

Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund

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Report on Progress by the Executive Director

For Information Only:

The Executive Director will highlight key areas of progress since the seventh meeting of the Donor Council on 1 November 2004. For information, a detailed report on progress covering the following activities is attached:

- Partnership highlights
- Highlights from the field
- Increasing communication with grantees, donor partners and the conservation community
- Taking Stock – update on monitoring and evaluation
- Update on the pipeline ecosystem profiles
- Approved grants (November 2004 – February 2005)
- Report on Financial Summary of approved grants to date and Fifth Spending Plan (July 2004 – June 2005) through January 2005

Partnership Highlights

Improving Linkages Between World Bank and CEPF Operations: Latin America Forum

The World Bank convened a workshop in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil January 24 –25, 2005 to explore mechanisms to improve operational linkages between the Bank and CEPF. The two-day workshop was the first in a series of regional meetings designed to help increase synergies between CEPF and the Bank's country programs. The event was sponsored by the Brazil CMU and organized by the Bank's project team, with financial support from the Global Programs and Partnership Group (GPP).

More than 30 representatives from the World Bank, CEPF, local civil society groups and governments across Latin America participated in the meeting.

CEPF prepared briefing books for each of the five Latin America regions and shared these with the workshop participants. The books included the CEPF's investment strategy, overview of grantmaking and results to date, maps of conservation priorities and CEPF project locations (where available), conservation highlights and regional leveraging information. These are available in their entirety on CEPF's website at www.cepf.net. Briefing books for all other active CEPF regions will be prepared for the CEPF Replenishment Retreat being held in Jackson, Wyoming on Saturday, March 26, 2005.

The plenary session included presentations by: Vinod Thomas (World Bank Brazil Country Director), Randall Purcell (World Bank DGF), Michael Carroll (CEPF Task Team Leader), Jorgen Thomsen (CEPF Executive Director), Luiz Gabriel Azevedo (World Bank Brazil), Laura Tlaiye (World Bank, ESSD) and Manuel Ramirez (CEPF Southern Mesoamerica Coordination Unit). Naoaki Kamoshida (Advisor to the Executive Director for Japan, World Bank) participated in the workshop.

The participants were split into two working groups (Andes / Mesoamerica and Brazil) to discuss the status of CEPF and Bank Operations in each hotspot and brainstorm recommendations for improving links between Bank and CEPF activities. Following a field visit to Poço das Antas Reserve, managed by Associação Mico Leão Dourado, a CEPF grantee, the plenary reconvened to present their recommendations.

Bank and CEPF staff expressed a strong interest in increasing knowledge sharing among Bank and CEPF projects during the project development phase to draw on the partners' respective strengths and leverage more funding for conservation. The participants noted that if there is a second phase of CEPF grantmaking, the Bank and CEPF should further develop regional systems for communication and collaboration.

The workshop recommendations strongly concluded that there is good potential to inform Bank operations through relationships CEPF is building on the ground and innovations emerging from CEPF's grantees. Also, as the Bank develops a project / program CEPF could be involved to help build awareness of links and to better integrate ongoing CEPF work and biodiversity conservation into Bank projects / programs.

Suggested Next Steps:

- Widely disseminate the recommendations with World Bank and CEPF staff
- Publish articles about the workshop in both World Bank and CEPF literature (World Bank intranet article published on Friday March 4, 2005 and CEPF February top news story)
- Collaborate with the Bank on a similar workshop in Africa, Asia and a follow up meeting in Washington, DC
- Support World Bank to ensure country level staff participate in the Cape Town meeting in April
- Keep DC-based World Bank staff informed of CEPF, progress to date, and key pipeline projects and strategies by regularly sharing standard communication / reporting tools with a larger subset of Bank staff
- Investigate the feasibility of assigning regional and / or local Bank staff as counterparts to CEPF grantmaking coordination units
- Explore possible mechanisms to provide regional support to the Bank's team responsible for CEPF oversight

- Develop hotspot specific action plans, including periodic meetings, consultations, and exchanges at key stages of the project cycle.

Highlights From The Field

The CEPF global grant portfolio has grown to in excess of \$60 million, up a robust \$11 million from the Summary of Progress presented to the Donor Council in November 2004. To date, our grants have enabled more than 249 nongovernmental organizations (NGOs), community groups and other civil society partners to undertake strategic conservation projects in 13 of Earth's biodiversity hotspots.

This support to civil society has made a significant new partnership and a number of outcomes possible in the field since the last meeting of the Donor Council.

- On December 26th, 2004, a powerful earthquake off the island of Sumatra coast triggered a tsunami across Asia and even parts of Africa. A full overview of this situation can be found under tab #7, "Options for directing additional resources to Sumatra, post tsunami"
- In January, in the Udzungwa Mountains National Park, a CEPF priority in the Eastern Arc Mountains and Coastal Forests of Tanzania and Kenya, representatives from local communities, local and national government, commercial operations and civil society groups participated in the discussions together with biological researchers to single out important conservation issues and identify the most strategic initiatives for CEPF and other donor funding. The participants highlighted schemes for enhanced legal protection of forests, community-needs assessments, and income-generation activities, as well as mapping and monitoring of wildlife corridors. Convened by the WWF Tanzania Program Office and supported by CEPF, the meeting in Morogoro, Tanzania was the first of its kind in this region. It also received backing from a joint UN Development Program and Global Environment Facility initiative, and the Tanzanian National Parks Authority. Its success in forging consensus and further engaging stakeholders in implementation of the CEPF investment strategy for the region also led to a similar workshop in February in the Taita Hills region of Kenya - also a CEPF priority.
- In March, CEPF supported an \$850,700 grant to the Namibian Nature Foundation to take charge of coordinating the Succulent Karoo Ecosystem Program (SKEP) in the Namibian portion of the Succulent Karoo Hotspot. The grant also enables a small grants program specifically designed to reach local civil society. The transfer was designed to significantly increase and benefit local groups and communities working to conserve the Succulent Karoo. CEPF supports SKEP-a joint Namibian and South African initiative that brings together diverse stakeholders in a unique approach to conserve this extraordinary region and improve the livelihoods of its people. The Foundation has extensive grant-making experience. It offers small grants through its own program and administers or supports the UNDP/Global Environment Facility's Small Grants Program, Swedish local environment funds for Namibia, Danida's Namibia Environment Fund, and other grant-making programs. SKEP Namibia staff recently moved offices to join the Foundation in Windhoek, Namibia where the two organizations are now working together to develop an implementation program that will support the Ministry of Environment and Tourism (MET) in its preparation work for the Sperrgebiet National Park expected to be gazetted later this year.
- In January, CEPF support to WWF International - China Program office scale up and refined an already successful small grants' program that champions the causes for species conservation, capacity building and public education in the Mountains of Southwest China. This project aims to improve the status of 20 endangered lesser-known species, build the capacity of at least 10 local institutions and publicize at least 75% of the projects being implemented by civil society.

