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Message from the Partners



As partners in the Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund (CEPF), we recognize not only the crisis facing our global biodiversity but also the opportunity to make a difference.

CEPF is designed to catalyze conservation efforts where it matters most, as demonstrated in the pages of this annual report.

From winegrowers in South Africa formally integrating biodiversity into their business practices to rural communities influencing large-scale infrastructure plans in China, CEPF helped make important accomplishments possible during the year.

An independent evaluation of the global program also reached positive conclusions this year. The evaluators found our joint initiative to be an innovative model that fills a unique niche in international biodiversity conservation.

They characterized CEPF grants as particularly effective in a number of areas that are integral to the program's approach, including improving management of protected areas, building conservation into development planning, and providing the basis for improving incomes and economic well-being of poor communities.

This report, covering fiscal year 2006 (July 2005–June 2006), demonstrates additional progress across these areas and others.

We are excited by all that CEPF has made possible through its empowerment of more than 900 civil society groups since awarding its first grant in 2001.

Building on experiences, lessons learned, and recommendations from the evaluators, we are also working together to even further strengthen the program for the future. We invite you to join this important partnership.

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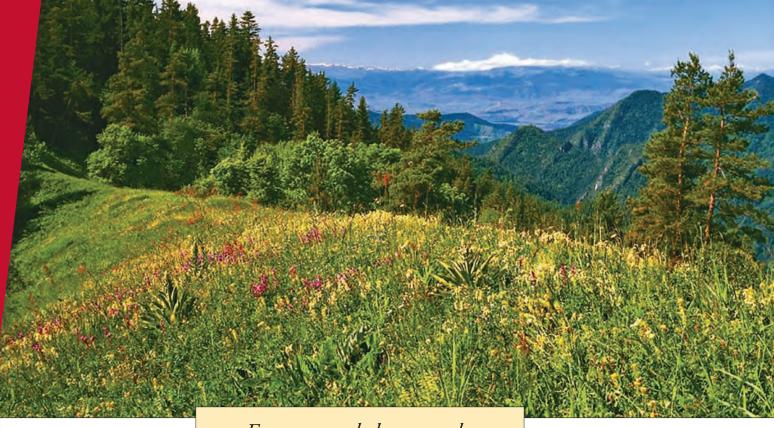
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Our Strategic Approach



Every grant helps meet the objective of a strategic direction in a regional investment strategy.

CEPF brings together global leaders in a united effort to help conserve Earth's biologically richest and most threatened places.

Combined, these biodiversity hotspots harbor half the diversity of life, yet they have already lost 86 percent of their original habitat.

The convergence of critical areas for conservation with millions of people who are impoverished and highly dependent on healthy ecosystems for their survival is also more evident in the hotspots than anywhere else.

The hotspots approach to the conservation of critical ecosystems is a highly targeted strategy for tackling the challenge of biodiversity loss at the global level. As many hotspots cross national borders, the approach transcends political boundaries and fosters coordination and joint efforts across large landscapes for local and global benefits.

CEPF is a global grant-making program that enables conservation action and builds capacity for sustainability in the hotspots. Its investments enable nongovernmental organizations (NGOs), community groups, and other private sector partners to conserve their environment and influence decisions that affect lives, livelihoods, and ultimately the global environment. In each hotspot where it invests, CEPF first works with experts and stakeholders to create an ecosystem

profile. The goal is to identify the highest priorities for conservation and a CEPF investment strategy that can provide the greatest incremental value.

Every grant awarded helps meet the objective of a strategic direction in the investment strategy.

CEPF relies on regional teams of civil society groups to lead implementation. These teams help identify potential partners, provide hands-on assistance in designing projects, and convert the plans in the profiles into powerful portfolios. Their local expertise helps broaden CEPF's reach as well as its ability to make sound investment decisions.

The people we support are at the heart of the program's results. They lead innovative projects and engage others to maximize conservation impact per dollar spent and foster sustainability for the future. CEPF grant recipients range from farming cooperatives, community associations, and the private sector to local and international NGOs, all working toward one common goal: conserving our global environment.

Hotspots Where CEPF Supported Civil Society Projects, FY 06

The Earth's 34 biodiversity hotspots hold especially high numbers of unique species. Overall, the hotspots once covered 15.7 percent of the Earth's land surface. Today, their combined area of remaining habitat covers only 2.3 percent of the Earth's land surface. Each hotspot has already lost at least 70 percent of its original natural vegetation and continues to face extreme threats. CEPF awarded grants for strategic conservation projects in 16 critical ecosystems within 17 hotspots during the year.

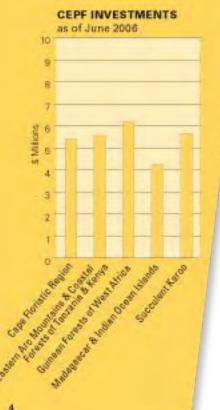


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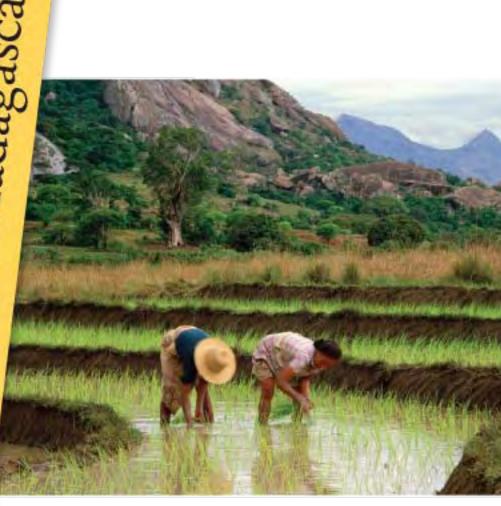
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- *Due to a reclassification of hotspot boundaries in 2005, the originally defined CEPF investment areas now stretch across two hotspots in some cases.
- Investments in the Polynesia Micronesia Hotspot were for a special invasive species program supported by the Australian government's Regional Natural Hentage Program (see story page 13).

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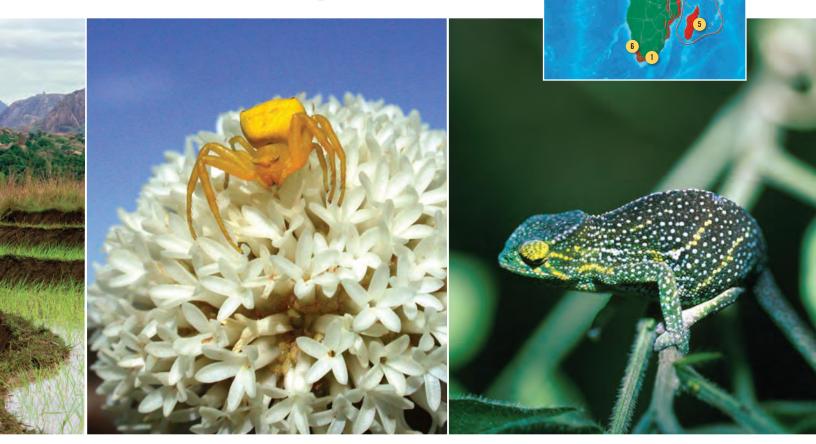


Eight of Earth's biodiversity hotspots are in Africa-a hub of unique but highly threatened landscapes. CEPF supported civil society groups in five regions within six of these hotspots, from South Africa's floral kingdom that comprises the Cape Floristic Region Hotspot to the Guinean Forests of West Africa Hotspot where CEPF focuses on the Upper Guinean Forest stretching across six countries. The results achieved include governmental decrees protecting biologically rich land, winegrowers incorporating biodiversity into their business practices, and communities adopting new skills to ensure their livelihoods while also safeguarding their natural environment. Grant funding committed during the year totaled \$5.2 million, expanding the CEPF Africa portfolio to \$27.3 million to date.





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Protecting West Africa's Wild Chimpanzees

The Wild Chimpanzee Foundation (WCF) helped 20 communities around Côte d'Ivoire's Taï National Park improve the protection of Endangered West African chimpanzees (*Pan troglodytes verus*) and their forest habitat.

More than 100 people—nearly half of the area's hunters—pledged to stop illegally hunting the animals for bushmeat as part of

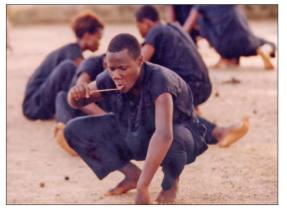
WCF's environ-

mental education program that extends to five critical areas in the Guinean Forests of West Africa Hotspot.

WCF's program uses film, cartoon newsletters, and community theater performed by local villagers to demonstrate the habits and characteristics of these primates.

"Our impact surveys show that the majority of local people reached by the program—more than 90,000 to date—are also changing their behavior," said Ilka Herbinger, director of WCF's African office.

