Protecting Nature's Hotspots for People and Prosperity

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message from the executive director

Commitment is the watchword for the many organizations at the heart of the Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund (CEPF). In concert with our partners around the globe, CEPF maintains a steadfast focus on our purpose to provide strategic assistance to nongovernmental and private sector organizations for the protection of vital ecosystems.

One way in which the CEPF partners have demonstrated that integrity of vision has been through new pledges of support for the global program.

This year, the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation pledged \$12 million in new funding, thus raising its investment in CEPF to \$37 million. The Global Environment Facility committed \$20 million in new funds, bringing its total support to \$45 million. Just as the year ended, the World Bank also pledged to mobilize \$25 million in new resources for the program, which would bring its total commitment for CEPF to \$50 million.

Helping us guide these investments will be James Wolfensohn, the former World Bank president and one of the founding leaders of CEPF whom we welcomed back as chairman of our program's governing body. He returns at a momentous time made possible by these new commitments and those of our other partners. This year, we embarked on a consolidation program to sustain the gains made in selected hotspots. We also launched a major expansion to provide support to hundreds of civil society groups in additional hotspots, with new investment programs in Indochina, Polynesia-Micronesia and the Western Ghats region of southwestern India.

Our support gives our many dedicated civil society partners in the field the tools they need to continue building a brighter and sustainable future for the plants, animals and communities that comprise some of the most threatened yet wondrous corners of the world.

Jørgen B. Thomsen

Executive Director, CEPF
Senior Vice President, Conservation International

the partnership

L'Agence Française de Développement, the French Development Agency, is a financial institution that is at the heart of France's Development Assistance Policy. It supports a wide range of social and economic projects in more than 60 countries.

www.afd.fr

Conservation International is a leader and catalyst in biodiversity conservation, engaging partners in more than 40 countries on four continents to preserve threatened ecosystems. The organization administers CEPF.

www.conservation.org

The Global Environment Facility is the world's largest source of funding for the global environment. It brings 178 member governments together with leading development institutions and others in support of a common global environmental agenda.

www.thegef.org

The Government of Japan is one of the largest providers of development assistance for the environment. Japan seeks constructive measures and concrete programs to preserve unique ecosystems that provide people with important benefits and help reduce poverty.

www.env.go.jp/en/

The John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation supports creative people and effective institutions committed to building a more just, verdant and peaceful world. In addition to selecting the MacArthur Fellows, the foundation works to defend human rights, advance global conservation and security, make cities better places, and understand how technology is affecting children and society.

www.macfound.org

The World Bank is the world's largest source of development assistance. It works in more than 100 developing economies to fight poverty and to help people help themselves and their environment.

www.worldbank.org



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In these times of economic uncertainty for so many, our focus on biodiversity conservation remains at the fore. Nature's assets underpin the very lives and livelihoods of billions of people.

The CEPF strategy continues to produce critical dividends. With our support, the fund has invested nearly \$101 million in helping more than 1,300 nongovernmental partners protect many thousands of hectares of biologically rich land that shelters water and other natural resources key to the well-being of humanity.

This report, covering fiscal year 2008 (July 2007—June 2008) features some of the latest results. In South Africa, for example, CEPF grant recipients helped potato farmers devise agriculture guidelines that will aid a critical ecosystem and improve the farmers' bottom lines. In Costa Rica, our partners helped lay the foundation for a debt-for-nature swap that will free the government to invest \$26 million in tropical forest preservation. And in the Republic of Georgia, a new management plan for a park's buffer zone now maps out a path to sustainable livelihoods for the community and better cross-border cooperation between Georgia and Turkey.

These examples illustrate how the convergence of our resources and commitment to civil society can help achieve important conservation outcomes through a stronger voice, influence and action by civil societies—vital steps toward a healthy, productive future for all life.

We invite you to join us.

Monique Barbut, Chairperson and CEO, The Global Environment Facility

Jonathan F. Fanton, President, The John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation

Pierre Jacquet, Executive Director, L'Agence Française de Développement

Hiroshi Naka, Director for Development Policy Division, International Bureau, Ministry of Finance, Government of Japan

Peter A. Seligmann, Chairman and CEO, Conservation International

Katherine Sierra, Vice President, Sustainable Development, The World Bank

James D. Wolfensohn, Chairperson, CEPF Donor Council



our strategic approach

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

The convergence of critical areas for conservation with millions of people who are living in poverty and are highly dependent on healthy ecosystems for their survival is also more evident in these biodiversity hotspots than anywhere else. The benefits of a healthy environment extend well beyond biodiversity, contributing to stable and thriving societies.

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

CEPF investments enable nongovernmental organizations (NGOs), community groups and private sector partners to conserve their environment and influence decisions that affect lives, livelihoods and, ultimately, the global environment.

