

6 July 2016



Call for Letters of Inquiry, Indo-Burma Hotspot Large Grants

Country: Myanmar only

Deadline: Wednesday 17 August 2016

Eligible Strategic Directions: 4 or 6 (you must choose only one)

Large grant (>\$20,000) Letters of Inquiry only. Submit by email to cepfgrants@conservation.org

The Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund (CEPF) is designed to safeguard Earth's biologically richest and most threatened regions, known as biodiversity hotspots. CEPF is a joint initiative of l'Agence Française de Développement, Conservation International, the European Union, the Global Environment Facility, the Government of Japan, the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, and the World Bank, and in the Indo-Burma Hotspot is also supported by the Margaret A. Cargill Foundation. A fundamental goal is to ensure civil society is engaged in biodiversity conservation.

The Indo-Burma Hotspot comprises all non-marine parts of Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam, plus parts of southern China.

IUCN (International Union for Conservation of Nature), Myanmar Environment Rehabilitation-conservation Network (MERN) and CEPF are pleased to invite Letters of Inquiry (LoIs) from non-government organisations, community groups, private companies and other civil society organisations, for **large grants** in Myanmar. A separate call for proposals for small grants, covering all countries of the Indo-Burma Hotspot, has been issued simultaneously.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to familiarise themselves with the CEPF investment strategy (summarised in Burmese [here](#) and available in full in English [here](#) (PDF 8.6MB)), and to contact the Indo-Burma Regional Implementation Team (RIT) at CEPF-Indoburma@iucn.org if they have any questions or wish to discuss project ideas.

Please note that preference will be given to projects that are the closest fit to the investment strategy. IUCN, MERN and CEPF welcome applications from grantees under earlier funding rounds, as well as organizations that have not previously received CEPF funding.

This call is open to both local and international civil society organizations. Please note, however, that preference will be given to projects that demonstrate a leading role for local organizations and/or an explicit focus on capacity building for local civil society.

Strategic Directions Eligible for Funding under This Call

Strategic Direction 4. Empower local communities to engage in conservation and management of priority key biodiversity areas

NOTE: Projects must be located with the Ayeyarwady Basin; this definition comprises the entire basin, including the basins of the Chindwin and other tributary rivers. Priority will be given to projects that transfer experience and approaches from the lower Mekong Basin to the Ayeyarwady Basin.

IUCN, MERN and CEPF invite proposals that address the following investment priority:

- 4.5 Support expansion of the protected area network in Myanmar using participatory gazettal, community consultation processes and/or community-based models

Strategic Direction 6. Engage key actors in mainstreaming biodiversity, communities and livelihoods into development planning in the priority corridors

NOTE: Projects must be located with the Ayeyarwady Basin; this definition comprises the entire basin, including the basins of the Chindwin and other tributary rivers. Priority will be given to projects that transfer experience and approaches from the lower Mekong Basin to the Ayeyarwady Basin.

IUCN, MERN and CEPF invite proposals that address one or more of the following investment priorities:

- 6.1 Support civil society efforts to analyze development policies, plans and programs, evaluate their impact on biodiversity, communities and livelihoods and propose alternative development scenarios and appropriate mitigating measures where needed
- 6.2 Integrate the biodiversity and ecosystem service values of priority corridors into government land-use and development plans at all levels and promote effective implementation and monitoring of these plans
- 6.3 Develop protocols and demonstration projects for ecological restoration that improve the biodiversity performance of government programs in the forestry and other natural resource sectors
- 6.4 Engage the media as a tool to increase awareness and inform public debate on mainstreaming biodiversity into development planning
- 6.5 Pilot models for biodiversity-friendly production, including certification and eco-labelling
- 6.6 Integrate the biodiversity and ecosystem service values of priority corridors into financial decision making by governments, private investors and development banks

Additional Information

Individuals must work with civil society organisations to develop applications, rather than apply directly. Anyone who is uncertain of their eligibility to apply for CEPF funding should contact the RIT at CEPF-Indoburma@iucn.org. Guidance is available to all applicants, and civil society organizations considering applying are encouraged to contact the RIT at CEPF-Indoburma@iucn.org prior to preparing their LoIs.

Grants cannot be used for: (i) purchase of land; (ii) removal or alteration of any physical cultural property (including those with archaeological, palaeontological, historical, religious or unique natural values); (iii) relocation of people or any other form of involuntary resettlement; or (iv) capitalization of trust funds. All activities must comply with CEPF's social and environmental safeguard policies, which can be found [here](#).

Applicants for large grants (over US\$20,000) can apply in English only, using the LoI template available at <http://www.cepf.net/grants/apply/Pages/default.aspx>. Completed LoIs should be sent as an e-mail attachment to cepfgrants@conservation.org. Receipt of the application will be acknowledged by e-mail. Applicants will be contacted thereafter as to how to proceed. Questions or concerns during this process can be sent to cepfgrants@conservation.org

The deadline for receipt of LoIs is Wednesday 17 August 2016.

Please note that hardcopy LoIs are not acceptable.

Answers to Frequently Asked Questions (in English) may be found [here](#).

Further information and assistance can be obtained from:

CEPF Regional Implementation Team, IUCN Asia Regional Office,
63 Sukhumvit Soi 39, Wattana, Bangkok 10110, Thailand
Email: CEPF-Indoburma@iucn.org
Tel: +66 2 662 4029; Fax: +66 2 662 4389.

and

Myanmar Environment Rehabilitation-conservation Network (MERN)
Room 302, Building 212-213, Sabal Marga Street, Hantharyeikmon Housing
Ward-5, Sinmalite, Kamaryut Township, Yangon, Myanmar
Email: mern.myanmar@gmail.com
Tel: +95 1 536201; +95 9 49577439