In Guinea, for example, villagers who saw the plays are more likely to chase chimpanzees away from their fields than kill them. In Côte d'Ivoire, in another significant step forward for



Performers portray the behaviors of Endangered West African chimpanzees, left, during a community play.

chimpanzee conservation, a village chief proclaimed the chimpanzee as a totem, making chimpanzee killing taboo for any of the more than 3,000 members of his village.

A Vintage Year for South African Biodiversity

The South African Wine and Brandy Company helped winegrowers in the Cape Floristic Region Hotspot incorporate biodiversity into their business practices and set aside more than 20,000 hectares of threatened habitat for conservation.

A pioneering partnership between the wine industry and the conservation sector, the Biodiversity and Wine Initiative (BWI) aims to minimize the loss of threatened natural habitat and contribute to sustainable wine production. Expected benefits for participating winegrowers include increased profits from discerning buyers.

As award-winning winegrower and fruit farmer Paul Clüver explained, "If consumers are willing to pay a higher price for the product, we are happy to cultivate less and conserve more hectares."

With 80 percent of the land in this region under private ownership,

COMMUNITIES PROTECT WETLANDS

BirdLife International set up 24 legally recognized community organizations in five important wetland areas in Madagascar. These organizations established sustainable natural resource management plans for the Mahavavy-Kinkony wetlands in the Madagascar and Indian Ocean Islands Hotspot, which will help protect globally threatened species and provide an important base for education and outreach.



landowner participation in conservation is crucial. So is engaging South Africa's wine industry, which is now the world's eighth largest producer of wine.

BWI's support to individual winegrowers followed earlier success in the project when it helped incorporate bio-

SUCCULENT VISITOR CENTER

The Namibia Nature Foundation helped build a visitor center in Aus, Namibia, to raise awareness about the Succulent Karoo Hotspot. Eleven local people completed training and are now employed there as tourist guides. This training, the first phase of a nature-based livelihood scheme, is particularly important in Aus, which has one of Namibia's lowest rates of employment despite its ecological wealth. diversity guidelines into South Africa's Integrated Production of Wine system.

BWI also recently expanded into the neighboring Succulent Karoo Hotspot, where it has already attracted a cooperative to the scheme that has 43 endemic plant species on just one of its farms.

GUIDELINES GO NATIONAL

The South African National Biodiversity Institute implemented national biodiversity guidelines for developers and planning officers in the Cape Floristic Region Hotspot. Drafted by the Botanical Society of South Africa, these tools for systematic conservation planning were originally intended solely for use in the Western Cape, but are now guiding conservation across the entire country.

Makira Forest Helps Madagascar Meet 2005 Target

The Malagasy government created the 370,000-hectare Makira Forest Conservation Area in northeast Madagascar, securing the country's



largest remaining intact humid rain forest and a vital watershed for more than 150,000 people.

The Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) worked closely with the government and more than 100 local communities to map the region and create an effective management plan for the new protected area in the Madagascar and Indian Ocean Islands Hotspot.

Together with the new Ankeniheny-Zahamena corridor reserves (425,000 hectares) and Loky-Manambato Forest Station (72,000 hectares), the declaration of Makira Forest played a vital role

Makira is home to 13 species of lemurs, including the Endangered indri (*Indri indri*). in helping the government hit its 2005 target of bringing 1 million hectares under protection.

As a result, Madagascar is on track to hit President Marc Ravalomanana's pledge of tripling the country's protected area network to 6 million hectares by 2008.

"CEPF funding has enabled us to make sure our efforts are integrated with other key partners in research, education, and communications," said Christopher Holmes, WCS principal technical adviser on the Makira project.

One important outcome of the project is 10 community-based resource management contracts that now help more than 10,000 villagers living within the reserve to directly manage their natural resources in a more sustainable way.

Boschendal Vineyard, a member of the Biodiversity and Wine Initiative, has committed 1,000 hectares to conservation.

Nature-Based Livelihoods Relieve Threatened Forest Habitats

The International Centre of Insect Physiology and Ecology (ICIPE) provided training to more than 200 people in a sustainable livelihoods program for communities that neighbor important forests in the Eastern Arc Mountains and Coastal Forests of Tanzania and Kenya region.

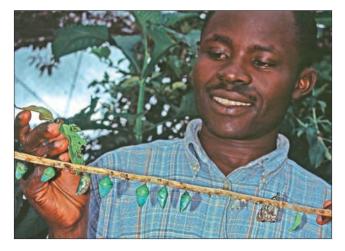
The new skills have already helped generate economic returns for the communities through silk production, butterfly farming, and honey harvesting and refining, as well as essential oil production from the neem tree (*Azadirachta indica*) and other local plants.

Within six months of completing the training, the Chawia Forest community in the Taita Hills earned \$270 from its first butterfly pupae exported to butterfly houses in the United States.

The project focuses on conserving the forest in Kenya's Taita Hills and Lower Tana River Forest and the Derema Corridor in Tanzania's East Usambara

REPLICATION ACROSS THE NATION

Three new groups joined a successful pilot scheme to gather data on threatened plant species in South Africa, significantly contributing to updating the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species. The Custodians of Rare and Endangered Wildflowers, now expanding nationally, comprises more than 100 volunteers in the Cape Floristic Region Hotspot who recorded more than 1,000 endemic and threatened species.



Mountains, where fragmentation threatens a range of species such as the Critically Endangered Tana River red colobus (*Procolobus rufomitratus*).

The program is applying methods and lessons learned from butterfly farming programs that have generated more

HUNTING STEWARDSHIP

In the Guinean Forests of West Africa Hotspot, Fauna and Flora International worked with more than 70 bushmeat hunters from three villages around the Nimba Mountains Biosphere Reserve to develop and implement a community management plan for wild fauna. The communities removed snares and traps and set up hunting quotas to reduce their impact on Endangered primates in the area. Left: A staff member of the Amani Nature Reserve in the East Usambara Mountains explains the butterfly life cycle. Below: The pupae of *Charaxes brutus* butterflies sell for \$2 each, providing an important income for families engaged in butterfly farming.

than \$1 million in revenue in the region.

"Nature-based businesses that benefit local populations can build significant constituencies for conservation," said lan Gordon, the head of ICIPE's environmental health division, who also leads the CEPF implementation team in the region.

POST-WAR RECOVERY

The Environmental Foundation for Africa worked with two chiefdoms to create a natural resource management plan to protect the rich biodiversity of Tiwai Island in the Guinean Forests of West Africa Hotspot and restore its wildlife sanctuary to use after it had been shuttered during Sierra Leone's civil war. The communities reopened the Tiwai Island Wildlife Sanctuary to visitors in April 2006.

FY 06 Approved Grants

CAPE FLORISTIC REGION HOTSPOT

STRATEGIC DIRECTION 1: Support civil society involvement

in the establishment of protected areas and management plans in CFR biodiversity corridors

Providing Guidelines for Game Fencing in the Gouritz Initiative Rooiberg-Gamkaberg to Outeniqua Nature Reserves Corridor \$4,000 Conservation Management Services Salt River Macro Invertebrate Sanctuary: Stakeholder Engagement Process \$4,776

Nature's Valley Trust

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

Baviaanskloof East Conservancy Land-use Conversion Strategy \$20,000 Landmark Foundation Conserving Biodiversity and Enhancing Livelihoods in the Small-Scale Rooibos Tea Production Areas of the Northern and Western Cape, South Africa \$70,000

Environmental Monitoring Group

Equator Ventures

\$11,109 Conservation International This is a multiregional project covering eight hotspots; the total grant amount is \$99,986.



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Greater Cederberg Biodiversity Corridor Small Grants Fund \$32,000

Western Cape Nature Conservation Board This is a multiregional project covering two hotspots; the total grant amount is \$108,000.

Implementation of the Cape West Coast Biosphere Reserve Strategic Plan and Business Plan

\$100,000 Cape West Coast Biosphere Reserve Company

STRATEGIC DIRECTION 3:

Support civil society efforts to create an institutional environment that enables effective conservation action

The Gamtoos Valley Collective Land Management Project Phase 1: Assessing the Viability of Collective Land Management as a Model for Conservation in the Baviaanskloof Mega-Reserve Coastal Corridor \$14,990 Wildlife and Environment Society of South Africa

EASTERN ARC MOUNTAINS AND COASTAL FORESTS OF TANZANIA AND KENYA

STRATEGIC DIRECTION 1:

Increase the ability of local populations to benefit from and contribute to biodiversity conservation

The Amani Butterfly Project \$9,880

Tanzania Forest Conservation Group

Assessment of Tumbatu Flora and Fauna Species \$7,000 Jongowe Environmental Management Association

Community Biodiversity Conservation Micro-Grants in the Eastern Arc and Coastal Forests of Kenya and Tanzania \$400,000 World Wide Fund for Nature Conservation of Zanzibar's Unique Flora and Fauna via Community-Based Forest Management and Socioeconomic Development Around Jozani-Chwaka Bay National Park \$174,985 CARE International (\$91,908) and Wildlife Conservation Society (\$83,077)

Equator Ventures \$11.110

Conservation International This is a multiregional project covering eight hotspots; the total grant amount is \$99,986.

