

Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund (CEPF) Caribbean Islands Biodiversity Hotspot Phase II project listing

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

Project Code: CEPF-112652 **Status:** Active
Grantee: Caribbean Coastal Area Management Foundation (C-CAM)
Amount: US\$448,483.58
Grant Term: July 2022 - December 2026 (53 months)
Project Title: Management Planning and Implementation in the Portland Bight Protected Area, Jamaica

Summary Actions: The project will strengthen management of the Portland Bight Protected Area to mitigate threats through the updating of the management and zoning plan, preparation and implementation of species conservation action plans, control of invasive alien species, stakeholder engagement in management actions and monitoring, and institutional strengthening of the Caribbean Coastal Area Management Foundation.

Project Code: CEPF-112670 **Status:** In close out
Grantee: Fundación José Delio Guzmán (FJDG)
Amount: US\$209,892.12
Grant Term: July 2022 - June 2025 (31 months)
Project Title: Reducing Threats in Valle Nuevo National Park, Dominican Republic

Summary Actions: The project will focus on management actions at the Valle Nuevo National Park (Parque Nacional Dr. Juan Bautista Pérez Rancier) for threats mitigation and species conservation through strengthening protected areas management capacity, promoting ecotourism, preparing and implementing species conservation action plans, habitat restoration, community engagement and fire control.

Project Code: CEPF-112649 **Status:** Closed
Grantee: Sociedad Ornitológica de la Hispaniola (SOH)
Amount: US\$430,660.62
Grant Term: July 2022 - June 2025 (36 months)
Project Title: Threat Mitigation in Sierra de Bahoruco and Bahoruco Oriental Key Biodiversity Areas, Dominican Republic

Summary Actions: The project will strengthen the management of the Sierra de Bahoruco and Bahoruco Oriental (Refugio de Vida Silvestre Monumento Natural Domingo Fuerte) protected areas and their buffer zones to mitigate threats. It will also build management capacity, develop bird-friendly coffee demonstration plots and promote ecotourism, as well as prepare and implement species conservation action plans and establish a stakeholder management committee and community extension.

Project Code: CEPF-113659

Status: Closed

Grantee: Jamaica Environment Trust (JET)

Amount: US\$47,143.71

Grant Term: January 2023 – January 2024 (13 months)

Project Title: Climate Change Assessment and Adaptation Plan for Cockpit Country, Jamaica

Summary Actions: The project will 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).

Project Code: CEPF-112938

Status: Active

Grantee: Environmental Awareness Group (EAG)

Amount: US\$393,385.39

Grant Term: May 2023 - April 2026 (36 months)

Project Title: Accelerating Locally-led Conservation Action at Key Biodiversity Areas in Antigua and Barbuda

Summary Actions: This project will safeguard habitats and their global threatened species in the North East Marine Management Area and Redonda Key Biodiversity Areas (KBAs) through community management and sustainable financing. It will support the development of sustainable financing mechanisms for KBA management and NGO operations, species conservation action planning and implementation, biosecurity monitoring for invasive alien species, biodiversity monitoring, ecotourism development and institutional strengthening.

Project Code: CEPF-112560

Status: Active

Grantee: Instituto Dominicano de Desarrollo Integral Inc. (IDDI)

Amount: US\$247,696.87

Grant Term: July 2023 – October 2025 (28 months)

Project Title: Management Planning and Implementation in Parque Nacional Montaña La Humeadora, Dominican Republic

Summary Actions: This project will strengthen management of and reduce agricultural encroachment into Parque Nacional Montaña La Humeadora by updating of the park's management plan, supporting agroforestry in buffer zone communities, preparing species conservation action plans, building ecotourism capacity, and strengthening park guard capacity.

Project Code: CEPF-114038

Status: Closed

Grantee: Fundación para el Mejoramiento Humano (Fundación PROGRESSIO)

Amount: US\$49,473.00

Grant Term: July 2023 – April 2025 (21 months)

Project Title: Update of the Management Plan for the Ébano Verde Scientific Reserve, Dominican Republic

Summary Actions: The project will strengthen the management of the Ébano Verde Scientific Reserve by updating the protected area's management plan, preparing a zoning plan, and developing a 10-year strategic management framework and a one-year operational plan. The project will also carry out an analysis of women's participation in social and economic activities in and around the protected area and build the capacity of local stakeholders to engage in management and oversight of the protected area.

Project Code: CEPF-113657 **Status:** Active
Grantee: International Iguana Foundation (IIF)
Amount: US\$49,946.00
Grant Term: July 2023 - August 2026 (38 months)
Project Title: Protecting the Jamaican Rock Iguana from Threats Posed by Invasive Species, Hellshire Hills, Portland Bight Protected Area, Jamaica

Summary Actions: The project will support the protection of biodiversity within the dry forest ecosystem of the Hellshire Hills, Portland Bight Protected Area in Jamaica by working to minimise the threat of invasive alien species to the critically endangered Jamaican Rock Iguana.

