to take (more) into consideration their challenges and specificities.

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.**

The participants highlighted the benefits of conducting a 3rd Mediterranean Plant Conservation Week ideally to take part in 2020. The most efficient structure to organize the next meeting would be back to back with the WCC (Marseille, June 2020). The team led by Prof Medail of Mediterranean Institute of Biodiversity and Ecology (IMB, CNRS- Marseille) will explore possibility to lead organization of future edition.

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.**

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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**

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

The MPCW organization requested and additional funding o

- 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
Mava Foundation	B	40.000 EUR	Via at least two different projects (Care-Mediflora and MAVA strategic agreement with IUCN)

			Med). Note that those two projects were signed before the CEPF engagement

* 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.

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.

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

* 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.

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.

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

** 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.

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

# of men receiving structured training *	# of women receiving structured training *
4	2

**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

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

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.

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.

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

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		
...		

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						
2						

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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, and publicized in our newsletter and other communications.

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