

Expressions of Interest Information Call – 12 March 2019



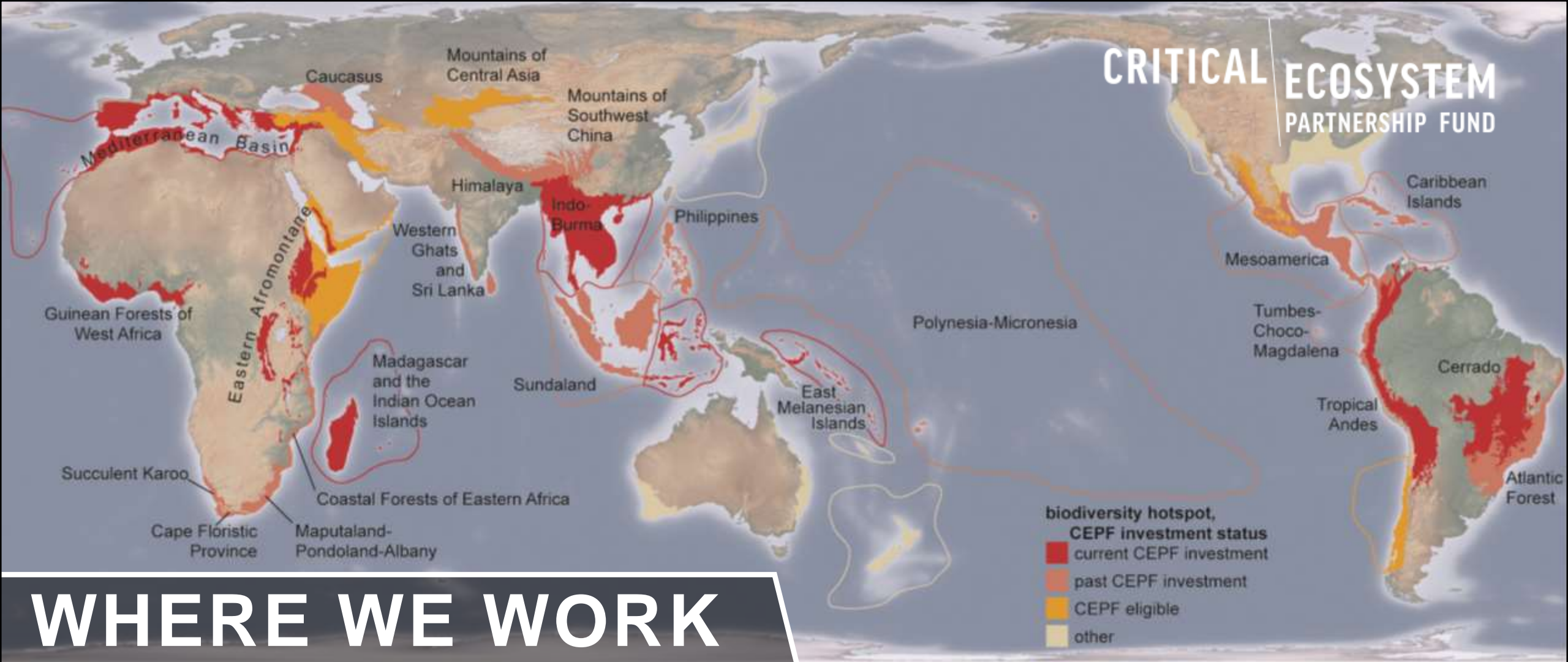
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- \ Conservation International**
- \ The European Union**
- \ The Global Environment Facility**
- \ The Government of Japan**
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WHERE WE WORK



Active in 9 biodiversity hotspots. Since inception, conservation strategies implemented in 24 of 36 hotspots.