Project Code: CEPF-113998 **Status:** In close out
Grantee: Saint Lucia National Trust (SLNT)
Amount: US\$50,000.00
Grant Term: January 2023 – September 2024 (20 months)
Project Title: Establishing the Enabling Environment for Sustainable Management of the Pointe Sable Environmental Protected Area, Saint Lucia

Summary Actions: The project will support the preparation of a draft national protected areas policy for Saint Lucia as well as the updating of the Pointe Sable Environmental Protection Area (PSEPA) management plan (2020 – 2030) and a complementary sustainable financing strategy for the KBA. The project will also strengthen the organisational capacity of the SLNT for improved sustainable management of, and income generation within, the PSEPA.

Project Code: CEPF-113662 **Status:** Closed
Grantee: Fundación De Apoyo Al Suroeste (FUNDASUR)
Amount: US\$49,964.20
Grant Term: October 2023 – March 2025 (18 months)
Project Title: Promotion of Participatory Management of the Miguel Domingo Fuerte Natural Monument Wildlife Refuge (Bahoruco Oriental), Dominican Republic

Summary Actions: The project will strengthen the management of the Padre Miguel Domingo Fuertes Natural Monument in the Dominican Republic through the preparation of a management plan for the protected area. The plan will include zoning of the protected area with considerations for the land use and the current legislative framework.

Project Code: CEPF-114600 **Status:** Active
Grantee: Jamaica Conservation and Development Trust (JCdT)
Amount: US\$328,213.68
Grant Term: April 2024 – March 2027 (36 months)
Project Title: Improving Strategic Management of the Blue and John Crow Mountains National Park, Jamaica

Summary Actions: The project will strengthen management and monitoring of the Blue and John Crow Mountains National Park by updating the area's management plan, enhancing biodiversity monitoring and research capacity, and implementing the conservation action plan for the Wild Pine Seargent (Jamaican Blackbird).

Project Code: CEPF-114942

Status: Closed

Grantee: Fundación CI-ATABEY

Amount: US\$43,065.00

Grant Term: May 2024 – April 2025 (12 months)

Project Title: Control of the Invasive Species *Leucaena leucocephala* in the Jaragua-Bahoruco-Enriquillo Biosphere Reserve, Dominican Republic

Summary Actions: The project will mitigate the threat posed by the invasive alien species *Leucaena leucocephala* in the Jaragua-Bahoruco-Enriquillo Biosphere Reserve of the Dominican Republic. To achieve this goal, the project will implement a public awareness campaign highlighting the risks associated with the invasive species and emphasizing the importance of its control. Additionally, it will conduct removal activities and enhance the technical capacity of key local stakeholders in controlling *Leucaena leucocephala*.

Project Code: CEPF-114064

Status: Active

Grantee: Fundación CODESPA

Amount: US\$329,652.25

Grant Term: June 2024 – May 2026 (23 months)

Project Title: Ecotourism Development and Management Planning in Cabo Samana, Dominican Republic

Summary Actions: The project will strengthen conservation of Cabo Samana Key Biodiversity Area by updating the management plan of Cabo Samana Natural Monument, building community capacity for conservation, taking targeted action for globally threatened species, and promoting community- based ecotourism.

Project Code: CEPF-113885

Status: Active

Grantee: American Bird Conservancy (ABC)

Amount: US\$477,375.71

Grant Term: July 2024 – December 2026 (30 months)

Project Title: Removal of Alien Invasive Species for Habitat Restoration in Alto Velo Island, Dominican Republic

Summary Actions: The project will remove invasive alien species (IAS) from 152 hectares of Alto Velo Island to restore oceanic island habitat and promote the survival of two Critically Endangered reptile species. It will also plan and implement biosecurity measures to prevent future invasions, species action planning and environmental education.

Project Code: CEPF-115381

Status: Active

Grantee: Fondazione AVSI

Amount: US\$510,031.80

Grant Term: July 2024 – June 2026 (23 months)

Project Title: Strengthen Management of Parque Nacional Lago Enriquillo, Dominican Republic

Summary Actions: The project will strengthen the management of Lago Enriquillo and Isla Cabrito National Park to mitigate threats from agricultural encroachment, hunting and fishing. It will also update the national park management plan, strengthen the capacity of park guards, promote ecotourism, raise local awareness of the park and its ecosystem services and restore ecological connectivity through reforestation and agroforestry in the buffer zone.

Project Code: CEPF-115409 **Status:** Active
Grantee: Clarendon Parish Development Committee Benevolent Society (CPDCBS)
Amount: US\$46,281.00
Grant Term: January 2025 – June 2026 (18 months)
Project Title: Planning for Participatory Conservation of Biodiversity in Peckham Woods, Clarendon, Jamaica

Summary Actions: The project will demonstrate how community and partner engagement can drive biodiversity conservation in the Peckham Woods through participatory approaches and education. It will also update biodiversity status, stakeholder engagement and develop a participatory action plan that integrates public awareness, sustainable livelihoods and forest management. Lastly, the project will explore opportunities for Other Effective Area-Based Conservation Measures (OECMs) and provide actionable recommendations to stakeholders, including policymakers.