Increasing Communication with Grantees, Donor Partners and the Conservation Community

CEPF continued to enhance its communications efforts to promote and help advance its mission, while expanding information sharing between grantees. One of the major communications aims is to demonstrate and share progress and lessons learned.

- o The CEPF Web site, www.cepf.net, continues to grow as a valuable resource for CEPF grantees and others, with an average of 1,253 pages viewed a day from more than 107 countries representing all 13 hotspots where CEPF supported civil society in 2004.
- o From July –December 2004, more than 27,000 final project reports were downloaded from www.cepf.net. These reports are written in the grantees own words and are a primary source for lessons learned and other valuable information for biodiversity conservation.

Taking stock – update on monitoring and evaluation

CEPF has partnered with the Human Dimensions program at CI's Center for Applied Biodiversity Science to design and pilot a methodology for evaluating CEPF's association with poverty reduction. To date, formal terms of reference have been agreed. A questionnaire has been designed to capture the relationship between CEPF projects and poverty reduction, specifically with reference to rural poverty as explained in "CEPF and Poverty Reduction: An Overview" presented in the seventh Donor Council binder. The questionnaire has been developed in consultation with a global sample of CEPF grantees and partners.

Currently, CEPF is piloting the questionnaire in the southern region of the Mesoamerica Hotspot. In conjunction with this initiative, the Humans Dimensions program is looking collecting and analyzing socio-economic data to inform the poverty reduction analysis. Results from the initial pilot are expected in mid-April. Once preliminary results are available CEPF, with the support of the Human Dimensions program, will quickly work to apply the pilot methodology in three additional CEPF regions in Latin America, Africa, and Asia. CEPF plans to report initial findings in the third quarterly report of fiscal year 2005.

Once the preliminary results are collected and analyzed, CEPF plans to investigate methods for rolling out further evaluations in all CEPF regions.

Global Evaluation of CEPF

During the Seventh Meeting of the Donor Council held on November 1, 2004, the CEPF Council Members agreed to participate in a donor retreat to discuss a second phase of the CEPF partnership. A consensus formed that Phase 2 commitments to CEPF should be guided by an independent external evaluation. The evaluation will be undertaken as a global review coupled with an in-depth analysis of a minimum of three of the 15 active regions. The evaluation team/evaluator will be supervised by the CEPF Donor Council.

Terms of reference and an approach for this global evaluation of CEPF's program will be discussed in the CEPF Donor Retreat. It is anticipated that the evaluation will begin in March/April and be concluded sometime in the summer. The results of this review will inform each donor institutions decisionmaking process towards a possible second phase of CEPF

Update on the Pipeline Ecosystem Profiles

Based on the Donor Council's decision at the Seventh Meeting to reaffirm the its decision that funding allocation continues to be phased incrementally according to the number of donors; i.e. a maximum of 15 ecosystem profiles can receive funding under existing donor commitments, CEPF put forth its 15th ecosystem profile for the Eastern Hima layas Region on February 6, 2005 for no-objection approval. No objections were received by February 16, 2005. Thus, the Eastern Himalayas Region ecosystem profile is considered approved as of February 16, 2005 with a \$5 million authorization. CEPF is now seeking GEF Focal Point endorsement for Bhutan, India, and Nepal.

The Indochina Region, Western Ghats & Sri Lanka and Polynesia & Micronesia ecosystem profiles will remain in the pipeline until a sixth CEPF donor partner is secured. At the request of the working group, CEPF is working over the next few months with the ecosystem profiling team for Indochina to reduce the number of geographic priorities in the Indochina profile.



Approved Grants
10/1/2004 - 2/28/2005

Atlantic Forest

Brazil

Strategic Direction 1: Stimulate landscape management initiatives led by civil society in Central and Serra do Mar Corridors

Coordination of CEPF in the Atlantic Forest (Phase II)

Continuation of the Atlantic Forest coordination mechanism including the management of proposal reviews, monitoring of CEPF grantee projects, coordination of annual corridor grantee workshops, implementation of the corridor communication campaigns and a final evaluation of the CEPF experience in the Atlantic Forest Hotspot.

Funding: \$885,490

Grant Term: 1/05-12/07

Grantee: Conservação Internacional do Brasil

Strategic Direction 2: Improve management of existing and future public protected areas through targeted civil society efforts

Socio-Environmental Management Plan for the Protected Areas of Mantiqueira

Contribute to the improved management and protection of the Mantiqueira protected areas, conserving the species and habitat of the region and contributing to connectivity among protected areas.

Funding: \$94,934

Grant Term: 10/04-6/06

Grantee: Crescente Fértil - Projetos Ambientais Culturais e de Comunicação

Cape Floristic Region

Strategic Direction 1: Support civil society involvement in the establishment of protected areas and management plans in CFR biodiversity corridors

Co-authorship of a book entitled: East of the Cape – Conserving Eden

Co-author a visually-driven book that aims to increase awareness and appreciation of the value and uniqueness of the biodiversity of an area covering the eastern part of the Cape Floristic Region, part of the Little Karoo subregion of the Succulent Karoo, and most of the domain of the Subtropical Thicket Ecosystem Planning Project (STEP) which forms the south-western part of the Maputoland Pondoland Albany region. The book will expose readers to land uses that promote sustainability of ecosystems and socio-economic systems, will discuss the conservation of biodiversity as well as the bioregional approach to conservation planning, and will provide detailed reader-friendly information on the natural history of selected species and ecosystems in area of focus.

