



Empowering civil society to conserve critical ecosystems in Africa

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Africa



Active

- Maputaland-Pondoland-Albany (\$6.5M; 2010-2015)
- Mediterranean Basin (\$11.2M; 2012-2017)
- Eastern Afrotropics (\$9.8M; 2012-2020)
- Madagascar & Indian Ocean Islands (\$7.5M; 2015-2021)

Pipeline

- Guinean Forests of West Africa (\$9M; 2016-2021)

CEPF in Africa:

- Invested more than \$60 million, spanning 30 countries
- Supported more than 300 civil society groups (75% local)
- Strengthened the protection and management of 14.9 million ha of Key Biodiversity Areas, including the creation of 5.4 million ha of new protected areas
- Helped establish or strengthen seven sustainable financing mechanisms for biodiversity conservation
- Helped establish 27 networks of civil society groups
- Engaged more than 20 industries as partners in biodiversity conservation, including tourism, cocoa, coffee, mining, wine, fruit, meat, honey, medicinal herbs and forestry

CEPF in Africa:

By 2016, CEPF will have invested in 37 African countries:

- Increasing local and national capacity to integrate biodiversity conservation into development and landscape planning
- Strengthening protection and management of globally significant biodiversity
- Improving the wellbeing of local and indigenous communities
- Promoting effective monitoring and knowledge sharing
- Informing global priority-setting, private sector practices and conservation practice