Project Code: CEPF-116641 **Status:** Active
Grantee: Fundación De Apoyo Al Suroeste (FUNDASUR)
Amount: US\$49,995.00
Grant Term: March 2025 – February 2026 (12 months)
Project Title: Updating and Promotion of the Management Plan for the Sierra de Batoruco National Park

Summary Actions: The project will collaboratively develop, update, and promote the Management Plan for the Sierra de Batoruco National Park (PNSB). The plan will be prepared in a participatory manner, following the methodological guidelines set by the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources (MMARN).

Project Code: CEPF-116655 **Status:** Active
Grantee: Fundación Deep Green (FDG)
Amount: US\$49,320.93
Grant Term: May 2025 – March 2026 (10 months)
Project Title: Update of the Management Plan of Los Haitises National Park, Dominican Republic

Summary Actions: The project will strengthen the management of Los Haitises National Park by updating its management plan in alignment with the National Policy for the Effective Management of Protected Areas, aiming to enhance the park's sustainable management and conservation initiatives.

Project Code: CEPF-115191 **Status:** Active
Grantee: Northumbria University
Amount: US\$210,707.80
Grant Term: February 2025 – January 2027 (24 months)
Project Title: Building Local Capacity to Improve the Protection and Management of the Blue and John Crow Mountains National Park

Summary Actions: The project will build capacity among civil society organizations and government institutions to collect and analyse data on threats and biodiversity status and formulate strategies to reduce the impact of threats to the Blue and John Crow Mountains Key Biodiversity Area. It will also develop and implement a long-term participatory monitoring framework for the site that can yield up-to-date data on species and forest status, threat impact and threat reduction efforts.

Project Code: CEPF-115169 **Status:** Closed
Grantee: JEMS Environment Management Services
Amount: US\$47,911.06
Grant Term: March 2024 – April 2025 (18 months)
Project Title: Climate and Conservation Risk Mapping Initiative in St Vincent and the Grenadines

Summary Actions: The project will facilitate the collaborative preparation of GIS maps illustrating the effects of climate change and conservation challenges on biodiversity within the St. Vincent Central Mountain Range. Additionally, it will involve the development of alternative livelihood options and action plans for the conservation of biodiversity.

Project Code: CEPF-116511 **Status:** Active
Grantee: Grupo Jaragua Inc.
Amount: US\$112,545.36
Grant Term: July 2025 – June 2026 (12 months)
Project Title: Restauración y Conexión del Hábitat del Bosque Seco de las Iguanas Amenazadas, República Dominicana

Summary Actions: The project will reduce the threats and restore the habitat of the globally threatened Ricord's iguana (*Cyclura ricordii*) and rhinoceros iguana (*Cyclura cornuta*). It will also promote community awareness to prevent illegal charcoal production while replanting native plant species, which themselves provide food, hydration, and shelter to the iguanas.

Project Code: CEPF-116624 **Status:** Active
Grantee: Union Island Environmental Alliance (UIEA)
Amount: US\$199,866.00
Grant Term: August 2025 – June 2027 (22 months)
Project Title: Promoting Site Protection on Union Island, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

Summary Actions: The project will facilitate the designation as a protected area of Chatham Bay Key Biodiversity Area: a 115-hectare peninsula on Union Island that is home to 12 native terrestrial reptile species, including geckos, iguanas and snakes. It will also strengthen the organizational capacity of Union Island Environmental Alliance, while building capacity for conservation among community members on the island.

Project Code: CEPF-116597 **Status:** Active
Grantee: Fundación para el Mejoramiento Humano (PROGRESSIO)
Amount: US\$161,484.37
Grant Term: August 2025 – January 2027 (17 months)
Project Title: Hacia la Implementación del Plan de Manejo de la Reserva Científica Ébano Verde, República Dominicana

Summary Actions: The project will implement key actions in the management plan of Ébano Verde Scientific Reserve in the Dominican Republic. It will strengthen the capacity of park staff, improve trails and signage, reinforce populations of key tree species through planting, and clear a small area of invasive plant species.

Project Code: CEPF-116505

Status: Active

Grantee: The Bahamas National Trust (BNT)

Amount: US\$198,971.32

Grant Term: December 2025 – April 2027 (17 months)

Project Title: Strengthening Management and Monitoring in Blue Holes National Park, Bahamas

Summary Actions: The project will improve the management of Blue Holes National Park through the development of an operational plan and a control plan for invasive alien species.

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

Project Code: CEPF-112944

Status: Closed

Grantee: Fondazione AVSI

Amount: US\$117,092.68

Grant Term: January 2023 – March 2025 (27 months)

Project Title: Promoting Conservation through Beekeeping in Sierra de Bahoruco National Park, Dominican Republic

Summary Actions: The project will mitigate and reduce threats to the biodiversity of the Sierra de Bahoruco National Park, by promoting beekeeping for sustainable livelihoods, creating buffer zone communities and reforesting 10 hectares with native trees to trigger a “payments for ecosystems services” scheme to benefit local communities.

