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“GEF-Satoyama Project” aims to achieve societies in harmony with nature, with sustainable primary production sector based on traditional and modern wisdom, and to make significant contributions to global targets for conservation of biological diversity.

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**GEF Project Agency:** Conservation International

**Executive Team:** Conservation International Japan (CI Japan) as Executing Agency, with United Nations University Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability (UNU-IAS) and Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES)

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## Executive Team Activities October to December, 2018



ATTENDEES AT THE PUBLIC FORUM AT IPSI-7 ©CI/MINAKO TAKAHARA (INTERN)

### [IPSI-7, Kanazawa, Ishikawa Prefecture, Japan \(September 29 to October 2, 2018\)](#)

The IPSI Secretariat and the Ministry of the Environment, Japan, organized the 7th Global Conference of the International Partnership for the Satoyama Initiative (IPSI-7) in Kanazawa, Ishikawa Prefecture, Japan from 30th September to 2nd October 2018. The General Assembly was held on 1st October, 2018. Working group sessions were held to discuss about Convention on Biological Diversity's Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 with its Aichi Biodiversity Targets, the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals, and others. Conservation International organized a side event of the GEF-Satoyama Project titled "Ingredients of Sustainable Landscape and Seascapes." At the side event, speakers from within Japan and around the world shared the ingredients of sustainability from various perspectives. Dr. Yoji Natori (Manager, GEF-Satoyama Project) addressed the topic of Financing the Satoyama Initiative while Ms. Sehen Ramanantsoa, (Ministry of Environment, Ecology and Forest of Madagascar) shared about the experiences in Madagascar. On the 2nd October, 2018, participants took part in an excursion to the Noto Peninsula to enjoy Satoyama landscapes and Satoumi seascapes hosted by the Ishikawa Prefectural Government.

### **CBD COP14, Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt (November 17-29, 2018)**

The Executing Agency participated in CBD COP14 meetings where a GEF-Satoyama Side Event entitled "[Socio-Ecological Production Landscapes and Seascapes for Biodiversity and Livelihood: Roles in Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework](#)" was successfully held with a total of 65 attendees (30% women and 70% men). Hon. Carlos Manuel Rodríguez, Minister of Environment and Energy, Costa Rica reiterated the importance of mainstreaming biodiversity in the agricultural agenda. At the event, the Issue Brief which captures lessons learned and results from the ten grantees which was gathered at the Consolidation Workshop was launched. Other side events such as Consolidation and Replication of Effective Landscape Approaches for Biodiversity Conservation and Human Livelihoods, Capacity building tools and practices, Africa Day and Agriculture Day were also used for the dissemination of lessons learned from the GEF-Satoyama Project. Fact-sheets and Issue Briefs of the project were also distributed at these events.



SECTION OF THE ATTENDEES AT THE GEF-SATOYAMA LED SIDE EVENT  
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RESEARCH TEAM, DEVON DUBLIN AND PEOPLE WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE PROJECT IN COLOMBIA ©UIS/JUAN REMOLINA

### Colombia

Several engagements were held with community members who presented the work that was done on their farms and shared the tourism plan that will come on stream soon which includes a route that passes through several farmsteads. Several farms were also visited which are pioneers and will be instrumental for further replication, expansion and mainstreaming in the future.

### Ecuador

Due to security issues as a result of breakaway groups of the FARC (armed rebel forces from Colombia), it was not possible to visit Playa de Oro. However, a visit was made to see the reforestation of dry forest, tourism in the mangrove forest, salt ponds and the reintroduction of the black arc shellfish. A meeting was held with the Ministry of Environment where the project was explained in detail. Additionally, successful meetings were held with JICA and CI Ecuador where avenues for collaboration with FIDES were explored. JICA indicated the possibility of availing technical support with persons that are already posted in Ecuador while CI Ecuador acknowledged that FIDES is working in similar activities for mangrove conservation and that collaboration could be made in this area.

### **Tropical Andes Site Visit (December 2018)**

#### Peru

Due to the difficulty of the terrain it was not possible to visit far reaching areas but one of the farms was visited. Unfortunately, because the harvesting season of quinoa was ended, it was not possible to observe this aspect of the project, but it was possible to appreciate the reforestation efforts in the landscape. A meeting was held with the Ministry of Environment where several avenues were explored for mainstreaming. It was agreed that experts from the ministry will work closely with AMPA in relation to species that were initially thought to be extinct in the wild as contained in the IUCN Red list with a view of documenting its existence in the project site. Another activity that would be explored is the investigation of NTFPs which have a lucrative market. Several ongoing and future projects of the government were identified which could benefit from the lessons learned under the GEF-Satoyama Project in Peru.



