

# CEPF FINAL PROJECT COMPLETION REPORT

## I. BASIC DATA

**Organization Legal Name:** Conservation International – Philippines

**Project Title (as stated in the grant agreement):** *Eastern Mindanao Corridor Facilitation for the Philippines*

**Implementation Partners for this Project:** Mindanao Environment Forum (MEF), Philippine Eagle Foundation Inc. (PEFI), Paglilinkod Batas Pangkapatiran Foundation (PBPF), Northern Mindanao State Institute of Science and Technology (NORMISIST), Caraga Consortium for Agriculture, Forestry and Resources Research and Development (CCARRD), Central Mindanao University (CMU), University of the Philippines in Mindanao (UP Min), UP-SESAM, Mindanao State University (MSU), Northeastern Mindanao NGO Alliance (NORMINGOAL), Surigao Economic Development Foundation (SEDF), Livelihood Enhancement thru Agroforestry (LEAF), Socorro Empowered Multi-Purpose Cooperative (SOEMCO), National Economic Development Authority (NEDA), Local Government Units (LGU) and the Department of Environment & Natural Resources (DENR).

**Project Dates (as stated in the grant agreement):** January 1, 2005 to December 31, 2006 (extended up to August 31, 2007)

**Date of Report (month/year):** October 9, 2007

## II. OPENING REMARKS

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

The Eastern Mindanao Corridor Facilitation project was designed to generate various information that can ultimately produce a corridor strategy that the stakeholders will harmoniously work together to advance the conservation and development of the identified key biodiversity areas and the protection of threatened species therein. The project works was centered on the four major four project components namely: (1) Corridor Context Assessment (2) Building the capacity of key partners in Eastern Mindanao; (3) Establishing corridor policy working group, and (4) Implementing a conservation resource development and financing program. We are happy to report that all the intended outputs required under this project were all met in accordance with the standards set forth in measuring the results. It is worth to mention that aside from the completion of the various activities planned under this project, we were able to advance some site conservation actions in the corridor in collaboration with the other partners. Among the milestones in the creation of the Regional Geographic Information Network (RGIN) for CARAGA Region and initial works for the creation of Region 11 RGIN, the establishment of critical habitat areas for the Philippine eagle in partnership with the Philippine Eagle Foundation, and the on going gazzetal for the proposed Mt. Hilong-Hilong protected area. All these advances were the result of the facilitation work under this project.

### III. ACHIEVEMENT OF PROJECT PURPOSE

**Project Purpose:** *Critical stakeholders participate in refining the province wide conservation strategy and actively engage in the implementation of this strategy.*

Planned vs. Actual Performance

Indicator	Actual at Completion
<b>Purpose-level:</b>	
<i>Relevant biological and socio economic data and report are compiled in a database and distributed to partners by month 24.</i>	<p>The desired biological and socio-economic data were produced, distributed and now being used by the various stakeholders particularly the LGUs in their physical planning activities. The biological data was produced in partnership with Phil. Eagle Foundation, Central Mindanao University (CMU) and UP Mindanao. Refinement of the information is still going on as there are still ongoing individual research initiatives by the partners. The biological information generated, compiled is now posted in the database of Eastern Mindanao Biodiversity Corridor (EMBC) in this website: <a href="http://gis.upmin.edu.ph/biodiversity">http://gis.upmin.edu.ph/biodiversity</a>.</p> <p>For the socio-economic profiling, this was conducted in partnership with the Caraga Consortium for Agriculture, Forestry and Natural Resources Research and Development (CCARRD) in collaboration with Mindanao State University (MSU) and UP Mindanao.</p>
<i>At least 5 funded projects that reflect strategic priorities are being implemented by 2006.</i>	<p>Key partners in corridor such as: LEAF Foundation Inc., SEDF/NORMINGOAL , SOEMCO, PBPf, Haribon and PEFI were able to generate funds from various sources to implement projects identified and prioritized towards achieving the desired corridor conservation goal. The funds for the various projects implemented in the area came from CEPF, AusAID-PACAP, Foundation for Philippine Environment (FPE), Local Water District and Local Government Units. These projects were implemented in the following KBAs: Agusan Marsh Wildlife Sanctuary, North Diwata Range, Mt. Hamiguitan Range, Dinagat, Siargao Island Protected Landscape &amp; Seascape and Mt Hilong-Hilong Range</p>
<i>Bilateral and multilateral donors endorse the strategy and make complementary investments through CI and /or partners by 2006.</i>	<p>Donor partners in EMBC composed of FPE , World Neighbors, AusAid/PACAP, EU, IFAD, USAID and Mindanao-based International NGO (MINGO) actively supported in the framing-up of corridor strategy and make complementary investments to local partners.</p> <p>CIP membership to the Regional Development</p>

