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

Countries: Cambodia, China, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam

Deadline: Wednesday 17 August 2016

Eligible Strategic Directions: 4 or 8 (you must choose only one)

Small grant (≤\$20,000) Letters of Inquiry only. Submit by email to CEPF-Indoburma@iucn.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), Kadoorie Farm and Botanic Garden (KFBG), 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 **small grants** in all countries of the Indo-Burma Hotspot. A separate call for proposals for large grants in Myanmar has been issued simultaneously.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to familiarise themselves with the CEPF investment strategy (summarised in Burmese, Chinese, Khmer, Lao, Thai and Vietnamese [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, KFBG, 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 under Investment Priorities 4.1, 4.2 and 4.3 must focus on one or more of the priority sites identified in Table 24 on page 198 in the Ecosystem Profile. Projects under investment Priority 4.5 must focus on one or more of the Key Biodiversity Areas (KBAs) in Myanmar identified in Figures 10a and 10b on pages 40-42 of the Ecosystem Profile, or on Lawkananda or Pwe Hla KBAs, which were identified during the March 2015 Mid Term Review workshop. If in doubt, please contact the RIT.

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

- 4.1 Raise awareness about biodiversity conservation legislation among target groups at priority sites
- 4.2 Pilot and amplify community forests, community fisheries and community-managed protected areas
- 4.3 Develop co-management mechanisms for formal protected areas that enable community participation in management and governance
- 4.5 Support expansion of the protected area network in Myanmar using participatory gazettal, community consultation processes and/or community-based models

Strategic Direction 8. Strengthen the capacity of civil society to work on biodiversity, communities and livelihoods at regional, national, local and grassroots levels

NOTE: For projects under Investment Priority 8.1, priority will be given to projects that develop adequately resourced coordinating bodies with a clear mandate, and that forge links among sectors to promote good governance.

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

- 8.1 Support networking activities that enable collective civil society responses to priority and emerging threats
- 8.2 Provide core support for the organizational development of domestic civil society organizations
- 8.3 Establish clearing house mechanisms to match volunteers to civil society organizations' training needs

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 small grants (up to US\$20,000) can apply in English or local languages (Burmese, Chinese, Khmer, Lao, Thai or Vietnamese), using the offline template available [here](#). Completed LoIs should be sent as an e-mail attachment to CEPF-Indoburma@iucn.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 CEPF-Indoburma@iucn.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:

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