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Approved Grants, FY23 Q2 and Q3

2nd Quarter, Fiscal Year 2023

From 1 October 2022 to 31 December 2022

Grants are reported based on the effective date of the grant agreement.

CARIBBEAN ISLANDS HOTSPOT

Strategic Direction 1. Improve the protection and management of 33 priority sites for long-term sustainability.

Climate Change Assessment and Adaptation Plan for Cockpit Country, Jamaica

Lay the groundwork for future engagement by the Southeast Cockpit Country Local Forest Management Community (SELFMC) and surrounding communities in biodiversity monitoring and conservation in the Cockpit Country Protected Area, through the preparation of a local adaptation plan. This plan will complement the larger participatory management strategy being developed by the National Environment and Planning Agency (NEPA).

Funding:US\$47,135Grant Term:1/1/2023 - 1/31/2024Grantee:Jamaica Environment Trust

Establishing the Enabling Environment for Sustainable Management of the Point Sable Environmental Protected Area, Saint Lucia

Support the preparation of a draft national protected areas policy for Saint Lucia, the update of the Pointe Sable Environmental Protection Area (PSEPA) management plan (2020–2030) and a complementary sustainable financing strategy for the Key Biodiversity Area. The

project will also strengthen the organizational capacity of the Saint Lucia National Trust for improved sustainable management of and income generation within the PSEPA.

Funding:US\$50,000Grant Term:1/1/2023 - 12/31/2023Grantee:Saint Lucia National Trust

Strategic Direction 3. Safeguard priority Critically Endangered and Endangered species.

Developing a Conservation Action Plan for the Endangered Whistling Warbler in the Cumberland Forest Reserve and the Central Mountain Range, St. Vincent

Develop a conservation action plan to monitor, track and manage the Whistling Warbler, an endemic endangered bird species found in the Cumberland Forest Reserve and the Central Mountain Range of St. Vincent. Conduct field surveys to collect data on the species and inform the preparation of the plan.

 Funding:
 US\$49,986

 Grant Term:
 12/1/2022 - 11/30/2024

 Grantee:
 BirdsCaribbean

Strategic Direction 4. Improve the enabling conditions for biodiversity conservation in countries with priority sites.

Using Nature-Based Tourism to Strengthen Biodiversity Conservation in the Cockpit Country, Jamaica

Strengthen the Southern Trelawny Environmental Agency (STEA)/Cockpit Country Adventure Tours (CCAT) eco- and community-based tourism program that promotes the sustainable use of the Cockpit Country and offers alternative income-generating opportunities for the local communities, while maintaining the integrity of the landscape and biodiversity.

Funding:US\$50,000Grant Term:1/1/2023 - 12/31/2023Grantee:Southern Trelawny Environmental Agency

INDO-BURMA HOTSPOT

Strategic Direction 8. Strengthen the capacity of civil society to work on biodiversity, communities and livelihoods at regional, national, local and grassroots levels.

Enhancing the Influence of a Mekong Basin Civil Society Network

Strengthen the East and Southeast Asia Community Conservation Network as a platform to support communication and coordination between civil society and Chinese public and private sector actors, and thereby enhance the capacity of civil society organizations to address the environmental and social impacts of investments by Chinese enterprises and promote sustainable development in Mekong River Basin countries through joint initiatives.

Funding:US\$99,992Grant Term:12/1/2022 - 11/30/2024Grantee:Global Environmental Institute (GEI)

Strengthening Capacity and Building Partnerships for Plant Conservation in Laos

Increase conservation capacity in Laos by building up horticultural and botanical capacity at Pha Tad Ke Botanical Garden through a developing partnership with Association Anoulak. This project aims to improve nursery conditions and develop staff in areas of database management and habitat surveying. Seeds and seedlings of vulnerable and endangered plant species will be collected and propagated for conservation and re-introduction programs.

Funding:US\$19,910Grant Term:11/1/2022 - 10/31/2023Grantee:Pha Tad Ke Botanical Garden (PTK)

Strengthening Institutional Capacity of CRDT Tours, a Social Enterprise Supporting Conservation in Cambodia

Strengthen the institutional capacity of CRDT Tours, a social enterprise tour operator, to better perform its work of linking business, development and conservation to achieve long-term sustainability and conservation outcomes.

Funding:US\$19,470Grant Term:1/1/2023 - 6/30/2024Grantee:CRDT Tours Private Limited Company

MEDITERRANEAN BASIN HOTSPOT

<u>Strategic Direction 3. Support sustainable management and biodiversity</u> <u>conservation within priority corridors.</u>

Ecological Restoration of Heritage Species in Kerkennah Archipelago, Tunisia

Promote sustainable protection of the of the future Kerkennah AMCP and the threatened *Pinna nobilis.* Engage the local population in a participatory approach to the restoration and conservation of the biodiversity of the Posidonia meadows and the associated fauna. Propose solutions to improve livelihoods while protecting local biodiversity by promoting ecological tourism and sustainable fishing techniques.

Funding:US\$19,923Grant Term:12/1/2022 - 10/31/2023Grantee:Association Tunisienne de Taxonomie (ATUTAX)

Certification Model to Promote Sustainable Fishing Practices Inside a Marine Protected Area, Capo Verde

Develop a certification scheme to promote sustainable fishing practices in the Santa Luzia Marine Protected Area. Increase conservation capacity among civil society organizations nationwide. Implement bycatch mitigation measures with the creation of a local "guardians of the sea" network and advocate with government parties and local authorities.

Funding:US\$20,000Grant Term:11/1/2022 - 10/31/2023Grantee:Biosfera I Association for environment protection

Maintaining the Ecological Integrity and Biodiversity of Divjaka-Karavasta National Park, Albania

Conduct monitoring activities in the Important Bird and Biodiversity Area of Karavasta Lagoon and the Key Biodiversity Area of Shkumbin-Divjake-Seman. Conduct conservation activities to prevent flooding of the pelicans' breeding beds. Install ten nest-boxes for the European roller, a species designated as Critically Endangered by the National Red List. Raise awareness among stakeholders of the national park.

Funding:US\$19,950Grant Term:12/1/2022 - 10/31/2023Grantee:Albanian Ornithological Society (AOS)

Strategic Direction 2. Support the sustainable management of water catchments through integrated approaches for the conservation of threatened freshwater biodiversity.

