



Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund – Caribbean Hotspot Project (P173464)

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Implementing Agencies: Conservation International Foundation, Conservation International Foundation

Key Dates

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Bank Approval Date: 22-Jun-2021

Effectiveness Date: 02-Aug-2021

Planned Mid Term Review Date: 29-Dec-2023

Actual Mid-Term Review Date:

Original Closing Date: 31-Oct-2027

Revised Closing Date: 31-Oct-2027

Project Development Objectives

Project Development Objective (from Project Appraisal Document)

The project development objective (PDO) is to improve the capacity of civil society organizations to reduce threats to globally important biodiversity in the Caribbean Islands Biodiversity Hotspot.

Has the Project Development Objective been changed since Board Approval of the Project Objective?

No

Components Table

Name

Component 1: Increased Share of Land and Sea in and around Priority KBAs under Improved Management:(Cost \$8.80 M)

Component 2: Increased Capacity of CSOs in Conservation:(Cost \$2.00 M)

Component 3: Increased Capacity of the Regional Implementation Team (RIT) to provide Leadership and Coordination of CSO Conservation Actions:(Cost \$0.70 M)

Component 4: Strengthened CSO Partnerships for Conservation:(Cost \$1.00 M)

Component 5: Project Management, including M&E:(Cost \$1.40 M)

Overall Ratings

Name	Previous Rating	Current Rating
Progress towards achievement of PDO	<input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory	<input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory
Overall Implementation Progress (IP)	<input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory	<input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory
Overall Risk Rating	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate

Implementation Status and Key Decisions

The Project is in its second year of implementation with activities initiated in all countries except Haiti. The Project is on track to achieve its Project Development Objective (PDO) with all PDO indicators on track in line with performance targets for this reporting period. One intermediate indicator "Civil society organizations (CSOs) receiving sub-grants from Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund (CEPF) is behind on its target reporting 20 vs 30 due to delayed roll out of the calls for proposal and challenges associated with staff recruitment. Overall, the mitigation measures to reach the targets by the end of the fiscal year include expediting issuing of the grants to CSOs that are currently in the pipeline, effective delivery of necessary



trainings to CSOs in October and November, and stronger collaboration with collaborative social accountability team (CSAT) team to “prime the pump” for additional CSOs eligible for financing. These actions should also lead to increased disbursement by the end of the fiscal year. So far, the Project has issued 20 grants: 12 large grants (i.e., grants over US\$50,000 in value) and eight small grants (i.e., grants of up to US\$50,000). With regard to capacity building activities, CSOs were provided with mentoring and hands-on support by the CEPF Secretariat and the RIT during FY23. This included delivery of two proposal development workshops for large grant applicants in July 2022 and February 2023. One large grant was awarded to Fauna & Flora, for a project to strengthen the financial resilience of four local CSOs working at priority sites in Antigua and Barbuda, Saint Lucia, and St Vincent and the Grenadines. In addition, most CSOs receiving grants under the grant mechanism contain capacity building activities and deliverables that are closely aligned with the achievement of conservation outcomes in and around the priority Key Biodiversity areas (KBAs).

Under collaborative social accountability component, INTEC and its partner, Integrated Health Outreach (IHO), implemented a program of capacity building in collaborative social accountability for CSOs in Antigua and Barbuda, the Dominican Republic, Saint Lucia, and Jamaica. In the Dominican Republic, INTEC delivered a 60-hour online certificate course entitled, “Collaborative Social Accountability for Biodiversity Conservation” as a principal knowledge product that will be translated into English and be offered in FY24. INTEC and IHO also provided these CSOs with guidance to facilitate the establishment of collaborative frameworks for target geographies in these countries. This resulted in two frameworks for collaborative social accountability being signed in Antigua and Barbuda with the Department of the Environment and the Ministry of Tourism, formalizing their collaboration in the effort. Ten other frameworks are under negotiation in Antigua and Barbuda, the Dominican Republic and Saint Lucia for expected signature in FY24.

Risks

Systematic Operations Risk-rating Tool

Risk Category	Rating at Approval	Previous Rating	Current Rating
Political and Governance	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate
Macroeconomic	<input type="checkbox"/> Low	<input type="checkbox"/> Low	<input type="checkbox"/> Low
Sector Strategies and Policies	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate
Technical Design of Project or Program	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate
Institutional Capacity for Implementation and Sustainability	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate
Fiduciary	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate
Environment and Social	<input type="checkbox"/> Substantial	<input type="checkbox"/> Substantial	<input type="checkbox"/> Substantial
Stakeholders	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate
Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Low	<input type="checkbox"/> Low	<input type="checkbox"/> Low
Overall	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate

Results

PDO Indicators by Objectives / Outcomes

Targeted civil society organizations with increased capacity to reduce threats to biodiversity

► Targeted civil society organizations with increased capacity to reduce threats to biodiversity (Number, Custom)



