

CEPF SMALL GRANT FINAL PROJECT COMPLETION REPORT

I. BASIC DATA

Organization Legal Name: Philip Desmet

Project Title (as stated in the grant agreement): Developing a Fine-Scale Conservation Plan for the Kamiesberg Uplands

Implementation Partners for This Project: Namaqualand Wilderness Initiative (CI), Agricultural Research Council; and, Nick Helme Botanical Surveys

Project Dates (as stated in the grant agreement): February 1, 2005 – January 31, 2006

Date of Report (month/year): July 12, 2006

II. OPENING REMARKS

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

This project has achieved its initial objectives. Input into the partners' projects (objective 3) around spatial conservation priorities and biodiversity issues, is on going.

III. NARRATIVE QUESTIONS

1. What was the initial objective of this project?

To use a systematic conservation assessment protocol to involve relevant stakeholders; assemble a biodiversity and land-use database; and, lay out spatial options for achieving a set of common conservation goals/ideals for the Namaqualand Uplands. Three specific objectives: (1) Gathering available relevant biodiversity and land-use data; (2) Perform the conservation planning analyses; and, (3) Communicate results to the SKEP team and project participants (e.g. NWI and ARC).

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 project was very successful in that the outputs were instrumental in informing and aligning the direction and nature of the partner project actions with the determined conservation priorities in the uplands. The results also helped leverage support for conservation projects in the uplands as they provided a clear and defensible rationale for why the region is important.

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.

1. High-resolution satellite imagery was crucial in mapping biodiversity features as well as other environmental and socioeconomic features. The imagery also helped massively in conveying project findings to partners. This imagery has proved itself extremely useful in a number of projects besides this one where mapping of features on the ground has been required (e.g. existing tracks and trails).
2. Working continually and closely with all partners has been key to understanding each project and providing ongoing feedback and input to developing each project's activities.

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

1. Ongoing interaction with and technical support for each partner project.
2. Finalization of technical report

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
P Desmet	A	US\$600	Purchase of satellite imagery
Conservation International Southern Africa Hotspots Program	A	US\$500	Additional transport costs to study area

****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.

This project will continue into the future via continued technical support for various projects operating under the Namaqualand Wilderness Initiative. This ongoing support will be funded through Conservation International's Southern Africa Hotspots Program.

V. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

VI. INFORMATION SHARING

CEPF aims to increase sharing of experiences, lessons learned and results among our grant recipients and the wider conservation and donor communities. One way we do this is by making the text of final project completion reports available on our Web site, www.cepf.net, and by marketing these reports in our newsletter and other communications. Please indicate whether you would agree to publicly sharing your final project report with others in this way.

Yes ____yes

No _____

If yes, please also complete the following:

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