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## **Call for Letters of Inquiry, Indo-Burma Hotspot – Myanmar and Vietnam**

**Countries:** Myanmar and Vietnam

**Deadline:** 17:30 (Bangkok time), Wednesday 11th December 2013

**Strategic Directions:** 1, 2, 4, 6 or 8 (you must choose only one)

Submit large grant (>\$20,000) LoI by email to [cepfib@conservation.org](mailto:cepfib@conservation.org)

Submit small grant (<\$20,000) LoI 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.

International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), in its role as the Regional Implementation Team (RIT), and CEPF invite Letters of Inquiry (LoIs) from non-government organisations, community groups, private companies and other civil society organisations for biodiversity conservation projects in the Indo-Burma Hotspot.

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

This is the second call for LoIs issued by IUCN and CEPF for the Indo-Burma Hotspot under the second phase of investment (2013-2018). The deadline for receipt of LoIs is **17:30 (Bangkok time) on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2013** but applicants are encouraged to submit prior to the deadline, in order that review and processing of their applications can begin sooner. This call for LoIs covers Strategic Directions 1, 2, 4, 6 and 8 in the ecosystem profile, and the following two countries: Myanmar and Vietnam.

It is important that applicants familiarise themselves with the investment strategy for the Indo-Burma Hotspot, which is summarised in Burmese, Chinese, Khmer, Lao, Thai and Vietnamese at [http://www.cepf.net/where\\_we\\_work/regions/asia\\_pacific/indo\\_burma/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.cepf.net/where_we_work/regions/asia_pacific/indo_burma/Pages/default.aspx) and available in full in English as part of the ecosystem profile for the hotspot at [http://www.cepf.net/SiteCollectionDocuments/indo\\_burma/IndoBurma\\_ecosystemprofile\\_2011\\_update.pdf](http://www.cepf.net/SiteCollectionDocuments/indo_burma/IndoBurma_ecosystemprofile_2011_update.pdf) (PDF 8.6MB).

Please note that preference will be given to projects that are the closest fit to the investment strategy and demonstrate a leading role for local civil society organizations. IUCN and CEPF welcome applications from grantees under the first phase, as well as organizations that have not yet received CEPF funding.

## **Strategic Direction 1. Safeguard priority globally threatened species by mitigating major threats**

*Projects applying under this SD must focus on one or more of the CEPF priority species – listed in Table 25 of the Ecosystem Profile. If in doubt, please contact the RIT.*

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

- 1.1 Transform pilot interventions for core populations of priority species into long-term conservation programs
- 1.2 Develop best-practice approaches for conservation of highly threatened and endemic freshwater species
- 1.3 Conduct research on globally threatened species for which there is a need for greatly improved information on status and distribution (*see column 4 of Table 25 in the Ecosystem Profile*)
- 1.4 Support existing funds to become effective tools for the conservation of priority species in the hotspot

## **Strategic Direction 2. Demonstrate innovative responses to illegal trafficking and consumption of wildlife**

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

- 2.1 Support enforcement agencies to unravel high-level wildlife trade networks by introducing them to global best practice with investigations and informants
- 2.2 Facilitate collaboration among enforcement agencies and non-traditional actors to reduce cross-border trafficking of wildlife
- 2.3 Work with selected private sector companies to promote the adoption of voluntary restrictions on the international transportation, sale and consumption of wildlife
- 2.4 Support campaigns, social marketing, hotlines and other long-term communication programs to reduce consumer demand for wildlife and build public support for wildlife law enforcement

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

*Projects applying under this SD must focus on the priority key biodiversity areas identified in Figures 7 to 12b, pages 35 to 47 of the Ecosystem Profile. In addition, projects addressing Investment Priority 4.4 (see below) must focus on Myanmar (projects addressing 4.1, 4.2, and 4.3 may not be carried out in Myanmar). If in doubt, please contact the RIT.*

IUCN 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 all levels of management
- 4.4 Conduct a gap analysis of key biodiversity areas in Myanmar and support expansion of the protected area network using community-based models

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

*Projects applying under this SD must focus on the priority corridors identified in the Executive Summary of the Ecosystem Profile, or be located in Myanmar. If in doubt, please contact the RIT.*

IUCN 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 land-use and development planning at all levels
- 6.3 Develop protocols and demonstration projects for ecological restoration that improve the biodiversity performance of national forestry programs
- 6.4 Engage the media as a tool to increase awareness and inform public debate of environmental issues

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

IUCN 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

Organisations that are seeking to build local civil society capacity are particularly encouraged to apply. Applications that engage organisations that would not otherwise be eligible or able to apply (for example, community groups) are also encouraged. 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) (for Vietnam) or [mern.myanmar@gmail.com](mailto:mern.myanmar@gmail.com) (for Myanmar) prior to preparing their LoIs. There will be an information workshop held in Yangon, Myanmar on the 7<sup>th</sup> of November. For more information please contact MERN at [mern.myanmar@gmail.com](mailto:mern.myanmar@gmail.com).

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) capitalizing a trust fund. All activities must comply with CEPF's social and environmental safeguard policies, which can be found at [http://www.cepf.net/grants/Pages/safeguard\\_policies.aspx](http://www.cepf.net/grants/Pages/safeguard_policies.aspx)

CEPF supports biodiversity conservation through two types of grants: large grants of over US\$20,000 and small grants of US\$20,000 or less. All applicants must submit an LoI. Applications for small grants can be made in English or local language (i.e. Burmese or Vietnamese for the current call). Applications for large grants can be made in English only. The LoI form is available at <http://www.cepf.net/grants/apply/Pages/default.aspx>

**Completed LoIs for large grant projects over US\$20,000** should be sent as an e-mail attachment to [cepfib@conservation.org](mailto:cepfib@conservation.org). Receipt of the application will be acknowledged by e-mail, and it will be forwarded to the appropriate team member. Applicants will be contacted thereafter as to how to proceed. Questions or concerns during this process can be sent to [cepfib@conservation.org](mailto:cepfib@conservation.org)

**Completed LoIs for small grant projects of US\$20,000 or less** 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, and it will be forwarded to the appropriate team member. 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)

Please note that hardcopy LoIs are not acceptable.

For answers to Frequently Asked Questions (in English), please see ([http://iucn.org/about/union/secretariat/offices/asia/regional\\_activities/cepf\\_indo\\_burma/faq/](http://iucn.org/about/union/secretariat/offices/asia/regional_activities/cepf_indo_burma/faq/)).

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