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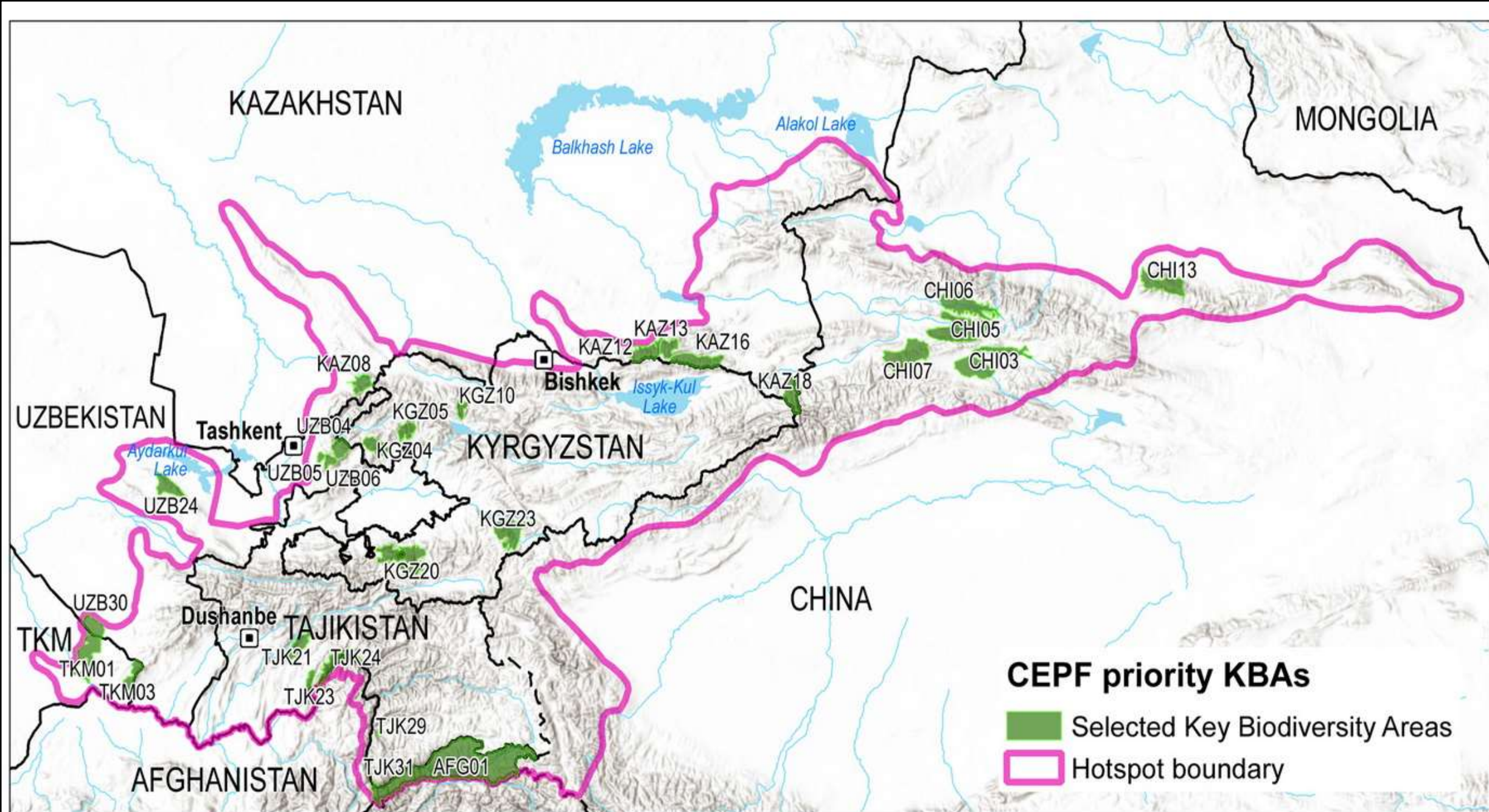
Investment Strategy – Ecosystem Profile

Technical Themes – Strategic Directions

1. Address threats to priority **species**
2. Improve management of priority **sites**
3. Improve management of priority **corridors**
4. Engagement in **production landscapes**
5. Enhance **civil society capacity**
6. Regional Implementation Team