Project Code: CEPF-113721

Status: In close out

Grantee: Northern Cockpit Country Local Forest Management Committee Benevolent Society (NCCLFMCBS)

Amount: US\$47,022.00

Grant Term: June 2023 – June 2025 (24 months)

Project Title: Maintaining Biodiversity through Sustainable Livelihoods and Environmental Awareness in Northern Cockpit Country, Jamaica

Summary Actions: The project will address the threats of deforestation, forest fires and illegal logging impacting the Linton Park Mountain Forest Reserve within the Cockpit Country Protected Area, Jamaica. It will also build capacity for community-based forest management, strengthen the Local Forest Management Committee and improve community awareness of forest conservation.

Project Code: CEPF-114894

Status: Closed

Grantee: Sawyers Local Forest Management Committee Benevolent Society (Sawyers LFMCBS)

Amount: US\$49,999.84

Grant Term: December 2023 – May 2025 (17 months)

Project Title: Preserving Biodiversity through Sustainable Alternative Livelihoods within the Cockpit Country, Jamaica

Summary Actions: The project will support the reforestation of degraded lands and promote sustainable alternative livelihoods to reduce the threat of deforestation within sections of the Cockpit Country, Jamaica.

Project Code: CEPF-115168 **Status:** In close out
Grantee: Dolphin Head Local Forest Management Committee Cooperative Society (DHLFMCCS)
Amount: US\$47,750.88
Grant Term: December 2023 - June 2025 (18 months)
Project Title: Promoting Sustainable Livelihoods through Ecotourism in the Dolphin Head Forest Reserve, Jamaica

Summary Actions: The project will establish sustainable alternative livelihoods to incentivise ongoing conservation of the Dolphin Head Forest Reserve and improve awareness among youth and community members about the value of biodiversity conservation in the Dolphin Head Forest Reserve.

Project Code: CEPF-114941 **Status:** Active
Grantee: South East Cockpit Country Local Forest Management Committee Benevolent Society (SECCLFMCBS)
Amount: US\$49,480.40
Grant Term: December 2023 - December 2025 (18 months)
Project Title: Promoting and Supporting Sustainable Livelihoods in South East Cockpit Country, Jamaica

Summary Actions: The project will promote adoption of live yam sticks in yam cultivation and the diversification of income streams through sustainable alternative livelihoods, such as beekeeping, as a means of reducing the threat of deforestation in the Cockpit Country, Jamaica.

Project Code: CEPF-115190 **Status:** Active
Grantee: Fundación CI-ATABEY
Amount: US\$271,161.05
Grant Term: July 2024 – December 2026 (30 months)
Project Title: Promoting Ecosystem-Based Adaptation and Biodiversity Conservation in Los Haitises, Dominican Republic

Summary Actions: The project will support ecosystem-based climate resiliency and species conservation in Los Haitises National Park and its buffer zone. It will also safeguard four globally threatened species, restore 20 hectares of degraded habitat, provide sustainable livelihoods for two communities through reforestation and agroforestry, and raise environmental awareness through communications outreach.

Project Code: CEPF-115896 **Status:** Active
Grantee: CESAL
Amount: US\$50,000.00
Grant Term: October 2024 – March 2026 (18 months)
Project Title: Strengthening Resilience and Protecting Biodiversity in Sierra de Bahoruco, Dominican Republic

Summary Actions: The project will combat deforestation, poor agricultural practices and the threats posed by unsustainable tourism development in the Sierra de Bahoruco National Park. It will also strengthen local civil society organisations and train community members in environmental conservation, resource management and sustainable agriculture. Importantly, the project will establish a Youth Network of Eco-Activists, promote gender equity in decision-making and support reforestation efforts to protect the area's biodiversity and water resources.

Project Code: CEPF-116010 **Status:** Active
Grantee: Fundación Sur Futuro
Amount: US\$399,992.63
Grant Term: February 2025 – January 2027 (24 months)
Project Title: Strengthening Governance and Ecological Connectivity in the Cordillera Central, Dominican Republic

Summary Actions: The project will improve conditions for ecosystem connectivity between Dr. Juan Bautista Pérez Rancier National Park (Valle Nuevo) and José del Carmen Ramírez National Park, by reducing threats that affect the ecosystem connectivity of the southern slope of the Cordillera Central Corridor, promoting sustainable livelihoods, such as shade-grown coffee, and strengthening governance and sustainable management of natural resources.

Project Code: CEPF-116645 **Status:** Active
Grantee: Fundación de Apoyo al Suroeste (FUNDASUR)
Amount: US\$49,995.00
Grant Term: June 2025 – May 2026 (12 months)
Project Title: Design of a Community-Based Ecotourism Strategy to Promote the Conservation of the Padre Miguel Domingo Fuerte Natural Monument (MNPMDF)

Summary Actions: The project will implement elements of the updated management plan for the Padre Miguel Domingo Fuerte Natural Monument to reduce degradation and promote community-led conservation. It will develop a practical ecotourism strategy, design interpretive and promotional materials, and upgrade the Cachote visitor centre. The project will also build partnerships with local guides and tour operators, raise environmental awareness, and engage communities in stewardship of cloud forests and threatened species, including *Magnolia hamori*. Lastly, it will strengthen co-management arrangements, support sustainable alternative livelihoods, and increase visibility of the site through targeted communications and digital marketing.