A strategic framework sets the five-year strategy for our global program for 2008—2012. At the hotspot level, the program first works with experts and stakeholders to create an ecosystem profile identifying the highest priorities for conservation and an investment strategy that can provide the greatest value.

Every grant awarded helps implement a specific strategic direction from the investment strategy, further enabling the program to act as a catalyst in aligning and coordinating conservation efforts. In some hotspots where five years of CEPF investment has been reached, we design and implement a targeted program to further advance and sustain the gains made.

CEPF relies on regional teams of civil society groups to lead implementation in the hotspots. These teams identify potential partners, help local groups design effective projects and convert the plans in the ecosystem profiles into powerful portfolios.

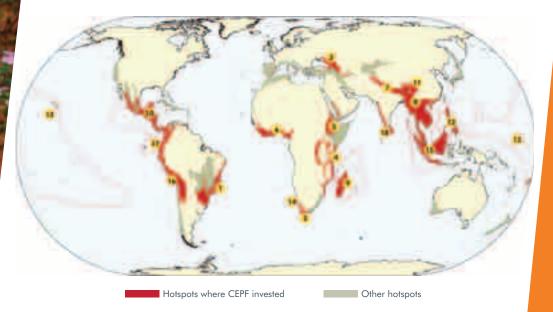
In new regions approved for investment, these teams will directly award a significant share of grants and will help make sound decisions on all other applications.

The organizations we support are fundamental to the program's results. They lead innovative projects and engage others to increase the results per dollar spent. Our grant recipients range from farming cooperatives, community groups and the private sector to local and international NGOs, all working to conserve our global environment.



hotspots where CEPF supported civil society

The Earth's 34 biodiversity hotspots hold especially high numbers of unique species. The hotspots once covered 15.7 percent of the Earth's land surface. Today, their combined area of remaining natural vegetation covers only 2.3 percent of the Earth's land surface. Each hotspot has already lost at least 70 percent of its original extent and continues to face extreme threats. CEPF awarded grants to civil society partners in 18 hotspots during the year.



- 1. Atlantic Forest
- 2. Cape Floristic Region
- 3. Caucasus
- 4. Coastal Forests of Eastern Africa
- 5. Eastern Afromontane
- 6. Guinean Forests of West Africa
- 7. Himalaya
- 8. Indo-Burma
- 9. Madagascar and Indian Ocean Islands
- 10. Mesoamerica
- 11. Mountains of Southwest China
- 12. Philippines
- 13. Polynesia-Micronesia
- 14. Succulent Karoo
- 15. Sundaland
- 16. Tropical Andes
- 17. Tumbes-Chocó-Magdalena
- 18. Western Ghats and Sri Lanka

^{*} Because of a reclassification of hotspot boundaries in 2005, the originally defined investment areas now stretch across two hotspots in some cases.

2008 highlights

Local efforts help pave way for landmark deal in Costa Rica

South African partners cultivate a better future

Fund aims to preserve Tibetan conservation culture

Sustainable use, livelihoods make Georgian plan a breakthrough

New business in Namaqualand restoring mined areas



The biologically rich Maquenque National Wildlife Refuge is one of the areas to benefit from the new deal. The refuge is home to pristine wetlands and globally threatened species, such as great green macaw (Ara ambigua

local efforts help pave way for landmark deal in Costa Rica

Years of field study, strategic planning and community outreach by Costa Rican NGOs and community groups yielded dividends for the entire country in 2007, providing the foundation for a landmark debt-for-nature deal signed by The Nature Conservancy (TNC), Conservation International (CI), and the governments of Costa Rica and the United States.

CEPF grants played a supporting role, funding local conservation efforts over the past five years to establish protected areas, enable stakeholder participation and assemble vital technical information that contributed to swap design and negotiations.

The agreement, which forgives \$26 million of Costa Rica's debt, requires the country to invest that amount into tropical forest conservation measures over the next 16 years. Anchoring the swap is \$12.6 million from the U.S. government, and \$1.26 million each from CI and TNC.

CEPF support for this achievement in the Mesoamerica Hotspot came in multiple forms. On the Osa Peninsula, a 2004 CEPF grant to the Instituto Nacional de Biodiversidad (INBio) funded the identification of conservation priorities and development of a zoning plan for connectivity between two national parks. That framework was also used in defining swap investments. INBio used a 2006 grant to help develop a biodiversity gap analysis process that swap negotiators used to define priority sites and activities.

"The work done to effectively prioritize conservation sites across the country was critical," said Vilma Obando, head of INBio's Conservation Unit. "It was science-based, key government agencies participated, and stakeholders were actively involved to demonstrate where and why an area should be protected."

Among the areas to benefit is the 60,000-hectare Maquenque National Wildlife Refuge, where a 2003 CEPF grant to Centro Científico Tropical helped a partnership of 20 NGOs and government agencies to create the protected area.



he core potato production area coincides with the Greater Cederberg Biodiversity Corridor, an important ecological corridor in the heart of the Cape Floristic Region Hotspot. he area is home to more than 50 rare and threatened plant species, 30 of which are found nowhere else.