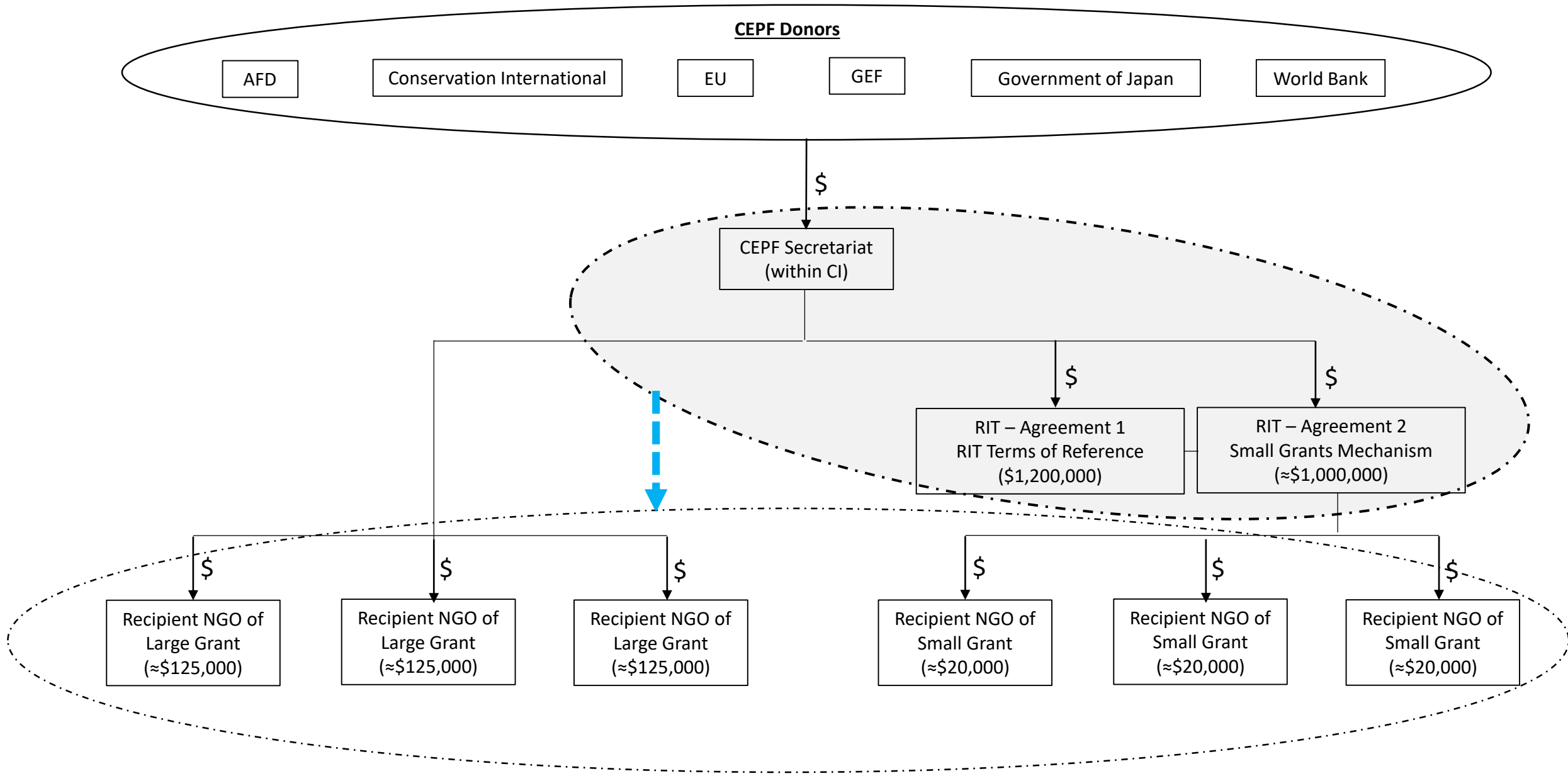
Bio-Geographic Priorities

- 33 priority species
- 5 priority corridors
- 28 priority key biodiversity areas (KBAs)
 - 5 each in China, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan
 - 2 in Turkmenistan
 - 1 in Afghanistan