Project Code: CEPF-116601 **Status:** Active
Grantee: South East Cockpit Country Local Forest Management Committee Benevolent Society (SECCLFMCBS)
Amount: US\$114,702.15
Grant Term: August 2025 – July 2027 (23 months)
Project Title: Expanding Livelihoods in Southern Cockpit Country, Jamaica

Summary Actions: The project will promote the adoption of sustainable alternatives to cutting live trees for supports in yam cultivation, thereby mitigating a key threat to the Cockpit Country Key Biodiversity Area. It will also promote alternative livelihood options for local community members, including beekeeping and craft production, while strengthening the capacity of the local forest management committee itself.

Project Code: CEPF-116618 **Status:** Active
Grantee: Sawyers Local Forest Management Committee Benevolent Society (Sawyers LFMCBS)
Amount: US\$102,650.00
Grant Term: August 2025 – July 2027 (23 months)
Project Title: Promoting Sustainable Agriculture and Livelihoods in the Cockpit Country, Jamaica

Summary Actions: The project will promote the sustainable management of production landscapes in the Trelawny region of Jamaica by introducing conservation-friendly agriculture and beekeeping to the local forest management committee members as part of an effort to improve the overall management of the Cockpit Country Key Biodiversity Area.

Project Code: CEPF-116529

Status: Active

Grantee: CESAL

Amount: US\$131,111.15

Grant Term: August 2025 – September 2026 (12 months)

Project Title: Mejora de la Gestión de la Cuenca del Río Las Damas, República Dominicana

Summary Actions: The project will promote improved management of the Las Damas River basin in the Sierra de Bahoruco mountains: an area critical for biological connectivity, livelihoods and drinking water for downstream communities in both the Dominican Republic and Haiti. It will also undertake social and ecological analyses, engage multiple government, community, and private sector stakeholders, promote basin management structures and implement small-scale agricultural demonstration projects.

Project Code: CEPF-116610

Status: Active

Grantee: JEMS Environment Management Services

Amount: US\$149,716.00

Grant Term: September 2025 – April 2027 (18 months)

Project Title: Improved Watershed Management in the Central Mountain Range, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

Summary Actions: The project will work with local communities to improve the management of the Cumberland, Dalaway and Colonarie Key Biodiversity Areas in St Vincent's Central Mountain Range. It will promote citizen science and biodiversity monitoring to allow farmers to make better decisions about agroforestry, gardening, apiculture, and use of agrochemicals. The project will also strengthen the capacity of a network of civil society organizations promoting climate change resilience.

Project Code: CEPF-117150

Status: Active

Grantee: Biofilia SRL

Amount: US\$115,000.00

Grant Term: January 2025 – February 2027 (15 months)

Project Title: Improved Production Land Management in Trogón Reserve, Dominican Republic

Summary Actions: The project will improve the management of an area important for endemic trees and shade-grown coffee, to enhance ecological connectivity between the José Armando Bermúdez, José del Carmen Ramírez, Valle Nuevo, Baiguat National Parks and Ébano Verde Scientific Reserve. It will also conduct a biodiversity inventory, map the area, and support sustainable coffee for community livelihoods. In addition, the project will promote the designation of the area as an Other Effective Area-based Conservation Measure.

Project Code: CEPF-117254

Status: Active

Grantee: Centro de Innovación Atabey

Amount: US\$149,000.00

Grant Term: January 2025 - April 2027 (17 months)

Project Title: Promoting Productive Landscapes in Communities Adjacent to Valle Nuevo, Dominican Republic

Summary Actions: The project will strengthen ecological connectivity in the buffer zone of Valle Nuevo National Park by engaging eight communities of family farmers in the sustainable production of coffee, beans and other traditional crops, and by improving local governance for watershed management.

Project Code: CEPF-117201

Status: Active

Grantee: Sociedad Ornitológica de la Hispaniola (SOH Conservación)

Amount: US\$105,000.00

Grant Term: December 2025 – June 2027 (19 months)

Project Title: Promotion of Agroforestry in the Sierra de Bahoruco Corridor, Dominican Republic

Summary Actions: The project will strengthen ecological connectivity between Sierra de Bahoruco National Park and Miguel Domingo Fuerte Natural Monument (Bahoruco Oriental) through land-use planning, ecological restoration and promotion of sustainable coffee production in the corridor linking the two protected areas.

Strategic Direction 3: Safeguard priority Critically Endangered and Endangered species

Project Code: CEPF-112640

Status: Closed

Grantee: International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (IUCN)

Amount: US\$101,944.95

Grant Term: July 2022 - June 2024 (24 months)

Project Title: Conservation Action Planning of Selected Threatened Conifers and Palm Species in the Dominican Republic

Summary Actions: The project will prepare two species action plans for 18 palm and conifer species and build the capacity of local botanists by supporting field surveys, conducting Red Listing planning and training, and supporting outreach and technical assistance for integrating the action plans into management plans of three protected areas.