DR. YOJI NATORI DISCUSSING WITH THE IMPLEMENTORS OF TOURISM ACTIVITIES IN MANABI  
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# Indo-Burma Biodiversity Hotspot Activities October to December, 2018

**INDIA** [The Energy and Resources Institute \(TERI\)](#) organized the second ecotourist meeting from October 27 to November 4, 2018 with several interesting faunal sightings. The visitors to learned about Nagaland's many community-conserved areas and efforts to protect wildlife and forests. TERI also held the last formal training as part of this project from December 6 to 13, 2018. The project has helped improve the forests and the socioeconomic condition of the area. People's Biodiversity Registers documented and preserved the traditional knowledge about biodiversity. Moreover, the project has set up the Tizu Valley Biodiversity Conservation and Livelihood Network (TBCLN) as a multi stakeholder platform to manage the natural resources of the area. A logo for the TBCLN was designed to highlight the people's conservation efforts and their focus on bird and butterfly-based ecotourism.



THE TBCLN LOGO



SECOND ECOTOURIST MEET ©TERI/ SIDDHARTH EDAKE



FISH LANDING MONITORING IN INDAWGYI ©FFI

**MYANMAR** [Fauna & Flora International \(FFI\)](#) organized a small grant monitoring trip to the project villages and monitored the progress of home gardening plantations in the villages. They provided the new Fish Conservation Zones (FCZs) with 4 tilling machines for improvement of agriculture and developed a new FCZ map including new FCZs. They also held awareness raising talks in cooperation with the Department of Fisheries, Agriculture Department and Wildlife sanctuary. Moreover, FFI continues to conduct fish landing monitoring monthly in Indawgyi. They organized a meeting on the evaluation of FCZ patrolling in December 2018, and the Department of Fisheries requested that the FCZ committee keep all the project provisions in good condition.

**THAILAND** [Inter Mountain Peoples' Education and Culture in Thailand Association \(IMPECT\)](#) held the Assessment Workshop to evaluate and improve the project, and 105 local members from three communities attended. In order to have all participants heard the workshop, women participants had some special opportunities to speak or give their opinion. The Assessment Workshop started with an interaction between the core trainer team from IMPECT and each community leader to select and prepare the assessment based on gender and age. All participants had an opportunity to be involved in the process, get relevant information to make informed opinions, comments and suggestions. In general, the Assessment Workshop raised community members' awareness in relation to their own capacity to identify problems and propose solutions which evolved from their active involvement in the project.



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# Madagascar and Indian Ocean Islands Biodiversity Hotspot Activities

## October to December, 2018

**SEYCHELLES Green Islands Foundation (GIF)** organized the second Indicator of Resilience workshop with fishers community and the Seychelles Fishing Authority (SFA) on December 12, 2018, and re-assessed the previously scored indicators from 2016 in order to gain a common understanding of the state of the seascape and the community. On December 13, 2018, GIF had a meeting with the Ministry of Fisheries and Agriculture to present the results of monitoring on artisanal fishery catch and the signed recommendations agreed on by the fishers, and the Minister endorsed the measures brought forward by the fishers. GIF will present these recommendations to SFA in January 2019 for formulation of the co-management plan.



THROUGH ENCOURAGEMENT OF WCS, ALTHOUGH STILL LIMITED DUE TO CULTURAL NORMS, WOMEN'S PARTICIPATION HAS STARTED TO INCREASE WITH THEIR INVOLVEMENT IN FOREST RESTORATION AROUND MAKIRA. ©WCS MADAGASCAR / MERALLY ABDY

**MADAGASCAR Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS)** has been working to re-forest key corridors in Makira over the course of two years. They were able to plant 40,350 native tree species and help regenerate 114 hectares of important corridor forest while working with local communities. Paulson, a WCS Makira park agent, was on patrol in the forest with two community team members. They found evidence of active traps being set and removed them. They also released animals suspended by the traps. The GEF-Satoyama project has supported over 200 multi-day patrols including these in Makira over the past two years and contributed to the removal of snares and dissuading illegal activities. It is one of the effective means of protecting wildlife in the park.