South African partners cultivate a better future

A plan to save the sand fields, or Sandveld, of South Africa's Cape Floristic Region Hotspot is transforming potato growers into guardians of the area's biologically diverse yet fragile environment.

With financial support from CEPF and the potato industry, a team of farmers, retailers, conservationists and scientists developed and are implementing far-reaching farming guidelines. These efforts aim to reverse the tide of unsustainable agricultural practices, protect the environment and improve farmers' economic viability.

Regional conservation institution CapeNature and Potatoes South Africa, a group representing the industry, led the creation of the guidelines, which instruct farmers on subjects ranging from environmental planning and natural resource management to environmental protection.

The guidelines come at a critical time. Half of the semi-arid Sandveld has been converted to agriculture. The core of the production overlaps with the crucial Greater Cederberg Biodiversity Corridor, which links the Cederberg Wilderness Area, a World Heritage Site, to the lowlands and the coast. Unsustainable use of groundwater is increasing the potential for desertification, degrading groundwater quality and reducing water flows to wetlands critical for bird migration. The toll on the ecosystem threatens more than 65 rare and endangered plant and other species, including the endemic speckled padloper (*Homopus signatus*), the world's smallest tortoise.

"The guidelines are essential to prevent further environmental degradation in the area," said Project Manager Sean Ranger. "They provide critical planning, conservation and biodiversity management tools that are compliant with existing regulations and exceed them in terms of best practices."

CapeNature is working with the potato industry, which employs about 3,250 people, to implement the guidelines. Half the farms in the region have expressed interest in participating, and pilot phase results include the land use mapped and individual environmental management plans developed for 24 farms.





fund aims to preserve Tibetan conservation culture

An innovative fund designed to support conservation and sustainable development across the Mountains of Southwest China Hotspot has helped spark a revival in traditional practices and recognition of community-based conservation.

Launched by CI, the CEPF-supported Community Conservation Fund (CCF) is part of an initiative aimed at revitalizing traditional resource management practices, such as designating certain Tibetan community lands as sacred and untouchable.

Every Tibetan community in China has its own sacred areas that are protected by strict rules. Economic development needs and societal changes, however, are weakening these cultural safeguards, resulting in increased threats to biodiversity.

"Rapid economic development and other outside influences are eroding the tradition of sacred lands," explains CI-China's Technical Director Li Zhang. "We designed the CCF as a mechanism to help communities reverse this trend."

With additional support from the EU-China Biodiversity Programme and CI Indigenous and Traditional Peoples Program, the CCF to date has made 70 grants to support community conservation initiatives, covering 80 percent of the hotspot.

Grants have supported a range of projects including patrolling, rural environmental education and sustainable resource management. Recipients have included Buddhist monks and school teachers. A monk concerned about overharvesting of Tibetan herbs on a sacred mountain next to his village, for instance, used a CCF grant to survey local plant species and then publish an environmental handbook, which is now used in the local school. The monk is also working with herdsmen in the area to protect the mountain.

Zhang said community conservation has proven to be a highly effective tool, and this has enabled CI-China to convince provincial officials and leaders in the People's Congress of the need for legislation recognizing community conservation sites as official protected areas. Such laws will give community members the legal authority to patrol these areas and enforce conservation practices.



The management plan for the buffer zone around Mtirala National Park will guide the stewardship of nearly 20,000 hectares of mostly pristine mountain forest.

sustainable use, livelihoods make Georgian plan a breakthrough

A conservation group in the Republic of Georgia has realized a milestone for the Caucasus Hotspot with a landmark management plan balancing sustainability and development while opening the door for transboundary cooperation along the West Lesser Caucasus biodiversity conservation corridor.

With CEPF support and input from all stakeholders, the Association for Nature Protection and Sustainable Development (Mta-Bari) has developed the management blueprint for the buffer zone surrounding Mtirala National Park. Roughly 20,000 hectares of mostly pristine mountain forest fall under the purview of the document, which identifies areas for intervention and lays the groundwork for careful land use.

"The plan contains needed guidelines for sustainable use of natural resources and generation of alternative livelihoods, such as beekeeping, grape cultivation and small-scale tourism," explained Zurab Manvelidze, project coordinator and Mta-Bari chairman. "It is the first of its kind in the hotspot and should serve as an important template for work in other protected areas of the Caucasus."

Unique geology, terrain and climate have made the Caucasus among the most biologically diverse regions in the temperate world. A quarter of its 6,500 species of vascular plants are found nowhere else on Earth – the highest level of endemism in the temperate zone. However, unsustainable use of forests, poaching and overharvesting of decorative plants are major threats to the buffer zone and the park.

