

**The World Bank and
Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund
*A Shared Agenda***



Powerful Alliances

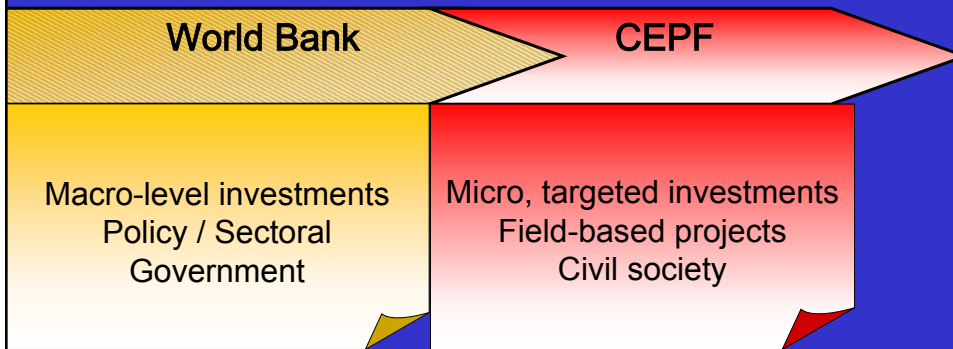
Lasting Impact

Macro Perspective

- Development Grant Facility funding
 - \$5 million / year for 5 years
- Global Partnership Program
- Direct World Bank involvement
 - President currently serves as Chairman of the CEPF Donor Council
 - Task Manager acts as technical Working Group member
 - Supervision Missions
 - Mid-term Evaluation



Combining Proven Strengths and Expertise Different Approaches – Shared Agenda



Major Milestones To Date



- Memorandum of Understanding
– Signed Dec. 2000
- Financing Agreement
- Mid-term evaluation for DGF
– June 2003

Rational for World Bank Involvement in CEPF



CEPF strengthens the World Bank's

- Access to the non-profit sector
- Engagement with local communities

CEPF builds

- National awareness for critical sites for biodiversity conservation
- Institutional capacity of local communities / NGOs in Bank client countries

- Geographically prioritized and thematically concentrated
- > access to a global portfolio of biodiversity conservation projects
- Accommodate low cost, time sensitive projects that support larger Bank investments
- Engage a non-traditional constituency
- Promoting and reinforcing partnerships at all levels
- Widely sharing lessons learned (> 27,000 final project reports were downloaded from www.cepf.net in the last six months)

Incremental Value to the Bank

Notable Findings from the Mid-term Evaluation of CEPF

- “Underlying rationale for creating CEPF is sound and well founded.”
- CEPF is successfully complementing GEF grantmaking, responding to a great demand.
- Tighten link between priority setting and implementation.
- The Fund supports a wide variety of grantees in a relatively timely and agile manner.

Objective for South Africa Workshop

Improve linkages between World Bank and CEPF operations

**Shared Goals
Complementary Approach = Powerful partnership**