Investigating the Benefits of Participatory Forest Management in Uluguru Forest Reserves \$19,933

Wildlife Conservation Society of Tanzania

Promoting Community Involvement in Resource Protection in and around the Boni-Dodori-Kiunga Protected Area Complex \$19,930 Africa Conservation Fund

Socioeconomic Study of the Udzungwa Scarp Area: A Potential Wildlife Corridor \$20,000 World Wide Fund for Nature

TALK (Training, Awareness, Learning, and Knowledge) about the Eastern Arc and Coastal Forests of Kenya and Tanzania \$143,600 Tanzania Forest Conservation Group

STRATEGIC DIRECTION 2:

Restore and increase connectivity among fragmented forest patches

Assessing the Potential for Restoring Connectivity and Evaluating Options for Improved Management of the Udzungwa Scarp, Iyondo, Matundu, and Nyanganje Forest Reserves in the Udzungwa Mountains of Tanzania \$79,035 Museo Tridentino di Scienze Naturali Conservation Biology of Ecological Indicators to Enhance Connectivity in the East Usambara Mountains, Tanzania \$69,865 William D. Newmark

Facilitating the Compensation Payments for the Derema Forest Reserve, East Usambara Mountains \$154,810 World Wide Fund for Nature

Making Available Free Copies of Coastal Forest Books \$5,375 World Wide Fund for Nature

Technical Advisor-Conservation Corridors: Eastern Arc and Coastal Forests of Tanzania and Kenya \$119,900 Conservation International

Conservation International

STRATEGIC DIRECTION 3: Improve biological knowledge in the hotspot

Assessment of the Amphibian Species Diversity, Population Status and Trends within the Forest Fragments of the Taita Hills, Kenya \$65,000

G. John Measey

Biodiversity Research and Awareness in the Lesser Known Eastern Arc Mountains: Mahenge, Rubeho, Ukaguru, and Nguru \$224,369 The Society for Environmental Exploration

Malundwe's Afromontane Forest and River Catchments: Discovery and Capacity Building \$30,000 Anglia Ruskin University

STRATEGIC DIRECTION 4:

Establish a small grants program in the hotspot (all 161 sites eligible) that focuses on Critically Endangered species and smallscale efforts to increase connectivity of biologically important habitat patches

Assessment of the Diversity and Conservation Status of Primates in the Coastal Forests of Kenya \$19,900 Yvonne de Jong Biodiversity of a Landscape: Examining Forest Heterogeneity and Ecological Change in the East Usambaras Since 1975 \$15,860 University of Florida

Making Available Copies of WWF Ecoregion Books \$19,000 World Wide Fund for Nature

Population Density Estimates and Threats Evaluation of the Highly Endangered Udzungwa Forest Partridge in the Udzundwa Mountains of Tanzania \$19,778 University of Copenhagen

Population Estimates of Threatened Birds in the East Usambara Mountains, Tanzania \$19,960 The Field Museum of Natural History

Small Grants for Global Conservation of Amphibian Diversity Within Hotspots \$30,000 Arizona State University This is a multiregional project covering six hotspots; the total grant amount is \$200,000.

Taxonomy and Conservation Genetics of the Threatened Mangabey Taxa of the Eastern Arc Mountains and Coastal Forests of Tanzania and Kenya \$19,925 Carolyn L. Ehardt

GUINEAN FORESTS OF WEST AFRICA HOTSPOT

Upper Guinean Forest

STRATEGIC DIRECTION 4:

Collaborative public awareness, education, and community outreach programs

Assessing Five Years of CEPF Investment in the Guinean Forests of West Africa \$129,353

Environmental Foundation for Africa–Sierra Leone

STRATEGIC DIRECTION 5: Biodiversity Action Fund

The 2005 Smithsonian **Environmental Leadership Course: Participation by** Samba T. Diallo \$4 645 Centre National des Sciences Halieutiques de Boussoura

Building Sustainable Livelihoods Around the Wologizi-Wonegizi Proposed **Protected Areas** \$19 632 Skills and Agriculture Development Services, Inc.

The Great Ape Emergency **Conservation Fund** \$62,150 Conservation International

Involving Local Populations in the Protection and Safeguarding of All Tropical Zone Species of Fauna and Flora in the Dabola and Dinguiraye **Prefectures of Guinea** \$18 450 COLUFIFA-GUINEE

Reconstruction of Gbaboni Research Station at Sapo National Park \$19 971 Society for the Conservation of Nature of Liberia

Small Grants for Global Conservation of Amphibian Diversity Within Hotspots \$34,000

Arizona State University This is a multiregional project covering six hotspots; the total grant amount is \$200,000.

Taking Biodiversity Conservation to the Proposed Lake Piso Nature Reserve \$19 992

Farmers Associated to Conserve the Environment

MADAGASCAR AND **INDIAN OCEAN ISLANDS** HOTSPOT Madagascar

STRATEGIC DIRECTION 5: Biodiversity Action Fund

Assessing Five Years of CEPF Investment in Madagascar \$60 467 Conservation International

Emergency Intervention to **Prevent Slash and Burn and** to Ensure the Sustainability of the Income Generating for **Conservation Program** \$10,000 L'Homme et l'Environnement

Produce and Disseminate the Proceedings of the Eleventh Pan-African Ornithological Congress \$10,000 BirdLife International

SUCCULENT KAROO HOTSPOT

STRATEGIC DIRECTION 1:

Expand protected area corridors through public-private-communal partnerships in the priority areas of Namagualand Coast, Namagualand Uplands, Knersvlakte, Hantam-

in the Bokkeveld \$274 827

Greater Cederberg Biodiversity Corridor Small Grants Fund \$76,000

Western Cape Nature Conservation Board This is a multiregional project covering two hotspots: the total grant amount is \$108,000.

Informing the Development of an Integrated Land Use **Management Plan For the Commons of the Namagualand** Uplands \$94,204 Agricultural Research Council-Range & Forage Institute

STRATEGIC DIRECTION 2:

Engage key industrial sectors in meeting conservation objectives identified by SKEP

The Biodiversity & Wine **Initiative Succulent Karoo**

Expansion \$20,000 The South African Wine & Brandy Company

Equator Ventures

\$11,110 **Conservation International** This is a multiregional project covering eight hotspots; the total grant amount is \$99,986.

Establishment of Hiking Routes

STRATEGIC DIRECTION 3:

Retain and restore critical biodiversity in areas under greatest landuse pressure

SKEPPIES Fund (SKEP Partnering In your **Environment)-A Fund** for Conservation and **Development in the** Succulent Karoo \$56 100 Development Bank of Southern Africa Limited

Small Grants for **Global Conservation of** Amphibian Diversity Within Hotspots \$17.000 Arizona State University This is a multiregional project covering six hotspots; the total grant amount is \$200,000.

STRATEGIC DIRECTION 4:

Mainstream conservation priorities into land-use planning and policymaking

Conservation Priorities for Insects of the **Kamiesberg Uplands** \$11 102 Jonathan Colville

Demography of Brown Hyenas in the Larger Kaukasib and Klinghardt Mountains Area in the Sperrgebiet, Namibia \$5,000 Brown Hyena Research Project

Identifying, Mapping, and Valuing Socioeconomically Significant Biodiversity At the Municipal Level: A Pilot Study in Oudtshoorn, South Africa \$29 651 Wildlife and Environment Society of South Africa

SKEEP-Southern Karoo **Environmental Education** Project \$91,286 Wildlife and Environment Society of South Africa

STRATEGIC DIRECTION 6:

Create the capacity to catalyze the SKEP program

The SKEP Coordination Unit: **Ensuring Strategic and Effective Conservation Action in the** Succulent Karoo Hotspot \$1,071,028 South African National Biodiversity



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Bushmanland Inselbergs, Central Roggeveld, Central Little Karoo, and Sperrgebiet

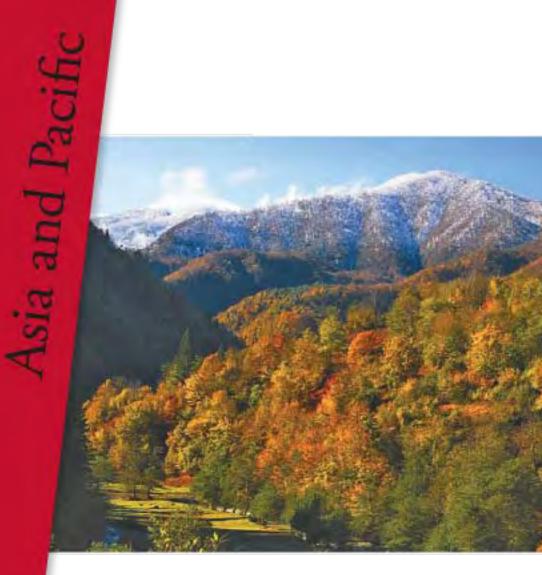
Building Stewardship Capacity

Botanical Society of South Africa

Establishing the Knersvlakte **Provincial Nature Reserve** \$310,000 Western Cape Nature Conservation Board

in Sutherland in the Hantam-Tanqua-Roggeveld Priority Area \$14.925 Sutherland Unemployment Forum

Institute



CEPF INVESTMENTS



CEPF support enabled civil society groups to undertake targeted conservation activities in six regions within seven of Asia's hotspots, from the mountainous Caucasus Hotspot comprising six countries to the Polynesia-Micronesia Hotspot with its isolated island ecosystems. Results achieved include governmental and NGO partners joining forces to ensure effective management of protected areas in the long term and communities em-

bracing natural resource management and influencing plans for large-scale tourism infrastructure. Grant funding committed during the year totaled \$5.6 million, expanding the CEPF Asia portfolio to \$29.8 million to date.



Resurrecting Traditional Land Tenure in Aceh

Yayasan Rumpun Bambu Indonesia (YRBI) helped communities in the Sundaland Hotspot take advantage of recent legislative changes to introduce a community-based natural resource scheme for 25,000 hectares of lowland forest that are home to the Critically Endangered Sumatran tiger (*Panthera tigris sumatrae*).

In 2003, Aceh's provincial government gave villagers the right to manage natural resources on communally held land but few in rural areas were aware of the change or how they might benefit from it.

YRBI helped the people of Lampanah map their communal area and develop a participatory management plan based on traditional land tenure practices. The plan was then integrated into a wider social code based on the teachings of Islam.

"CEPF funds enabled us to attend

training on mapping, documentation processes, and facilitating community discussions which made the task much easier," YRBI Program Officer Muhamad Irwan said.

YRBI also helped establish an agroforestry business that employs nearly 50 people to date. The business provides some income but, perhaps more importantly, demonstrates the benefits of using resources sustainably. YRBI is now working

with government

A villager prays for the success of Lampanah's community-based natural resource management program. authorities to draft regulations for use at the provincial level and hopes to extend the land managed under the scheme to 250,000 hectares.



New Fund for Protected Areas in the Caucasus

The German government through the KfW Development Bank, World Wide Fund for Nature, and Conservation International (CI) launched a fund to provide urgent, long-term financial sustainability for protected

areas in the Caucasus Hotspot.

The Caucasus features the greatest biological diversity of any temperate forest region in the world, yet faces a critical funding shortage. The new fund will provide up to 50 percent of the



This area stretching from Bagdadi to the Great Caucasus mountains forms a buffer zone of Georgia's Borjomi-Kharagauli National Park.

FARMERS SECURE FOREST

Perkumpulan Uma Mentawai, a Sumatran NGO, helped farmers on the island of Siberut conserve 15,000 hectares of forest through cultivating rattan instead of selling land for forest concessions. Local farmers are now not only preserving biodiversity and the social stability of the island, located in the Sundaland Hotspot, but are also benefiting economically through the formation of a cooperative.

GREATER KNOWLEDGE, BETTER MANAGEMENT

The Sichuan Academy of Forestry carried out surveys to establish a database on mammals and birds across 28 nature reserves in Sichuan province in the Mountains of Southwest China Hotspot. Information from the surveys, which revealed 19 new species, was used to populate a database for the region and to advise policy and protected area management across the hotspot. basic annual operating costs for protected areas with the highest biodiversity in Armenia, Azerbaijan, and Georgia. The national governments will provide the other 50 percent.

The initial commitment of \$10 million, including \$3 million from CI's Global Conservation Fund and support from CEPF for the first two years of operations, will provide a strong basis for the fund to achieve its goal of a core endowment of \$50 million.

Claudia Loy, vice president Europe of KfW Development Bank, said the fund will "serve as a model for developing similar sustainable financing mechanisms in the future."

Since 2004, CEPF's investments in the Caucasus Hotspot have supported the creation and expansion of protected areas, such as the Arevik Special Protected Area and Zangezur Protected Area in Armenia and the Borjomi National Park in Georgia.

HOPE FOR ELEPHANTS

WWF Indonesia helped secure an additional 60,000 hectares for the recently declared 38,576-hectare Tesso Nilo National Park on the island of Sumatra in the Sundaland Hotspot. The expansion to the park will provide greater protection for the remaining population of Endangered Sumatran elephants (*Elephas maximus sumatranus*). Tesso Nilo protects the largest remaining block of lowland forest in Sumatra.

Legal Initiative Secures Voice for Rural Communities in China

The Center for Biodiversity and Indigenous Knowledge (CBIK) helped communities positively influence plans for large-scale tourism infrastructure in a key area of China's Three Parallel Rivers World Heritage site.

CBIK's assistance to the communities was instrumental in preventing construction of a cable car, road, and hotel on the summit of Mt. Qianhu, which would have threatened the habitat of the Critically Endangered Chinese giant salamander (*Andrias davidianus*) and other species.

The goal of the project is to mitigate threats to alpine forests and wetlands by bringing unsustainable development activities, such as unchecked tourism, under control. The project also complements a larger CBIK initiative to promote stronger discourse and public participation in development projects.

Three hundred residents of Jisha village attended workshops hosted by CBIK to equip the communities with knowledge about their basic legal rights regarding resource planning and commercial development procedure.

CBIK also encouraged discussion of sustainable tourism alternatives for the in l area, and engaged a legal representative to assist in informing government officials dealing with the interrelated issues of resource



The delicate wetlands around Jisha village are rich in biodiversity.

governance, community livelihoods, and biodiversity conservation at district, provincial, and national levels.

Invasive Alien Species Program Sows Seeds for Island Restoration

CEPF pioneered a one-year program in partnership with the Pacific Invasives Initiative to support demonstration projects focused on preventing, controlling, and eradicating invasive alien species in the Polynesia-Micronesia Hotspot.

The program made possible 16 projects in nine Pacific countries and territories, where invasive species represent the single greatest threat to biodiversity.

The projects addressed threats posed by Pacific rats (*Rattus exulans*) and yellow crazy ants (*Anoplolepis gracilipes*), as well as avian malaria and the invasive plant *Merremia peltata*, while also raising civil society capacity to implement similar projects in the future.

On the Fijian island of Viwa, a University of the South Pacific team employed and trained local people in an awareness, eradication, and monitoring program that removed feral rats and other invasive mammals

SPECIES, SITES, AND CORRIDORS

Working through partner organizations in Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, and Turkey, BirdLife International recruited 31 local conservation heroes to extend its caretaker network in sites critical for the conservation of globally threatened species in the Caucasus Hotspot. The caretakers provided support for planning and conservation activities while also serving as liaisons with international partners. that were threatening the survival of one of the last populations of the Endangered Fijian ground frog (*Platymantis vitiana*).

The activities also resulted in improved poultry husbandry and local water quality and reduced the incidence of waterborne diseases.

Craig Morley, the university's project manager, characterized the Fijian island project as "critical." Said Morley, "Not only is it securing a future

for the Fijian ground frog but it also significantly improves the livelihoods of the people living on Viwa Island."

The Invasive Alien Species Program,

INDIGENOUS SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

The Livelihood Enhancement in Agro-forestry Foundation helped a small Indigenous Peoples organization work with government officials in the Philippines Hotspot to develop a comanagement plan based on traditional practices of land tenure. The plan, which will promote watershed management as a means of conserving lowland forest, covers 1,600 hectares of Manobo ancestral lands.



Viwa residents prepare to distribute rat bait stations to help rid the island of invasive species.

supported by the Australian government's Regional Natural Heritage Program, is the first phase of the full CEPF investment strategy for the hotspot.

ALTERNATIVE ENERGY INITIATIVE

The Nature Conservancy worked with local officials in the Yunnan province of China to help villagers install 2,000 biogas units and 200 energy-efficient stoves and replace wood shingles with cement ones. Reducing the impact of fuel wood collection in this region of the Mountains of Southwest China Hotspot helps to protect the Endangered Yunnan snub-nosed monkey (*Rhinopithecus bieti*).

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CAUCASUS HOTSPOT

STRATEGIC DIRECTION 1:

Support civil society efforts to promote transboundary cooperation and improve protected area systems in five target corridors

Assistance to Establishment of New Protected Area Zangezur in Southern Armenia \$174,769

Khustup Nature Protection NGO

Assistance to Establishment of New Specially Protected Natural Area "Arevik" in Southern Armenia \$156,237 Ecotourism Association Public Organization

Creation of the System of Protected Areas of the North Caucasus (Green Corridor of the North Caucasus) \$250,000 World Wide Fund for Nature– Russia Development of the Econet Scheme of the North Caucasus on the Base of Analysis of Satellite Images and Topographical Maps \$94,950 World Wide Fund for Nature– Russia

Enhancing Conservation in the West Lesser Caucasus Through Transboundary Cooperation and Establishing a Training Program on KBA Conservation \$254,705 Doğa Derneği

STRATEGIC DIRECTION 2:

Strengthen mechanisms to conserve biodiversity of the Caucasus hotspot with emphasis on species, site, and corridor outcomes

Coordination and Development of Plant Red List Assessments for the Caucasus Biodiversity Hotspot \$355,350

IUCN–The World Conservation Union

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Development of an IBA Caretaker Network in the Priority Corridors \$720,433 BirdLife International

Global Mammal Assessment-Wider Caucasus Regional Workshop \$19,910 IUCN-The World Conservation Uhion

Global Reptile Assessment-Wider Caucasus Regional Workshop \$19,870 IUCN-The World Conservation Union

Reduction of Illegal Catch of Sturgeons by the Slowdown of the Demand for Caviar and Sturgeon Flash on the Domestic Market \$39,980

World Wide Fund for Nature– Russia This grant is financially administered by World Wide Fund for Nature on behalf of TRAFFIC Europe–Russia.

Site Network for Birds and Wetlands: Inventory, Protection, and Community Management \$144,000

World Wide Fund for Nature– Russia This grant is financially administered by World Wide Fund for Nature on behalf of the Russian Bird Conservation Union.

Small Grants for Global Conservation of Amphibian Diversity Within Hotspots \$17.000

Arizona State University This is a multiregional project covering six hotspots; the total grant amount is \$200,000.

STRATEGIC DIRECTION 3:

Implement models demonstrating sustainable resource use in five target corridors

Equator Ventures

\$11,110 Conservation International This is a multiregional project covering eight hotspots; the total grant amount is \$99,986. Model Project on Sustainable Forestry and Introduction of Alternative Energy Sources for Saving Habitats of CEPF Priority Species \$45,000 Sumgayit Center for Environmental Rehabilitation

STRATEGIC DIRECTION 4:

Increase the awareness and commitment of decisionmakers to biodiversity conservation in five target corridors

Public Campaign for Western Greater Caucasus Biodiversity Protection from Planning of Olympic Games in Sochi Region / Russia \$9,305 Environmental Watch on the North West Caucasus

EASTERN HIMALAYAS REGION

STRATEGIC DIRECTION 3:

Leverage partnerships among donor agencies, civil society, and government institutions to achieve priority biodiversity conservation outcomes over the long term

CEPF Coordination in the Eastern Himalayas \$843,360

World Wildlife Fund, Inc.

MOUNTAINS OF SOUTHWEST CHINA HOTSPOT

STRATEGIC DIRECTION 1: Develop and operationalize hotspot-wide monitoring and evaluation projects

Mapping the Biodiversity of the Hengduan Mountains Using Historic Plant Collections \$120,000 Arnold Arboretum of Harvard

University

STRATEGIC DIRECTION 2:

Support site-related projects led by civil society to mitigate key threats to natural areas and species populations

Equator Ventures

\$11,110 Conservation International This is a multiregional project covering eight hotspots; the total grant amount is \$99,986.

Traditional Chinese Painting Arts as an Efficient Way for Advocating China's Southwest Snow Mountain Conservation Efforts \$20,000

Yunnan Academy of Arts

STRATEGIC DIRECTION 5:

Develop and operationalize a small grants program focusing on conservation capacity-building and research projects

Mitigating Environmental and Social Consequences of Development in Southwest China

\$107,000 Center for Biodiversity and Indigenous Knowledge

Small Grants for Global Conservation of Amphibian Diversity Within Hotspots \$33,000

Arizona State University This is a multiregional project covering six hotspots; the total grant amount is \$200,000.

Small Grants in Supporting Integration of Science and Culture: Tibetan Sacred Land Protection and Measuring Effective Conservation \$200,000 Conservation International

PHILIPPINES HOTSPOT

STRATEGIC DIRECTION 1:

Improve linkage between conservation investments to multiply and scale up benefits on a corridor scale in Sierra Madre, Eastern Mindanao, and Palawan

Establishing the Link between Biodiversity and Human Well-Being: Developing a Suitable Framework under Philippine Conditions \$100,000

Conservation International

National Prioritization System for GEF and Other Donors' Biodiversity Conservation Investment in the Philippines \$7,500

Foundation for Integrative and Development Studies, Inc.

Strengthening Conservation Efforts and Land Use on the Northern Sierra Madre Corridor through the Regional Geographic Information Network \$19.662

Integrated and Sustainable Upland Community Development Foundation

STRATEGIC DIRECTION 2:

Build civil society's awareness of the myriad benefits of conserving corridors of biodiversity

Equator Ventures \$11,109

Conservation International This is a multiregional project covering eight hotspots; the total grant amount is \$99,986.

STRATEGIC DIRECTION 3: Build

capacity of civil society to advocate for better corridor and protected area management and against development harmful to conservation

Conservation of the Del Carmen Watershed and the Formulation of the Watershed Management & Development Plan \$10,000 Livelihood Enhancement in Agroforestry Foundation, Inc.

Conservation of the Taguibo Watershed Forest Reserve and Formulation of the Watershed Management and Development Plan

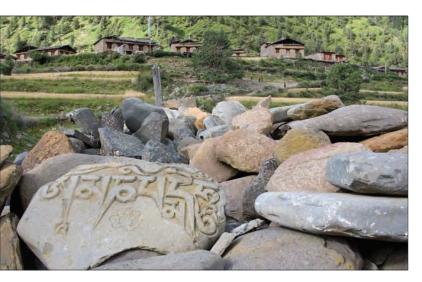
\$20,000 Livelihood Enhancement in Agroforestry Foundation, Inc.

Expansion of the Aurora Memorial National Park

\$30,000 Aurora Resource Development Initiatives Association, Inc.

Expansion of the Mt. Hilong-Hilong Range Protected Landscape

\$130,000 Surigao Economic Development Foundation, Inc.



IEC and Awareness Campaign for the Sustainable Resource Management at the Critical Watersheds of the Sierra Madre's Palali-Mamparang Mountain Range \$30,000

Friends of the Environment for Development and Sustainability, Inc.

Mt. Irid-Angilo New Protected Area Establishment: An **Example of Public-Private** Partnership \$85,151 Yakap Kalikasan Tungo sa Kaunlaran ng Pilipinas, Inc.

Socioeconomic and Environment Development of **Bucas Grande Watershed** \$10,000

Socorro Empowered Peoples Cooperative

STRATEGIC DIRECTION 4:

Establish an emergency response mechanism to help save Critically Endangered species

Integrated Conservation and Protection of the Philippine Crocodile (Crocodylus mindorensis) in Bgys Reina Mercedes (Blos) and Aplaya, Maconacon, Isabela \$20,000 Northern Sierra Madre Natural Park-Development Foundation, Inc.

Status and Dynamics of Trade of **Heosemys Leytensis** \$20,000

Western Philippines University, Puerto Princesa Campus

POLYNESIA-MICRONESIA HOTSPOT

All grants in this hotspot are supported by the Australian government's Regional Natural Heritage Program through CEPF as part of a targeted invasive species program. The program is the primary niche of the CEPF ecosystem profile for the Polynesia-Micronesia Hotspot expected to be implemented in full in FY 07.

STRATEGIC DIRECTION 1:

Prevent control and eradicate invasive species in key biodiversity areas

Assessment of Invasive Pathogens in Relation to the **Distribution of Introduced Mosquitoes in Tonga: Potential Threats to Biodiversity** \$19,900

EcoCare Pacific Trust

Challenging the Yellow Crazy Ant (Anoplolepis gracilipes) on Tokelau: Development and Implementation of Control **Options for Invasive Ants** \$16,000 Victoria Link Limited

Feasibility Study and Project Plan to Eradicate Rats from Ant Atoll, Federated States of Micronesia \$20,000 Conservation Society of Pohnpei

Feasibility Study for the **Management of Invasive Alien** Species on Kayangel Atoll, Palau \$20,000 Palau Conservation Society

Launching the Pacific Invasives Learning Network: **Strengthening and Connecting Invasive Species Management** and Demonstration Projects Across the Pacific Islands \$77.485 Secretariat of the Pacific Regional **Environment Programme**

Maintain and Enhance Pacific Islands Focus of the Global **Invasive Species Database** \$90,781 Auckland UniServices Limited

Nu'utele and Nu'ulua Islands (Aleipata)-First Steps to Island **Restoration and a Secure** Wildlife Sanctuary for the Independent State of Samoa \$20,000 David Butler Associates Ltd

Pacific Ant Prevention Program: Implementation Phase I \$86,895 Secretariat of the Pacific Community

Phoenix Islands Conservation Survey and Assessment of **Restoration Feasibility: Kiribati** \$80,000 Pacific Expeditions Limited

PP-CII Coordination and Technical and Scientific Support for RNHP Projects \$143,697 Auckland UniServices Limited

Prospects for Biological Control of Merremia Peltata \$10,000 Landcare Research New Zealand LTD

Protecting the Internationally Important Seabird Colony of Vatuira Island, Fiji \$19,264 BirdLife International Pacific **Regional Programme**

Protection of Fakaofo from **Myna Birds Invasion** \$13,000 Taupulega Fakaofo

Protection of Tanga'eo, the endemic Mangaia Kingfisher (Halcyon rufficollaris) from Common Myna (Acridotheres tristis) \$19,472 Taporoporoanga Ipukarea Society

Restoration of Nu'utele and Nu'ulua Islands (Aleipata Group), Samoa \$70.235 Secretariat of the Pacific Regional **Environment Programme**

Restoration of Vahanga Atoll \$19,800 Societe d'Ornithologie de Polynesie

Urgent, Interim Employment of Coordination and Technical Support Officer (PP-CII) \$19,600 Auckland UniServices Limited

The Viwa Island Restoration Project, Fiji \$122,250 University of the South Pacific

SUNDALAND HOTSPOT Sumatra

STRATEGIC DIRECTION 1: Enhance stewardship of forest resources at district level and below

Civil Society Support for Legalizing Spatial Planning Documents to Save Riau's Remaining Natural Forests \$35,000 Jaringan Kerja Penyelamatan Hutan Riau

Clan-Level Conservation Agreements, Siberut Island-Indonesia \$40,000 The Rose Foundation for Communities and the Environment

Community-Based Conservation Action through Sustainable Ecotourism **Business Development in Protected Area** \$73.000 Indonesian Ecotourism Network

Siberut Island Conservation Program: Building Multi-Level **Commitment to Conservation** \$370,000

Conservation International

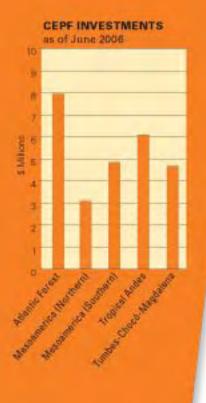
STRATEGIC DIRECTION 3: Build alliances among conservationminded groups in civil society and the private sector

Equator Ventures \$11,110 Conservation International This is a multiregional project covering eight hotspots; the total grant amount is \$99,986.

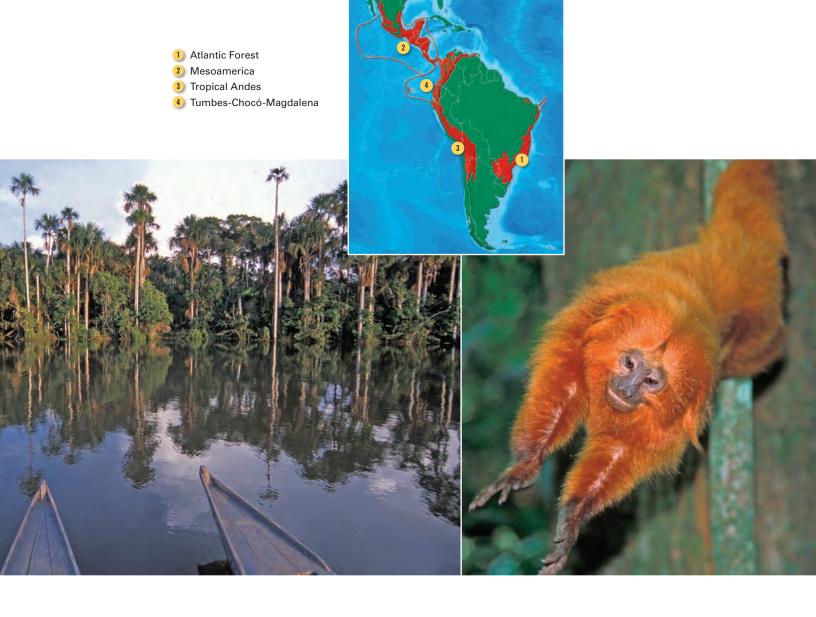
West Coast Ecologically Sustainable Tourism Project-**WEST Project Sumatra** \$15,000 ASEAN Focus Group Pty Ltd

Latin America





NGOs, community groups, and other partners undertook dozens of strategic projects with CEPF support in four Latin American hotspots during the year. These hotspots are home to the vast tropical rain forests of Central and South America. Results achieved include a management plan for 24 indigenous reserves stretching across 220,000 hectares of Awá territory, sustainable development plans for eight villages bordering Indio-Maíz Biological Reserve, and a new legally recognized reserve in Brazil. New grant funding committed totaled \$5.4 million, expanding the CEPF Latin America portfolio to \$26.9 million to date.



Local Fishermen Gain "Extractive" Reserve for Atlantic Forest

A coastal conservation group worked with government authorities and traditional fishing communities in Brazil's northeastern state of Bahia to create a new 100,000-hectare reserve.

The Reserva Extrativista Marinha de Canavieiras will help secure a sustainable future for the area's globally threatened species and the approximately 2,300 families who live there.

Home to growing populations of Endangered loggerhead (*Caretta caretta*) and Olive Ridley (*Lepidochelys olivacea*) sea turtles, the reserve links vital marine, mangrove, and coastal forest habitats, forming an important part of the Atlantic Forest Hotspot's protected area network.

The Instituto de Conservação de Ambientes

> Litorâneos da Mata Atlântica (Ecotuba)

worked with the communities to help them retain access to fishing and other natural resources in the reserve, enabling them to preserve their livelihoods while also conserving their habitat.

Ecotuba previously received two small grants from the CEPF-supported Institutional Strengthening Program in the Brazilian Atlantic Forest, which is managed in the Central biodiversity conservation corridor by the Instituto de Estudos Sócioambientais do Sul da Bahia.

"Support from CEPF over the last five years helped us grow as an organization and contributed to solving these complex and interrelated problems for the benefit of the whole ecosystem and the people who live here," said Anders

Schmidt, a marine biologist working with Ecotuba.



Local communities vote for the new 100,000-hectare reserve in the Atlantic Forest Hotspot.

Legal Pioneers Establish New Forms of Protection for Peru

E nvironmental law group Sociedad Peruana de Derecho Ambiental (SPDA) helped establish a new set of legal instruments for protecting biologically important lands in the Tropical Andes Hotspot.

With this new form of protected area, known as a "servidumbre," Peruvian landowners can establish reserves on their own without obtaining government approval. SPDA worked with 40 officials from local and regional government to draft a total of 10 laws that will offer landowners and other sectors of civil society a variety of ways to participate in natural resource and habitat management.

SPDA helped 15 community groups and private landowners take advantage of these new laws to create protected areas in the buffer zone of the Reserva Nacional Tambopata. They publicized the laws to more than 5,000 local people

CONSERVATION: THEORY AND PRACTICE Fundación Agro Ecológica Cotobruseña ran a combined reforestation and environmental education program to foster connectivity along the Costa Rica–Panamá border region of La Amistad International Park. The program helped local farmers plant more than 50,000 trees of 67 native species and reached at least 300 students in 12 schools across both countries in the southern region of the Mesoamerica Hotspot.



The Abra de Malaga pass lies in a buffer zone of the Reserva Nacional Tambopata in Peru.

through workshops, field trips, and media campaigns.

"We help civil society groups as they work with local people to complete the procedures required for private reserve registration," SPDA Director Pedro Solano said. "This includes creating management plans and biodiversity inventories, clarifying land rights, and building the capacity for sustainable farming."

PROTECTING WATERSHEDS

Instituto Rede Brasileira Agroflorestal established eight stream bank restoration pilot projects and three nurseries around Brazil's Três Picos State Park. The project engaged private landowners and community groups in restoring landscape connectivity in the Atlantic Forest Hotspot. Três Picos, which contains key watersheds, lies in an area that provides critical ecosystem services to major urban centers.

GREEN GOLD[™] PILOT UNDER WAY

Conservation NGO Corporación Oro Verde established 14 pilot "forest gardens" to generate sustainable income and restore areas degraded by mechanized mining in critical areas of the Colombian portion of the Chocó-Manabí biodiversity conservation corridor in the Tumbes-Chocó-Magdalena Hotspot. Almost 200 Afro-Colombian mining families signed up under the initiative to produce sustainably mined gold.

