

CEPF SMALL GRANT FINAL PROJECT COMPLETION REPORT

Organization Legal Name:	Bees for Development Ethiopia (BfDE)
Project Title:	Assessing the value added of forest ecosystems conservation and plant species diversity in four key biodiversity areas in Ethiopia
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CEPF Region: Eastern Afromontane Biodiversity Hotspot

Strategic Direction-2: "Improve the protection and management of the KBA network throughout the hotspot"

Grant Amount: USD 19877

Project Dates: 01 Feb 2017 to 30 August 2017

Implementation Partners for this Project (please explain the level of involvement for each partner):

The project was implemented in consultation with CEPF grantees (Lem Ethiopia, SUNARMA, and Frankfurt Zoological Society), government stakeholders (Amhara Forest Enterprise, Debre Birhan Branch, Guassa Community Conservation Area Office, Menz Gera Midir Office of Agriculture and Natural Resources, and Ankober Woreda Office of Agriculture and Natural Resources, and Academic institutions (University of Gondar and Debre Birhan University). The involvement of these partners was limited to provision of data relevant to the study.

Conservation Impacts

Please explain/describe how your project has contributed to the implementation of the CEPF ecosystem profile.

The project has produced findings that encompass status of forest ecosystems and vulnerable plant species including stakeholder ownership and sustainability. These findings will be shared to wider stakeholders at different levels and are believed to provide insights to policy makers and practitioners that help them make informed decisions while planning for biodiversity management and hence indirectly contributing to CEPF strategic direction 1 (Mainstream biodiversity in to wider development policies, plans and projects to deliver the co-benefits of biodiversity conservation, improved local livelihoods and economic development in priority corridors).

Please summarize the overall results/impact of your project against the expected results detailed in the approved proposal:

Long-term impact(s): Study findings contributed to inform CEPF stakeholders at local, national, and international levels to make relevant decisions for improving status of biodiversity.

Short-term impact(s): Key findings and lessons relevant to changes in forest ecosystems and vulnerable plant species as a result of biodiversity management interventions in 4 KBAs documented to inform future actions.

Expected outputs/results:

1. Spatial and temporal changes in forest ecosystems of 4 KBAs (Ankober-Debresina escarpment; Aliyuamba-Dulecha; Guassa Plateau and Wadla) assessed and documented.
2. Current status of vulnerable plant species (*Carex monostachya*) studied and documented.
3. Processes of change, benefits, ownership, and sustainability of forest ecosystems and vulnerable plant species understood and documented.

Please provide the following information where relevant:

Hectares Protected: N/A

Species Conserved: N/A

Corridors Created: N/A

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

The success of this project is effective data collection, analysis and delivery of assessment report. The data collection process started by review of secondary information relevant to the 4 KBAs (listed above) and encompass: geographic shape files and satellite images acquisition, climate analysis, topographic analysis, and review of background information on CEPF-financed projects (components and results). This was followed by primary data collection in 4 KBAs through physical observation, inventory, focus group discussion, and key informant interviews. Primary data sets subsume: tree species diversity and density, status of *Carex monostachya*, community attitudes toward KBAs, and stakeholder ownership for sustainability. No challenges encountered in the processes of data collection, analysis and reporting.

Were there any unexpected impacts (positive or negative)?

No

Lessons Learned

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 projects designed or implemented by your organization or others, as well as lessons that might be considered by the global conservation community.

This is a kind of project focusing on assessing the value added of forest ecosystem conservation and plant species diversity. The details of the findings are given in the assessment report. However, BfDE would like to point out the fact that clear positive change has been noticed in status of forest ecosystems in those KBAs where conservation works are done through the CEPF compared to those without. These changes are explained in terms of increase in area coverage, stability over time, and at least in reduced rate of de-vegetation over time. This implies the importance of continuous investment by CEPF and other stakeholders for extensive forest ecosystem management.

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

The project design was grounded up on CEPF priorities of the call and thoroughly designed. It clearly stated the problem to be addressed, the objectives to be met, the methodology to be employed, and the final results. Such clarity during the design stage is learned to contribute to effective execution and delivery of assessment report.

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

Understanding of CEPF partners' operating context, relevant stakeholders, previous works, etc. helped to expedite the process of execution (data collection and analysis).

Other lessons learned relevant to conservation community: N/A

ADDITIONAL FUNDING

Provide details of any additional donors who supported this project and any funding secured for the project as a result of the CEPF grant or success of the project. N/A

Donor	Type of Funding*	Amount	Notes
N/A			
N/A			
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***Additional funding should be reported using the following categories:**

- A** Project co-financing (Other donors contribute to the direct costs of this CEPF 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 project.)
- C** Regional/Portfolio leveraging (Other donors make large investments in a region because of CEPF investment or successes related to this project.)

Sustainability/Replicability

Summarize the success or challenge in achieving planned sustainability or replicability of project components or results.

N/A – This is a study project.

Summarize any unplanned sustainability or replicability achieved.

N/A – details provided in the assessment report

Safeguard Policy Assessment

Provide a summary of the implementation of any required action toward the environmental and social safeguard policies within the project.

N/A – This is a study project.

Additional Comments/Recommendations

N/A

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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*****please complete the tables on the following pages*****

Performance Tracking Report Addendum

Project Results	Is this question relevant?	If yes, provide your numerical response for results achieved for project from inception of CEPF support to date	Describe the principal results achieved during project period (Attach annexes if necessary)
1. Did your project strengthen management of a protected area guided by a sustainable management plan? Please indicate number of hectares improved.	No		Please also include name of the protected area(s). If more than one, please include the number of hectares strengthened for each one.
2. How many hectares of new and/or expanded protected areas did your project help establish through a legal declaration or community agreement?	No		Please also include name of the protected area. If more than one, please include the number of hectares strengthened for each one.
3. Did your project strengthen biodiversity conservation and/or natural resources management inside a key biodiversity area identified in the CEPF ecosystem profile? If so, please indicate how many hectares.	No		
4. Did your project effectively introduce or strengthen biodiversity conservation in management practices outside protected areas? If so, please indicate how many hectares.	No		
5. If your project promotes the sustainable use of natural resources, how many local communities accrued tangible socioeconomic benefits? Please complete Table 1 below.	No		

Note: this a study project.

If you answered yes to question 5, please complete the following table.

Table 1. Socioeconomic Benefits to Target Communities

Please complete this table if your project provided concrete socioeconomic benefits to local communities. List the name of each community in column one. In the subsequent columns under Community Characteristics and Nature of Socioeconomic Benefit, place an X in all relevant boxes. In the bottom row, provide the totals of the Xs for each column.

Name of Community	Community Characteristics								Nature of Socioeconomic Benefit													
	Small landowners	Subsistence economy	Indigenous/ ethnic peoples	Pastoralists/nomadic peoples	Recent migrants	Urban communities	Communities falling below the poverty rate	Other	Increased Income due to:				Increased food security due to the adoption of sustainable fishing, hunting, or agricultural practices	More secure access to water resources	Improved tenure in land or other natural resource due to titling, reduction of colonization, etc.	Reduced risk of natural disasters (fires, landslides, flooding, etc)	More secure sources of energy	Increased access to public services, such as education, health, or credit	Improved use of traditional knowledge for environmental management	More participatory decision-making due to strengthened civil society and governance.	Other	
									Adoption of sustainable natural resources management practices	Ecotourism revenues	Park management activities	Payment for environmental services										
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If you marked "Other", please provide detail on the nature of the Community Characteristic and Socioeconomic Benefit: