

## **Questions and Answers for Indo-Burma Biodiversity Hotspot RIT Selection**

**Question:** Do you think you could provide me with information on the number of applications received for grants during the first phase of investment in the hotspot, separated by country, and ideally by size (<\$20,000 and >\$20,000)?

**Answer:** There were four funding rounds in the Indo-Burma Hotspot during the first investment phase (2008-2013). The first call for proposal was announced in August 2008, the second in June 2009, the third in August 2010 and the fourth in July 2012. The first call covered Cambodia and Vietnam only; the second, third and fourth calls covered Cambodia, Lao PDR, Thailand and Vietnam. The first, second and third calls were for large and small grants; the fourth call was for small grants only.

Under the first call, 47 eligible applications were received for large grants and 26 for small grants; the proposals were for projects in Cambodia (35), Vietnam (32) and multiple countries (6). Under the second call, 35 applications were received for large grants and 61 for small grants; the proposals were for projects in Cambodia (41), Lao PDR (12), Thailand (9), Vietnam (21) and multiple countries (13). Under the third call, 26 applications were received for large grants and 38 for small grants; the proposals were for projects in Cambodia (16), Lao PDR (12), Thailand (2), Vietnam (30) and multiple countries (4). Under the fourth call, 55 eligible applications were received for small grants; the proposals were for projects in Cambodia (16), Lao PDR (9), Thailand (3), Vietnam (25) and multiple countries (2).

**Question:** Regarding CEPF priorities, would a project's focus on a species not part of the 151 priority species preclude eligibility?

**Answer:** If the proposal was for a project under Strategic Direction 1, then yes. Any project under this strategic direction would need to focus on one or more of the 151 priority species to be eligible for CEPF funding. There are no restrictions on eligibility under any of the other strategic directions with regard to which species the project focuses on.

**Question:** Would a project operating outside priority corridors in the region also be excluded?

**Answer:** If the proposal was for a project under Strategic Direction 4 or 6, then yes. Any project under these strategic directions would need to focus on one or more of the four priority corridors to be eligible for CEPF funding. The only exception to this would be a project addressing Investment Priority 4.4, which would need to be located in Myanmar in order to be eligible.

**Question:** Would a project have to A) Meet CEPF's Strategic Directions and Investment Priorities, B) focus on Priority Species and C) operate in one of the 4 Priority Corridors to be considered for the recent Call for Proposals in this hotspot?

**Answer:** This question refers to a “recent Call for Proposals”. If, by this, the questioner is referring to the Requests for Proposals (RfP) for the Regional Implementation Team grants, then this RfP only covers the two Regional Implementation Team grants (RIT). A call for proposals for implementation grants, addressing the strategic directions and investment priorities in the ecosystem profile, will be issued in mid-2013. At this stage, CEPF is not accepting applications for any grants in the Indo-Burma Hotspot other than the Regional Implementation Team grants.

**Question:** Are programs under an organization’s grant application required to run over the course of 5 years or can they be shorter projects (1-year, 2-year)?

**Answer:** If this question refers to the Regional Implementation Team grants, then applications should run for the full five-year investment period (mid-2013 to mid-2018). If this question refers to the implementation grants, in theory there is no fixed minimum length and the maximum length is five years. In practice, small grants are typically one to two years in length (sometimes shorter or longer); large grants are typically one to three years in length (occasionally longer).

**Question:** How often do priority species change?

**Answer:** The ecosystem profile includes a list of ‘provisional priority species’ (Appendix 4). Any of these species could become eligible for CEPF investment if their global threat status was reassessed as globally threatened during the five-year investment phase. In addition, there will be an opportunity to update the list of priority species (and list of priority sites) during the mid-term assessment, which will take place half-way through the investment phase.

**Question:** As an RIT, does this also mean you are ineligible as a partner on a grant? I understand you are not eligible to apply as the lead organization.

**Answer:** Organizations that are selected as the RIT-Administration, the RIT-Programs or both will not be eligible to apply for other CEPF grants within the same hotspot. This restriction is due to conflict of interest, and applies regardless of whether the organization is the lead or a partner on a grant application. Applications from formal affiliates of those organizations that have an independent operating board of directors will be accepted and subject to additional external review.