	Council, MINGO and the Philippines Australian Community Assistance Program, AusAID FOCAS Management Committee developed funding strategy for EMBC to compliment conservation investments in priority KBA.
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**Describe the success of the project in terms of achieving its intended impact objective and performance indicators.**

The Eastern Mindanao Corridor strategy has been developed and approved by the various stakeholders during the stakeholder’s summit in June 2007. The strategy will be forwarded to the Regional Development Councils of CARAGA and Region 11 for their approval to ensure that biodiversity conservation and development will be fully integrated with the various physical plans of government at various levels. Through the strategy, the mechanism for partnership among stakeholderds has been established to implement the 10-year (2008-2017) EMBC Framework Plan. Strategic conservation actions within the 9 KBA in the corridor was indicated in the strategy.

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

**None**

## IV. PROJECT OUTPUTS

**Project Outputs:** Enter the project outputs from the Logical Framework for the project

### Planned vs. Actual Performance

Indicator	Actual at Completion
<b>Output 1: Corridor Context Assessment for use in corridor conservation strategy development completed.</b>	
<i>Basic demographic spatial data collected and assessed to determine relative force as a driver of threat by month 4 (based on EM Consortium Workplan).</i>	Collected and analyzed the spatial and socio economic data within the corridor through a series of meetings with the Strategic Planning & Policy Team SPPT and Inter-agency Working group created and the socio-economic profiling conducted by CCARRD. The information relevant to this is reflected in the threat assessment and socio economic assessment reports (See Threat Assessment and Socio-Economic Profiling Reports at <a href="https://eroom.conservation.org/eRoom/AsiaPacific/APOutcomes-Philippines/0_ac9c">https://eroom.conservation.org/eRoom/AsiaPacific/APOutcomes-Philippines/0_ac9c</a> ).
<i>Broad organizational analysis of development and conservation organizations completed by month 6 (based on EM Consortium Workplan).</i>	Broad organizational analysis was completed through a series of meetings and consultations Eastern Mindanao partners and the technical working groups. The analysis was even strengthened by organizing group visits in areas with similar projects that are successful as our basis in the analysis that we conducted.  Participants of the analysis and cross visits were representatives of the various partners such as: DENR, LGUs, NCIP, LEAF, REACH, SEDF, PEFI, MEF, AID Foundation, FPE-Mindanao, UP-Mindanao, NEDA, Water Districts, CCARRD, PACAP-AusAID, LMDA, NORMISIST & NORMINGOAL.