New Community Groups Protect Critical Forest

The Nicaraguan NGO Asociación de Desarrollo y Promoción Humana de la Costa Atlántica (ADEPHCA) helped

More than 130 local children attended environmental education programs near the Indio-Maíz Biological Reserve.



establish community-based conservation organizations and prepare consensus-driven sustainable development plans in eight villages in the buffer zone of the Indio-Maíz Biological Reserve.

Although the reserve contains one of the largest tracts of intact lowland tropical forest in the southern region of the Mesoamerica Hotspot, the area is immensely poor. Unsustainable natural resource use has seriously degraded the environment, and rapid population growth, colonization, and a lack of government presence have compounded the problem.

The newly established community groups are overcoming these difficulties, however, with help from CEPF as part of its strategy of supporting improved management of key protected areas in the region.

More than 500 people participated in conservation training and environmental education workshops.

"As they put their new management plans into practice, they are making a better living," said Luciano Garcia, ADEPHCA's technical coordinator on the project. "They're also helping to restore the area by farming sustainably and replanting thousands of trees."

The community groups also collaborated with key stakeholders in the region, including officials from Nicaragua's Ministry of the Environment and Natural Resources, to ensure their plans are integrated with land-use planning at the regional and national level.

Awá Community Secures Sustainable Future for Threatened Reserves

he Unidad Indígena del Pueblo Awá (UNIPA) helped the Awá Indigenous Peoples develop a management plan for 220,000 hectares of their territory in Colombia.

UNIPA, an umbrella organization for Awá Indigenous Peoples in the country, also assisted in getting municipal authorities to adopt the plan and incorporate it into regional land-use strategies. The new plan, covering 24 indigenous reserves, is based on traditional practices of land tenure.

The Awá territory is located in the heart of the Chocó-Manabi biodiversity conservation corridor, the priority area for CEPF investments in the Tumbes-Chocó-Magdalena Hotspot.

Civil conflict and human migration pressures have degraded the hotspot, where only 24 percent of the original vegetation remains in pristine condition. Compounding the

IMPROVED PARK MANAGEMENT

ParksWatch, an NGO that monitors protected areas, created "park profiles" on the basis of thorough evaluations of the seven Bolivian protected areas of the Vilcabamba-Amboró biodiversity conservation corridor in the Tropical Andes Hotspot. IUCN and other national and international stakeholders in the region are using the results of the profiles to help improve management of these under-resourced reserves.

problem, the 15,000 Awá people are gradually losing their traditional knowledge and skills as they integrate more closely with modern society.

"As many of the Awá's traditional beliefs and practices are inherently



sustainable, we can help them to conserve their lands by helping them conserve their culture," said Eduardo Ariza, UNIPA's project manager and anthropological adviser.

UNIPA's project included a compre-

hensive cultural and historical survey of the reserves and the first scientific survey of the region, combining detailed mapping, a biological assessment, and ecosystem analysis.

A new management plan will help Awá people live sustainably in Colombian villages like Saballo.

PROTECTING THE PARK

The Wildlife Conservation Society worked with local groups and Guatemala's National Council for Protected Areas to improve the management plan for the 42,000-hectare Laguna del Tigre National Park in the northern region of the Mesoamerica Hotspot. As a result, illegal settlements and wildlife trade dropped significantly and no forest fires swept through the park in the dry season.

CONNECTING PRIVATE RESERVES

Corporación Serraniagua helped create a 2,500-hectare network of 60 private reserves, improving connectivity between the key ecosystems of the Parque Nacional Natural Tatamá and the Serranía de los Paraguas. Participating landowners introduced sustainable agricultural practices that will preserve threatened populations of endemic species in this part of the Tumbes-Chocó-Magdalena Hotspot.

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ATLANTIC FOREST HOTSPOT Brazil

STRATEGIC DIRECTION 1:

Stimulate landscape management initiatives led by civil society in Central and Serra do Mar corridors

Biodiversity Conservation of Forest Fragments in the Fernão **Dias APA** \$100,000

Fundação de Desenvolvimento da Pesquisa, Departamento de **Biologia Geral**

Biology and Conservation of Bromelias of the Atlantic Forest \$182,847 Fundação Botânica Margaret Mee

Defense of Waters and Protection of Life: Tres Picos State Park \$119,990 Tereviva Associação De Fomento Turístico E Desenvolvimento Sustentável

The Golden-Headed Lion **Tamarin Connection** \$60.000 Smithsonian Institution

Hug the Park-Implementation of the Buffer Zone of **Discovery National** Park \$35,000 Terra Viva Centro de Desenvolvimento Agroecológico do Extremo Sul da Bahia

Implementation of the "Núcleo de Genética Aplicada à Conservação da Biodiversidade da Mata Atlântica' \$200,000 Fundação Ceciliano Abel de

Almeida

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Planning Our Landscape: Environmental Education Program for the Serra Do Mar Corridor \$149,991

Associação Super Eco de Integração Ambiental e Desenvolvimento da Criança

STRATEGIC DIRECTION 2:

Improve management of existing and future public protected areas through targeted civil society efforts

Brazilian World Heritage Biodiversity Program (Discovery Coast Atlantic Forest Reserves) \$421,012

United Nations Foundation

Coastal Environments of the Atlantic Forest–Phase 3 \$31,998

Instituto de Conservação de Ambientes Litorâneos da Mata Atlântica

Community Awareness of Threatened Aquatic Species Among the River Islands of the Paraíba do Sul River \$20,000 Associação dos Pescadores e Amigos do Rio Paraiba do Sul

Creation and Implementation of Protected Areas in the Central Corridor of the Atlantic Forest, with Emphasis on the Serra do Conduru State Park \$30,000 Instituto Floresta Viva

Hunting Effects on Bird and Mammal Populations in the Reserva Biológica do Tinguá \$8,766

Grupo de Defesa da Naturaleza

Strengthening Enforcement of Environmental Laws in the Atlantic Forest of the Central Corridor, Brazil \$75,000 Instituto de Estudos Sócio-Ambientais do Sul da Bahia

Supporting the Implementation of Mosaics in Protected Areas in the Serra do Mar Corridor \$100,000 Instituto Amigos da Reserva da Biosfera da Mata Atlantica

Vascular Plant Endemism in the Atlantic Forest Biome \$149.924

Fundação de Desenvolvimento da Pesquisa, Departamento de Biologia Geral

MESOAMERICA HOTSPOT Northern Mesoamerica

Northern Wesoamerica

STRATEGIC DIRECTION 1: Foster

civil society participation in regional decisionmaking on select policies and investments to promote the conservation and sustainable development of the Selva Maya and the Selva Zoque and Chiapas/ Guatemala Highlands corridors

Defining and Monitoring Conservation Outcomes in Northern and Southern Mesoamerica

\$162,323 Conservation International This is a multiregional project covering both Northern and Southern Mesoamerica; the total grant amount is \$324,647.

Design of Conservation Incentives Mechanisms for Guatemala

\$50,380 Fundación para la Conservación de los Recursos Naturales y Ambiente en Guatemala

Equator Ventures

\$11,109 Conservation International This is a multiregional project covering eight hotspots; the total grant amount is \$99,986.

Strategic Leadership for Outcomes Achievement in Northern Mesoamerica \$608,140

Conservation International

Third International Meeting on Environmental Governance for Sustainable Development in the Petén \$19,900 Facultad Latino Americana de Ciencias Sociales

STRATEGIC DIRECTION 2:

Collaborate with other donorfunded projects to facilitate and operationalize successful conservation activities in Northern Mesoamerica's eight most important key biodiversity areas

Baird's Tapir Conservation Workshop

\$5,000 The Houston Zoo, Inc. *This is a multiregional grant covering Northern and Southern Mesoamerica; the total grant amount is* \$10,000.

Consolidation of CEPF's Protected Areas and Conservation Corridor Portfolio in Mesoamerica \$162,360

Conservation International This is a multiregional project covering Northern and Southern Mesoamerica; the total grant amount is \$237,360.

