

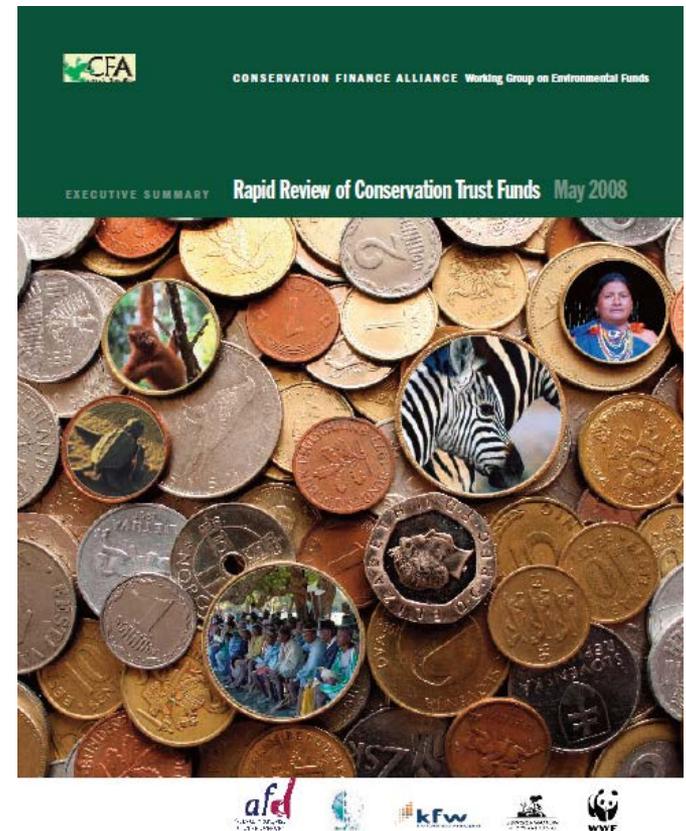
THE ROLE OF CONSERVATION TRUST FUND: RECENT STUDIES AND TOOLS



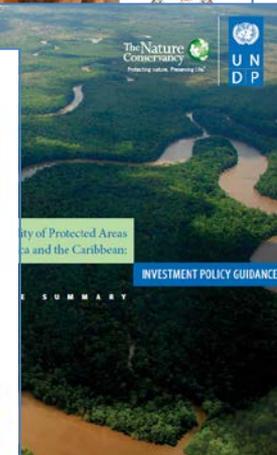
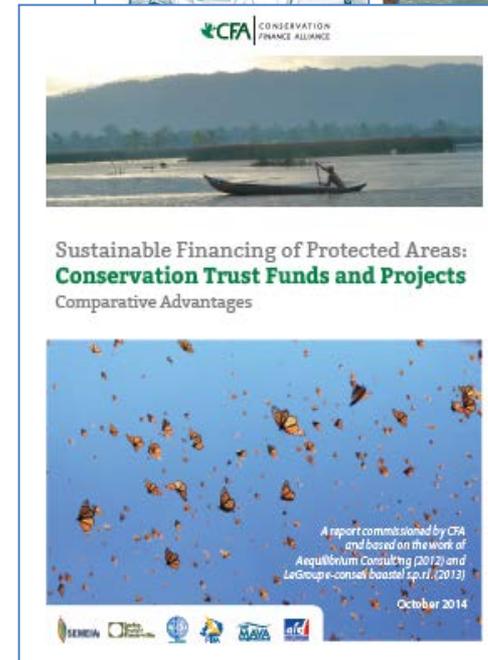
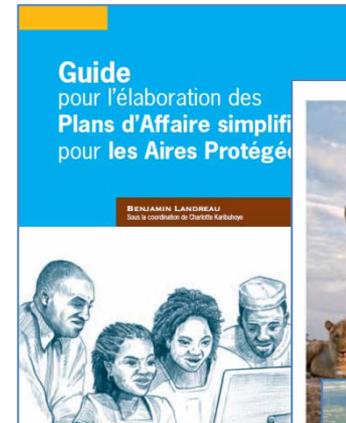