Project Code: CEPF-113658

Status: Active

Grantee: BirdsCaribbean

Amount: US\$49,986.00

Grant Term: December 2022 – November 2025 (36 months)

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

Summary Actions: The project will 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. Field surveys will be conducted to collect data on the species and inform the preparation of the plan.

Project Code: CEPF-112943

Status: Active

Grantee: Re:wild

Amount: US\$336,614.05

Grant Term: March 2023 – December 2026 (36 months)

Project Title: Call to Action: Conservation Action Plans for Endangered Caribbean Species

Summary Actions: The project will 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. It will also support baseline field research, stakeholder and species action planning and implementation, capacity building, networking and knowledge exchange, monitoring and evaluation, and fundraising.

Project Code: CEPF-112857 **Status:** Active
Grantee: Durrell Wildlife Conservation Trust (DWCT)
Amount: US\$241,833.71
Grant Term: April 2023 – March 2026 (36 months)
Project Title: Conserving the Saint Lucia Racer and Strengthening Regional Capacity for Racer Conservation

Summary Actions: The project will support the conservation of three threatened reptilian species through funding ex-situ conservation of the Saint Lucia Racer, capacity building and networking between practitioners working on racer conservation in Antigua and Saint Lucia, and biosecurity monitoring and habitat enhancement on four islands in Saint Lucia.

Project Code: CEPF-112934 **Status:** Closed
Grantee: International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (IUCN)
Amount: US\$145,317.95
Grant Term: June 2023 – February 2025 (20 months)
Project Title: Preparing Conservation Action Plans for Jamaica's Threatened Plants

Summary Actions: This project will prepare conservation action plans dedicated to conserving 100 threatened plant species in priority Key Biodiversity Areas of Jamaica. It will support data compilation on plants, training of Jamaican botanists, global Red Listing, and preparation, approval and dissemination of action plans, working in close collaboration with Jamaican civil society and government authorities.

Project Code: CEPF-113840 **Status:** Closed
Grantee: The Peregrine Fund (TPF)
Amount: US\$166,668.24
Grant Term: August 2023 – January 2025 (18 months)
Project Title: Conservation Action Planning and Implementation for Ridgway's Hawk, Dominican Republic

Summary Actions: This project will increase the population of the Critical Endangered Ridgway's Hawk in Los Haitises National Park to serve as a stronghold source population for reintroduction efforts across Hispaniola. This grant supports components dedicated to preparing a ten-year species conservation action plan, managing 125 -150 pairs of Ridgway's Hawks, and environmental outreach and capacity development targeting 10 communities.

Project Code: CEPF-115171 **Status:** Active
Grantee: Jamaica Environment Trust (JET)
Amount: US\$183,742.00
Grant Term: June 2024 – May 2026 (24 months)
Project Title: Implementing the Jamaican Blackbird Conservation Action Plan in the Blue and John Crow Mountains KBA, Jamaica

Summary Actions: The project will implement the Jamaican Blackbird Conservation Action Plan in the buffer zone of the Blue and John Crow Mountains National Park. It will also support bird-friendly coffee cultivation, awareness building, and a policy review supporting protection of the blackbird and its habitat.

Project Code: CEPF-115614 **Status:** Active
Grantee: International Iguana Foundation (IIF)
Amount: US\$49,914.00
Grant Term: January 2025 – March 2027 (27 months)
Project Title: Plan and Implement Critical Conservation Actions for the Jamaican Rock Iguana, Jamaica

Summary Actions: The project will perform ecological monitoring within the Hellshire Hills to assess invasive and native species, enhance control measures, and build local capacity. It will improve the headstart facility at Hope Zoo, ensuring optimal health of iguanas through rigorous veterinary assessments and local training. The project will also emphasize public education on the iguana's ecological importance and update the conservation action plan through collaborative stakeholder engagement.

Project Code: CEPF-115937 **Status:** Active
Grantee: The Peregrine Fund (TPF)
Amount: US\$299,772.96
Grant Term: February 2025 – January 2027 (24 months)
Project Title: Critically Endangered Ridgway's Hawk Conservation Action Plan Implementation

Summary Actions: The project will implement priority actions from the Conservation Action Plan for the Ridgway's hawk. It will also prevent the extinction of the species by supporting growth of a robust, interconnected population across its distribution and conduct environmental education and outreach activities.

Project Code: CEPF- 116545 **Status:** Active
Grantee: Grupo Jaragua Inc.
Amount: US\$49,927.00
Grant Term: March 2025 – February 2027 (24 months)
Project Title: From Planning to Action: Conservation of Threatened Palms and Conifers, Dominican Republic

Summary Actions: The project will develop a collaborative action plan and implement three key conservation strategies outlined in the "Conservation Plan for Threatened Palms and Conifers of the La Selle – Bahoruco –Jaragua – Enriquillo Corridor."