<p><i>Preliminary set of threats to biological priorities and habitat based on existing knowledge and understanding (current candidates are roads, mining, illegal hunting, migration, illegal logging, and point source pollution) identified by month 8 (based on EM Consortium Workplan).</i></p>	<p>Completed the identification of threats through our threat assessment initiatives. Result of the study found out the large scale mining and logging identified as dominant threats to EM biodiversity. Agricultural expansion particularly oil palm and banana plantation were identified as potential threats to the biodiversity of the corridor.</p> <p>Other threats identified are pollution from mining, road openings, invasive species, poaching and population pressures.</p>
<p><i>Collect and assess data availability to adequately characterize the scale, immediacy of most important threats and major players behind them and fill gaps where needed through key informant interviews, focused group discussions and secondary data collection in 3 sites by month 15 (based on EM Consortium Workplan).</i></p>	<p>Completed this activity and the scale of threats has been characterized. This data was also an input in the EMBC strategy developed and approved by the partners. The result of the analysis was also discussed and presented to the strategic planning team and the policy working group created within the corridor.</p>
<p><i>Local experts develop summary, spatially explicit description of 2-3 key threats based on the compilation of existing analysis wherever possible to provide a preliminary assessment of scale, immediacy, and major players behind them by month 16 (based on EM Consortium Workplan).</i></p>	<p>Experts from UPLB-SESAM were engaged for the threat assessment, and the results of the study were used in the strategy development and were disseminated to the various partners as basis for planning and project implementation (Threat Assessment Report for EMBC uploaded at <a href="https://erom.conservacion.org/eRoom/AsiaPacific/APOutcomes-Philippines/0_ac9c">https://erom.conservacion.org/eRoom/AsiaPacific/APOutcomes-Philippines/0_ac9c</a>).</p>
<p><i>Review and assess current and potential biodiversity protection options done by month 18. To include: identification of currently effective management structures, institutions, budgets / investments, and major decision-makers related to the functioning of National Parks, PAMBs, CBFMAs, CADTs, and other resource management mechanisms, and potential threats to PA management.</i></p>	<p>The Strategic Planning and Policy Team in coordination with the Threat Assessment Team of UPLB-SESAM reviewed and assessed different management structures, institutions and major players in the corridor and identified best strategic option for biodiversity conservation.</p> <p>8 quarterly Strategic Planning and Policy Team meetings were done in Davao and Caraga regions that covered 2 years of the project.</p>
<p><i>Overlay all spatially explicit data from the context assessment over KBAs and hold stakeholders workshop to define a corridor strategy by month 23 (based on EM Consortium Workplan).</i></p>	<p>Identified, consolidated and refined data on 9 KBAs (6 KBAs for Region 13 and 3 KBAs in Region 11) in EMBC and maps were produced.</p> <p>In coordination with PEF Inc., UP Mindanao, NORMISIST-CCARRD 3 workshops on GIS and mapping capability were conducted in Region 11&amp; 13 to overlay spatial data to refined 9 priority KBA and integrate into the EMBC strategy.</p>
<p><b>Output 2: Capacity building program for key partners in Eastern Mindanao implemented.</b></p>	
<p><i>An Eastern Mindanao coordinator is hired by month 6 and a CI corridor facilitation office established by month 6.</i></p>	<p>Mr. Ricardo B. Peteros was hired as Eastern Mindanao Coordinator on August 16, 2005 and the CIP-Eastern Mindanao Office was established in November 2005 at Liboon Subdivision, Purok 3-A, Ampayon, Butuan City. Tel. No. (085)342-5728.</p>

<p><i>Meetings of key corridor partners to review progress towards outcomes, identify emerging issues, and adapt the corridor strategy held at least twice a year until end of project.</i></p>	<p>Conducted several meetings and conferences during the project duration. Among the prominent meetings/conferences were; the 1st Stakeholders Conference for Eastern Mindanao Biodiversity Corridor on October 19-21, 2005 at Gateway Hotel, Luna, Surigao City. The conference was attended by 71 participants from different partner organizations including government agencies, local government units, water districts, universities, NGOs, POs and other members of civil society. During this period, CI identified key players and major stakeholders implementing conservation projects in Region 13. The partners shared experiences, identified gaps and formed a 15-member Strategic Planning &amp; Policy Team (SPPT) to lead in the development of the Eastern Mindanao Biodiversity Corridor Strategy.</p> <p>Facilitated the 1st CEPF-Funded Partners Consultative Meeting in Eastern Mindanao with 100% attendance on December 8, 2005. Participants included the Philippine Eagle Foundation, Mindanao Environment Forum/PBPF, Northern Mindanao NGO Alliance/SEDF, UP Mindanao, NORMISIST, Caraga Consortium Agriculture Forestry Natural Resources Research and Development (CCARRD), Central Mindanao University, LEAF Inc and Socorro Empowered People's Cooperative (SOEMCO). Discussion focussed on providing project updates, identifying issues/gaps and partnership roles for the Eastern Mindanao Biodiversity Corridor Strategy Development.</p> <p>Participated in Agusan Marsh Forum and Planning-Workshop for Philippines-Australian Community Assistance Program (PACAP) in coordination with AusAID and LEAF Inc. on November 8-9, 2006 at Diwata Resort, San Francisco, Agusan del Norte. Presented CI Philippines program and strategies particularly the KBA approach to conservation outcomes for the 42,000 hectares Agusan Marsh as priority conservation sites for Eastern Mindanao Biodiversity Corridor.</p> <p>Facilitated the 1st coordination meeting for the conservation of priority KBA and watershed in Region 11 located at the 170,000 hectares Mt. Kampalili-Puting Bato-Mayo Complex in Maragusan, Comval Province on November 14, 2006. Core group (10 members) formed to sustain coordination meetings within the priority KBA of EMBC called Maragusan Watershed Coordinating Council (MWCC). Next plan of actions approved by the core group is to formalize and expand membership of MWCC and conduct mining forum in Comval Province.</p> <p>Facilitated the EMBC Stakeholders Conference 2007 at Davao Trade and Convention Center at F. Torres St., Davao City on June 18-19, 2007. Presented the final draft of EMBC 10-year Framework Plan to 80 participants from various stakeholders from Region 11&amp; 13. Major output of the conference was the approval, endorsement and adoption of EMBC strategy.</p>
<p><i>Conservation training needs assessment of EM partners by month 3.</i></p>	<p>The training needs assessment was conducted through a local expert in collaboration with Xavier University. The Training Needs Assessment was validated by strategic planning team of the corridor before finalization and packaging. The needs assessment final report was shared to stakeholders and inputted to the EMBC strategy (See TNA final report at <a href="https://eroom.conservation.org/eRoom/AsiaPacific/APOutcomes-Philippines/0-ac9c">https://eroom.conservation.org/eRoom/AsiaPacific/APOutcomes-Philippines/0-ac9c</a>).</p>
<p><i>At least 1 training each on PA</i></p>	<p>CIP conducted several trainings and orientation for the various</p>