Funding: \$3,300

Grant Term: 1/05-12/05
 Grantee: Dr Shirley Pierce Cowling

Die Oog Rehabilitation and Improvement Project

Contribute to the conservation of Die Oog, an important natural ecosystem in the Sand River Catchment Area that has been reserved as a bird sanctuary and public open space by the City of Cape Town. Activities include clearing alien plants and grasses from the fynbos area, planting indigenous plants; and providing an information board to promote public awareness and interest and to increase the involvement of local civil society in the protection of Die Oog as a natural

Funding: \$3,500
 Grant Term: 2/05-1/06
 Grantee: Friends of Die Oog

Strategic Direction 2: Promote innovative private sector and community involvement in conservation in landscapes surrounding CFR biodiversity corridors

The Biodiversity & Wine Initiative

Minimize further loss of threatened natural habitat in the Cape Floristic Region, and contribute to sustainable wine-producing practices through the adoption of biodiversity guidelines by the South African wine industry.

Funding: \$100,000
 Grant Term: 10/04-9/06
 Grantee: The South African Wine & Brandy Company

Western Baviaanskloof Initiative Community Planning Process

Provide the Western Baviaanskloof Community with opportunities to come together to develop a broad community response to the Baviaanskloof Megareserve Project and to facilitate a constructive engagement with the Baviaanskloof Megareserve Project Management Unit.

Funding: \$3,500
 Grant Term: 11/04-5/05
 Grantee: Western Baviaanskloof Initiative

Development of a Business Plan for a Donkey Trekking Route in the Northern Cederberg

Conduct a feasibility study and develop a business plan for a donkey trekking route between the Pakhuis Pass and Heuningvlei, within the Cederberg Biodiversity Corridor. This ecotourism initiative will generate employment for local communities and provide an incentive to protect the biodiversity of the area.

Funding: \$10,000
 Grant Term: 11/04-6/05
 Grantee: The Wuppertal Conservancy in partnership with the Pakhuis Conservancy

Chocó-Darién-Western Ecuador**Chocó-Manabí****Strategic Direction 1: Establish/strengthen local and regional mechanisms to foster corridor-level****Effects of the Fragmentation of the Landscape and Indicators for the State of Biodiversity Conservation in the Chocó Ecoregional Complex**

Design and implement a socioeconomic biodiversity monitoring plan for the Choco-Manabi ecoregional complex to include data on forest fragmentation; key bird, small mammal, and reptile species; and priorities for decisionmakers. Proposals for new protected areas will be part of the final products of this effort.

Funding: \$170,000
 Grant Term: 11/04-12/06
 Grantee: Fundación Ecotrópico Colombia

Development of the Payment of Environmental Services for the Conservation and Restoration of the Biological and Multicultural Corridor of the Munchique-Pinche National Park

Developing and testing a model for providing payments to farmers for the provision of environmental services. Farmers will be chosen in strategic areas to help create connectivity within the biological corridor of Munchique-Pinche National

Funding: \$200,000
 Grant Term: 1/05-3/06
 Grantee: Centro para la Investigación en Sistemas Sostenibles de Producción Agropecuaria

Southern Preparation Phase: Development of Latin American Proposals for the 2005 Forest Stewardship Council Assembly

Conduct the Forest Stewardship Council Assembly for Latin America to discuss problems and issues related to forest certification in Latin American countries. The aim is to arrive at agreement on how best to use this certification tool in the Latin American context. This is of specific interest to many of CEPF's community-based grantees.

Funding: \$10,000
 Grant Term: 1/05-6/05
 Grantee: Grupo de Trabajo sobre Certificación Forestal Voluntaria en Ecuador

Strategic Direction 2: Bring selected protected areas and species under improved management**Conservation and Integrated Management of Golondrinas Protected Forest**

Implement the Management Plan for Golondrinas Protected Forest involving the local communities in the design and implementation process. The plan includes sustainable production alternatives, environmental education, research and ecotourism, all in an effort to reduce the communities' pressure on their natural resources.

Funding: \$24,000
 Grant Term: 9/04-8/05
 Grantee: Fundación Altropico

Strengthening Sustainable Tourism in the Protected Areas of the Chocó-Manabi Machalilla National Park,

Improving the management and biodiversity conservation of Machalilla National Park through a participatory process of elaboration and implementation of a system of minimum environmental, social and service quality standards for tourism providers in and around the Park.

Funding: \$61,666
 Grant Term: 10/04-9/06
 Grantee: Asociación Ecuatoriana de Ecoturismo

Biological Monitoring of the Great Chachi Reserve - Esmeraldas, Ecuador

Design a biodiversity monitoring system and build local capacity within the Chachi indigenous communities to contribute to the implementation of a conservation strategy for the eventual Grand Reserva Chachi. This will be an extension to the already existing Cotacachi-Cayapas Ecological Reserve.

Funding: \$20,000
 Grant Term: 1/05-12/05
 Grantee: Fundación Ecuatoriana de Estudios Ecológicos

Eastern Arc Mountains**Strategic Direction 1: Increase the ability of local populations to benefit from and contribute to biodiversity****Do Payments For Environmental Services Offer the Potential For Long Term Sustainable Financing?**

Knowing the value of watershed services provided by forests is vital in defining the link between urban populations that rely on these ecological functions, this study will assess the contribution made by the forests of the Uluguru Mountains. These forests are the source of the Ruvu River that supplies Morogoro and Dar es Salaam with water and generates hydroelectric power.