	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	25.00
Date	28-May-2021	24-Feb-2023	15-Sep-2023	29-May-2026
► Targeted civil society organizations with increased organizational capacity (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	25.00
Date	28-May-2021	24-Feb-2023	15-Sep-2023	29-May-2026
Comments:	This indicator is measured by the Civil Society Tracking Tool (CSTT), which monitors change in a civil society organizations' capacity in terms of (i) human resources; (ii) financial resources; (iii) management systems; (iv) strategic planning; and (v) delivery. The tracking tool is designed to enable self-assessment by a small group of the organization's staff and/or board members, selected to represent the variation in roles and responsibilities that exists within the organization.			
► Civil society organizations with sufficient capacity to participate in conservation-related networks (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	15.00
Date	28-May-2021	24-Feb-2023	15-Sep-2023	29-May-2026
► Priority KBAs with reduced threat(s) to biodiversity (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	20.00
Date	28-May-2021	24-Feb-2023	15-Sep-2023	29-May-2026
Comments:	This indicator measures the number of sites with reduced threats, using BirdLife International's site monitoring tool adapted to apply to all vertebrate groups and plants.			

Intermediate Results Indicators by Components

Component 1: Increased Share of Land and Sea in and around Priority KBAs under Improved Management				
► Priority species conservation plans at the site level prepared (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	30.00



Date	28-May-2021	24-Feb-2023	15-Sep-2023	29-May-2026
Comments:	This indicator measures the number of species conservation plans that are developed during the project. Species conservation plans will be developed following the Guidelines for Species Conservation Planning prepared by the IUCN Species Survival Commission’s Species Conservation Planning Sub-Committee.			
► Area of production landscape with strengthened management of biodiversity (Hectare(Ha), Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	40,000.00
Date	28-May-2021	24-Feb-2023	15-Sep-2023	29-May-2026
Comments:	This indicator measures the number of hectares outside of KBAs, such as corridors and/or buffer zones, with strengthened management of biodiversity. A Production Landscape is defined as a site outside a protected area where commercial agriculture, forestry or natural product exploitation occurs.			
► Funding mechanisms for conservation established by targeted civil society organizations (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.00
Date	28-May-2021	24-Feb-2023	15-Sep-2023	29-May-2026
Comments:	Funding mechanisms include, but are not limited to, conservation trust funds, debt-for-nature swaps, payment for ecosystem service (PES) schemes, and other revenue, fee or tax schemes that generate long-term funding for conservation. To be counted, a funding mechanism must be supported with relevant documentation describing (i) purpose; (ii) legal parameters; (iii) sources of funds; (iv) mechanics of funds disbursement; and (v) governance.			
► Civil society organizations receiving sub-grants from CEPF (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	9.00	20.00	50.00
Date	28-May-2021	24-Feb-2023	15-Sep-2023	29-May-2026
Comments:	This indicator measures the number of civil society organizations that will receive sub-grants from CEPF under Components 1 and 2. These will include organizations receiving sub-grants from both the Secretariat, and from the RIT, which will administer a small grants mechanism for sub-grants not exceeding \$50,000.			
Component 2: Increased Capacity of CSOs in Conservation				
► Grantee biodiversity monitoring frameworks prepared (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target



Value	0.00	0.00	9.00	20.00
Date	28-May-2021	24-Feb-2023	15-Sep-2023	29-May-2026
Comments:	Each CSO working at one or more priority KBA will be assisted to develop its own biodiversity monitoring framework, with indicators related to the status of biodiversity, the severity of threats, and the effectiveness of conservation responses.			
► Civil society networks with improved collaboration and coordination (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.00
Date	28-May-2021	24-Feb-2023	15-Sep-2023	29-May-2026
Comments:	This indicator measures the number of networks with improved collaboration and coordination, using the Network Health Scorecard: (https://www.networkimpact.org/downloads/NH_Scorecard.pdf). The scorecard assesses four characteristics of networks: purpose, performance, operations and capacity.			

Component 3: Increased Capacity of Regional Implementation Team (RIT) in Leadership and Coordination				
► RIT technical capacity modules completed (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	4.00	6.00	15.00
Date	28-May-2021	24-Feb-2023	15-Sep-2023	29-May-2026

Component 4: Strengthened CSO Partnerships for Conservation				
► Civil society organizations trained in using social accountability mechanisms (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	10.00	20.00
Date	28-May-2021	24-Feb-2023	15-Sep-2023	29-May-2026
Comments:	This indicator measures the number of CSOs trained in using social accountability mechanisms.			
► Collaborative social accountability frameworks established (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	2.00	2.00	10.00



Date	28-May-2021	24-Feb-2023	15-Sep-2023	30-Jan-2026
Comments:	This indicator measures the number of collaborative frameworks established during the project. These frameworks are defined the terms of cooperation across stakeholders, including (i) information sharing, (ii) actions to be jointly addressed, and (iii) joint capacity-building and technical assistance activities that will enable such actions to be effectively executed.			
▶ Knowledge products focusing on social accountability mechanisms produced and disseminated (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	1.00	1.00	3.00
Date	28-May-2021	24-Feb-2023	15-Sep-2023	29-May-2026
Comments:	This indicator measures the number of knowledge products produced that pertain to use of social accountability methodologies generated under the project. Knowledge products should promote sustainability and replicability, and can vary in format, such as a manual, video, website, or webinar series. On track: INTEC providing virtual, 60-hour course for certificatin in CSA. Course will be replicated regionally for English-speaking Caribbean. In progress in the DR: production of a video on facilitating community workshops and the systematization of experiences in CSA.			

