

# CEPF Eastern Afromontane Hotspot

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## About the Eastern Afromontane Hotspot

The [Eastern Afromontane biodiversity hotspot](#)—which stretches over a curving arc of widely scattered but biogeographically similar mountains from Saudi Arabia to Mozambique and Zimbabwe—is one of the Earth’s 36 biodiversity hotspots, the most biologically rich yet threatened areas around the globe.

The region’s unique biological attributes, as well as its economic and cultural importance, led the [Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund \(CEPF\)](#) to prioritize the region and develop a strategy for the investment of \$9.8 million in the region over a 5-year period (2012-2017). This phase is now completed.

A second phase of \$2.2 million started in 2017 and will end in December 2019. This phase only covers the Eastern Afromontane portions of Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania and Uganda.

Grants will be disbursed through targeted [calls for proposals](#) to civil society groups - community associations and other non-governmental organizations – to address the conservation threats facing the region.

**[View current CEPF EAM projects and KBA locations all in one map!](#)**

**[Below is an interactive map. Click the menu box on the left to open and close different layers:](#)**

### Layer 1

View currently funded **LARGE GRANTS** (blue) and **SMALL GRANTS** (red); Click on the KBA in the scroll down menu (Layer 1) or on the pointer on the map, and you will read about the project. Pointers with a 'dot' are at CEPF Priority KBAs

### Layer 2

View all KBA locations (dark green for CEPF Priority KBAs) You can also click on individual KBAs, scrolling down the menu (Layer 2). For more details about the KBAs themselves, please check the 'Resources' page, 'KBA information'

## **The Regional Implementation Team**

**BirdLife International** is the Regional Implementation Team (RIT) for the second phase of the Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund (CEPF) investment in the Eastern Afrotropical Hotspot (2017-2019). The investment will support civil society in applying innovative approaches to conservation in under-capacitated and underfunded Key Biodiversity Areas (KBA) in the region.

The RIT will raise awareness of CEPF; solicit grant applications and assist organizations to make applications; review applications; give small grants and jointly make decisions with CEPF on large grants; and monitor and evaluate progress with the investment strategy.

*The Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund (CEPF) is a joint initiative of l'Agence Française de Développement, Conservation International, the European Union, the Global Environment Facility, the Government of Japan, the MacArthur Foundation, and the World Bank. A fundamental goal is to ensure civil society is engaged in biodiversity conservation.*

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