Assessment of Ecosystem Services in the Belchista Wetland, North Macedonia

Contribute to the development of a management plan and conservation of the biodiversity of Belcishta Wetland. Undertake an ecosystem services assessment of the Belchishta wetland. Prepare an ecosystem services toolkit for municipal representatives to inform decision-making and management. Develop the organizational capacity through a communications strategy to improve dialogue with stakeholders and build public environmental awareness.

Funding:US\$16,850Grant Term:12/1/2022 - 10/31/2023Grantee:Association for ecology and tourism ECOTOURISM-2016, Ohrid

Building Resilience in the Lower Bojana River Basin and Ulcinj Ecosystem Complex, Montenegro

Build resilience by engaging stakeholders and enabling good governance. Develop a strategy to raise the visibility of conservation values, threats and solutions. Build stakeholder knowledge of concrete low-regret sustainable development and nature-based solutions. Promote benefits of nature, its sound uses and resilience to engage support from a wide group of stakeholders fostering partnerships, consensus and collaboration.

Funding:US\$19,630Grant Term:11/15/2022 - 10/31/2023Grantee:NVO Program Za Zivotnu Sredinu

Conservation of Freshwater Biodiversity of Oued Maden, Tunisia

Prepare a participatory conservation action plan for the dragonfly species *Gomphus lucasii*. Engage local stakeholders through communication, training and inclusion in the framework of the local management group. Support integrated management practices that reduce threats to biodiversity in the Maden River Coastal Management Zone.

Funding:US\$17,540Grant Term:12/1/2022 - 10/31/2023Grantee:Association Tunisienne de la Vie Sauvage (ATVS)

Protection of Priority Areas for the Coastal Zone Management of the Catchment Surrounding Nikšić, Montenegro

Update baseline data for ichthyofauna and speleofauna, with a focus on documenting localities for Olm (*Proteus anguinus*) and other cave species to enable measurement of conservation effectiveness. Train researchers in electrofishing. Strengthen the engagement of stakeholders in conservation efforts.

Funding:US\$19,873Grant Term:12/1/2022 - 10/31/2023Grantee:Crnogorsko Društvo Ekologa (Montenegrin Ecologists Society) (CDE/MES)

Wetlands Conservation in the Atlas Cedar Biosphere Reserve, Morocco

Advance the integration of freshwater conservation within Khenifra Natioanl Park. Establish an observatory for the conservation of wetlands of the Atlas Cedar Bioshphere Reserve. This project also aims to build community and capacity among civil society actors as advocates for conservation and local development.

Funding:US\$19,985Grant Term:11/1/2022 - 10/31/2023Grantee:Association Marocaine pour l'Ecotourisme et la Protection de la Nature

<u>Strategic Direction 3. Promote the maintenance of traditional land-use practices</u> <u>necessary for the conservation of Mediterranean biodiversity in priority corridors</u> <u>of high cultural and biodiversity value.</u>

Reviving Traditional Agricultural Practices in Al-Shouf Biosphere Reserve, Lebanon

Cultivate nursery techniques which contribute to sustainable economic development and conservation of native species in the Shouf region. Raise local awareness of native species. Enhance and promote traditional land-use and agricultural practices. Support small and medium food-processing enterprises to develop value chains of native species.

Funding:US\$19,986Grant Term:12/1/2022 - 10/31/2023Grantee:Al-Shouf Cedar Society (ACS)

Supporting Shepherds and Alpine Pasture Biodiversity Monitoring in Shebenik Park's Rrajca Region, Albania

Support shepherds in the alpine pastures by providing direct benefits including photovoltaics, solar-refrigeration and toilet improvement. Build two water troughs for livestock and wild animals. Provide training to the local communities on alternative and

sustainable livelihood economic activities such as ecotourism. Educate youth on biodiversity protection through grazing. Increase organizational capacity by developing financial and human resource strategies.

Funding:US\$20,000Grant Term:12/1/2022 - 10/31/2023Grantee:Shoqata AlbNatyra

Strategic Direction 4. Strengthen the engagement of civil society to support the conservation of plants that are critically endangered or have highly restricted ranges.

Conservation and Propagation of the Albanian Tulip, Phase 2, Albania

Advocate for proclaiming *Tulipa albanica* and its habitat in Surroj, Kukës as a protected area under Category III of protection, a Natural Monument. Engage stakeholders in the process of achieving the protected designation. Increase local and national public awareness and support for the proclamation.

Funding: US\$7,995 Grant Term: 12/1/2022 – 10/31/2023 Grantee: Instituti i Politikave Mjedisore (IEP)

Strengthening the Protection of Iris Species in the Micro-Reserves of Lebanon

Advance the conservation progress for the Onocyclus Irises achieved through previous work. Provide institutional development support for the micro-reserves to elaborate on a preliminary management plan, setting management objectives and conservation targets for the endemic and threatened Iris species. Conduct In-Situ conservation through population reinforcement and translocation to guarantee a viable Iris population.

Funding:US\$9,900Grant Term:12/1/2022 - 10/31/2023Grantee:Jouzour Loubnan Association

MOUNTAINS OF CENTRAL ASIA HOTSPOT

<u>Strategic Direction 3. Support sustainable management and biodiversity</u> <u>conservation within priority corridors.</u>

Improving Public Protected Area Management and Strengthening Community Based Micro-Reserves in Kyrgyzstan

Train public protected area personnel in Kyrgyzstan in the use of a management system that moves beyond performance tracking and toward the guiding of operations and decisions. At a smaller level, establish community reserves and train the managers of those reserves in this same system.

Funding:US\$104,000Grant Term:9/1/2022 - 8/31/2024Grantee:Global and Local Information Partnership (GLIP)

MULTIPLE BIODIVERSITY HOTSPOTS

Strategic Direction 1.

Replicating Community-managed Fish Conservation Zones in Free-flowing Rivers in India

Raise the profile of sustainable capture fisheries as an alternative use of free-flowing rivers that can support livelihoods rather than the existing paradigm of abstraction of water or regulation for hydropower. Drawing on scientific and traditional knowledge and sharing best practices from existing sites, replicate the community-based fish conservation model to additional sites in Manipur and Meghalaya states.

