The Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund (CEPF)

Providing Resources to Protect Nature's Hotspots for People and Prosperity

Description	The Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund (CEPF) provides grants for nongovernmental and private sector organizations to help protect biodiversity hotspots. Their global program includes four interlinked components: strengthening protection and management of globally significant biodiversity, increasing local and national capacity to integrate biodiversity conservation into development and landscape planning, effective monitoring and knowledge sharing, and ecosystem profile development and program execution.
Purpose	To protect biodiversity hotspots, in recognition of the convergence of critical areas for conservation with millions of people who are impoverished and highly dependent on healthy ecosystems for their survival.
Scope	Global.
Primary Funders	(See List of Participants) The CEPF 5-year Strategic Framework sets out the vision for FY 2008-2012, for which CEPF aims to secure at least $100 million in new commitments from donor partners. New $25 million commitments have been made by both AFD and CI. Ultimately, CEPF hopes to secure $150 million to further increase the resources available for implementation.
Participants & Key Collaborators	Conservation International (CI), the Global Environment Facility, the World Bank, the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, the Government of Japan, and L'Agence Française de Développement, the French Development Agency (AFD).
Definition of One Health	None. CEPF focuses on biodiversity hotspots on the premise that the status of species is one of the most important indicators of ecosystem health and that species demise can endanger the vitality and ability of ecosystems to provide services important for human survival: air and water cleansing, flood and climate control, soil regeneration, crop pollination, food, medicines, and raw materials.
Monitoring & Evaluation Strategy	CEPF monitors and evaluates the performance of the overall program, as well as target ecosystems and individual projects. Data gathered are used to analyze and document best practices, lessons, and results. Currently, CEPT is working on strengthening the monitoring approach by ensuring that conservation targets are defined in all regions receiving CEPT funding, improving outcomes monitoring at the ecosystem level in all critical ecosystems receiving funding, and sharing the results widely to demonstrate biodiversity impact and enable adaptive management. CEPF has a 4-year strategic framework with outcomes, targets, and timelines.
Sources of Information	Website: http://www.cepf.net/about_cepf/Pages/default.aspx
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