Funding: \$19,800
 Grant Term: 10/04-9/06
 Grantee: World Wide Fund for Nature - Tanzania Programme Office

Conserving Coastal and Eastern Arc Forests Through Community Access to Retail Markets for Good Wood Wood Carvings on the South Coast of Kenya

Alert both tourists and artisans in this popular tourist destination about the threats to indigenous trees favored by craftsmen in meeting the demand for woodcarvings as safari souvenirs, and promote the use of alternative and abundant timber including neem and jacaranda timber as “good woods.”

Funding: \$19,999
 Grant Term: 1/05-12/05
 Grantee: Wakuluzu: Friends of the Colobus Trust Ltd.

Strategic Direction 2: Restore and increase connectivity among fragmented forest patches in the hotspot**Facilitating a Process of Stakeholders Consultations on the Interventions Required to Restore and Increase the Connectivity of Forest Patches in Taita Hills**

Ensure that the findings from research undertaken within the hotspot are made available to all relevant institutions and individuals to raise awareness and conservation of these vital habitats. The grantee will perform this role and assist non-Tanzanian researchers with securing the relevant research permits.

Funding: \$17,905
 Grant Term: 2/05-2/05
 Grantee: East African Wild Life Society

Standardizing Forest Change Methodologies Between Sokoine University and CABS to Assist in Identifying Connectivity Priorities Across the Eastern Arc and Coastal Forests

Demonstrate the methodology developed to detect forest change and assess how similar this is to methodologies being used to detect forest change by Sokoine University and the WWF approach, and ideally develop a standardized method for this analysis so that the individual parts can be compiled as a region-wide forest cover change map. The project will also enable the grant recipient to assess the ability of other organizations to assist in compiling relevant data.

Funding: \$7,153
 Grant Term: 2/05-2/05
 Grantee: Conservation International

Strategic Direction 3: Improve biological knowledge in the hotspot**The Forgotten Coastal Forests of Mtwara: A Reconnaissance to Prioritize Biological Knowledge for Community Conservation Initiatives**

Undertake biological inventories of major taxa in selected forests in Mtwara region, a largely neglected part of southern Tanzania's coast. These data will contribute to assessments of the conservation status of these species and will be translated into Kiswahili for the benefit of local communities and administration managing these forests.

Funding: \$69,037
 Grant Term: 2/05-12/05
 Grantee: The Society for Environmental Exploration

Overview of Butterfly Faunas of Eastern Arc Mountains and Coastal Forests: Biodiversity, Endemism,

Collate existing data on all butterfly species, especially endemic butterfly species, throughout the region from existing collections (the grant recipient has the largest collection of African butterflies in existence), as well as identify gaps in the current knowledge and undertake field surveys to provide a complete a record.

Funding: \$19,700
 Grant Term: 2/05-1/06
 Grantee: African Butterfly Research Institute

Guinean Forests of West Africa**Upper Guinean Forest****Strategic Direction 1: Strengthening Institutional Capacities for Conservation****Building Capacity for Conservation in Liberia**

Build the technical and logistical capacity of Liberian organizations to collaborate and coordinate in achieving conservation and in implementing conservation projects in Liberia.

Funding: \$135,550
 Grant Term: 9/04-3/06
 Grantee: Conservation International

Biological Inventory and Ecological Study of the Southern Dassioko and Monogaga Forests (Southwest Coast of Côte d'Ivoire)

Conduct biological surveys together with local communities and raise environmental awareness in two classified forests - Monogaga and Dassioko Sud - in the littoral forest zone of Côte d'Ivoire.

Funding: \$27,125
 Grant Term: 10/04-9/05
 Grantee: SOS-FORETS

Strategic Direction 4: Public Awareness

Support for the Africa Biodiversity Collaborative Group

Support the Africa Biodiversity Collaborative Group in its review of the effectiveness of select forms of networking and communication of conservation concepts, tools and lessons to conservation decisionmakers and practitioners in all regions of Africa.

Funding: \$12,807
 Grant Term: 7/04-10/04
 Grantee: World Wildlife Fund, Inc.

Echoes of the Rain Forest Project – Second Phase

Develop and support eco-cultural groups in three communities near the eastern and western boundaries of Kakum National Park in Ghana to disseminate conservation messages to local communities, school groups and wildlife clubs through music, dance and drama.

Funding: \$44,958
 Grant Term: 11/04-12/05
 Grantee: AGORO Centre for Intercultural Learning and Talent Development

Strategic Direction 5: Biodiversity Action Fund**Primate and Birds Diversity in the Fazao-Malfacassa National Park, Togo**

Undertake primate and bird surveys in the Fazao-Malfacassa National Park. Particular emphasis will be placed on surveying the area for the western chimpanzee and the Roloway guenon. Surveys will be undertaken in collaboration with staff from the Direction de la Faune et de la Chasse based in the park, and the Zoology Department of the Université de Lomé.

Funding: \$6,110
 Grant Term: 2/05-6/05
 Grantee: University of Calgary

Madagascar**Madagascar****Strategic Direction 3: Biodiversity conservation and management training****Core Support to WWF-Madagascar's Ecology Training Program**

Provide core support for the Ecology Training Program to maintain its office and functions. The program's functions include training Malagasy scientists to meet human capacity needs with a mandate to advance biological, ecological, education conservation practice, and policymaking; providing academic and practical opportunities for promising Malagasy students and researchers; and using the scientific data resulting from field inventories for the advancement of habitat protection and conservation of Madagascar's unique nature biota.

Funding: \$20,000
 Grant Term: 11/04-10/05
 Grantee: WWF-Madagascar

Mountains of Southwest China**Strategic Direction 1: Develop and operationalize hotspot-wide monitoring and evaluation projects.****Establishing Effective Conservation Information Service for Saving China's Biodiversity**

Collect and categorize biodiversity conservation information, and ensure easy access for conservation professionals, researchers, policymakers and the general public to create a more comprehensive coverage for the Mountains of Southwest China Hotspot as a demonstration of a biodiversity inventory available for public use.

Funding: \$120,000
 Grant Term: 9/04-6/07
 Grantee: Institute of Zoology, Chinese Academy of Sciences

Strategic Direction 2: Support site-related projects led by civil society to mitigate key threats to natural areas and species populations.