Funding:US\$49,999Grant Term:1/1/2023 - 12/31/2023Grantee:Indian Institute for Human Settlements (IIHS)

TROPICAL ANDES HOTSPOT

Strategic Direction 1. Strengthen protection and management of 52 priority KBAs to foster participatory governance, green recovery from COVID-19, climate change resilience, species conservation, and financial sustainability.

Kosñipata-Carabaya Key Biodiversity Area Post-Pandemic Recovery Through Ecotourism, Peru

Contribute to the reactivation of ecotourism activities in the Kosñipata-Carabaya PER44 Key Biodiversity Area through participatory planning, promotion of existing tourism products and capacity building.

Funding: US\$40,000
Grant Term: 12/1/2022 - 6/30/2023
Grantee: Ayuda para la Vida Silvestre Amenazada Sociedad Zoológica de Francfort Perú (AVISA SZF PERU)

Participatory Conservation Planning and Action in Cordillera de Colán, Perú

Strengthen protected area management and regional conservation in the Cordillera de Colan and Amazonas Department of Peru. Support the updating of the Amazonas Regional Conservation System (SICRE) and the master plan for Cordilla de Colán National Santuary. Implement a coffee restoration project to benefit women.

 Funding:
 US\$108,797

 Grant Term:
 11/1/2022 - 11/30/2023

 Grantee:
 Yunkawasi

Participatory Management Planning for Q'eros-Kosñipata Regional Conservation Area in Peru

Strengthen management of Q'eros-Kosñipata Regional Conservation Area by establishing a stakeholder management committee, preparing a consultative management plan,

identifying and supporting the financing of management actions, and raising local awareness of the importance of conserving the protected area.

Funding: US\$169,485
Grant Term: 10/1/2022 - 11/30/2023
Grantee: Fundación Peruana para la Conservación de la Naturaleza (Pronaturaleza)

Polylepis Forest Conservation Through Ecotourism in Takesi and Totorapata, Bolivia

Conserve some of the last remnants of Polylepis forest in Bolivia by promoting livelihood generation for local communities through ecotourism development, planning, local capacity building and marketing. Raise environmental awareness and improve land management, including llama herd management.

Funding:US\$93,979Grant Term:1/1/2023 - 11/30/2023Grantee:Fundación CODESPA

Strengthening Local Policies and Stakeholder Coordination to Conserve San Antonio Key Biodiversity Area, Colombia

Harmonize governance and coordination across four municipalities with jurisdiction over the San Antonio Key Biodiversity Area (KBA) by supporting participatory planning that results in four municipal decrees and a multi-stakeholder roundtable. Update conservation priorities for the KBA, provide technical assistance for policy planning and approval, consult with stakeholders and strengthen institutional capacity.

Funding:US\$114,200Grant Term:10/1/2022 - 9/30/2023Grantee:Corporación Para La Gestión Ambiental Biodiversa

Strengthen Management and Governance of Cordillera de Colán Key Biodiversity Area, Peru

Promote sustainable development and protected area management in Cordillera de Colán Key Biodiversity Area. Strengthen community management of three protected areas, engage young people in conservation, develop a payment for ecosystem services scheme, promote cacao restoration and production and build the capacity of indigenous leaders.

Funding:US\$126,150Grant Term:11/1/2022 - 11/30/2023Grantee:Asociacion Peruana para la Conservacion de la Naturaleza (APECO)

Strategic Direction 2. In the seven priority corridors, collaborate with public and private sector stakeholders to enable biodiversity conservation, a green recovery from COVID-19, and environmental, financial, and social sustainability, in benefit of the priority KBAs.

Consolidating the Protected Areas Municipal System in El Cairo, Key Biodiversity Area Serranía de los Paraguas, in Colombia

Consolidate the Protected Areas Municipal System (SIMAP) of El Cairo in the Key Biodiversity Area Serranía de los Paraguas and create management plans for areas with high ecosystem value. These processes will be complemented by the implementation of a community education and communication strategy.

Funding:US\$49,850Grant Term:12/7/2022 - 11/30/2023Grantee:Corporación Serraniagua

Financing Conservation in Cotapata and Pilon Lajas Key Biodiversity Areas through Water Reciprocal Agreements, Bolivia

Establish and strengthen the governance, administration, and financial sustainability of three municipal water funds dedicated to conserving three protected areas. Key activities include preparation of operating manuals, budgets, needs assessments and management plans; environmental education and communications; community watershed management and sustainable development projects; signing of reciprocal water agreements; and private sector outreach.

Funding:US\$131,251Grant Term:10/1/2022 - 11/30/2023Grantee:Fundación Natura Bolivia (FNB)

Strategic Direction 3. Safeguard priority globally threatened species.

Conserving 13 Endangered Amphibian Species of the Serranía de los Paraguas in Colombia

Support the conservation of 13 Endangered and Critically Endangered amphibians in Serranía de Paraguas Key Biodiversity Area in Colombia. Prepare and implement conservation action plans and biosecurity protocols with strong community engagement. Promote cattle grazing management to safeguard sensitive habitats. Raise awareness, strengthen gender inclusion and build institutional capacity.

Funding:US\$114,674Grant Term:11/1/2022 - 10/31/2023Grantee:Fundación Calima

Diversity and Conservation Status of the Herpetofauna in Cordillera de Colán, Peru

Collect information on the herpetofauna and its conservation status in the Cordillera de Colan National Sanctuary in order to strengthen the management of the Natural Protected Area. Involve local stakeholders, including a national university and the local authorities, in the conservation of amphibians. Develop a Conservation Plan of Amphibians of Amazonas.

 Funding:
 US\$50,000

 Grant Term:
 11/1/2022 - 11/30/2023

 Grantee:
 CORBIDI

Endemic Magnolia Plant Management in San Antonia Key Biodiversity Area, Colombia

Formulate and implement of a management plan for *Magnolia mahechae*, an endangered plant in the San Antonio Key Biodiversity Area. Train local guides in plant management and strengthen the nursery. This project has the support of Universidad del Valle's Herbarium, La Mesa Técnica de San Antonio organizations (Corporación Biodiversa, Corfopal, Ecotonos, Maestros del agua, Asociación Río Cali, Dapa Viva, and Fundación Ecovivero and Corporedes), and local actors including environmental groups, private reserves, and farm owners committed to the conservation of native plant species.

