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

**Countries:** Myanmar

**Deadline:** Monday 7 March 2016

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

**Local groups only**

**Small grant** (≤\$20,000) Letters of Inquiry only. Submit 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 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 Environmental 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 projects in Myanmar.

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](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 only to local civil society organizations.

## **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 this strategic direction must focus on one or more of the priority sites identified in Table 24 on page 198 in the Ecosystem Profile. Please note that two additional sites, Lawkananda and Pwe Hla were added to this list following the March 2015 Mid Term Review workshop. If in doubt, please contact the RIT.*

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

- 4.4 Conduct a gap analysis of key biodiversity areas in Myanmar.
- 4.5 Support expansion of the protected area network 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 under this strategic direction must focus on one or more of the priority corridors identified in Table 24 on page 198 in the Ecosystem Profile. If in doubt, please contact the RIT. Priority will be given to projects that draw on global best practice, and include capacity building for government agencies in mainstreaming biodiversity into development planning.*

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

### **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 develop adequately resourced coordinating bodies with a clear mandate, and that forge links among sectors to promote good governance.*

IUCN, 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](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 local languages (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)

The deadline for receipt of LoIs is Monday 7 March 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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