Develop Conservation Strategies to Eliminate Yew Trade in Mountains of Southwest China

Explore strategies for sustainable utilization of biodiversity resources in regards to the devastating trade of Himalayan yew as a major consumer of the bark's extract, known as taxol, in the Mountains of Southwest China Hotspot. This project aims to achieve conservation and sustainable management/use of yew resources, by focusing on three aspects: enhancing law enforcement, awareness building and monitoring.

Funding: \$60,000
Grant Term: 9/04-4/06
Grantee: TRAFFIC International

Motivating Governments to Address Illegal Wildlife in Southeast Asia

Boost political support for controlling illegal resource-use activities, with a special focus on illegal wildlife trade, by convening a group of pro-conservation parliamentarians in Southeast Asia to meet regularly on priority issues related to combating illegal logging, fishing, and wildlife trade.

Funding: \$5,000
Grant Term: 11/04-1/05
Grantee: Conservation International
This is a multiregional project covering three hotspots; the total grant amount is \$15,000.

Integrating a Range-wide Conservation Strategy for the Yunnan Snub-nosed Monkey

Create a coordinated, adaptively-managed and sustainable mechanism that both addresses critical threats on a site-by-site basis and aims at maintaining the monkey's evolutionary potential with a multi-century vision of interconnected populations throughout its range in the Yunling Mountains of Yunnan and adjacent Tibet in the Mountains of SW China.

Funding: \$517,540
Grant Term: 11/04-6/07
Grantee: The Nature Conservancy

Feasibility Study for Establishing Panda Corridors in Min Mountain

Protect the giant panda and expand its habitat by exploring the feasibility of restoring the wildlife corridor in Tudiling with constructive recommendations to government agencies for implementation and by building the technical capacity of local stakeholders in Southwest China. The project aims to provide an example for forest restoration and regeneration practice that serves wildlife, the ecosystem and people.

Funding: \$150,541
Grant Term: 1/05-12/05
Grantee: WWF International / China Program Office

Strategic Direction 4: Integrate biodiversity conservation concerns and benefits into the implementation of policies and programs at local, regional and national levels.

Linking Tourism to Biodiversity Conservation in Southwest China – Khampa International Ecotourism

Build a platform through the Khampa International Ecotourism Conference for communicating, collaborating and building capacity among a wide range of partners to more effectively address threats from unplanned tourism development that has resulted in ecological degradation as well as negatively impacted cultural tradition in Southwest China.

Funding: \$42,000
Grant Term: 10/04-5/05
Grantee: Conservation International

Strategic Direction 5: Develop and operationalize a small grants program focusing on conservation capacity-building and research projects.

Managing CEPF's Small Grants Fund to Safeguard Endangered Species and Habitats in Southwest China

Scale up and refine a small grants program to support projects that champion the causes for species conservation, capacity building and public education in the Mountains of Southwest China. This project aims to improve the status of 20 endangered lesser-known species, build the capacity of at least 10 local institutions and publicize at least 75% of the projects being implemented by civil society.

Funding: \$296,000
 Grant Term: 11/04-6/07
 Grantee: WWF International / China Program Office

Northern Mesoamerica

Belize, Guatemala, Mexico

Strategic Direction 2: Collaborate with other donor-funded projects to facilitate and operationalize successful conservation activities in Northern Mesoamerica's eight most important key biodiversity areas

CEPF Coordination to Promote Development Policies, Investments, and Institutional Collaboration for Biodiversity Conservation in Northern Mesoamerica

Strengthen the capability of civil society to engage in all levels of decisionmaking regarding the future use and conservation of Northern Mesoamerica's biodiversity. Specifically, the grant funds assistance to manage the CEPF program in the region; development and implementation of strategies to reform key policies; technical assistance to strengthen key protected areas; and development of mechanisms to prevent the extinction of the region's 106 Critically Endangered species.

Funding: \$1,549,644
 Grant Term: 7/04-7/08
 Grantee: Conservation International

Needs Assessment for Conserving the Key Biodiversity Areas of Laguna del Tigre National Park and Chiquibul-Montañas Mayas

Conduct conservation assessments of Laguna del Tigre and Chiquibul-Montañas Mayas using Parkswatch's standard evaluation methodology. Provide detailed information on threats, stakeholders, management capacity, data gaps and conservation status of biodiversity in these areas for the purposes of planning and monitoring CEPF's portfolio and other donor investments in these rapidly changing regions.

Funding: \$37,524
 Grant Term: 9/04-2/05
 Grantee: Asociación Trópico Verde / ParksWatch Guatemala

Southern Mesoamerica

Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Panama

Strategic Direction 2: Connect critical areas through economic alternatives

Conserving the Forests of La Amistad International Park Through the Promotion of Traditional Medicine in Three Communities of Naso Ethnicity

Maintain traditional knowledge on the cultivation and use of medicinal plants within Naso indigenous communities located in the buffer zone of La Amistad International Park as a means of offering an incentive to maintain forest cover. The grant supports the establishment of three village training and storage facilities, development of medicinal gardens, and training of Naso youth by Shamans.

Funding: \$19,364
 Grant Term: 10/04-4/05
 Grantee: Asociación de Practicantes de Medicina Tradicional Naso

Strategic Direction 3: Promote awareness and conservation of flagship species

Raising Awareness of Conservation of the Natural Ecosystems of Manatees (*Trichechus manatus*) through Environmental Monitoring in Local Communities

Launch a conservation project in the San San River and wetland to protect one of the largest populations of manatees in Panama. The grant will fund water quality analysis to identify pollutants and their sources, placement of signs in priority

sites, and a public education campaign to increase awareness of manatee protection.