Beyond establishing a framework to counter these threats, the management plan, which has been approved by the Georgian government, has also served as a launch point for discussions on transboundary cooperation with Turkey. Its Jamili Biosphere Reserve is a short distance from the Mtirala buffer zone and borders a proposed protected area in Georgia's Machakhela region. Close cooperation between the countries would strengthen conservation in the region while promoting tourism and other economic opportunities for communities.



Restoration in a previously mined area, where project participants filled the mine hole, added topsoil, netted the area to prevent wind erosion and planted indigenous perennial plant seeds. Most of the plants visible are short-lived pioneer plants that will be replaced with the perennial species.

new business in Namaqualand restoring mined areas

In a region of South Africa known as much for its daisies as for its diamonds, a small business is an important part of a local conservation group's big plans to revitalize the environment.

NM Restoration is the brainchild of the Namaqualand Restoration Initiative (NRI), a CEPF- and DeBeers-funded project in the heavily mined Namaqualand region of the Succulent Karoo Hotspot. The business brings together advanced mine restoration techniques—developed during three years of scientific research led by NRI—with an NRI plan to replace dwindling local mining jobs with restoration opportunities.

"NM Restoration is a unique initiative that empowers local, previously disadvantaged Namaqualanders to run a business while taking advantage of ecologically based methodologies that have been shown to effectively restore the plant community to a near-natural state," NRI Field Ecologist Researcher Raldo Krüger said.

NRI selected three Namaqualanders to lead the company. Qualifications, said Krüger, were business skills and a passion for the environment. After choosing the leadership team, NRI invited 47 community members to a five-day restoration training course. NM Restoration then hired 15 of the participants.

The task ahead is staggering. Over the past 100 years, more than 20,000 hectares in Namaqualand, known for its rich array of endemic species and its spring explosion of colorful wildflowers, have been stripped for diamonds. Legislation passed in 1992 required mining companies to rehabilitate old mines, but enforcement has been spotty.

However, international pressure on mining companies is changing attitudes toward restoration, making NRI optimistic about the business growth of NM Restoration. Future plans are to scale up, hire intermediate level management and bring on additional workers.

In addition, NM Restoration is only part of the NRI approach. Project leaders are teaching their methodology to restoration teams across Namaqualand with the aim of developing a restoration and biodiversity-based economy in the region.

approved grants

Cape Floristic Region Hotspot

Strategic Direction 5: Reinforce and sustain the conservation gains achieved as a result of CEPF investment in the initial five-year investment period for the region

Support the Sharing of Lessons Learned Across and Beyond Corridors within the Cape Floristic Region \$150,000

South African National Biodiversity Institute

Caucasus Hotspot

Strategic Direction 1: Support civil society efforts to promote transboundary cooperation and improve protected area systems in five target corridors

Creation of the System of Protected Areas of the North Caucasus (Green Corridor of the North Caucasus) - Phase II \$125,948

Vsemirnyi Fond Prirody

Development of the Econet Scheme of the North Caucasus on the Basis of Analysis of Satellite Images and Topographical Maps - Phase II \$28,194

Vsemirnyi Fond Prirody

Supporting the Institutional Development of the Caucasus Protected Areas Fund \$500,000

Caucasus Protected Areas Fund

Strategic Direction 2: Strengthen mechanisms to conserve biodiversity of the Caucasus Hotspot with emphasis on species, site and corridor outcomes

Site Network for Birds and Wetlands: Inventory, Protection and Community Management - Phase II

\$54,688 Vsemirnyi Fond Prirody **Strategic Direction 3:** Implement models demonstrating sustainable resource use in five target corridors

Development of the Buffer Zone of Mtirala National Park: Initiation of Sustainable Resource Use Activities \$95,000

Association for Nature Protection and Sustainable Use "Mta-Bari"

Promoting Sustainable Resource Use Among Local Communities Near Protected Areas in Southern Armenia \$199.700

Fund for Biodiversity Conservation of Armenian Highland

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 Change from Central to Community-Based Forest Management in a Biodiversity Hotspot in Tanzania: Evaluating the Effect on Conservation and Poverty Alleviation

\$37,620

Danish Centre for Forest, Landscape and Planning, University of Copenhagen

Kachororoni Saintpaulia Conservation Project

\$10,000

National Museums of Kenya

Mrimazo Forest Conservation and Rehabilitation Project

\$10,000

National Museums of Kenya

Strategic Direction 2: Restore and increase connectivity among fragmented forest patches

Assessment of the Potential to Restore and Increase the Connectivity of Zanzibar's Coral Forests

\$19,210

Wildlife Conservation Society

Forest Conservation in the Matumbi Hills, Rufiji District

\$175,000

World Wide Fund for Nature

Strategic Direction 4: Establish a small grants program in the hotspot that focuses on Critically Endangered species and small-scale efforts to increase connectivity of biologically important habitat patches

