

CEPF SMALL GRANT FINAL PROJECT COMPLETION REPORT

I. BASIC DATA

Organization Legal Name: The Peregrine Fund

Project Title (as stated in the grant agreement): The Manambolomaty Conservation Project

Implementation Partners for This Project:

Project Dates (as stated in the grant agreement): 1 January 2005 to 31 December 2005

Date of Report (month/year): 14 February 2006

II. OPENING REMARKS

Provide any opening remarks that may assist in the review of this report.

III. NARRATIVE QUESTIONS

1. What was the initial objective of this project?

To assist and support FIZAMI and FIFAMA, the two local community associations in western Madagascar, in their management of local wetland and forest resources with conservation and sustainability in mind until they are self supported and independent, to conserve wetland and forest resources, and the endangered Madagascar Fish Eagle.

2. Did the objectives of your project change during implementation? If so, please explain why and how.

No

3. How was your project successful in achieving the expected objectives?

The two associations have a better understanding and received further training on how to manage their wetland and forest resources independently during meetings held with governmental organizations and personnel. There is more interest and appreciation by the two Associations in controlling and conserving their local natural resources independently and sustainably. The two Associations also have better working relationships with the local authorities and the national government and are seeing the benefits of managing their local resources independently by the recent attention and publicity they are getting at the national level. They have become a role model for many conservation associations within Madagascar.

4. Did your team experience any disappointments or failures during implementation? If so, please explain and comment on how the team addressed these disappointments and/or failures.

One major concern encountered this year was the occurrence of wildfires. These fires burned sections of the forest, especially in the area managed by the FIFAMA association. Reports by FIFAMA to the Antsalova Forester lead to an investigation of the source of the fires.

The total fish harvest for 2005 excluded all of the FIFAMA results because of the problems caused by migrant fishermen living in Soatana. This was due to the death of the Tompondrano (keeper of the lake) in 2004. This delayed the traditional opening of the fishing season on Lake Ankerika from June to August. When the fish season didn't open this caused several people to begin fishing illegally leading the FIFAMA association to contact the Department of Water and Forestry to take control of the illegal fishing activity. Also, a workshop for the implementation of the Ramsar management plan was conducted for the two Associations and this gave them training and information to know what they can do more and what they should do in terms of fishery management and illegal fishing activities.

5. Describe any positive or negative lessons learned from this project that would be useful to share with other organizations interested in implementing a similar project.

Another concern is the migrant fishermen and fish collectors that are not abiding and violating the resource management rules and by-laws. During a meeting in November 2005, several suggestions were made by a representative of the Department of Fisheries:

1) all members and nonmembers of the two Associations should be identified and selected soon. This exhaustive list of all FIZAMI and FIFAMA members will be sent to the Fisheries Department in Antananarivo,

2) the Department of Fisheries will issue for each Association member an individual fishing identity card prior to the next fishing season,

3) the rules and laws will be enforced for all illegal activities, and this holds true for all Association members too, and

4) by using their fees collected from issuing fishing and wood cutting permits, the two Associations will be able to compete with the immigrant fish collectors.

6. Describe any follow-up activities related to this project.

The Peregrine Fund made preliminary investigations to the northern part of the Melaky (Besalampy) Region to learn more about fish eagles, natural resource activities and use, conservation, and wetland community development. This region is located to the north of the Antsalova region and Manambolamaty Lakes Complex area. A reconnaissance

trip was made in July to three districts (administrative subdivision under the Region: Morafenobe, Maintirano (Tambohorano) and Besalampy. In the Besalampy district two lakes were visited: Amparihy and Sahapy; in the Maintirano district one lake was visited: Mandrozo; and in the Morafenobe district there were many small lakes, but no fish eagles were encountered and locals had no reports of seeing them in this area. The team conducting the work was by TPF staff members Marius Rakotondratsima, Jeanneney Rabearivony, Richard A. Tolojanahary, and Yves Rakotonirina, and TPF technician Gaston Raelison.

7. Please provide any additional information to assist CEPF in understanding any other aspects of your completed project.

One of the main advantages for the independent management process being conducted by the Associations is that the area delimited for their control is part of one of two Madagascar Ramsar sites (wetland site designated for conservation by international standards) in the country. The two associations will benefit with some financial or material support from the Madagascar Ramsar Bureau (CONARAMS) for their involvement in wetland management (e.g. the two Communes of Masoarivo and Trangahy have recently received solar panel systems and electrical generators from CONARAMS through the work of the two Associations in their communes). Also, the main objective of the Ramsar management plan is to reinforce the Associations resource management and conservation at the Manambolomaty Lakes Complex site.

IV. 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.

Donor	Type of Funding*	Amount	Notes
Liz Claiborne and Art Ortenberg Foundation	B	\$50,000	For support of our wetlands conservation activities and fish eagle research.

****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** *Complementary funding (Other donors contribute to partner organizations that are working on a project linked with this CEPF project)*
- C** *Grantee and Partner leveraging (Other donors contribute to your organization or a partner organization as a direct result of successes with this CEPF project.)*
- D** *Regional/Portfolio leveraging (Other donors make large investments in a region because of CEPF investment or successes related to this project.)*

Provide details of whether this project will continue in the future and if so, how any additional funding already secured or fundraising plans will help ensure its sustainability.

We will continue to support the two Associations, FIZAMI and FIFAMA, but at the moment there has been no secured funds for our project for calendar year 2006. We are looking for further funding and would greatly appreciate another opportunity with CEFP-CI funding or any other foundations you would recommend. We believe we have a very dynamic and successful project going here in western Madagascar for future generations of Malagasys and their natural heritage.

V. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

VI. INFORMATION SHARING

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Yes

No

If yes, please also complete the following:

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