Ecosystem profiles

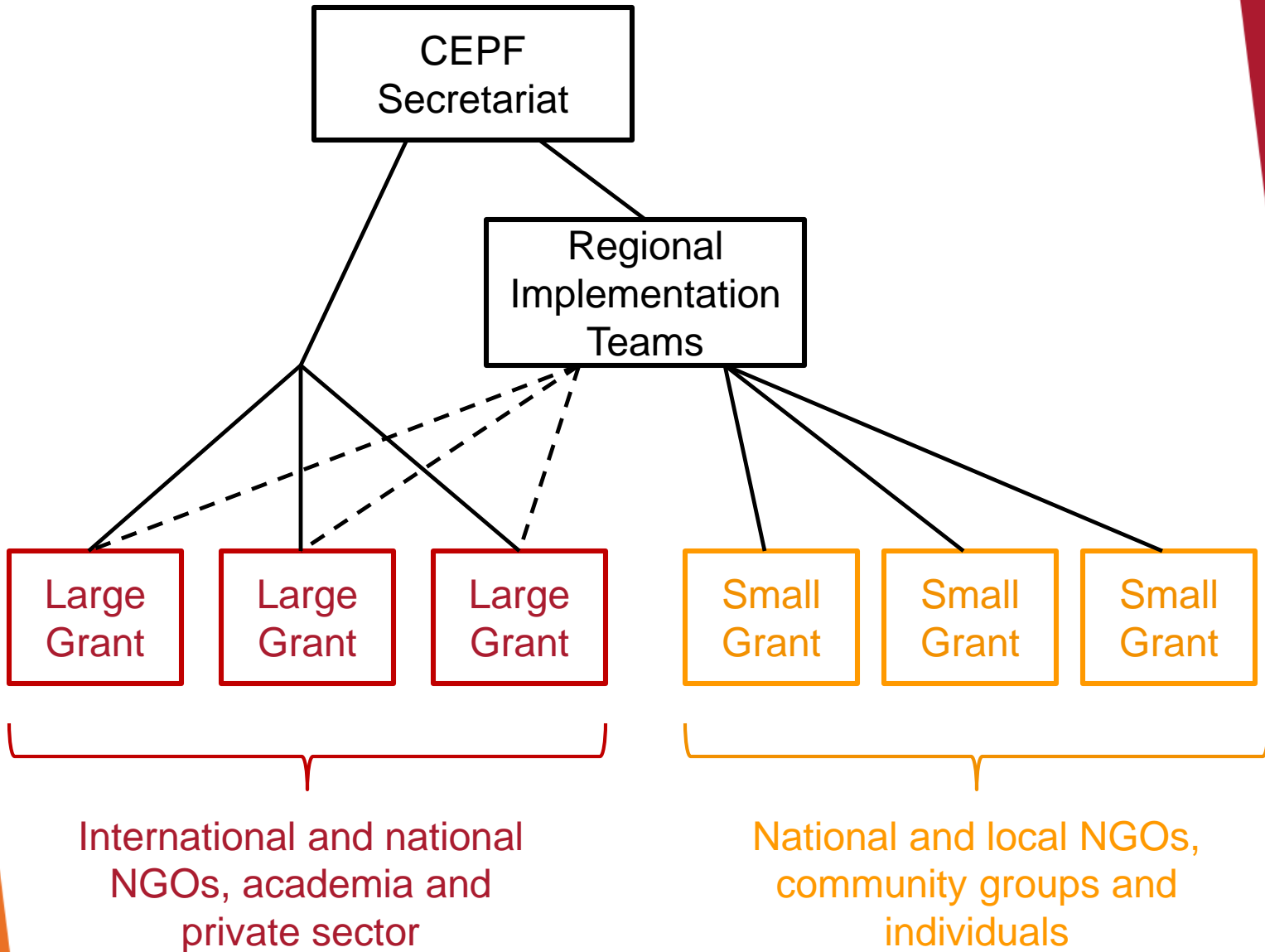


- Bottom-up consultative process
- Develops conservation strategies that are truly owned by local actors
- Can be used by other funders looking to support civil society to conservation biodiversity in the same geography



Regional Implementation Teams

- Act as an extension service to assist civil society groups to designing and implement successful projects
- Review grant applications and manage external reviews with technical experts
- Award and manage small grants
- Widely communicate CEPF objectives, lessons learned and results
- Align investments with other donors, government, and private sector

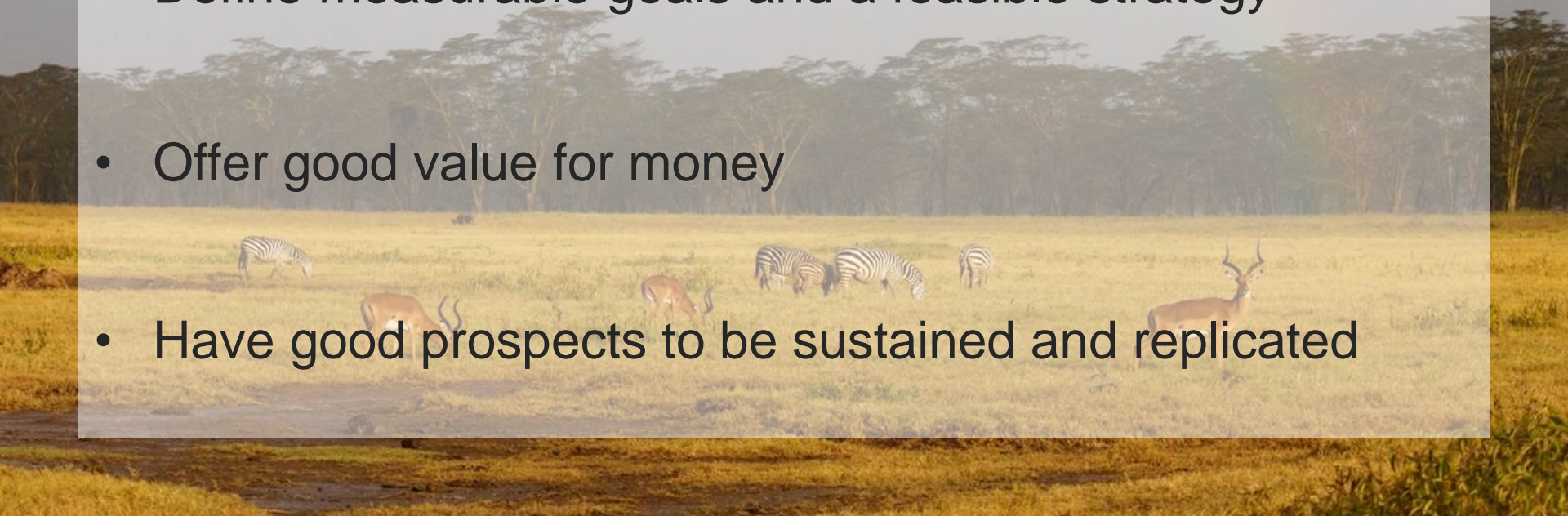


Calls for proposals

- CEPF grant making is mainly via competitive calls for proposals – open to civil society organizations
- Large grants require Letter of Inquiry (LoI) followed by full proposal
- Small grants require LoI only
- Calls announced on CEPF website and newsletter
- Prospective applicants are encouraged to discuss project ideas and eligibility with the relevant RIT

We are looking for projects that:

- Clearly address the investment strategy
- Provide opportunities for building civil society capacity
- Define measurable goals and a feasible strategy
- Offer good value for money
- Have good prospects to be sustained and replicated





Thank you!

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