Funding: \$20,000
 Grant Term: 11/04-3/06
 Grantee: Asociación de Amigos y Vecinos de la Costa y la Naturaleza

Strategic Direction 4: Support improved management of key protected areas

Conserving Biodiversity in Damani Wetlands Reserve, Ngobe Buglé Indigenous Territory

Increase local capacity to manage the Damani Wetlands Reserve, a 24,000-hectare area located within the Ngobe-Bugle indigenous territory along Panama's Caribbean coast. The grant supports the collection of baseline biological and resource use data, development of a zoning scheme, establishment of a community group of park guards, and increased environmental awareness within the Ngobe- Bugle territory of the importance of the wetlands.

Funding: \$80,000
 Grant Term: 10/04-3/06
 Grantee: Centro de Estudios y Acción Social Panameño

Strengthening Biodiversity Conservation in Ecologically Sensitive Areas of La Amistad International Park -

Curb encroachment of cattle ranchers in core areas of La Amistad in Panama by establishing and implementing agreements with them to refrain from expanding their operations into key areas, increasing the institutional capacity of ANAM to guard vulnerable sectors, monitoring performance in threats mitigation, and conducting research on species of local, national, and global importance.

Funding: \$193,040
 Grant Term: 2/05-12/06
 Grantee: Asociación Nacional para la Conservación de la Naturaleza

Community Consultation and Institutional Strengthening for the Sustainable Management of the Rama Indigenous Territory Protected Area

Conduct a series of consultations involving Rama indigenous people, government officials in Bluefields and Managua, and other donors to coordinate actions for demarcating and managing Rama territories. Grant also supports strengthening the newly formed governing council of Rama communities.

Funding: \$5,000
 Grant Term: 2/05-4/05
 Grantee: Universidad de las Regiones Autonomas de la Costa Caribe Nicaraguense, Recinto de Bluefields-Raas

Succulent Karoo

Strategic Direction 1: Expand protected area corridors through public-private-communal partnerships in the priority areas of Bushmanland Inselbergs, Central Namaqualand Coast, Namaqualand Uplands, Knersvlakte, Hantam-Roggeveld, Central Little Karoo and Sperrgebiet

A Feasibility Study for the Establishment of a Succulent Karoo Biodiversity Resource and Conservation Center with Satellite Information Centers

Investigate the feasibility of establishing a biodiversity resource center for the Succulent Karoo Hotspot that would contain pertinent literature, data and other resources for use by stakeholders such as conservation organizations, local government, and landowners, as well as the general public.

Funding: \$5,500
 Grant Term: 11/04-2/05
 Grantee: Western Cape Nature Conservation Board

Strategic Direction 2: Engage key industrial sectors in meeting conservation objectives identified by SKEP

Namaqualand Restoration Initiative: Bringing Mining, Biodiversity and Local Communities Together

Establish a restoration benchmark and develop new and effective regional protocols based on sound ecological dynamics to achieve near-natural biodiversity restoration resulting from mining operations, while giving a cross-section of the regional community a greater role in restoration in the Central Namaqualand Coast and the Knersvlakte priority regions. This includes engaging mining operators and other land users to fundamentally change the way they perceive their roles and responsibilities with regard to biodiversity conservation and restoration.

Funding: \$200,000
 Grant Term: 1/05-12/07
 Grantee: The Leslie Hill Institute for Plant Conservation, University of Cape Town

Strategic Direction 3: Retain and restore critical biodiversity in areas under greatest land-use pressure**Impacts of Herbivores on the Succulent Karoo Vegetation of Anysberg Nature Reserve**

Conduct a rapid assessment to map grazing impacts in all geographic priority areas within the Anysberg Nature Reserve, so that fine-scale conservation and monitoring plans and interventions can be developed for priority areas most heavily used by game.

Funding: \$3,100
 Grant Term: 1/05-6/05
 Grantee: Percy FitzPatrick Institute of African Ornithology, University of Cape Town

Vegetation Classification, Mapping, Condition Assessment and Monitoring of Sanbona Wildlife Reserve with Specific Emphasis on the Impact of the Mega Herbivores

Conduct vegetation monitoring on the 54,000-hectare Sanbona Wildlife Reserve in the Central Little Karoo, to monitor the impact of reintroduced mega-herbivores.

Funding: \$11,539
 Grant Term: 1/05-12/07
 Grantee: Sanbona Game Reserve Pty Ltd

Strategic Direction 4: Mainstream conservation priorities into land-use planning and policy-making**Developing a Fine-Scale Conservation Plan for the Kamiesberg Uplands**

Develop and deliver a fine-scale conservation plan for the Kamiesberg Uplands and surrounding for integration into the Kamiesberg Municipality's Spatial Development Initiative. This project forms one component of this initiative, and specifically will contribute by (1) gathering available relevant biodiversity and land-use data; (2) performing the conservation planning analyses; and, (3) communicating results to the Succulent Karoo Ecosystem Program team and project participants.

Funding: \$19,870
 Grant Term: 2/05-1/06
 Grantee: Philip Desmet

Strategic Direction 5: Increase awareness of the Succulent Karoo hotspot**Co-authorship of a book entitled: East of the Cape – Conserving Eden**

Coauthor a visually-driven book that aims to increase awareness and appreciation of the value and uniqueness of the biodiversity of an area covering the eastern part of the Cape Floristic Region, part of the Little Karoo subregion of the Succulent Karoo, and most of the domain of the Subtropical Thicket Ecosystem Planning Project (STEP) which forms the south-western part of the Maputoland Pondoland Albany region. The book will expose readers to land uses that promote sustainability of ecosystems and socio-economic systems, will discuss the conservation of biodiversity as well as the bioregional approach to conservation planning, and will provide detailed reader-friendly information on the natural history of selected species and ecosystems in area of focus.

Funding: \$3,300
 Grant Term: 1/05-12/05

Grantee: Dr Shirley Pierce Cowling

Knersvlakte Biodiversity Awareness Raising Project

Identify and train five people from the Knersvlakte geographic priority area of the Succulent Karoo Hotspot as a team to raise awareness and educate people in the area about the biodiversity of the Knersvlakte, the importance of protecting it, and how to use it responsibly. The team will be based at the Masibambane Community Centre in Vanrhynsdorp, South Africa and will have a mobile exhibition center to reach all of the outlying areas.