Funding:US\$49,811Grant Term:12/7/2022 - 11/30/2023Grantee:Fundación Ecovivero

Implementation of the Regional Action Plan for the Conservation of the Yellow-Tailed Woolly Monkey and Andean Night Monkey in the Northeast Corridor of Peru

Implement the Regional Action Plan of the Yellow-Tailed Woolly Monkey and Andean Night Monkey through the recognition of surveillance committees for primates in communitybased conservation areas of the Amazonas Voluntary Conservation Network in the Northeast Corridor of Peru. Strengthen the ability of area managers to combat illegal trafficking of endangered fauna, with emphasis on the endangered primates.

Funding:US\$45,250Grant Term:11/1/2022 - 11/30/2023Grantee:Asociación de Conservación Oso Dorado Hierba Buena Allpayacu (ACODHBA)

Protecting Critically Endangered Amphibians Through Participatory Monitoring and Conservation Planning in Kosñipata Carabaya Key Biodiversity Area, Peru

Assess the presence and status of Critically Endangered amphibians in the Kosñipata-Carabaya Key Biodiversity Area in Cusco, Peru, engaging the participation of local communities with a gender-conscious approach. Propose conservation strategies for the species in collaboration with local authorities documented in an Amphibian Conservation Plan.

Funding:US\$41,960Grant Term:11/1/2022 - 11/30/2023Grantee:Asociacion para la Conservacion de la Cuenca Amazonica (ACCA)

Zamarrito del Pinche Conservation through Environmental Education and Information and Communication Technologies in the Key Biodiversity Area Serranía del Pinche

An alliance of the Ecohabitats Foundation and the Santa Clara Agro-environmental Association will provide environmental education through Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) supporting conservation efforts for the Zamarrito del Pinche species in the Serranía El Pinche Key Biodivesity Area. Students and teachers in the municipality will be trained virtually with the support of the Environmental Education Interinstitutional Technical Committee and The University of Cauca. This project also seeks to help the communities committed to conservation in a territory that is experiencing armed conflicts. Funding:US\$49,030Grant Term:10/1/2022 - 9/30/2023Grantee:Fundacion EcoHabitats

Strategic Direction 5. Provide strategic leadership and effective coordination of CEPF investment through a regional implementation team (RIT).

Regional Implementation Team for the Tropical Andes Hotspot in Ecuador - Phase III

Provide strategic leadership and local knowledge in Ecuador to build a broad constituency of civil society groups working across institutional and geographic boundaries toward achieving the conservation goals described in the ecosystem profile for the hotspot. Assist civil society groups in designing, implementing, and replicating successful conservation activities. Ensure that the collective impact of CEPF's investment exceeds the sum of its parts.

Funding:US\$700,000Grant Term:11/1/2022 - 4/30/2027Grantee:Fundacion Internacional para la Promocion del Desarrollo Sustentable FuturoLatinoamericano (FFLA)

WALLACEA HOTSPOT

Strategic Direction 2. Improve management of sites (KBAs) with and without official protection status.

Community Action for Marine Habitat Conservation on the North Shore of Alor Island, Indonesia

Improve the management of the marine area off the coast of Kabola on north side of Alor Island. Restore seagrass and mangroves to protect dugongs, raise public awareness, and provide input into village development policies to promote sustainable seascape management.

Funding:US\$64,135Grant Term:10/1/2022 - 12/31/2023Grantee:Politeknik Pertanian Negeri Kupang (Politani Kupang)

3rd Quarter, Fiscal Year 2023

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CARIBBEAN ISLANDS HOTSPOT

Strategic Direction #2. Increase landscape-level connectivity and ecosystem resilience in seven priority corridors.

Promoting Conservation Through Beekeeping in Sierra de Bahoruco National Park, Dominican Republic

Mitigate agricultural encroachment into Sierra de Bahoruco National Park. Support the adoption of bee keeping for sustainable livelihoods. Create buffer zone communities. Reforest 10 hectares with native trees to trigger payments for ecosystems services to benefit local communities.

Funding:US\$70,695Grant Term:1/1/2023 - 3/31/2024Grantee:Fondazione AVSI

Strategic Direction #3. Safeguard priority Critically Endangered and Endangered species.

Call to Action: Conservation Action Plans for Endangered Caribbean Species

Support the preparation and implementation of conservation action plans for 10 Endangered and Critically Endangered amphibian, bird, plant and reptile species in Antigua & Barbuda, the Bahamas, Jamaica, Saint Lucia and St. Vincent & the Grenadines. Support baseline field research, stakeholder and species action planning and implementation, capacity building, networking and knowledge exchange, monitoring and evaluation, and fundraising.

Funding:US\$336,614Grant Term:3/1/2023 - 2/28/2026Grantee:Re:wild

INDO-BURMA HOTSPOT

Strategic Direction #2. Mitigate zoonotic disease risks by reducing illegal trade and consumption of and threats to wildlife.

Changing Attitudes and Behaviors to Reduce Illegal Wildlife Trade Around Namha National Protected Area, Lao PDR

Change attitudes and behaviors of buyers and sellers so as to reduce illegal sale and purchase of wildlife in the markets of Luang Namtha Province supplied from the Namha National Protected Area.

Funding: US\$26,240 Grant Term: 8/15/2021 - 8/15/2023

Grantee: China Exploration & Research Society Limited (CERS)

Strategic Direction #4. Empower local communities to engage in conservation and management of priority key biodiversity areas

Empower Local Communities Towards Fisheries Resources Sustainability in Tonle Sap Lake, Cambodia

Improve the organizational and technical capacity of three community fisheries management committees to effectively and sustainably conserve and manage the local fisheries resources of Tonle Sap Lake. Improve the livelihoods of the members of the focal community fisheries through development of community-based ecotourism and other diversified sources of income. Improve fishery resources conservation and development by implementing Spatial Monitoring and Reporting Tool (SMART) patrolling.

Funding:US\$150,000Grant Term:4/1/2023 - 9/30/2025Grantee:Fisheries Action Coalition Team (FACT)

Empowering Local Communities to Co-Manage Conservation of Stung Sen Ramsar Site, Cambodia

Enhance the management effectiveness, financial sustainability and ecological resilience of Toul Neang Sav Plov Loung Community Protected Area in Stung Sen Ramsar Site, by optimizing the effectiveness of the community protected area management committee, promoting biodiversity-friendly livelihood options, and incorporating gender mainstreaming into the management structure.

