

CEPF SMALL GRANT FINAL PROJECT COMPLETION REPORT

I. BASIC DATA

Organization Legal Name: Center for Applied Biodiversity Science (Regional Analysis Program)

Project Title (as stated in the grant agreement): Standardizing forest change methodologies between Sokoine University and CABS to assist in identifying connectivity priorities across the Eastern Arc Coastal Forests.

Implementation Partners for This Project: Birdlife International

Project Dates (as stated in the grant agreement): February 1, 2005 – February 28, 2005

Date of Report (month/year): April 19, 2005

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?

The main purpose of this trip was to scope out the major project components involved in creating a habitat change assessment for the Eastern Arc Mountains and Coastal Forests of Kenya and Tanzania, which would contribute to a CEPF project proposed by Birdlife International to assess the status and monitor changes to species and habitats in East Africa. Tasks included: 1) assessing the compatibility between the standardized products produced by the Regional Analysis Program at Conservation International (CI) and that of a UNDP-funded project for mapping forest change in the Eastern Arc Mountains in Tanzania, currently being implemented by the Sokoine University of Agriculture; 2) identifying potential partner(s) that have adequate technical capacity and willingness to assist with the mapping of habitat change in the coastal forests of Kenya and Tanzania; 3) discussing the ground-truthing data acquisition strategy with David Moyer, who is planning to conduct an aerial survey in mid-2005; 4) meeting government and non-government institutions in the region to discuss ways to make the region-wide habitat change assessment most relevant to their work; and 5) working with Birdlife International to refine the overall project work-plan and budget.

Until events prove that the strategy is unfeasible within the confines of the Birdlife budget and timeframe, the assumption of this project is that the Coastal Forest Change Analysis will be conducted by host-country institutions with technical training and backstopping from the Regional Analysis department in CI-DC.

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?

We have identified the key technical counterpart to assist in the production of the forest change assessment for the Coastal Forests of Kenya and Tanzania; we confirmed that the forest change assessment being produced under the UNDP-funded project by Sokoine University appears to be compatible with the products produced by Regional Analysis (and we will be conducting training to further ensure that this is the case); we briefly discussed coordination of the aerial surveys with David Moyer; we met with an array of institutions to discuss their interest and use of project's results, including WWF-Eastern Africa, NatureKenya, Kenya Wildlife Service, Kenya Department of Resource Surveys and Remote Sensing, Kenya's Museum of Natural History, Regional Centre for Mapping for Sustainable Development, International Livestock Research Institute, International Centre for Agricultural Research, Tanzania Coastal Forest Management Project, Sokoine University of Agriculture, and the University of Dar es Salaam.

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.

No.

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.

As much as possible, avoid building expectations of potential partners as far as their involvement in the follow-up project is concerned.

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

Implementation of the forest change assessment for the Coastal Forests of Kenya and Tanzania, funded under a CEPF grant to Birdlife International for biodiversity monitoring in Eastern Africa. Printing of map for the Eastern Arc Mountains and Coastal Forests in Eastern Africa.

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

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
Moore	A	\$2,326	Due to under-estimation of total costs of trip.

***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.

Please see question 6 above.

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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