<p><i>management or enforcement, and conservation biology for key partners and at least 2 GIS mentoring coinciding with systems analysis activities, in coordination with NORMINGOAL and the Eastern Mindanao Consortium by month 12.</i></p>	<p>stakeholders pursuing conservation works. GIS training was provided to NORMISIST for the bio archiving project, NEDA for the RGIN creation, NORMINGOL for the gazzetal of the proposed Mt. Hilong Hilong protected area and watershed management for the water districts and other local partners. Aside from these trainings, we facilitated and extended financial support for the Mindanao-wide workshop on the National Integrated Protected Area System (NIPAS) Act Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) Review on October 17-19, 2005. 75 protected area practitioners from different parts of Mindanao attended, including staff from DENR, LGUs, universities, NGOs &amp; POs. Identified major loopholes of the NIPAS Act and recommended possible IRR modifications and recommendations specific to Eastern Mindanao Corridor experiences.</p> <p>In coordination with NEDA Region 2, facilitated RGIN Orientation for Executive Officers in Region 13 and NEDA key staff in Region 11 at Inland Resort Hotel, J. Aquino Ave., Butuan City on June 20, 2007. Attended by CI staff, Dr. Coroza of the Spatial Analysis, Information Systems Unit (SAISU) and Dr. Antolin for CI program presentation and shared to EMBC partners. Key output during the RGIN Orientation made a tentative GIS plan of work for Caraga for RDC-13 presentation. Facilitated the National Economic Development Agency (NEDA) Region 13 Skills Building and Planning Workshop on August 21-24, 2007 at NEDA Regional Office, Butuan City. Conducted computer hands-on skills on NRDB program and Windows Access by SAISU of CI Philippines in coordination with NEDA Region 2 and SMBC GIS staff. Reviewed RGIN and assessed GIS capability of NEDA Caraga regional staff.</p>
<p><i>At least 1 cross-corridor learning activity to learn from new / expanded PAs in SMBC conducted by month 13.</i></p>	<p>Cross-visited and assisted in the conduct of study tour to the Rasa Island Wildlife Sanctuary in Narra, Palawan with 15 representatives from Eastern Mindanao partners organization. Spearheaded by the Northern Mindanao NGO Alliance (NORMINGOAL) and Surigao Economic Development Foundation (SEDF) and funded by CEPF on April 2-4, 2006. Shared and exchanged relevant information on Philippine cockatoo and protected area management experiences with DENR, LGU, PO and Katala Foundation.</p> <p>Facilitated cross-corridor learning activity for EMBC stakeholders in SMBC during the 5th Stakeholders Conference for Sierra Madre Biodiversity Corridor on September 13-15, 2006 at Pranjetto Hills, Tanay, Rizal. Two EMBC partners (Butuan Water District &amp; SOEMCO) shared lessons learned to conference participants and other 5 EM partners (LEAF, DENR, NORMINGOAL, SEDF, NEDA) actively participated in the sharing of corridor learnings.</p> <p>Facilitated cross-corridor visit of Palawan partners to EMBC on April 24-27, 2007. Participated by 9 partner-organizations to share and learned experiences in corridor program implementation.</p>
<p><b>Output 3: Corridor policy working group established</b></p>	
<p><i>Eastern Mindanao Coordinator participates in local policy meetings organized by key corridor partners.</i></p>	<p>EM Coordinator co-facilitated and participated in several policy meetings in coordination with concerned partners, private sectors, civil society and local government units such as;</p> <p>Policy review for mining and logging conducted on March 29-31, 2006 at DENR Training Center, Ambago, Butuan City. Invited mining authorities and logging companies in Caraga area to</p>