A Bilingual Field Guide to the Amphibians of the Eastern Arc Mountains and Coastal Forests of Tanzania and Kenya \$19.540

The Research Institute of the State University of New York

Capacity Development for Conservation in Africa

\$19,041

BirdLife International

Strategic Direction 5: Develop and support efforts for further fundraising for the hotspot

Convening the CEPF Eastern Arc & Coastal Forests Assessment Workshop

\$109,539

Tanzania Forest Conservation Group

Hotspot Butterflies: Making the Butterfly Exhibit Industry Work for Conservation \$15.565

International Centre of Insect Physiology and Ecology

Improving Rewards for Environmental Stewards in Equitable Payment for Watershed Service Scheme

\$56,200

CARE International

Long-Term Fundraising Opportunities for the Conservation of the Eastern Arc Mountains and Coastal Forests of Tanzania and Kenya

\$125,000

World Wide Fund for Nature

Promoting Conservation through Trees for Carbon Sequestration and Livelihoods Improvement in Madunguni Forest Reserve, Malindi District, Kenya \$50,000

East Africa Natural History Society

Technical Backstopping of Sustainable Finance and Final Reporting Processes \$20,000

World Wide Fund for Nature - UK

Eastern Himalayas Region

Strategic Direction 1: Build on existing landscape conservation initiatives to maintain and restore connectivity and to protect wide-ranging threatened species in priority corridors with a particular emphasis on the Bhutan Biological Conservation Complex, Kangchenjunga-Singalila Complex and North Bank Landscape

Advocacy and Awareness Campaign on Biodiversity in Bhutan

\$79,947

Kuensel Corporation Limited

Identification and Strengthening of Key Habitat Linkages in Manas Tiger Reserve Using Geo-spatial Technology and Policy Advocacy

\$79,980 AARANYAK

Maintain and Restore Habitat Connectivity and Reduce Human-Animal Conflict in the North Bank Landscape \$80.776

World Wide Fund for Nature - India

Management of Social Forestry in Bhutan

\$84,011

Royal Institute of Management

Strategic Direction 2: Secure the conservation of priority site outcomes (key biodiversity areas) in the eastern Himalayas with a particular emphasis on the Bhutan Biological Conservation Complex, Kangchenjunga-Singalila Complex and North Bank Landscape

Civil Society Networks for Site Conservation in the North Bank Landscape, India

\$114,193

Bombay Natural History Society

Integrated Approach to Enhance Protection of Manas Tiger Reserve, a Priority Site Outcome in the Indian Part of the Bhutan Biological Conservation Complex

\$87,301 Dolphin Foundation

Production of Alternative Fuel from Sawdust and Other Wood Waste by Using Briquetting Technology

\$25,650 Norden Pines

Strengthen Civil Societies for Improved Resource Management for Conservation \$60,000

Darjeeling Ladenla Road Prerna

Strategic Direction 3: Leverage partnerships among donor agencies, civil society and government institutions to achieve priority biodiversity conservation outcomes over the long term

Building Capacity of Civil Society for the Conservation of Biodiversity with Special Focus on Livelihood, Sanitation and Health Development in Kanchanjunga-Singalila Areas of Sikkim State \$80,000

Voluntary Health Association of Sikkim

Building Grassroots Civil Society Support for Biodiversity Conservation in Bhutan \$140,000

Royal Society for the Protection of Nature

Strategic Direction 4: Develop a small grants program to safeguard globally threatened species in the eastern Himalayas

Safeguarding Globally Threatened and Lesser Known Species in the Eastern Himalayas: Small Grants for Species Conservation in Nepal and Bhutan

\$659,454

World Wildlife Fund, Inc.

Indo-Burma Hotspot

Indochina Region

Strategic Direction 4: Provide strategic leadership and effective coordination of CEPF investment through a regional implementation team

CEPF Regional Implementation Team in Indochina

\$899,929

BirdLife International

Mesoamerica Hotspot

Northern Mesoamerica

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

Building a Model of Conservation Coffee and Carbon Credit in the Sierra Madre de Chiapas

\$142,983

Cooperativa AMBIO Sociedad Cooperativa de Responsabilidad Limitada

Developing a Strategy for Sustainable Tourism for Biodiversity Conservation in the States of Chiapas and Oaxaca, Mexico

\$60,000

Centro Mexicano de Derecho Ambiental, Asociación Civil

Developing Recommendations and an Action Plan to Integrate Biodiversity Conservation into Tourism Policy in Belize and Guatemala

\$66,208

Counterpart International

Identification and Prioritization of National Policies on Agriculture and Land Use that Affect Biodiversity Conservation in Guatemala

\$63,000

Fundación Kukulkan

A National Co-Management Policy for Protected Areas in Belize

\$66,588

Programme for Belize

Policy Development and Outreach to Support Private Protected Areas in Belize

\$20,000

Belize Association of Private Protected Areas

Strengthening Municipal and State-Level Public Policy and Institutional Frameworks to Improve Fire Management in Southeast Mexico

\$60,700

Fondo Mexicano para la Conservación de la Naturaleza, A.C.