Funding: \$111,844

Grant Term: 1/05-12/06

Grantee: Masibambane Multi-Purpose Community Centre

Strategic Direction 6: Create the capacity to catalyze the SKEP program

Environmental Education Program for The Succulent Karoo Hotspot in Namibia: Phase 1 - Program

Develop an innovative environmental education program in the Luderitz area of Namibia that aims to raise awareness and stimulate protection of the Succulent Karoo Hotspot within a sustainable living framework. The target group for this program will be the communities who live in the buffer areas surrounding the Sperrgebiet, a new protected area in Namibia.

Specific aims of the project are to develop the guidelines and strategy for implementation of the environmental

Funding: \$9,730

Grant Term: 1/05-4/05

Grantee: Namib Desert Environmental Education Trust

Sundaland

Strategic Direction 1: Enhance stewardship of forest resources at district level and below

Expansion of Bukit Tigapuluh National Park and Protection of Its Wider Ecosystem

Enable expansion of Bukit Tigapuluh National Park by adding defunct logging concessions and rounding out boundaries for easier park protection measures. This project, which is co-funded by Conservation International's Global Conservation Fund, will also explore conservation of adjacent logging concessions to the west of the park as a means of linking protected areas.

Funding: \$199,547

Grant Term: 10/04-12/06

Grantee: Komunitas Konservasi Indonesia WARSI

Strengthening Community Commitment to Protect Batang Gadis National Park

Organize and facilitate sub-district meetings as well as a larger district-level forum for representatives of 68 villages adjacent to Batang Gadis National Park as a means of reinforcing and strengthening local community commitment and action toward protecting the park. This project will be implemented in tandem with the celebration marking the first anniversary of the park's declaration.

Funding: \$6,519

Grant Term: 12/04-2/05

Grantee: Lembaga Swadaya Masyarakat Harapan Madina

First Anniversary Celebration for Batang Gadis National Park

Organize a celebration marking the first anniversary of the declaration of Batang Gadis National Park, as a means of increasing knowledge of the park's environmental services, solidifying support for protecting the park's flora and fauna, and raising awareness of conservation-friendly development options adjacent to the park.

Funding: \$13,210

Grant Term: 12/04-2/05

Grantee: Lembaga Swadaya Masyarakat Gerakan Masyarakat Madina Pemantau Apatur Negara

Strategic Direction 2: Empower civil society to organize in favor of conserving biodiversity**Empowering Local People and Local Government to Support Batang Gadis National Park**

Garner support for conservation among communities adjacent to the new Batang Gadis National Park (BGNP) and thus contribute to saving 108,000 hectares of Batang Gadis forest and, ultimately, 400,000 hectares of Angkola forest integral to the larger Leuser Ecosystem and the Northern Sumatra Biodiversity Conservation Corridor. The grant recipient - a consortium of four local groups - will empower local communities and governments at the village level through participation in creation of the park and its management schemes, as well as exploration of biodiversity-friendly economic development opportunities.

Funding: \$260,000
 Grant Term: 10/04-12/06
 Grantee: Yayasan Bina Ketrampilan Desa

Rapid Response Team for Conservation Investment in Sumatra

Provide technical and/or political support and troubleshooting for CEPF-supported grantees and conservation initiatives in Sumatra. An advisory committee made up of senior nongovernmental and government representatives will provide the political support, while a team made up of experienced scientists and project managers will provide technical assistance. Both will work closely with CEPF's Sumatra grant manager.

Funding: \$156,752
 Grant Term: 10/04-12/06
 Grantee: Conservation International

Motivating Governments to Address Illegal Wildlife in Southeast Asia

Boost political support for controlling illegal resource-use activities, with a special focus on illegal wildlife trade, by convening a group of pro-conservation parliamentarians in Southeast Asia to meet regularly on priority issues related to combating illegal logging, fishing, and wildlife trade.

Funding: \$5,000
 Grant Term: 11/04-1/05
 Grantee: Conservation International
 This is a multiregional project covering three hotspots; the total grant amount is \$15,000.

Partnership for the Conservation of Sumatran Natural Heritage

Test networking and partnerships development approaches to build and strengthen collaboration among Government, civil society and private sector for the conservation of the rainforest heritage of Sumatra, Indonesia.

Funding: \$900,000
 Grant Term: 1/05-12/06
 Grantee: United Nations Foundation

Strategic Direction 3: Build alliances among conservation-minded groups in civil society and the private**Batang Gadis National Park Development and Management Support**

Assist the local government and communities adjacent to the Batang Gadis National Park with creating a co-management regime, as well as exploring economic development opportunities that will help sustain conservation of the park's biodiversity while bettering the lives of affected communities in northern Sumatra.

Funding: \$482,500
 Grant Term: 7/04-12/06
 Grantee: Conservation International

Strategic Direction 4: Assess impact of conservation interventions at district level and below

Defining, Refining, and Monitoring Outcomes for Sumatra

Refine priorities and opportunities for achieving tangible conservation in Sumatra and build the capacity of Indonesia's civil society to monitor the status of biodiversity based on quantifiable outcomes.

Funding: \$300,000
 Grant Term: 10/04-6/06
 Grantee: Conservation International

Grantmaking and Partnerships on the Ground in Sumatra

Facilitate all aspects of CEPF grantmaking and partnerships on the ground in Sumatra, including working with grantees on troubleshooting, sharing lessons learned and leveraging funds to enlarge and/or sustain CEPF-supported projects.

Funding: \$307,077
 Grant Term: 1/05-12/06
 Grantee: Conservation International

The Philippines**Strategic Direction 2: Build civil society's awareness of the myriad benefits of conserving corridors of****Enhancement of Educational Park as Reforestation Training Center (Phase II)**

Train local communities on proper restoration and reforestation techniques and advocate for Palawan's biodiversity conservation through popular education.

