



CONSERVATION
INTERNATIONAL

Timor-Leste



PROJECT PROFILE

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Situated in the Wallacea Biodiversity Hotspot, Timor-Leste is home to highly biodiverse ecosystems. As a Small Island Developing State (SIDS) with 70% of the population living in rural areas, local communities are heavily reliant on ecosystem goods and services. This project is designed to support Timor-Leste in establishing a functional protected area (PA) system, enabling the protection of key biodiversity ecosystems in the country, including much of the remaining primary montane forests. The approach will facilitate participatory collaborative management arrangements with local communities to reduce threats to critical ecosystems and enhance sustainable livelihoods. Innovative management mechanisms will be implemented, protecting against habitat damage and fragmentation while supporting the rehabilitation of degraded forest and securing valuable ecosystem services.

PROJECT TITLE:

Securing the long-term conservation of Timor-Leste's biodiversity and ecosystem services through the establishment of a functioning National Protected Area System and the improvement of natural resource management in priority catchment corridors

OBJECTIVE:

To establish Timor-Leste's National Protected Area System and improve the management of forest ecosystems in priority catchment corridors

OUTCOMES:

- Outcome 1.1: National Protected Area system established, and implementation initiated
- Outcome 2.1: Land degradation drivers halted and/or minimized in key catchment areas
- Outcome 2.2: Capacity for communities to manage their natural resources substantially increased
- Outcome 3.1: Sustainable forest management in priority catchment corridors substantially improved
- Outcome 3.2: Priority degraded areas reforested

PROJECT MAP



KEY FACTS

GEF AGENCY (IES):

Conservation International

OTHER EXECUTING PARTNERS:

Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries
Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Environment

Conservation International Timor-Leste

LOCATION:

Comoro and Irabere Catchment

START DATE:

01/2017

END DATE:

12/2021

TOTAL BUDGET:

15,732,367

ESTIMATED DIRECT BENEFICIARIES:

19,563