Performance-Based Conditions

Data on Financial Performance

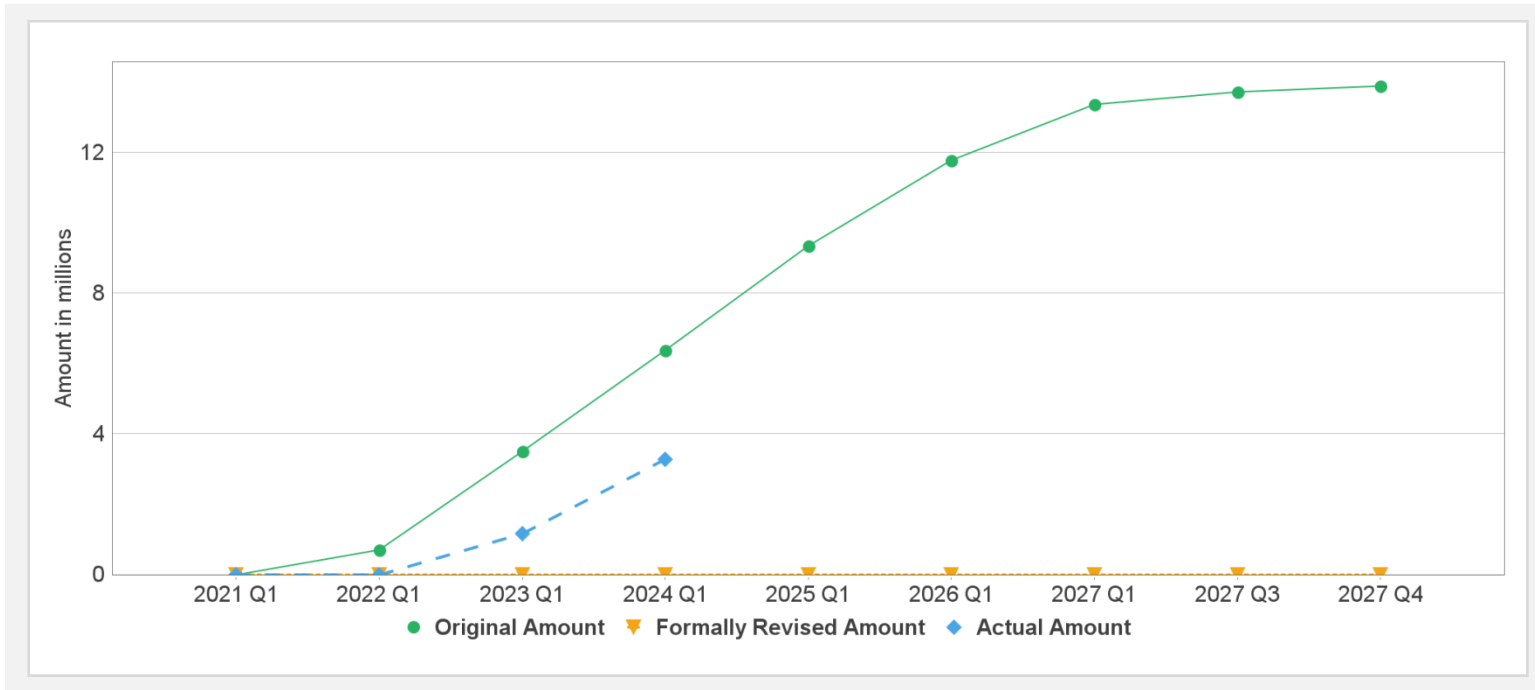
Disbursements (by loan)

Project	Loan/Credit/TF	Status	Currency	Original	Revised	Cancelled	Disbursed	Undisbursed	% Disbursed
P173464	TF-B5467	Effective	USD	13.90	13.90	0.00	3.28	10.62	24%

Key Dates (by loan)

Project	Loan/Credit/TF	Status	Approval Date	Signing Date	Effectiveness Date	Orig. Closing Date	Rev. Closing Date
P173464	TF-B5467	Effective	22-Jun-2021	01-Jul-2021	02-Aug-2021	31-Oct-2027	31-Oct-2027

Cumulative Disbursements



Restructuring History

There has been no restructuring to date.

Related Project(s)

There are no related projects.