

CONSERVATION RESEARCH GRANTS IN THE FORESTS OF THE EASTERN ARC MOUNTAINS AND COASTAL REGION OF KENYA AND TANZANIA

Call for applications The Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund (CEPF) through its Coordination Unit in the Eastern Africa Region invites proposals for conservation research projects from upcoming scientists in Kenya and Tanzania

CRITICAL ECOSYSTEM PARTNERSHIP FUND

The Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund (CEPF) is a joint initiative of Conservation International, The Global Environment Facility (GEF), the Government of Japan, the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation and the World Bank. A fundamental CEPF goal is to ensure that civil society is engaged in conserving the hotspots (www.cepf.net).



Coordination Unit

The co-ordination Unit is composed of a consortium of four institutions (BirdLife International, International Centre of Insect Physiology and Ecology, WWF-East Africa Regional Programme Office and the Tanzania Forest Conservation Group).



Who can apply for grants?

The purpose of the grants is to provide opportunities for 16 post-graduate students to contribute to the generation of scientific knowledge relevant to the conservation of the over 333 globally threatened species found in the 160 Key Biodiversity Areas in the Eastern Arc Mountains and Coastal Forests of Kenya and Tanzania (refer to the Ecosystem Profile/strategy at www.cepf.net). The applicants for this grant must be resident in Kenya or Tanzania and registered at a local college or university. Staff of the Coordination Unit member institutions are not eligible to apply for grants.

What kind of research is eligible?

Eligible research must contribute to at least one of the two themes of the grant, namely:

1. Targeted efforts to increase connectivity of biologically important habitat patches
2. Efforts to increase the biological knowledge of the sites and to conserve globally threatened species.

Nature of grants.

The size of the grants will vary between USD 5,000 and 10,000 but preference will be given to requests for smaller amounts.

The projects under this grant are expected to run within the period January 2007 and September 2008. The grants will not cover salaries and stipends but can include subsistence during fieldwork.

Application procedure

A proposal structured in the format below is required:

1. Name and addresses of applicant (including email) and nationality
2. Project title (not more than 13 words)
3. Academic programme (e.g. M.Sc, Ph.D, Diploma) and institution where registered
4. Academic supervisors and their contacts
5. Start and end dates (duration) of the project
6. Study site (s) and / or focal species
7. A 50 word summary of the proposed project
8. A brief project description covering:
 - a. background information and how the proposal contributes to the theme(s) of this grant (up to one page)
 - b. statement of the research problem and objectives of the research (up to one page), and
 - c. expected results and deliverables (half page)
9. A detailed description of the methodology (up to three pages)
10. Proposed analysis of the data and workplan (up to one page)
11. Detailed budget (if in local currency, please indicate the USD equivalent)
12. References

What happens to your application?

Once submitted, your proposal will be reviewed through a transparent, objective and timely review process. All applicants will be informed of the results of the review within one month. In exceptional cases, further consultation may be needed in which case decisions will be made within three months.

Deadline: The grants are available in the period 2006 -2008. Contracts are issued once every quarter.

Send any queries and completed proposals (preferably by email) to:

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