RIT Terms of Reference

1. Coordinate CEPF investment in the hotspot
2. Support the mainstreaming of biodiversity into public policies and private sector business practices
3. Communicate the CEPF investment throughout the hotspot
4. Build the capacity of local civil society
5. Establish and coordinate a process for large grant (>\$20,000) proposal solicitation and review
6. Manage a program of small grants (\leq \$20,000) (\$50,000 or less in select approved regions)
7. Monitor and evaluate the impact of CEPF's large and small grants
8. Lead the process to develop, over a three-month period, a long-term strategic vision for CEPF investment
9. Reporting



Portfolio math: how many grants might we make?

Large Grants

\$8,000,000 for the region

- \$1,200,000 for the RIT

- \$1,000,000 for the SGM

= \$5,800,000 remaining

Divided by \$125,000 per
“large” grant

= 46 large grants

Small Grants

\$1,000,000 for RIT Small
Grants Mechanism

Divided by \$20,000 per “small”
grant

= 50 small grants

90-100 grants

RIT versus recipient of “large grant”

- The organization in the role of RIT – including any member of a consortium – is **not** eligible to receive grants in the hotspot
- RIT coordinates, promotes, promulgates, communicates, builds capacity, monitors, helps award [large grants], awards [small grants]
- Grantees implement projects related to Strategic Directions 1-5 and in relation to the priority species, sites, and corridors
- RITs implement the “grant” or the “project” called Strategic Direction 6
- Message: do not bid to become the RIT if what you really want to do is implement a conservation project

Should you submit an Expression of Interest?

- You **must** submit an Eol if you intend to submit a proposal to be the RIT, or to lead a consortium of organizations that serves as the RIT.
- You do **not** need to submit an Eol if you want to be a subordinate member of a consortium.
- Individual organizations bidding to be the RIT do **not** need to have presence or expertise in all eight countries
- Do **not** submit an Eol if you wish to apply for and receive a grant for work under Strategic Directions 1-5.
- You may submit an Eol now and then choose **not** to submit a proposal to be RIT.
- If you submit a proposal for RIT and are not selected, you can still apply for grants under Strategic Directions 1-5.

Eligibility

The same rules apply to recipients of CEPF grants as apply to the RIT: civil society organizations, defined broadly to include:

- Local non-government organizations
- International non-government organizations
- Private companies
- Associations
- Community-based organizations
- Universities and research institutes
- Independent trust funds

Organizations must

- Have their own bank account
- Be authorized under relevant national laws to receive charitable contributions

Government-owned enterprises or institutions are eligible only if

- legal personality independent of any government agency or actor
- the authority to apply for and receive private funds
- may not assert a claim of sovereign immunity

Questions about Eligibility?

Send an email to CEPFMCA@cepf.net

Provisional Calendar

27 March	Expressions of Interest due
1 April	Planned release of RfP
13 May	Planned due date of proposals
Through June	Internal reviews, clarification questions, revised responses from top-ranked applicants
July-August	CEPF internal procedures with donors and negotiations
September	Contract preparation and signature
1 October	Anticipated award of RIT – formal start of five-year investment period
Late 2019	First large grant solicitations released
June 2020	Award of first large grants
September 2024	End of RIT grant and close of portfolio

Eol Submission

1. Basic letter stating your interest in submitting a proposal for the role of Regional Implementation Team (include a lead contact name, email, and telephone)
2. Electronic copies of pre-existing materials describing your relevant organizational capacity
3. Electronic link to a website describing your organization

Next Steps

- Watch our website – we may release a draft RfP or other relevant documents
- The RfP will include the name of all invited participants (organization name, lead contact, contact information)
- The EoI is simple
Submission of a full proposal will not be simple
- There will be another bidders conference, like this one, once we release the RfP, which will go into more details on proposal submission

Questions?

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