Funding:US\$80,000Grant Term:6/1/2023 - 5/31/2025Grantee:NatureLife Cambodia

Enhancing Sustainability of Mekong Stung Treng Ramsar Site Fisheries Management, Cambodia

Enhance the financial and institutional sustainability of 17 community fisheries within Stung Treng Ramsar Site. Undertake an assessment of deep pools for better planning, management and monitoring. Pilot sustainable financing through community-led fish stalls, mini trust funds and community credit schemes. Ensure full and meaningful participation of vulnerable groups in the community, including women, youths, and elders, in natural resource management.

Funding:US\$150,000Grant Term:3/1/2023 - 2/28/2025Grantee:Culture and Environment Preservation Association (CEPA)

Strengthened Community-Based Conservation for Fishery Management in Ratanakiri Province, Cambodia

Support Indigenous communities from 14 community fisheries along the Sesan and Srepok Rivers in Ratanakiri province to identify and conserve fish sanctuaries and deep pool conservation areas. Support the implementation of community fishery management plans, empowering communities to take the initiative in conserving freshwater ecosystems. Support livelihood development initiatives, including ecotourism, women-led fish processing businesses, aquaculture, and flooded forest replanting.

Funding:US\$150,000Grant Term:4/1/2023 - 3/31/2025Grantee:Oxfam America

Strengthening Community Fisheries Conservation in the Lower Mun River, Thailand

Conduct citizen science research in partnership with eight local communities to enhance knowledge and awareness of threatened fish species and habitats in the Ubon Nam Mun Key Biodiversity Area (KBA). Strengthen the capacity of the Network of Local Communities for the Restoration of the Mun River and Livelihoods, and support the network to improve management of nine Fish Conservation Zones established in the KBA.

Funding:US\$23,000Grant Term:12/1/2022 - 5/30/2024Grantee:Mekong Community Institute Association (MCI)

Strategic Direction #6. Demonstrate scalable approaches for integrating biodiversity and ecosystem services into development planning in the priority corridors.

Increasing Inclusivity, Diversity and Effectiveness of the Ibis Rice Model in Cambodia

Mitigate key threats to biodiversity in the Northern Plains of Cambodia by piloting the diversification of the Ibis Rice model for wildlife-friendly production to non-paddy-rice crops, accelerating adoption of successful climate-resilient/improved productivity approaches for rice cultivation by testing new financial products, and empowering village marketing networks to assume responsibility for annual delivery of key elements of the model.

 Funding:
 US\$180,000

 Grant Term:
 4/1/2023 - 3/31/2025

 Grantee:
 Sansom Mlup Prey

Restoring the Flooded Forest in Cambodia's Tonle Sap Lake

Restore the ecosystem of Tonle Sap Lake and build its resilience to future climate and hydrological change by developing and demonstrating best practices in flooded forest restoration. Develop new methods for restoring currently rare but previously dominant tree species. Disseminate results to communities, non-governmental organizations and government agencies, with the aim of scaling up across the lake and its inundation zone.

Funding:US\$157,000Grant Term:3/1/2023 - 6/30/2025Grantee:Conservation International - Cambodia (CI)

Securing a Self-Sustaining Population of Siamese Crocodile in Cambodia

Promote a self-sustaining population of Siamese crocodile at Siem Pang Wildlife Sanctuary by releasing at least 40 five-year-old crocodiles to create a viable Siamese crocodile

population, strengthening fisheries and habitat management along the O'Khampa stream, and raising the profile of the ecological restoration demonstration project at Siem Pang, to allow replication of activities at other sites.

 Funding:
 US\$178,000

 Grant Term:
 4/1/2023 - 3/31/2025

 Grantee:
 Rising Phoenix Co. Ltd.

Strengthening Capacity for Reporting Biodiversity Impacts and Mainstreaming Conservation Policies in Vietnam

Help local authorities in northern Vietnam be more informed about issues, impacts and concerns of local communities on biodiversity conservation. Provide professional support and capacity building to provincial media agencies. Conduct research and analysis and make policy recommendations on local issues related to biodiversity conservation. Strengthen information on biodiversity conservation at the local level through information dissemination activities.

Funding:US\$179,930Grant Term:4/1/2023 - 9/30/2025Grantee:Center for People and Nature Reconciliation (PanNature)

Strengthening Public Participation and Biodiversity in Mekong Hydropower Planning and Development

Monitor and analyze energy development plans and policies that have a bearing on the construction of Lower Mekong mainstream dams, and promote deployment of non-hydro alternatives. Engage hydropower developers and financiers to better integrate biodiversity and community concerns into planned projects. Engage the media to amplify community and civil society voices and inform public debate on Mekong dams and alternatives.

Funding:US\$149,996Grant Term:4/1/2023 - 9/30/2025Grantee:International Rivers Network

Strategic Direction #8. Strengthen the capacity of civil society to work on biodiversity, communities and livelihoods at regional, national, local and grassroots levels.

Creating Local Capacity for Tortoise and Freshwater Turtle Conservation in Laos

Provide practical field skills to 10-15 young biologists and conservationists through tortoise and freshwater turtle (TFT) research and conservation in Laos through a training course with supervised practical activities. IMC/ATO and the National University of Laos will partner with participants to design and implement one or two field surveys, prioritizing projects to fill data gaps for the most threatened TFT species. Identify an individual to coordinate TFT conservation activities in Lao PDR.

Funding:US\$19,600Grant Term:3/1/2023 - 2/29/2024Grantee:Indo-Myanmar Conservation

Enhancing the Capacity of Community Networks to Conserve Irrawaddy Dolphins in Songkhla Lake, Thailand

Strengthen the knowledge and capacity of community networks to engage in locally led management activities that support conservation of the Irrawaddy Dolphin *(Orcaella brevirostris)* in Songkhla Lake. Conduct exchange visits between community groups to discuss conservation and restoration needs. Establish community conservation areas and formulate plans to improve the management for the benefit of communities and dolphins.

Funding:US\$19,577Grant Term:11/1/2022 - 4/30/2024Grantee:Thai Sea Watch Association

MEDITERRANEAN BASIN HOTSPOT

Strategic Direction #1. Support civil society to engage stakeholders in demonstrating integrated approaches for the conservation of biodiversity in coastal areas.