	<p>share individual plans and updates on their project activities. Identified areas of concerns, problems and issues in relation to EMBC strategy development.</p> <p>Participated the 1st Mindanao Convergence of Advocates for an Alternative Mining Policy on April 17-21, 2006 at Maharlika Training Center, Lipata, Surigao City. Convened by different Mindanao-based organizations that oppose large-scale mining operations and hosted by Katawhang Simbahan Alang sa Malambong Kabuhatan (KASAMAKA) to promote alternative mining policy and gather inputs from affected communities. Supported by Foundation for Philippine Environment (FPE) with field visit to actual mining operation in Surigao area that directly affects the EMBC.</p> <p>Participated in the Mindanao Consultative-Workshop for the preparation of the Third Philippine National Report on Biological Diversity from November 9-11, 2005 at Davao Medical Foundation, Davao City. Shared CI Philippines initiatives and updates on EMBC facilitation works to the GEF/UNDP for the 3rd Philippine National Report on Biological Diversity.</p> <p>Presented EMBC program and strategy to the 2nd Joint Session of RLUC &amp; RCSD for Regional Development Council RDC of Region 11 on January 17, 2007 at Paternos Restaurant, Roxas Blvd., Davao City. Shared EMBC program updates to the 40 members of the joint committee of the Regional Development Council Region 11 for information and biodiversity planning purposes of each member's national agencies and local organizations.</p>
<p><i>Organize at least four round-table discussions for Eastern Mindanao stakeholders by the end of the project.</i></p>	<p>Organized and facilitated the 1st meeting of Strategic Planning Team/ Policy Working Group for Region 13 (Caraga Cluster) on November 18, 2005, as well as the December 15, 2005 meeting for Region 11 (Davao Cluster), to review regional plans and policies vis-à-vis EM visions, identify gaps and take the lead in the development of EMBC strategy. CI acted as co-chair for Region 13 while PEF acted as co-chair for Region 1. The discussions were attended by representatives from NEDA, DILG, NCIP, DOH, DA, BFAR, Butuan Water District, FPE-Mindanao, PACAP, SEDF, SUNGCOD, CCARRD, MEF, DOSCST, DOST, DOT, UP-Mindanao, NORMINGOAL, PNP-11, NORMISIST, LEAF and PPDO from the 6 provinces. Final outputs of the planning &amp; policy team were presented during the 2nd Quarter of 2006 to the EMBC wide-stakeholders conference for final approval of the strategy.</p> <p>Consultation on Policy Issues for Mt. Hilong-Hilong Range on November 22, 2006 at Luciana Convention Center, J. Rosales Avenue, Butuan City. Attended by 50 participants from various stakeholders (Regional line agencies, LGUs, civil society and IPs) from the provinces of Agusan del Norte and Agusan del Sur. Leveled-off in the understanding of public policies related to the management of Mt. Hilong-Hilong Range. Identified priority issues and agree on next actions to be undertaken by stakeholders to emphasize shared appreciation of Mt. Hilong-Hilong's importance in the EMBC.</p> <p>Facilitated a 2-day Partners Forum &amp; 2nd Roundtable Consultation on Policy Issues for Mt. Hilong-Hilong Range for EMBC on December 12-13, 2006 at Lanuza, Surigao Del Sur. Participated by 46 participants from different stakeholders in government line agencies. LGUs, NGOs, IPs and private</p>