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

Analysis and Recommendations for Improving Land Tenure Policy for Biodiversity Conservation in Guatemala \$55,806

Fundación para el Desarrollo Integral del Hombre y Su Entorno

Building Community Capacity to Prevent and Control Forest Fires in Laguna del Tigre National Park

\$20,000

Wildlife Conservation Society

Building Community Capacity to Prevent and Control Forest Fires in the Sierra Lacandon National Park

\$20,000

Fundación Defensores de la Naturaleza

Establishing Private Protected Areas in Huehuetenango, Guatemala

\$19.998

Asociación de Reservas Naturales Privadas de Guatemala

Sharing Successes and Lessons Learned in Northern Mesoamerica via the Eco-Index

\$126,763

Rainforest Alliance

Strengthening Local Capacity to Prevent and Control Forest Fires in Four Key Biodiversity Areas of Mexico and Guatemala

\$112,525

Fondo Mexicano para la Conservación de la Naturaleza, A.C.

approved grants

Strengthening Protection of La Frailescana Forest and Corridor in the Sierra Madre de Chiapas Key Biodiversity Area

\$20,000

Ecobiosfera El Triunfo, Sociedad Civil

Strengthening the Multisectoral Round Table of the Natural and Cultural Zone of Mirador/Río Azul: A Tool for the Protection and Conservation of the Selva Maya

\$20,000

Asociación Balam para la Conservación de los Recursos Naturales y Culturales Integrados

Support for the Declaration of the Visis Caba Protected Area as a Community Reserve

\$20,000

Asociación Centro de Acción Legal-Ambiental y Social de Guatemala

Strategic Direction 3: Support priority conservation actions in three priority key biodiversity areas

Protecting Biodiversity in the Selva Maya Corridor through the Aerial Perspective \$20,000

LightHawk

Strategic Direction 4: Support efforts to prevent the extinction of Northern Mesoamerica's 106 Critically Endangered species

Biogeographical Patterns of Freshwater Fishes in Honduras

\$38,533

The University of Southern Mississippi

Countrywide Conservation and Management Assessment of Critically Endangered Amphibians in Honduras

\$44,544

University of Florida

Development of a Regional Conservation Strategy for Critically Endangered Trees and Epiphytes of Northern Mesoamerica \$92,600

Escuela Agrícola Panamericana, Zamorano

Enhancing the Site-Specific and National Population Viability of Threatened Upper Elevation Amphibian Species of the Maya Mountain Massif in Belize

\$51,524 Wildtracks

Evaluating the Conservation Status of Critically Endangered Amphibians in Eight Alliance for Zero Extinction Sites in Guatemala

\$44,635

Fundación para el Ecodesarrollo y la Conservación

Exchange and Consolidation of Information on Regional Research on Critically Endangered Species in Northern Mesoamerica AZE Sites

\$16,972

Sociedad Mesoamericana para la Biología y la Conservación y su Capítulo México, A.C.

A Risk Assessment of the Bats of the Greater Maya Mountains of Belize

\$33,900

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

Surveying Sites Containing Highly Threatened and Data-Deficient Species in Southern Mexico

\$19,989

John Lamoreux

Polynesia-Micronesia Hotspot

Strategic Direction 4: Provide strategic leadership and effective coordination of CEPF investment through a regional implementation team

CEPF Regional Implementation Team in Polynesia-Micronesia

\$849,930

Conservation International

Succulent Karoo Hotspot

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

Gouritz Corridor: Biodiversity Tourism Route (Off-the-Beaten Track)

\$59,414

Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University

Land Stewardship and Acquisition within the Central Little Karoo Based on a Private-Public Partnership, Fine-Scale Cost-Effective Assessment and Connectivity Analysis

\$36,402

Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University

Making Business Part of the Solution: Engaging Corporate Support in Sustaining Conservation in the Succulent Karoo

\$157.513

Conservation International

Ostrich Industry Biodiversity Management Project

\$120.185

South African Ostrich Business Chamber

Preparing for Conservation and Sustainable Land Use of the Succulent Karoo in Namibia

\$202,402

Namibia Nature Foundation

Understanding the Koue Bokkeveld Geophytes

\$12,000

University of Cape Town

Strategic Direction 3: Retain and restore critical biodiversity in areas under greatest land-use pressure

Actions for Improved Vegetation Management on the Bokkeveld Plateau

\$20,000

Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University

Developing a Strategic Plan for the Community Conservation Section in the Department of Tourism, Environment and Conservation

\$37.200

Botanical Society of South Africa

Investigate Innovative Mechanisms to Restore and Retain High Priority Succulent Karoo in the Cederberg Conservancy