Conservation of Endangered Sea Turtles and Vultures on Santo Antão Island, Cabo Verde

Support the conservation of the Loggerhead Sea turtle *Caretta caretta* by increasing the patrol efforts on the nesting beaches on Santo Antão island. Improve knowledge on the status of Egyptian vulture *Neophron percnopterus*. Engage local communities, municipalities and other stakeholders as strong participants in conservation activities for the two endangered species. Improve the organizational capacity of Terrimar and deepen its institutional reinforcement process.

Funding:US\$19,809Grant Term:1/1/2023 - 10/31/2023Grantee:Projeto de Conservação das Tartarugas Marinhas em Porto Novo (Terrimar)

Promoting Wetland Conservation Through Educational Programs, Tunisia

Prepare educational kits to promote the inclusion of wetlands biodiversity conservation in the education system in Tunisia. The educational kits will refer to threatened biodiversity in the Sejoumi Key Biodiversity Area. This project will involve experts from the ministry of education and will be communicated through public media channels.

Funding:US\$20,000Grant Term:1/1/2023 - 9/30/2023Grantee:Reseau Enfant de la Terre

Strategic Direction #2. Support the sustainable management of water catchments through integrated approaches for the conservation of threatened freshwater biodiversity.

Actions Towards Long-term Protection and Sustainable Management of Buna and Trebižat Rivers, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Reduce threats to biodiversity and improve the conservation and management of the Buna and Trebižat rivers and their tributaries. Prepare a Trebižat River protection study. Improve management of the Buna River by proposing better delineation of the borders of a disputed protected area. Engage local communities, the scientific public, decision-making bodies and the media in participatory river protection activities. Strengthen organizational capacity through the prepared 2024-2026 Strategic Plan.

Funding:US\$19,990Grant Term:12/1/2022 - 10/31/2023Grantee:Centar za zivotnu sredinu

Strategic Direction #3. Promote the maintenance of traditional land-use practices necessary for the conservation of Mediterranean biodiversity in priority corridors of high cultural and biodiversity value.

Conserving Biodiversity in Kroumirie by Involving Women in Traditional Shepherding Practices, Tunisia

Involve the local community in conservation through traditional grazing practices around Elfeija National Park. This project aims to implement a participatory pastoral plan by engaging with female shepherds and developing local market support. An exchange visit with a Moroccan cooperative will be organized to share knowledge about marketing local products.

Funding:US\$19,920Grant Term:1/1/2023 - 10/31/2023Grantee:Association Sidi Bouzitoun for Nature and Ecotourism

Strategic Direction #4. Strengthen the engagement of civil society to support the conservation of plants that are critically endangered or have highly restricted ranges.

Improving Knowledge and Numbers of Brava's Threatened Endemic Plants, Cabo Verde

Consolidate data collection on endemic plant species in Brava. Conduct activities for plants reproduction, including seed collection, herbarium and ex-situ replanting. Strengthen conservation outreach with communities and schools through botanic gardens, field trips and an agronomy fair. Strengthen relationships with local and national stakeholders.

Funding:US\$19,994Grant Term:12/1/2022 - 10/31/2023Grantee:Biflores - Conservação da Biodiversidade

Local Stakeholder Management Capacity for the Important Plant Area Bogdanci, North Macedonia

Contribute to future effective protection and management of the IBA Bogdanci. Enrich the database of *Atragalus physocalyx* distribution through monitoring and data collection. Strengthen capacities of local governmental institutions and civil society organizations to manage the potential Natura 2000 area. Develop strategic and communication plans. Conduct trainings, study visits and joint awareness-raising actions. Involve youth and young experts in educational activities about plant protection.

Funding:US\$16,630Grant Term:12/1/2022 - 10/31/2023Grantee:Association for Development, Education and Ecological Ethics - Polymath13(Polymath13)

Plant Conservation in the North Eastern Slopes Region Key Biodiversity Area, Palestine

Assess the distribution of the near-endemic and threatened *Iris atrofusca* and *Iris lortetii* in in the North Eastern Slope. Establish in-situ conservation sites and conservation seed collection activities. Increase the knowledge and skills of young volunteers of different sectors from the local community. Support the integration of plant conservation into future management plans and conservation framework of Key Biodiversity Areas and protected areas in Palestine.

Funding:US\$19,980Grant Term:12/1/2022 - 10/31/2023Grantee:Nature Palestine Society

Strengthen Community Participation in Conservation of Lebanon Endemic Flora, Lebanon

Engage and build capacity of four local communities through trainings to undertake conservation activities to protect five endemic threatened species. Develop a protocol for community engagement in conservation of the area. Develop species management plans.

Funding:US\$20,000Grant Term:1/1/2023 - 10/31/2023Grantee:The Friends of Nature

MOUNTAINS OF CENTRAL ASIA HOTSPOT

Strategic Direction #2. Improve management of priority sites with and without official protection status.

Sustainable Energy Use to Reduce Threats to Tigrovaya Balka Reserve, Tajikistan

Reduce collection of fuelwood from inside Tigrovaya Balka reserve, by promoting the adoption of energy-efficient technologies by surrounding communities, including fuel-efficient cook stoves, solar-powered lighting and slow-burning briquettes.

Funding:US\$125,000Grant Term:5/1/2023 - 2/28/2025Grantee:Youth Ecological Centre

Strategic Direction #5. Enhance civil society capacity for effective conservation action.

Enhance Civil Society Contributions to Priority-Setting in the Mountains of Central Asia

Collaborate with CEPF grantees and other civil society organizations, key private sector actors, key government actors, and donors to articulate long-term goals for the Mountains of Central Asia Biodiversity Hotspot. Communicate shared goals to effectively promote actions by relevant partners. Create a network of partners to carry the work forward.

Funding:US\$149,880Grant Term:5/1/2023 - 5/31/2024Grantee:Zoi Environment Network

TROPICAL ANDES HOTSPOT

Strategic Direction #1. Strengthen protection and management of 52 priority KBAs to foster participatory governance, green recovery from COVID-19, climate change resilience, species conservation, and financial sustainability.

Accelerate Towards Sustainability in the Soqtapata, Quincemil Key Biodiversity Area, Cusco, Peru

Strengthen the management of the Soqtapata conservation concession to achieve sustainability, resilience to climate change and the involvement of the local population in conservation. The project will prepare the 2024 - 2034 Management Declaration for the area, work on capacity building of HERPIRO collaborators, design and implement a content strategy, and implement ecotourism services in Soqtapata.