	<p>partners in Surigao del Sur. Co-hosted by Lanuza Bay Development Alliance (LBDA) of 7 municipal LGUs in sharing information on various programs/projects</p> <p>Facilitated the 3rd Roundtable Consultation on Policy Issues for Region 11 on February 13, 2007 at Mindanao Training Resource Center, Bajada, Davao City. Attended by 37 participants from various stakeholders (National line agencies, LGU's, IP's &amp; Civil Society) for EMBC in Davao Cluster to discuss priority issues related biodiversity conservation and development particularly in Compostela Valley and Davao Oriental.</p> <p>Facilitated the 4th Roundtable discussion and policy consultation for Eastern Mindanao Biodiversity Corridor on March 21, 2007 at Aguakan Resort, Maragusan, Compostela Valley. Attended by 55 participants from various stakeholders in Mt. Kampalliputting Bato key biodiversity area to discuss conflicting government programs and policies particularly logging, mining and agricultural expansion that affect biodiversity and water conservation in Maragusan watershed.</p>
<p><i>A policy-working group is created comprised of representatives from key national government agencies (DENR, Dept. of Agric, DAR, NCIP) LGU reps, and key NGO players by month 6. The group will act on the policy endorsements of the Eastern Mindanao partners (through Mindanao Environment Forum).</i></p>	<p>2 regional policy working group were created called the Strategic Planning &amp; Policy Team with DENR as Chairperson in each region (Davao and Caraga Cluster) with an average of 15 regular members composed of national government agencies, LGUs, NGOs, POs/IPs and representative from private sectors. The Strategic Planning and Policy Team secretariat for region 11 lead by the PEF Inc. and region 13 lead by SEDF/NORMINGOAL. Joint Team meetings were done regularly coordinated by the Strategic Planning and Policy Team secretariat to integrate corridor-wide policy implications.</p>
<p><i>At least 3 position papers / policy initiatives advocating for PA creation / expansion / sustainable financing mechanism developed and delivered to relevant decision makers by month 24.</i></p>	<p>Consolidated documentation in 4-series of roundtable discussions on policy issues as inputs to the final formulation of EMBC strategy in coordination with Socio-Economic &amp; Policy Unit. Policy documents in 4 workshop series were already discussed and utilize by the member of the Strategic Planning and Policy Team secretariat</p>
<p><b>Output 4: Conservation resource development and financing program developed and implemented.</b></p>	
<p><i>Eastern Mindanao Corridor Coordinator attends proposal writing training</i></p>	<p>Attended and participated the Fundraising &amp; Grants Management Training on February 20-21, 2006 at Tagaytay City. Knowledge acquired on proposal writing as well as CI policies and procedures on fundraising and grants management were utilized in the proposal preparation for EMBC..</p>
<p><i>Coordinate with the Mindanao Environment Forum on proposal development workshop involving various donor agencies.</i></p>	<p>Participated in the 1st Mindanao-based International NGO (MINGO) meeting for Region 13 on December 5, 2006 at Heifer International Office, CTP Building, J.C. Aquino Ave., Butuan City.</p> <p>Presented CI Philippines program for Eastern Mindanao and key partners for biodiversity conservation corridor in Region 13. Attended by 15 International NGO donors and development players and shared various funding priorities with corresponding program area of operation within the Caraga region.</p> <p>Attended the 2nd Meeting for Mindanao International NGO (MINGO) on March 12, 2007 at Lutheran World Relief Office, Cagayan de Oro City. Attended by various international funding NGOs particularly working in Region 13 to share and discuss funding opportunities in Caraga and Mindanao areas and</p>

