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## Call for Letters of Inquiry, Indo-Burma Hotspot

**Country:** Myanmar only

**Deadline:** Friday 19 May 2017

**Eligible Strategic Directions:** 4, 6 or 8 (you must choose only one)

Submit large grant (>\$20,000) Letters of Inquiry by email to [cepfgrants@conservation.org](mailto:cepfgrants@conservation.org)

Submit small grant (≤\$20,000) Letters of Inquiry by email to [CEPF-Indoburma@iucn.org](mailto: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 Leona M. & Harry B. Helmsley Charitable Trust and 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, Indigenous People's organizations, women's groups, private companies and other civil society organisations, for grants in Myanmar. A separate call for proposals covering the other countries of the Indo-Burma Hotspot has been issued simultaneously.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to familiarise themselves with the CEPF ecosystem profile (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](mailto: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**

*NOTES: Priority will be given to projects that transfer experience and approaches from the lower Mekong Basin to Myanmar via exchange visits, workshops and other interactions. Priority will also be given to projects located in Key Biodiversity Areas (KBAs) and/or that address the conservation of globally threatened species. KBAs in Myanmar comprise those identified in Figures 10a and 10b on pages 40-42 of the Ecosystem Profile, plus Lawkananda and Pwe Hla, which were identified during the March 2015 Mid Term Review workshop. Globally threatened species in Myanmar comprise those species listed on the [IUCN Red List](#) as Critically Endangered, Endangered or Vulnerable.*

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: Priority will be given to projects that transfer experience and approaches from the lower Mekong Basin to Myanmar via exchange visits, workshops and other interactions.*

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
- 6.5 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

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

*NOTE: Priority will be given to projects that strengthen the capacity of Indigenous People's organizations and/or women's groups.*

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

- 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 Burmese, using the offline template available [here](#). Completed LoIs should be sent as an e-mail attachment to [CEPF-Indoburma@iucn.org](mailto: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](mailto:CEPF-Indoburma@iucn.org)

**Applicants for large grants (over US\$20,000)** can apply in English only, using the LoI template available [here](#). Completed LoIs should be sent as an e-mail attachment to [cepfgrants@conservation.org](mailto: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](mailto:cepfgrants@conservation.org)

The deadline for receipt of LoIs is Friday 19 May 2017.

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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