

CEPF SMALL GRANT FINAL PROJECT COMPLETION REPORT

I. BASIC DATA

Organization Legal Name: BirdLife International

Project Title (as stated in the grant agreement):

Support to Produce and Disseminate the Proceedings of the Eleventh Pan-African Ornithological Congress – PAOC XI (held in 2005).

Implementation Partners for This Project:

- (1) AAO, the BirdLife Partner in Tunisia
- (2) NISC, printing agency in South Africa

Project Dates (as stated in the grant agreement): January 1, 2006 – June 30, 2007

Date of Report (month/year): July, 2007

II. OPENING REMARKS

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

Not applicable.

III. NARRATIVE QUESTIONS

1. What was the initial objective of this project?

The project had two objectives: (1) to produce and (2) to disseminate the PAOC XI Proceedings.

2. Did the objectives of your project change during implementation? If so, please explain why and how.

The objectives did not change during project implementation; only the time frame was amended when it became clear that a number of articles for the Proceedings came in very late. This led to delays in the original planning.

3. How was your project successful in achieving the expected objectives?

Both objectives have been achieved in 2007: the Proceedings were printed and disseminated amongst the target audiences (PAOC attendants, Ostrich subscribers, donors and other supporters).

4. Did your team experience any disappointments or failures during implementation? If so, please explain and comment on how the team addressed these disappointments and/or failures.

Due to the late submission of various articles for the Proceedings, the project period had to be extended (the project was due to end in December 2006). This led to an extension of the contract between CEPF and BirdLife International (from December 2006 to June 2007). The deadline for submission to the editor was also extended, and any submission which was still too late, has

been included as an abstract only. Printing and dissemination was postponed to 2007. Once we were back on schedule (in 2007), everything went according to plan again.

5. Describe any positive or negative lessons learned from this project that would be useful to share with other organizations interested in implementing a similar project.

The key lesson we learned was that it takes longer than expected to obtain input from 'external authors'. Next time the planned project period will be more realistic.

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

Not applicable.

7. Please provide any additional information to assist CEPF in understanding any other aspects of your completed project.

Not applicable.

IV. ADDITIONAL FUNDING

Provide details of any additional donors who supported this project and any funding secured for the project as a result of the CEPF grant or success of the project.

Donor	Type of Funding*	Amount	Notes
AAO Tunisia	A	Euro 2,500	
BirdLife International	A	Not quantified	In-kind support from BirdLife staff to project implementation

***Additional funding should be reported using the following categories:**

- A** *Project co-financing (Other donors contribute to the direct costs of this CEPF project)*
- B** *Complementary funding (Other donors contribute to partner organizations that are working on a project linked with this CEPF project)*
- C** *Grantee and Partner leveraging (Other donors contribute to your organization or a partner organization as a direct result of successes with this CEPF project.)*
- D** *Regional/Portfolio leveraging (Other donors make large investments in a region because of CEPF investment or successes related to this project.)*

V. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

It has been well noted and appreciated that CEPF has been very flexible and obliging when we asked for a project extension. Also, communications with our CEPF contact people were excellent, especially during the signing off on the Proceedings' cover pages, logos and recognition of CEPF support in the Proceedings (May 2007). Overall the communication and collaboration between all project partners (CEPF, AAO-Tunisia, NISC – the printers in South Africa – and BirdLife International) has been excellent throughout the project. This has greatly enhanced overall project implementation.

VI. INFORMATION SHARING

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

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

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