Funding:US\$40,000Grant Term:3/1/2023 - 11/30/2023Grantee:HERPIRO Sociedad Anónima Cerrada

Create Conservation Areas and Strengthen Bioenterprises in the Bosque San Antonio/Km 18 Key Biodiversity Area, Colombia

Implement the concept of "other effective area-based conservation measures" (OECMs) at the local level and strengthen connectivity corridors in the region. Strengthen local bioenterprise initiatives and create an ecotourism plan for the town of Elvira. Promote key biodiversity area conservation in the municipalities of Dagua and Cali.

Funding:US\$25,000Grant Term:4/1/2023 - 9/30/2023Grantee:Corporedes

Establish a 53-Hectare Private Protected Area in the Bosque de San Antonio/Km 18 Key Biodiversity Area of Colombia

Improve the protection and management of 53 hectares in the Key Biodiversity Area of Bosque de San Antonio/Km 18 through the establishment of a Civil Society Nature Reserve, the implementation of a participatory management plan, which includes articulated work with the Regional Protective Forest Reserve Bitaco, and coordination strategies with the surrounding communities.

Funding:US\$25,000Grant Term:3/17/2023 - 11/30/2023Grantee:Fundacion Ecotonos

Expansion and Strengthened Protection of Enclave Seco del Río Dagua, Colombia

Expand protection and foster community-based conservation of Atuncela Regional Integrated Management Area by funding technical assessments and community consultations for new protection, communal co-management, capacity building, demonstration projects to implement the management plan, strategy development for ecotourism, communications and outreach, citizen monitoring for biodiversity, and exchange visits to other CEPF grants for knowledge sharing.

Funding:US\$88,201Grant Term:3/1/2023 - 12/31/2023Grantee:Corporación Ambiental y Forestal del Pacífico (CORFOPAL)

Forest Restoration and Ecological Community Rehabilitation in the Farallones de Cali National Park Key Biodiversity Area, Colombia

Rehabilitate productive plots ecologically and restore the sub-Andean forest and its biodiversity, particularly pollinators, to mitigate environmental pressures and improve food sovereignty with three communities in the Farallones de Cali Key Biodiversity Area. Educate local students about endangered and critically endangered species. Strengthen team cohesion, responsibility and individual impact for the collective achievement of the organization.

Funding:US\$48,790Grant Term:2/1/2023 - 11/30/2023Grantee:Impulso Verde

Improved Management and Protection of La Planada Nature Reserve, Colombia

Expand protection and improve management of La Planada Nature Reserve and its buffer zone. To improve management of the reserve, this project aims to strengthen governance, provide environmental education, improve communications capacity, market ecotourism, develop a gender policy and prepare a sustainable financing strategy. The project will enable expansion of protection into surrounding habitats by conducting species inventories, land tenure studies and local planning.

Funding:US\$96,815Grant Term:2/1/2023 - 11/30/2023Grantee:Resguardo Pialapí Pueblo Viejo

New Approaches to Strengthening Biodiversity Monitoring in Cotapata Key Biodiversity Area, Bolivia

Update the Cotapata Park and Key Biodiversity Area Monitoring Program in alliance with the scientific sector of the University of San Andrés. Incorporate area-specific scientific information and bioindicators to evaluate ecosystem health status. Work with the Park's protection personnel and local communities to train them in bioindicator measurement.

Funding:US\$49,990Grant Term:12/23/2022 - 11/30/2023Grantee:Fundacion Para el Desarrollo de la Ecología (FUNDECO)

Promoting Multi-Stakeholder Strategies to Conserve Bosques Montanos del Sur de Antioquia, Colombia

Support habitat restoration, connectivity and sustainable livelihoods by strengthening 15 coffee and ecotourism operators and their marketing efforts. Establish conservation agreements for habitat restoration with local communities. Raise funds and support communications to build awareness for the conservation of IUCN Red Listed species in Bosques Montanos del Sur de Antioquia.

Funding:US\$78,589Grant Term:3/1/2023 - 12/31/2023Grantee:Fundación Con Vida

Promoting Sustainable and Climate-Smart Livelihoods in Cotapata National Park, Bolivia

Promote agroforestry and apiculture in eight communities to reduce agricultural encroachment in Cotapata Nacional Park. Strengthen an ecological producers' association, support the adoption of agroforestry, apiculture and reforestation on 50 farms, commercialize their products, and support initiatives to raise environmental awareness.

Funding:US\$75,450Grant Term:3/1/2023 - 12/31/2023Grantee:Caritas Coroico

Strengthen Reserve Management and Legal Protection in Colombia's Páramo del Duende Regional National Park

Improve the conservation of biodiversity in the Páramo Del Duende Regional Natural Park by updating management plans for private reserves. This project also aims to support a coffee bio-enterprise, by strengthening its institutional sustainability.

Funding:US\$50,000Grant Term:3/1/2023 - 11/30/2023Grantee:Fundación Ecológica Fenicia Defensa Natural (Fedena)

Strengthening the Effective Co-Management of the Chayu Nain Communal Reserve Protected Natural Area, Peru

Strengthen the Executor Association of the Administration Contract of the Chayu Nain Communal Reserve (ECA CHAYU NAIN) on behalf of the 11 beneficiary native communities that comprise it, for the effective co-management of the Chayu Nain Communal Reserve and its community members. The project aims to strengthen the governance, comanagement and financial technical capacities of ECA CHAYU NAIN.

 Funding:
 US\$40,000

 Grant Term:
 3/6/2023 - 11/30/2023

 Grantee:
 ECA Chayu Nain

Strategic Direction #2. In the seven priority corridors, collaborate with public and private sector stakeholders to enable biodiversity conservation, a green recovery from COVID-19, and environmental, financial, and social sustainability, in benefit of the priority KBAs.

Ecotourism in the Amazonian Andes of the Amazonas Voluntary Conservation Network in the Northeastern Corridor of Peru

Contribute to the development of ecotourism operations within the Cordillera de Colán and Utcubamba Key Biodiversity Areas and the Amazonas Voluntary Conservation Network (AMA Network). Strengthen the institutional framework of the AMA Network through training and capacity building, updating the marketing plan and content, and developing enabling conditions for ecotourism operations.