\$114,250

Western Cape Nature Conservation Board

Land Conservation Facilitation for Leslie Hill Succulent Karoo Trust

\$60.390

World Wide Fund for Nature - South Africa

Landscapes and Livelihoods: Strategic Ecological Advice, Mentoring, and Support for Biodiversity-Based Livelihoods in Namaqualand

\$109,100

Peter Carrick

The Namaqualand Uplands Cape Leopard Trust Conservancy Project: Using Leopards to Unite Farmers in Conservation

\$110,459

The Cape Leopard Trust

Restoration of the Nieuwoudtville Wild Flower Reserve

\$35,860

Indigo Development and Change

Retention and Restoration of the Biodiversity of the Little Karoo

\$16,700

Council for Scientific and Industrial Research

SKEPPIES Fund (SKEP Partnering In your Environment) - A Fund for **Conservation and Development in the** Succulent Karoo

\$300,000

Development Bank of Southern Africa

Vulnerability of a Key Iconic Species, Aloe Dichotoma, to Past and Future Climate Change

\$36,160

University of Cape Town

Strategic Direction 4: Mainstream

conservation priorities into land-use planning and policymaking

Climate Change Communication Campaign

\$91,567

The Green Connection

Creation of a SKEP Database

\$19.564

Botanical Society of South Africa

Decisionmaking in the Namagua District Municipality

\$134,100

Botanical Society of South Africa

Developing Products for Integrating Biodiversity Priorities into Land-Use Planning and Exploring Options for Governance and Coordination of the Gouritz Initiative

\$20,000

Wildlife and Environment Society of South Africa

Greening the Namaqua District Municipality

\$94.807

Conservation International

Strategic Direction 5: Increase awareness of the Succulent Karoo Hotspot

Drought in the Succulent Karoo-Increasing the Awareness of Stakeholders through a Better Understanding of the Physical, **Ecological and Socioeconomic Effects, Interactions and Responses** \$19,030

Arid Zone Ecology Forum

Western Ghats and Sri Lanka Hotspot

Western Ghats Region

Strategic Direction 3: Provide strategic leadership and effective coordination of CEPF investment through a regional implementation team

CEPF Regional Implementation Team in the Western Ghats

\$400.000

Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and Environment

2008 financial summary

CEPF continued to expand its support to NGOs, community groups and private sector partners during FY 08, awarding grants totaling \$9.96 million and bringing its global portfolio to \$101 million.

With these new grants, the number of civil society groups supported by CEPF grew to more than 1,300.

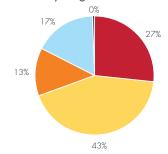
Also this fiscal year, the Global Environment Facility and the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation committed new funds to enable consolidation and further expansion of the program.



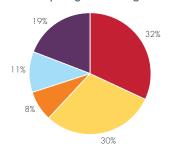
statement of activities

REVENUE	FY 08	Cumulative
Grants and Contributions	30,121,082	194,511,650
Gain (Loss) on Foreign Exchange	4,001,286	4,640,886
Interest Earned	331,316	1,870,732
Total Revenue	34,453,684	\$ 201,023,268
EXPENSES AND COMMITTED FUNDING		
Grants by Funding Region*		
Atlantic Forest	(6,373)	7,993,627
Cape Floristic Region	142,343	6,142,056
Caucasus	1,268,443	8,398,981
Eastern Arc Mountains and Coastal Forests of Tanzania and Kenya	768,951	7,260,516
Eastern Himalayas Region	1,547,286	3,913,059
Guinean Forests of West Africa	(35,307)	6,167,257
Indo-Burma	1,149,929	1,149,929
Madagascar and Indian Ocean Islands	(47,074)	4,199,757
Mesoamerica (Northern)	1,751,421	6,058,449
Mesoamerica (Southern)	(59,009)	5,440,387
Mountains of Southwest China	(35,728)	6,559,740
Philippines Philippines	(14,694)	6,984,983
Polynesia-Micronesia Succulent Karoo	1,049,930	1,049,930
Sundaland	1,902,567 (35,295)	7,910,537 9,953,041
Tropical Andes	(222)	6,129,972
Tumbes-Chocó-Magdalena	(8,010)	4,991,804
Western Ghats and Sri Lanka	625,000	625,000
Total Grants	9,964,158	100,929,025
Ecosystem Profile Preparation	54,372	6,714,018
External Evaluation	-	344,653
Business Development, Grantmaking, Monitoring and Evaluation,		
and Knowledge Management	2,150,666	17,553,034
Total	2,205,038	24,611,705
Total Expenses	12,169,196	125,540,730
Excess of Revenue over Expenses	22,284,488	\$ 75,482,538
FUND BALANCE AT THE END OF THE PERIOD CONSISTED OF:		
Cash		24,068,773
Pledges Receivable		64,488,140
Grants Payable (balance due on awarded grants)		(13,074,375)
Fund Balance as of June 30, 2008		\$ 75,482,538

Grants by Region for FY 08



Grants by Region through FY 08





- * The grant expenses include new grants approved in FY 08 as well as financial amendments to grants committed in previous years.
- * Negative amounts in grants represent grant deobligations.