Funding: \$10,240
 Grant Term: 9/04-8/05
 Grantee: Palawan Conservation Corps

Strategic Direction 3: Build capacity of civil society to advocate for better corridor and protected area management and against development harmful to conservation**Toward Biodiversity Conservation Within the Eastern Mindanao Corridor: Biodiversity Archiving and**

Build capacity within Eastern Mindanao Corridor to map biodiversity, set scientifically based conservation priorities, and then monitor progress in priority areas. While the project centers on Mt. Hamiguitan, Mt. Hilong-hilong, and Mt. Puting Bato, it aims to generate skills and information that will be used to develop a corridor-wide conservation framework for use by government and civil society working in partnership to conserve Eastern Mindanao's biodiversity.

Funding: \$200,675
 Grant Term: 9/04-8/06
 Grantee: Philippine Eagle Conservation Program Foundation, Inc.

Design and Management of the Northeastern Cagayan Conservation Corridor

Expansion of protected area within the Sierra Madre Biodiversity Corridor to include a key tract of species-rich forest, while enabling local civil society to take part in the management of the resulting new protected area.

Funding: \$108,812
 Grant Term: 12/04-11/06
 Grantee: Cagayan Valley Partners In People Development

A 10-Year Framework Plan for Ecohistorical Tourism in the Sierra Madre Biodiversity Corridor, Philippines

Develop a framework for protected areas in the Sierra Madre Biodiversity Corridor that identifies ecotourism opportunities that highlight nature and human history. The framework is intended to generate local employment, business ventures and biodiversity conservation as well as local interest in protected area management.

Funding: \$20,000
 Grant Term: 12/04-11/05
 Grantee: Miriam-Public Education and Awareness Campaign for the Environment

Project MAMBOOGOOK: Research and Conservation of Philippine Eagles in Central and Eastern

Locate and study key Philippine Eagle nests in the Eastern Mindanao Corridor, while facilitating creation and implementation of management plans to conserve the habitat and species necessary to protect the eagle as a flagship species for the whole of the corridor's biodiversity.

Funding: \$250,000
 Grant Term: 1/05-12/07
 Grantee: Philippine Eagle Conservation Program Foundation, Inc.

Building Civil Society's Capacity for Conserving Eastern Mindanao's Priority Sites

Establish a micro grants fund for small nongovernmental organizations and small community-based groups known as People's Organizations to participate in tangible conservation of nesting sites of the Endangered Philippine eagle as part of a plan to protect biodiversity in the Eastern Mindanao Corridor.

Funding: \$20,000
 Grant Term: 2/05-9/05
 Grantee: Mindanao Environment Forum

Mobilizing Business Sector Resources to Support Watershed Management

Aims to establish fund raising mechanisms involving the private sector for support of watershed conservation in the southern portion of the Sierra Madre Biodiversity Corridor.

Funding: \$20,000
 Grant Term: 3/05-2/06
 Grantee: Philippine Business for Social Progress

Strategic Direction 4: Establish an emergency response mechanism to help save Critically Endangered**Motivating Governments to Address Illegal Wildlife in Southeast Asia**

Boost political support for controlling illegal resource-use activities, with a special focus on illegal wildlife trade, by convening a group of pro-conservation parliamentarians in Southeast Asia to meet regularly on priority issues related to combating illegal logging, fishing, and wildlife trade.

Funding: \$5,000
 Grant Term: 11/04-1/05
 Grantee: Conservation International
 This is a multiregional project covering three hotspots; the total grant amount is \$15,000.

Tropical Andes**Vilcabamba-Amboró****Strategic Direction 5: Strengthen Environmental Policy and Legal Frameworks to Mitigate the Impacts of Extraction Industries, Transportation and Infrastructure Projects, and Large-scale Tourism**

Updating and Republication of Manual of Legal Tools for Private Conservation in Perú

Revise and publish an additional 1,000 copies of the Manual of Legal Tools for Private Conservation in Peru produced through a previous CEPF-supported project to disseminate and implement legal tools for conservation in the Vilcabamba-Amboro Biodiversity Conservation Corridor.

Funding: \$3,800

Grant Term: 10/04-3/05

Grantee: Sociedad Peruana de Derecho Ambiental

Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund

Financial Summary of Fifth Annual Spending Plan

July 2004 - January 2005

Spending Category: Operational

	Budget	Expenditures	Percent spent
Business Development, Management, Auditing			
Salaries and Fringe Benefits	\$ 331,791	\$ 176,801	
Travel, Meetings, Events	143,414	54,306	
Professional Services	127,040	45,630	
Other Direct Costs	132,057	74,491	
Subtotal:	<u>734,302</u>	<u>351,228</u>	48%
Grant Making			
Salaries and Fringe Benefits	968,642	572,847	
Travel, Meetings, Events	183,800	84,646	
Professional Services	59,300	24,313	
Other Direct Costs	15,176	28,979	
Subtotal:	<u>1,226,918</u>	<u>710,785</u>	58%
Monitoring & Evaluation, Information and Knowledge Management			
Salaries and Fringe Benefits	362,767	175,914	
Travel, Meetings, Events	88,550	10,413	
Professional Services	77,450	130,722	
Other Direct Costs	308,583	15,941	
Subtotal:	<u>837,350</u>	<u>332,990</u>	40%
Management Fee	671,657	334,801	
Operational Total	3,470,227	1,729,803	50%

Spending Category: Preparation

Capacity Building			
Polynesia-Micronesia		25,829	
Outcome Definition		34,179	
Subtotal:	<u>295,783</u>	<u>60,008</u>	
Priority Setting			
Indo-Burma		60,526	
Western Ghats and Sri Lanka		31,381	
Subtotal:	<u>232,400</u>	<u>91,906</u>	
Stakeholder Consultation			
General Preparation		107,772	
Subtotal:	<u>202,566</u>	<u>107,772</u>	
Management Fee	175,380	62,325	
Preparation Total	906,129	322,010	36%
Total: Preparation and Operational	\$ 4,376,356	\$ 2,051,813	47%

* Authority for operational and preparation funding is designated annually per the spending plan.