 Funding:
 US\$50,000

 Grant Term:
 3/1/2023 - 11/30/2023

 Grantee:
 RED AMA

Reducing the Impacts of Gold Mining on Indigenous People and Biodiversity in Bolivia

Strengthen enabling conditions to reduce the impacts of gold mining with a focus on indigenous people. Support an evaluation of the environmental and public health impacts from mining. Develop a legal analysis and strategy. Build an action plan for a network of women miners. Facilitate networking and build awareness.

Funding:US\$100,000Grant Term:2/1/2023 - 12/31/2023Grantee:Wildlife Conservation Society - HQ (WCS)

Sharing Biodiversity Information to Guide Planning and Management for Bolivia's Madidi-Pilón Lajas-Cotapata Corridor

Inform planning and management of the Madidi-Pilón Lajas-Cotapata Corridor territorial units, including municipalities, indigenous territories, protected areas and watersheds. This project aims to provide decision-makers and the general public with information on important biodiversity values, including Key Biodiversity Areas, threatened and endemic species and environmental services. A web application will be developed to disseminate and facilitate the use of this information.

Funding:US\$49,990Grant Term:12/23/2022 - 11/30/2023Grantee:Fundacion Para el Desarrollo de la Ecología (FUNDECO)

Supporting Carbon Financing for Conservation in the Paraguas-Munchique, Colombia

Fund local consultations, land tenure studies and donor outreach to develop and market a carbon-financing proposal for two Key Biodiversity Areas that harbor forest of vital importance to globally threatened bird species.

Funding: US\$77,126
Grant Term: 2/1/2023 – 11/30/2023
Grantee: Asociación para el Estudio y Conservación de las Aves Acuáticas en Colombia (Asociación Calidris)

Strategic Direction #3. Safeguard priority globally threatened species.

Andean Cat Conservation in the Apolobamba Integrated Management and Natural Protected Area, Bolivia

Contribute to the conservation of the Andean cat in the Apolobamba protected area in coordination with the National Service of Protected Areas, the local indigenous communities and Alianza Gato Andino. This project aims to assess Andean cat distribution and habitat status and collaborate with local indigenous communities and Alianza Gato Andino to identify conservation and protection actions. Implement outreach and education programs on Andean cat conservation for park rangers and local schools.

 Funding:
 US\$49,811

 Grant Term:
 2/1/2023 - 11/30/2023

 Grantee:
 Fundación Teko Kavi

Strategic Direction #4. Cultivate a highly trained, well-coordinated and resilient civil society sector at the local, corridor, and hotspot levels to achieve CEPF's conservation outcomes.

Strengthening Communication and Journalism Capacities for Biodiversity Conservation of Madidi-Pilón Lajas-Cotapata Corridor in Bolivia

Strengthen the capacities of rural communicators and environmental journalists focusing on conservation and environmental issues in the Madidi-Pilón Lajas-Cotapata Corridor. Establish alliances with partner organizations Agencia de Noticias Ambientales and the Fundación para el Periodismo. Convene journalists and communicators to identify strategies to protect the Corridor. Provide a digital platform to enable journalists and rural communicators to publish and disseminate issues of environmental relevance for the Corridor.

Funding: US\$47,887 Grant Term: 12/23/2022 - 8/31/2023 Grantee: Prodena

Strengthening Local Civil Society Capacity to Manage Community Conservation Areas in Peru

Strengthen management capacity of a network of four local community reserves and engage and educate local journalists involved in environmental reporting. Train community management authorities responsible for managing protected areas. Provide training and study tours for local journalists and organize a meeting among CEPF partners in Peru.

Funding:US\$83,593Grant Term:2/1/2023 - 11/30/2023Grantee:Asociación Amazónicos por la Amazonía (AMPA)

Sustainable Financial Knowledge and Capacity for Civil Society Organizations in the Tropical Andes Hotspot

Build knowledge and capacity of 50 conservation practitioners in sustainable funding mechanisms and approaches to cover operating costs for conservation in priority sites and for CEPF grantees. Deliver a five-month virtual course and online learning platform that

results in the development of sustainable funding profiles for implementation by CEPF grantees.

Funding:US\$68,890Grant Term:3/1/2023 - 9/30/2023Grantee:Conservation Strategy Fund - CSF Bolivia (CSF)

WALLACEA HOTSPOT

Strategic Direction #3. Support sustainable natural resource management by communities in priority sites and corridors.

Building Community Capacity for Marine Conservation in Waienga Bay, Lembata, East Nusa Tenggara (NTT), Indonesia

Facilitate links between the community of Watodiri and provincial government to foster improved management of endangered shark and dugong habitat.

Funding:US\$12,080Grant Term:2/10/2023 - 2/9/2024Grantee:Yayasan Bina Sejahtera Baru (YBS Baru)

Improved Mangrove and Crab Fishery Management in Laoni, Bone, Indonesia

Improve the management of mangroves and the crab fishery on the coast of Laoni Village, part of the Centrana District in the Bone Regency.

Funding: US\$19,995 Grant Term: 1/13/2023 – 1/12/2024 Grantee: Yayasan Banua Biru Indonesia (YBBI)

Sustainable Management of Small Scale Crab Fisheries and Mangroves in Lampata, Indonesia

Improve the management of mangroves and the crab fisheries they maintain on the coast of Lampata Village in Central Sulawesi.

Funding:US\$19,987Grant Term:1/13/2023 - 1/12/2024Grantee:Nypah Indonesia

Using Local Wisdom for Marine Conservation in Solor, East Nusa Tenggara (NTT), Indonesia

Promote recognition of traditional rights by government administrative authorities, allowing for better fishery management in an area important for octopus catch and seaweed collection.

Funding:US\$19,987Grant Term:2/10/2023 - 2/9/2024Grantee:Yayasan Tana Ile Boleng

Strategic Direction #4. Strengthen community-based action to protect marine species and sites.

Networking and Learning in the Wallacea Biodiversity Hotspot, Indonesia

Facilitate the mid-term review of the Wallacea marine portfolio to enable partners to learn from one another and agree on a course of action for the future.

Funding:US\$31,237Grant Term:3/31/2023 - 5/14/2023Grantee:Yayasan Konservasi Laut Indonesia