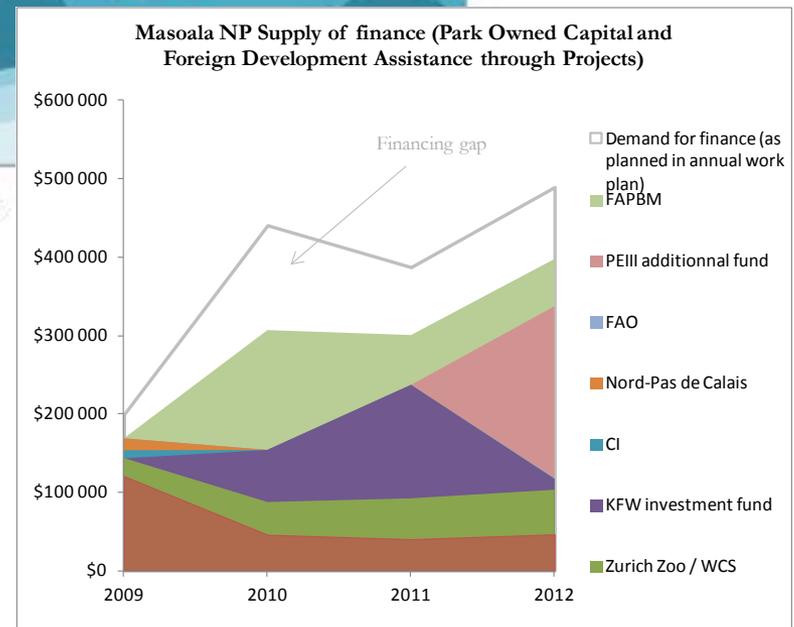
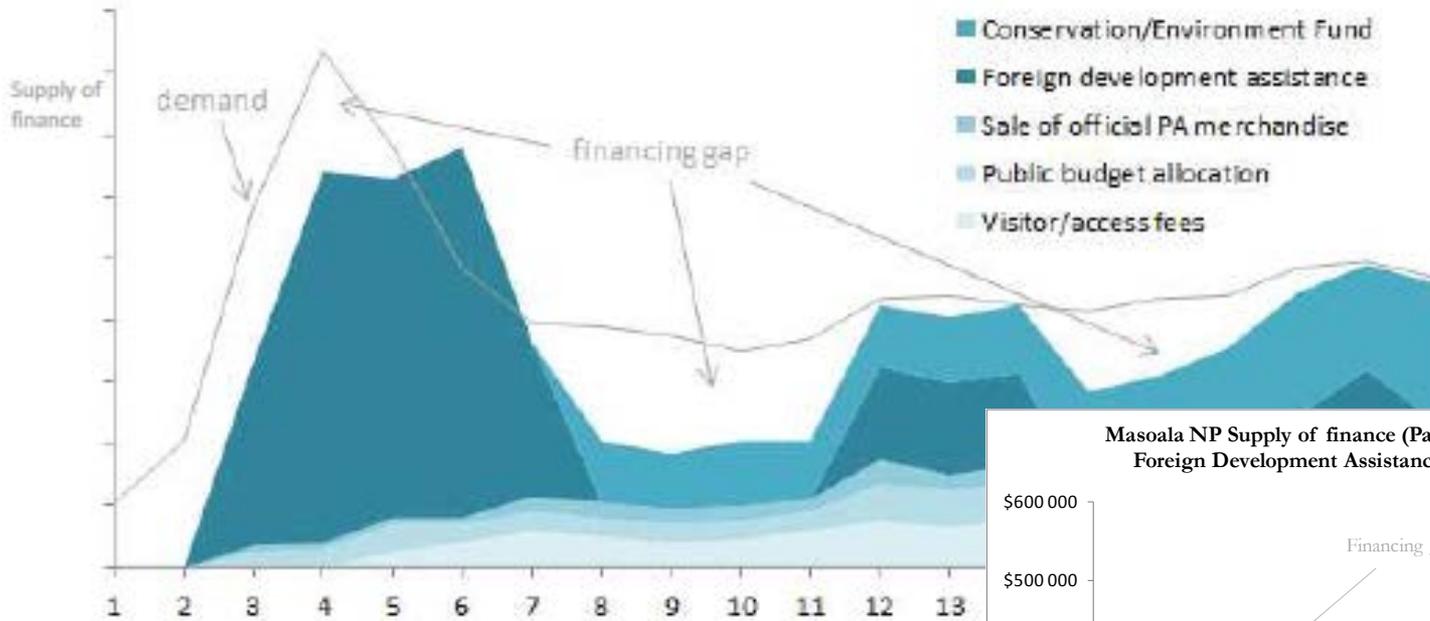
Conservation Trust Funds

Conservation Trust Funds are private, legally independent institutions that provide sustainable grant-funding for biodiversity conservation. CTFs raise and invest funds to make grants to NGOs or CBOs and government agencies (such as national park management authority). CTFs usually manage one or several Funds, but most certainly an Endowment Fund where capital is invested in perpetuity and only interest or investment income is used to support conservation activities.



- Closing the financing gap: conducting a **comprehensive PA System Finance Analysis** as an essential step
- **Prerequisites for assessing the relevance of financial options for Protected Areas**
- **CTFs can manage various financing mechanisms: endowment funds, sinking funds, revolving funds, debt for nature swaps, etc.**
- **CTFs : complementary instrument to other financial mechanisms**
- **Specific advantages of a CTF for supporting PAs or interventions around the PAs**





Short term project support niches include:

Finance **costly short term investments**

Provide **time-bound technical assistance** to key PA management activities and services for: (i) increasing the efficiency of O&M services; and (ii) providing international technical expertise to PAs

Early support to identify and establish PAs, as long as potential CTFs are not operational

Finance **specific, costly time-bound studies** such as censuses, inventories, social and economic studies and impact evaluations

Support social and community mobilization and education/sensitization, strengthening local community involvement in PA co-management processes

Endowment CTF grant niches include:

Funding PA recurrent O&M costs/support for **training and capacity building**

Provide more secure and **predictable financial resources** to PAs

Leverage public, private and commercial funding to promote conservation

Act as **institutional and policy lobbyists** and a rallying/ coordinating point for donor and project support for PA and/or work with communities surrounding PAs

Engage constantly with communities inside or surrounding parks, ensuring that positive changes in behavior and livelihoods are reinforced over time/ clear relationship is built between conservation and improved livelihoods of surrounding communities.

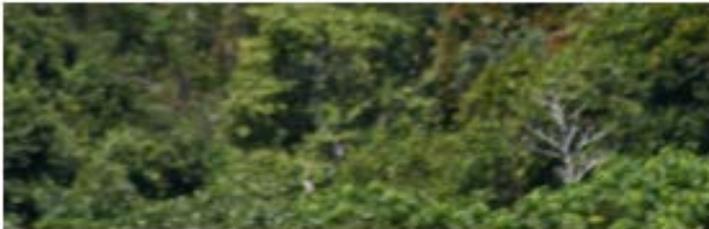




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