Project Code: CEPF-116175 **Status:** Active
Grantee: University of The Bahamas
Amount: US\$209,993.70
Grant Term: April 2025 – July 2027 (28 months)
Project Title: Capacity Building to Enhance Management of Threats to Rock Iguanas in The Bahamas

Summary Actions: The project will develop and implement a monitoring plan for the Central Bahamian Rock Iguana and the threats it faces. It will also investigate the population status of the species on San Salvador and train students, local stakeholders and civil society organizations in survey methodologies. Lastly, the project will educate residents and visitors, to limit negative interactions with iguanas and develop a mechanism to collect citizen science data on iguanas that can enable faster responses to threats like invasive species, disease and storms.

Project Code: CEPF-116488

Status: Active

Grantee: Environmental Awareness Group (EAG)

Amount: US\$50,000.00

Grant Term: April 2025 – August 2026 (17 months)

Project Title: Preserving the Antiguan Racer: An Urgent Call to Action

Summary Actions: The project will strengthen the technical capacity of the Environmental Awareness Group (EAG) to conserve the Critically Endangered Antiguan Racer through regional collaboration, strategic planning, and community engagement in the North East Marine Management Area (NEMMA), Antigua and Barbuda. It will prepare a detailed feasibility study and operational plan for the establishment of a secure mainland Ark Site to support species recovery and facilitate a knowledge exchange to enhance implementation using regional best practices. Lastly, the project will build long-term local support through education, field experiences, and a Community Champions Programme.

Project Code: CEPF-116764

Status: Active

Grantee: Universidad Autónoma de Santo Domingo (UASD)

Amount: US\$49,515.00

Grant Term: August 2025 – July 2026 (12 months)

Project Title: Conservation Action Plan for Three Threatened Species of Amphibians and Reptiles in Jaragua National Park, Dominican Republic

Summary Actions: The project will enhance conservation efforts for three Endangered species—*Eleutherodactylus alcoae* (Barahona Rock Frog), *Sphaerodactylus thompsoni* (Thompson's Least Gecko), and *Typhlops syntherus* (Hispaniolan Blind Snake)—by developing a comprehensive conservation plan to be integrated into the management plan of Jaragua National Park. The plan will also serve as a model for the conservation of other similarly threatened species within the park and surrounding areas.

Project Code: CEPF-117241

Status: Active

Grantee: Fauna & Flora

Amount: US\$148,000.17

Grant Term: December 2025 – November 2026 (11 months)

Project Title: Resolving Human-Wildlife Conflict in Iyanola, Saint Lucia

Summary Actions: The project will reduce human-wildlife conflict between people in the Iyanola region and Saint Lucia fer-de-lance: a highly venomous and threatened species of snake. It will also encourage local people to become better stewards of this snake and its habitats through an education campaign.

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

Project Code: CEPF-113661

Status: Closed

Grantee: Southern Trelawny Environmental Agency (STEA)

Amount: US\$49,232.00

Grant Term: January 2023 – February 2024 (14 months)

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

Summary Actions: The project will strengthen the STEA/Cockpit Country Adventure Tours (CCAT) eco- and community-based tourism programme 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.

Project Code: CEPF-113724

Status: In close out

Grantee: Fitches Creek Residents Association Inc. (FCRA)

Amount: US\$48,940.00

Grant Term: July 2023 – September 2025 (26 months)

Project Title: Building a Community Constituency for Conservation of Fitches Creek Bay and the Northeast Marine Management Area, Antigua and Barbuda

Summary Actions: The project will strengthen participatory management of the Northeast Marine Management Area (NEMMA) and Fitches Creek Bay in Antigua through collaborative social accountability approaches and community and collective actions to prevent further erosion of the KBA's protective status.

Project Code: CEPF-114126

Status: In close out

Grantee: Instituto Dominicano de Desarrollo Integral, Inc. (IDDI)

Amount: US\$49,417.00

Grant Term: June 2024 – September 2025 (15 months)

Project Title: Improving the Capacity and Enabling Conditions for the Protection of Key Biodiversity Areas (KBAs) of the Dominican Republic

Summary Actions: The project will enhance the capacities of civil society organisations (CSOs) operating within Key Biodiversity Areas (KBAs) in the Dominican Republic. It will foster sustainable biodiversity conservation and reduce climate risks through an Ecosystem-based Adaptation (EbA) approach. Additionally, the project will establish a network of CSOs focused on participatory learning and experience sharing. This network will emphasize the protection, conservation and sustainable management of KBAs through EbA strategies.

Project Code: CEPF-115615 **Status:** Active
Grantee: Southern Trelawny Environmental Agency (STEA)
Amount: US\$50,000.00
Grant Term: September 2024 – June 2026 (22 months)
Project Title: Using Alternative Livelihood Ventures to Strengthen Biodiversity Conservation in the Cockpit Country, Jamaica

Summary Actions: The project will 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.

Project Code: CEPF- 116108 **Status:** Active
Grantee: IHO Nature Rangers
Amount: US\$49,980.00
Grant Term: March 2025 – June 2026 (15 months)
Project Title: Strengthening Conservation Actions in the North East Marine Management Area, Antigua and Barbuda

Summary Actions: The project will support community-driven conservation of the North East Marine Management Area (NEMMA) in Antigua and Barbuda by using collaborative social accountability (CSA) tools to enhance local engagement.