Establishment and Initial Management Support for Three New Protected Areas in Cuchumatanes Key Biodiversity Area in Guatemala \$90,500 Fundación para el Ecodesarrollo y la Conservación

Exchanging CEPF Grantee Experience and Lessons Learned in Protected Areas Management in Northern Mesoamerica at the Mesoamerican Protected Areas Congress II \$19,600 Conservation International

Fostering Stakeholder Coordination in the Selva Maya through Ecoregional Planning and Alliance Building \$106,600

The Nature Conservancy

Identifying Important Bird Areas in Belize and Guatemala \$19,900 BirdLife International

STRATEGIC DIRECTION 3:

Support priority conservation actions in three priority key biodiversity areas

Bladen Nature Reserve Protection Program

\$19,932 Belize Foundation for Research and Environmental Education



Developing an Integrated Strategy and Project Plan to Conserve the Chiquibul/Maya Mountain Key Biodiversity Area in Belize \$10,321 Friends for Conservation and Development

Sustainable Financing of Biodiversity Conservation in Sierra de las Minas Biosphere Reserve through the Establishment of Motagua/ Polochic Water Fund \$364,618 Fundación Defensores de la Naturaleza

STRATEGIC DIRECTION 4:

Support efforts to prevent the extinction of Northern Mesoamerica's 106 Critically Endangered species

Consolidation of a Strategy to Protect Globally Critically Endangered Species in Northern Mesoamerica \$197,664 Conservation International

Preparation of a Strategy to Conserve Critically Endangered Species in Northern Mesoamerica \$42,902 Escuela Agrícola Panamericana, Zamorano

Small Grants for Global Conservation of Amphibian Diversity Within Hotspots \$36,000 Arizona State University

Arizona State University This is a multiregional project covering six hotspots; the total grant amount is \$200,000.



MESOAMERICA HOTSPOT Southern Mesoamerica

STRATEGIC DIRECTION 1:

Strengthen key conservation allances and networks within integral corridors

Defining and Monitoring Conservation Outcomes in Northern and Southern Mesoamerica \$162,323

Conservation International This is a multiregional project covering both Northern and Southern Mesoamerica; the total grant amount is \$324,647.

Exchanging CEPF Grantee Experience and Lessons Learned in Protected Areas Management in Southern Mesoamerica at the Mesoamerican Protected Areas Congress \$16,654 Conservation International

Promoting Sustainable Development in the Buffer Zone of La Amistad Biosphere Reserve Through Ecotourism in the Naso Indigenous Community Territory–Phase II \$20,000 Organización para el Desarrollo Sostenible del Pueblo Naso

Strengthening Community Park Guards and Increasing Institutional Coordination in the Cerro Silva-Indio Maiz Corridor of Nicaragua S15,000 Fundación para el Desarrollo Sostenible

STRATEGIC DIRECTION 2:

Connect critical areas through economic alternatives

Equator Ventures

\$11,109 Conservation International This is a multiregional project covering eight hotspots; the total grant amount is \$99,986.

STRATEGIC DIRECTION 3:

Promote awareness and conservation of flagship species

Baird's Tapir Conservation Workshop

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Small Grants for Global Conservation of Amphibian Diversity Within Hotspots \$33,000

Arizona State University This is a multiregional project covering six hotspots; the sotal grant amount is \$200,000.

STRATEGIC DIRECTION 4:

Support improved management of key protected areas

Biodiversity Conservation and Management in Southeastern Nicaragua with Participation from Local Communities (Phase II)

\$152,600 Asociación de Desarrollo y Promoción Humana de la Costa Atlántica

Building Environmental Capacity in the No Kribo Region of the Ngobe Bugle Indigenous Reserve

\$80,000 Asociación de Profesionales y Técnicos Ngóbe Bugle

Consolidation of CEPF's Protected Areas and Conservation Corridor Portfolio in Mesoamerica

\$75,000 Conservation International This is a multiregional project covering Northern and Southern Mesoamerica; the total grant amount is \$237,360.

Institutional Strengthening of the Rama Indigenous People for Territorial Demarcation and Sustainable Development \$139,840

Universidad de las Regiones Autónomas de la Costa Caribe Nicaragüense

TROPICAL ANDES HOTSPOT

Vilcabamba-Amboró Conservation Corridor

STRATEGIC DIRECTION 1:

Establish effective mechanisms for transboundary coordination, collaboration, and catalytic action within the Vilcabamba-Amboro Corridor

Assessing Five Years of CEPF Investment in the Tropical Andes \$72,903

Asociación para la Conservación, Investigación de la Biodiversidad y el Desarrollo Sustentable

STRATEGIC DIRECTION 3:

Encourage community-based biodiversity conservation and natural resource management

Small Grant Program for the Bolivian Portion of the Vilcabamba-Amboró Conservation Corridor \$500,000 Fundación Protección y Uso Sostenible del Medio Ambiente

Sustainable Use of Biodiversity Resources in the Vilcabamba-Amboró Conservation Corridor \$500,000

Fondo de las Americas del Perú

STRATEGIC DIRECTION 5:

Strengthen environmental policy and legal frameworks to mitigate the impacts of extraction industries, transportation and infrastructure projects, and largescale tourism

Disseminating and Implementing Legal Tools for Conservation in the Private Sector in the Vilcabamba-Amborō Corridor, Phase II \$169,150

Sociedad Peruana de Derecho Ambiental

TUMBES-CHOCÓ-MAGDALENA HOTSPOT

Chocó-Manabi Conservation Corridor

STRATEGIC DIRECTION 1: Establish/strengthen local and regional mechanisms to foster corridor-level conservation

Building the Chocó-Manabi Conservation Corridor, Phase II \$297,000 Conservation International

Community-Based Strategy to Conserve the Malaga Bay Region of the Pacific Coast of Colombia as a Contribution to Conserve the Choco-Manabi Coast 368,742 Fundación Centro de Investigaciones del Pacifico

Consolidation of Community Protected Areas to Improve Biodiversity Conservation in Eight Community Councils of the Pacific Coast in Accordance with the Integrated Environmental Management Plan of the Community Councils Affiliated with RECOMPAS \$99,800

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STRATEGIC DIRECTION 2: Bring selected protected areas and species under improved management

Participatory Evaluation and Update of the Manglares Cayapas Mataje Ecological Reserve Management Plan \$60,000

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STRATEGIC DIRECTION 3:

Identify and promote sustainable development practices in communities near selected protected areas

Selecting Productive Alternatives for the Sustainable Use of Biodiversity Resources In Three Chachi Centers in the Province of Esmeraldas \$5,000 Fundación Ecuatoriana de

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Financial Summary



July 2005 - June 2006

CEPF continued to expand its support to NGOs, community groups, and other sectors of civil society during FY 06, awarding \$15.2 million in new grant funding for innovative projects led by these partners and bringing its total global portfolio of grants to \$83 million.

With these new grants, the number of civil society groups supported by CEPF to undertake strategic conservation projects in the hotspots grew to more than 900.

CEPF also expanded geographically by formally launching investments in the Eastern Himalayas, a biologically rich region stretching across Bhutan, northeastern India, and parts of Nepal in the Himalaya and Indo-Burma hotspots.



Statement of Activities, FY 06

REVENUE		
Funds received	\$16,808,537	
Pledges receivable due as of June 30, 2006	(4,308,537)	
Interest earned	445,296	
Total revenue	12,945,296	
EXPENSES AND COMMITTED FUNDING		
Grants by funding region		
Africa		
Cape Floristic Region	\$428,790	
Eastern Arc Mountains & Coastal Forests of Tanzania & Kenya	1,799,022	
Guinean Forests of West Africa	491,365	
Madagascar and Indian Ocean Islands	350,712	
Succulent Karoo	2,123,019	
Asia		
Caucasus	2,312,619	
Eastern Himalayas Region	843,360	
Mountains of Southwest China	503,361	
Philippines	587,971	
Sundaland	363,403	
Latin America		
Atlantic Forest	1,684,528	
Mesoamerica (Northern)	1,201,630	
Mesoamerica (Southern)	807,299	
Tropical Andes	1,274,654	
Tumbes-Chocó-Magdalena	460,341	
Total grants	15,232,074	
Ecosystem profile preparation	168,932	
External evaluation	344,653	
Business development, grantmaking, monitoring and evaluation, and		
knowledge management	3,067,474	
Total	3,581,059	
Total expenses	18,813,133*	
Excess of revenue over expenses	(5,867,837)	
Fund balance as of June 30, 2005	15,096,111	*The total grant expenses include new
	15,030,111	grants approved in FY 06 as well as
FUND BALANCE AT THE END OF THE PERIOD	9,228,273	financial amendments to grants committed in previous years.
FUND BALANCE AT THE END OF THE PERIOD CONSISTED OF		*CEPF also committed
Cash	10,885,700	\$1 million in the Polynesia-Micronesia
Pledges receivable	18,913,283	Hotspot with support from the Australian gov-
Grants payable (balance due on awarded grants)	(20,570,710)	ernment's Regional
Fund balance as of June 30, 2006	9,228,273	Natural Heritage Program.

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Grantee Partners (as of June 30, 2006)

As of June 30, 2006, CEPF has supported more than 900 NGOs, community groups, and other civil society partners in efforts to conserve the hotspots. Among the grantees are individuals and organizations that received funding directly through targeted regranting programs and initiatives supported by CEPF.

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