



# Engaging Civil Society in Conserving Earth's Critical Biodiversity Hotspots

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102 Mann (across from Mandible Café)

## About the Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund

Everyone depends on Earth's ecosystems and their life-sustaining benefits, such as clean air, fresh water and healthy soils. Founded in 2000, the Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund is a global leader in enabling civil society to participate in and benefit from conserving some of the world's most critical ecosystems. CEPF provides grants for nongovernmental and private sector organizations to help protect biodiversity hotspots, Earth's most biologically rich yet threatened areas.

The Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund is a joint initiative of l'Agence Française de Développement, Conservation International, the Global Environment Facility, the Government of Japan, the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, and the World Bank.

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