	<p>attended 3rd coordination meeting for Mindanao-based International NGO (MINGO) on July 11, 2007 at ICRAF Office, MOSCAT, Claveria, Cagayan de Oro City. Program sharing by 10 members that attended and discussed MINGO resource complementation particularly in depressed Caraga (Region 13) of Mindanao. Field visited to the ICRAF upland demonstration sites in Misamis Oriental.</p> <p>Attended FPE Regional Consultation for Caraga Bio-Region on August 20, 2007 at Balanghai Hotel, Butuan City. Participated by 60 organizations from civil society in Region 13 to update FPE funding priorities for 2007 and discussed current environmental issues on mining and expansion of biofuel plantation in Caraga.</p>
<p><i>Facilitate development and submission of proposals on Eastern Mindanao projects.</i></p>	<p>Facilitated and assisted local partners in proposal development. A project proposal was submitted for Taguibo River Watershed Development Project within the priority key biodiversity area of Mt. Hilong-hilong Range to <a href="http://www.swissre.com/resource">www.swissre.com/resource</a>.</p> <p>Submitted also a proposal for the Biodiversity Information System for the Agusan Marsh as priority KBA in EMBC to AusAID thru the Philippine-Australian Community Assistance program at <a href="http://www.geocities.com/agusanmarshfocas_pacap">www.geocities.com/agusanmarshfocas_pacap</a>. A proposal was also submitted for Agusan Marsh on conservation of migratory birds.</p> <p>Approved 1 project proposal for Agusan Marsh entitled: Underscoring the Critical Relevance of Hydrological Processes in Defining the Bounds of Management in a Biodiversity Corridor Nourishing a Major Freshwater Ecosystem. Approved by CI Headquarters for Integrating Hydrological Processes, Freshwater and Ecosystem Services into Landscape Scale Conservation Planning and Action with approved budget of \$23,030.</p>

***Describe the success of the project in terms of delivering the intended outputs.***

Several advances have been created under this project that will ultimate support the achievement of the over all conservation goal in the Easter Mindanao Biodiversity Corridor. One specific case was the development and approval by the stakeholders of the Eastern Mindanao Biodiversity Corridor Strategy. Though the strategy will still need to be published after the Regional Development Council's approval, the information reflected in the strategy was already incorporated to the long term plant of the two regions covering the corridor, i.e. the Regional Physical Framework Plans (RFPF). Several site activities designed to permanently protect the 9 key biodiversity areas are occurring like the on going gazzettal of the proposed Mt. Hilong-Hilong protected area, the proclamation of special habitat zone for Philippine eagle in Davao area, and the complete participation of the private sector like the water districts in protecting their watersheds which is inside the KBAs. Another miletone created is the creation of RGIN in CARAGA which we expect the Region 11 NEDA will follow.

***Were any outputs unrealized? If so, how has this affected the overall impact of the project?***

None

**V. SAFEGUARD POLICY ASSESSMENTS**

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

The gazettal process being undertaken in Mt. Hilong-Hilong for the proposed creation of the a protected area is being guided by the National Integrated Protected Area System Act. Other site interventions and activities were implemented in accordance with applied laws and local government ordinances.

## VI. LESSONS LEARNED FROM THE PROJECT

**Describe any lessons learned during the various phases of the project. Consider lessons both for future projects, as well as for CEPF's future performance.**

CI and CEPF cannot do it alone in any biodiversity conservation initiatives and partnerships are still the key for a success in a corridor level projects.

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

The involvement of all stakeholders even at the beginning of project development and implementation made this project easier to implement.

**Project Execution: (aspects of the project execution that contributed to its success/failure)**

Transparency and building trust and confidence among key stakeholders is the key element in achieving the milestones.

## VII. 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
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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** 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.**

The facilitation work is really needed to continue molding the partnerships established within the corridor especially several partners and institutions are involved with varied institutional mandate and goals. Investing the same amount of money (around \$400K) for facilitation work for the next 5 years will gain a sustained conservation work in the area as we include in the project design how we will be able to establish a sustainable financing mechanism that will involve funds from private sector.

## VIII. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

## VIII. INFORMATION SHARING

CEPF is committed to transparent operations and to helping civil society groups share experiences, lessons learned and results. One way we do this is by making programmatic project documents available on our Web site, [www.cepf.net](http://www.cepf.net), and by marketing these in our newsletter and other communications.

These documents are accessed frequently by other CEPF grantees, potential partners, and the wider conservation community.

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