DISCUSSION BY PARTICIPANTS DURING THE SCORING PROCESS ©GIF/MARILIANA LEOTTA

**COMOROS Dahari** realized a way of agroforestry and land management through the acquisition of local knowledge after interviews with 58 producers. They will elaborate some tools and guides to support the farmers on the selection and management of trees that can be adapted to the local context. Dahari launched a creation of a small-scale farmer to farmer seeds system in the villages and has been strengthening the capacities of the farmers through training in multiplication techniques and the creation of local farmer groups. A total of 302 farmers (50% women) are involved in this process and plan to produce and sell 10,000 banana seedlings by March, 2019.



COMMUNITY-BASED MEETING WITH TWO REPRESENTATIVES OF DIS MOI AT THE LA CHAUX SOCIAL WELFARE CENTRE ©EPCO/ ESTELLE DEJA



LOCAL KNOWLEDGE SURVEY ON FIELD MANAGEMENT AND AGROFORESTRY PRACTICES @SUBIRA BONHOMME ©DAHARI

**MAURITIUS Environmental Protection and Conservation Organization (EPCO)** conducted constant and continuous meetings with local residents, including fishermen, women and youth in order to consolidate the local cooperative as well as to make decisions in this project. Moreover, they conducted many consultations with local and national stakeholders in order to enhance support and collaboration at local and national levels. Two representatives of DrotS huMains Océan Indien (DIS MOI) came to Residences La Chaux and met the local residents to discuss about how to support the cooperative's initiative. On November 12, 2018, the National Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Foundation, which operates under the aegis of the Ministry of Social Integration and Economic Empowerment, approved an application for funding under the General Call for Proposals 2018.



# Tropical Andes Biodiversity Hotspot Activities October to December, 2018

**COLOMBIA [Universidad Industrial de Santander \(UIS\)](#)** accomplished the audiovisual project of finco, in which three families participated. A group of students conducted a second visit to the farms for the ethnography on women's role in the landscape. They shared preliminary results of the first visit and made participant observations and interviews. At the end of November, 2018 UIS held a workshop about the socio-economic study with the community of Las Cruces. They presented the results of previous activities and the history of the local landscape and discussed about possible future scenarios for the micro watershed. Each family got a report on the socio-economic situation of their farm. During October and November, 2018 UIS carried out four meetings with the community of La Germania (San Vicente de Chucurí) to advance a tourism project, and they agreed on the name of the project and a first draft of the statutes.



PEOPLE WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE SOCIO-ECONOMIC WORKSHOP STUDY IN LAS CRUCES ©UIS/JUAN REMOLINA



MARCO GUTIERREZ (PROJECT MANAGER) EXPLAINING DURING THE SECOND INDICATORS OF RESILIENCE WORKSHOP ©CI/YOJI NATORI

**PERU [Asociación Amazónicas por la Amazonía \(AMPA\)](#)** held the second workshop for the analysis of the SEPLS in their project site. A total of 25 representatives from various areas and sectors in the landscape attended the workshop. Marco Gutierrez, the Project Manager, took the lead by presenting the results of the project and explaining the key concepts such as Biodiversity and Resilience. The participants were divided into four groups based on the geographic similarities, namely: AHHC (Uchumarca/Nuevo Boli-El Progreso), Bolivar, Ucuncha and Sundia. These groups created maps of their landscapes and made analysis using the indicators of resilience through scoring, determining the trends and having discussions to come up with consensus. In general, the participants were very dynamic in their interventions and posited that the interventions of the project did improve their perspective of the SEPLS as compared to when the first evaluation was done.

**ECUADOR [Fundación para la Investigación y Desarrollo Social \(FIDES\)](#)** conducted a Communitarian Leadership School in order to develop and improve leadership capacities of young men and women from rural areas and contribute to the sustainability in the communities. A total of 30 students from nine communities graduated from the school. They were all satisfied with the process according to the result of the evaluation. FIDES undertook a tourism promotion campaign in the estuaries of Chone and Portoviejo rivers along with the provincial and municipal local governments. They released some videos to introduce the estuaries through a Facebook fan page called "Turismo en los Estuarios de Manabí". These videos helped promote the gastronomy festivals taking place in the area which include the traditional gastronomy offered in the community. For the festivals, about 2000 people attended the one in Las Gilces on November 3, 2018 while approximately 500 people in San Felipe on November 10, 2018 and about 400 people arrived in San Jacinto on December 15, 2018. These festivals were very successful. FIDES also conducted two workshops on resilience indicators in order to generate a baseline for the community training and improve the process of this project.



VICHE FESTIVALS AT SAN JACINTO AND LAS GILCES ©FIDES



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