Strategic Direction 5: Support Caribbean civil society to conserve biodiversity by building local, national and regional institutional capacity and fostering stakeholder collaboration

Project Code: CEPF-113415 **Status:** Closed
Grantee: Fauna & Flora
Amount: US\$249,987.06
Grant Term: June 2023 – May 2025 (23 months)
Project Title: Building Sustainable Financial Capacity for Caribbean Civil Society Organisations

Summary Actions: The project will strengthen the financial resilience of civil society organisations working at priority Key Biodiversity Areas in the Caribbean islands, with a focus on four organisations in Antigua, Saint Lucia, and St. Vincent and the Grenadines. It will also support the development and implementation of sustainable financing plans, provide training and mentoring on project design and fundraising, and promote eco-tourism products.

Project Code: CEPF-115350 **Status:** In close out
Grantee: Vermont Center for Ecostudies (VCE)
Amount: US\$49,776.25
Grant Term: April 2024 – June 2025 (14 months)
Project Title: Conservation Standards Online Training Workshop Pilot Project

Summary Actions: The project will enhance the technical capacities of civil society organisations across the hotspot in the use and application of the Open Standards for the Practice of Conservation (Conservation Standards) for project and programme design, management, and monitoring in order to help improve the practice of conservation in the Caribbean.

Project Code: CEPF-115701 **Status:** In close out
Grantee: Fundación CIDEAL de Cooperación e Investigación (CIDEAL)
Amount: US\$49,434.00
Grant Term: August 2024 – September 2025 (12 months)
Project Title: Ecological Restoration with Drones and Skills Transfer to CSOs in Sierra Bahoruco-Massif De La Selle Corridor, Dominican Republic

Summary Actions: The project will contribute to the reforestation of 150 hectares of degraded land in the Sierra de Bahoruco Key Biodiversity Area (KBA) using innovative drone and sensor technology. It will also strengthen the capacities of civil society and other stakeholders by transferring skills in utilising this advanced technology for biodiversity conservation and protection, as well as in the fight against climate change.

Project Code: CEPF-115799 **Status:** Closed
Grantee: Fondazione AVSI
Amount: US\$149,556.16
Grant Term: September 2024 – February 2025 (6 months)
Project Title: CEPF Regional Midterm Assessment Meeting for the Caribbean Islands Biodiversity Hotspot

Summary Actions: The project will facilitate exchange of experience and lessons learned among CEPF grantees by organising a midterm assessment workshop in the Dominican Republic for participants from across the Caribbean Islands Biodiversity Hotspot. It will enable networking among grantees, expose them to the work of peer organisations through a site visit, and solicit feedback on the CEPF grant making approach and investment strategy.

Project Code: CEPF-114911 **Status:** Active
Grantee: The Cropper Foundation (TCF)
Amount: US\$36,750.00
Grant Term: November 2024 – November 2025 (12 months)
Project Title: Project Preparatory Grant to Support Integration of Data Science and Technology in Caribbean Conservation Efforts by Civil Society

Summary Actions: This project preparatory grant seeks to empower Caribbean civil society organisations (CSOs) by integrating data science and technology into biodiversity conservation. Through assessments and tailored capacity-building, it will identify opportunities, enhance skills and develop a large-scale grant proposal to advance data-driven, sustainable conservation efforts.

Project Code: CEPF-116644 **Status:** Active
Grantee: Fundación José Delio Guzmán (FJDG)
Amount: US\$49,515.00
Grant Term: March 2025 – February 2026 (12 months)
Project Title: Promoting Alliance among CEPF Partners in the Dominican Republic

Summary Actions: The project will support collaboration, knowledge exchange and networking among CEPF grantees in the Dominican Republic through a series of inter-organizational visits and exchanges to build relationships, identify synergies for future collaboration, and share relevant experiences and lessons learned.

Project Code: CEPF-116163

Status: Active

Grantee: Environmental Foundation of Jamaica (EFJ)

Amount: US\$242,824.86

Grant Term: March 2025 – May 2026 (14 months)

Project Title: Capacity Building for Local Forest Management Committees in Jamaica

Summary Actions: The project will strengthen the capacity of five local forest management committees to enhance their effectiveness at sustainably managing forest reserves and implementing applied biodiversity conservation actions. It will also strengthen collaboration and coordination among committees through a national umbrella body. Lastly, the project will increase awareness and integration of community forestry initiatives among local communities bordering forest reserves in Jamaica.

Project Code: CEPF-117335

Status: Active

Grantee: The Northern Rio Minho Local Forest Management Committee (NRMLFMC)

Amount: US\$47,100.00

Grant Term: September 2025 – November 2026 (15 months)

Project Title: Improving Conservation in Peckham Woods, Jamaica through Agroforestry and Sustainable Alternative Livelihoods

Summary Actions: The project will establish agroforestry and sustainable alternative livelihoods to support the conservation of Peckham Woods. It will also enhance the capacity of The Northern Rio Minho Local Forest Management Committee to support locally led conservation actions and engage local communities, including youth and the farming community through interactive practices such as field schools, workshops, action learning and expositions.