

BIRDLIFE INTERNATIONAL AFRICA PARTNERSHIP

Project title: *Consolidating Biodiversity Data in the Eastern Arc Mountains and Coastal Forests (EACF) of Kenya and Tanzania Region.*

Region or Country: Eastern Arc Mountains and Coastal Forests (EACF) of Kenya and Tanzania

Duration: Three years; 1st August 2011 – 30 June 2014

Donor: Critical Ecosystems Partnership Fund (CEPF)

Collaborators: BirdLife/ Nature Kenya/ Wildlife Conservation Society of Tanzania/Conservation International/
Tanzania Forest Working Group

Partners: Nature Kenya (**Kenya**), Wildlife Conservation Society of Tanzania (**Tanzania**)

Overall Goal: Improving human well being in the Eastern Arc mountains and coastal forests of Kenya and Tanzania, enhance scientific knowledge and reduce the extinction risk of 333 globally threatened species through improved protection of their sites.

Project priorities

- Availing biological and forest change data to leverage REDD+ and REDD readiness for the EACF

Project Activities:

- 1. To provide up-to-date data in relevant databases and portals on species, sites and habitats (including threats, management and social values)**
 - collate and add new data on occurrence in hotspot of threatened species of vertebrates and plants following current IUCN Red List.
 - Collate existing and add new data specifically related to REDD+ and publish on EACF website
 - Facilitate 2nd Plant Red Listing workshop for Eastern Africa
- 2. To publicize EACF information for various groups of stakeholders, including governments**
 - Produce, print and disseminate two 'status and trends' reports-one at start and one at end of project
 - Provide targeted policy papers on biodiversity conservation for governments
 - Submit at least two scientific articles about findings during CEPF investment in EACF to peer reviewed journals
 - Submit at least three popular articles to relevant magazines
- 3. To reinforce and institutionalize linkages with other national & international monitoring systems in the region**
 - Maintain collaboration with Conservation International in regards to forest change analyses
 - Maintain existing partnerships in biodiversity monitoring from initial CEPF investment

Project is in its start up phase but a few milestones have been achieved:

- Project Officer recruited in October 2011 to run the project
- 2nd Plant Red Listing Workshop held in Kenya in 2011
- Start up project meeting held between BirdLife and Nature Kenya in November 2011
- Contracting processes finalized with Partners
- Mailing list from initial CEPF investment updated

Challenge: The project is highly dependent on voluntary contribution of data and information from stakeholders hence requires active follow up.

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