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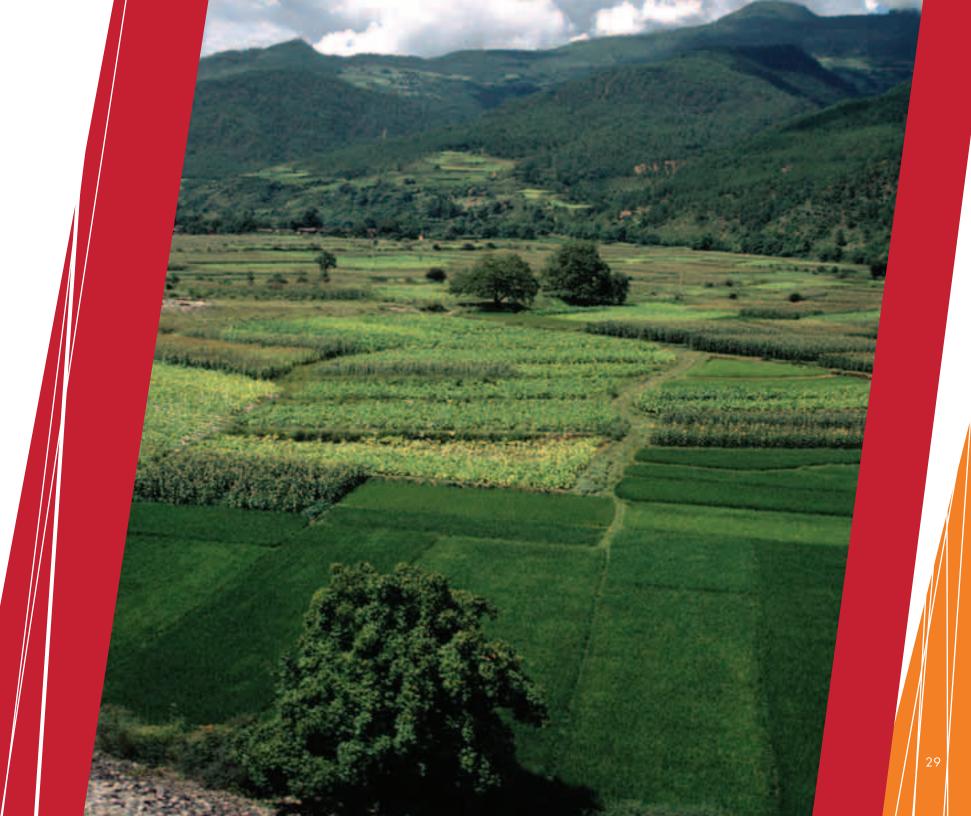
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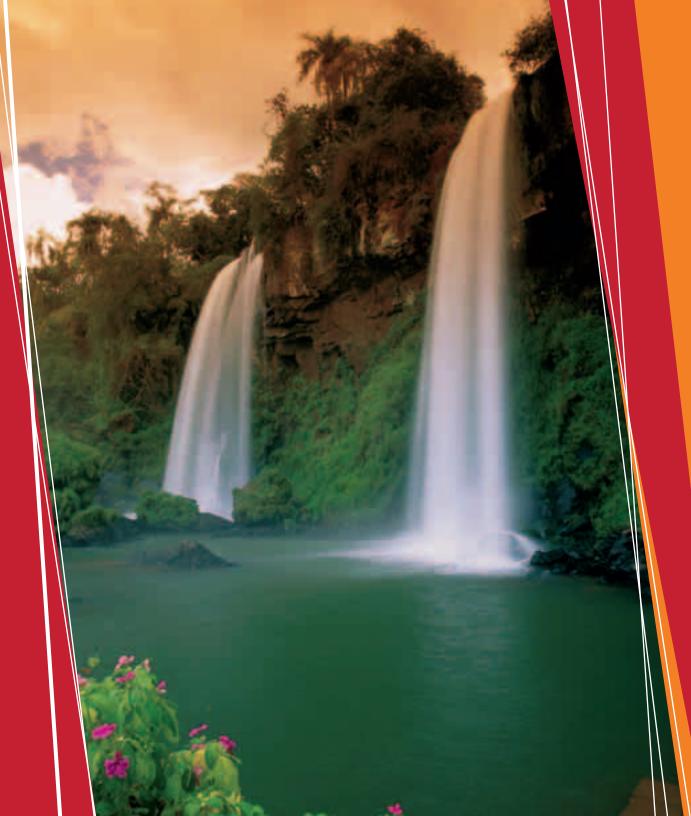
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