

**Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund  
36<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the CEPF Donor Council  
Conservation International  
2011 Crystal Drive, Suite 600  
Arlington VA 22202, USA  
19 March 2020  
8:00 – 9:30 a.m. Eastern Standard Time**

**Action Points Review**

The 35<sup>th</sup> CEPF Donor Council meeting took place on 23 October 2019, at the European Commission in Brussels, Belgium. The agenda included a discussion on the selection of hotspots for investment; the proposal to begin CEPF investment in the West Bank, Palestinian territories; the presentation of the 2019 Grantee Perception Survey; and a discussion about improved collaboration on communications between donors and the Secretariat.

Executive Report / Action Points Review:

- The EU would like to see national advocacy included in the communications plans of the RITs and CSOs, to raise the profile of biodiversity.
  - ✓ Ongoing.
- The EU will share with the CEPF Secretariat which countries to prioritize regarding national advocacy.
- Olivier Langrand will speak directly to AFD on its ideas for CEPF's contribution to CBD COP 15.
  - ✓ Ongoing.

Executive / Partnership Highlights:

- CEPF is requesting support from Donor Council members to reach out to regional CEPF donor KfW to become a global donor. CEPF will pursue inviting KfW to attend the next Donor Council meeting.
  - ✓ Olivier Langrand has discussed this topic with AFD and has reached out to KfW to find convenient dates. Gilles Kleitz will attend this meeting with Olivier.
- At the 36<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Donor Council will discuss how to obtain funding from corporations:
  - Donor Council members are requested to put together a list of their experiences on funding from corporations.
  - Donor Council members are requested to put together a list of corporations interested in investing in biodiversity conservation or provide links to relevant business initiatives.

### Selection of Hotspots for Investment:

- The Donor Council also recommended reaching out to China regarding further investment in Indo-Burma, as China is looking to invest in biodiversity conservation.
  - ✓ Olivier Langrand was in China in December 2019. With the support of Liu Xiaohai, director of CI-China Program, Olivier met with the deputy director of the Foreign Environmental Cooperation Center at the Ministry of Ecology and Environment. Two other meetings, scheduled with National Forestry and Grassland Administration (NFGA) and with the Green Belt and Road Initiative, were cancelled last minute. A fact sheet about CEPF and a PowerPoint presentation in Mandarin had been prepared in advance of these meetings.

### 2019 Grantee Perception Survey:

- The results of the Grantee Perception Survey will be shared with grantees.
  - The communications department has written an [article](#) on the CEPF website, presenting the survey results.
- CEPF will plan to present the survey results to the Donor Council every three years.

### Collaborating on Communication:

- The GEF would be happy to collaborate on any event at WCC and CBD COP 15 promoting CEPF and will put CEPF Secretariat in contact with the person in relation to Indo-Burma.
  - ✓ CEPF will participate in the event "Getting more bang for your buck," organized by IUCN and the GEF Small Grants Programme (SGP), at the IUCN-World Conservation Congress.
- Julia Marton-Lefèvre will put CEPF in contact with the project "Icebreaker," funded by the Government of Monaco (who had previously funded Luc Jacquet, documentary director of the "March of the Penguins"). They will be filming in several countries where CEPF invests.