



Call for Letters of Inquiry Wallacea Biodiversity Hotspot

Large Grants

Eligible Countries:	Indonesia
Opening Date:	Thursday, 17 December 2020
Closing Date:	Saturday, 16 January 2021 23:59, Western Indonesia Time (Jakarta)
Grant Size:	US\$50,000 to US\$100,000
Eligible Applicants:	Indonesian civil society organizations

CEPF and Burung Indonesia, as regional implementation team for the hotspot, are accepting letters of inquiry (LOIs) from non-government organizations, community groups, indigenous people's organizations, women's groups, private companies and other civil society organizations (CSOs) in relation to the eligible activities and geographies described below. This is the first of several large-grant and small-grant calls for proposals (CFP) that will be made public through 2023.

BACKGROUND

The [Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund](#) (CEPF) is a joint initiative of l'Agence Française de Développement, Conservation International, the European Union, the Global Environment Facility, the Government of Japan and the World Bank. Private U.S.-based philanthropic donors have contributed to the fund with a focus on Indonesian Wallacea. A fundamental goal is to ensure civil society is engaged in biodiversity conservation.

The Indonesian portion of the Wallacea Biodiversity Hotspot covers the major island groups and provinces associated with Sulawesi, Maluku, North Maluku, and East and West Nusa Tenggara. CEPF's niche for investment in the region was formulated through a participatory process that engaged civil society, donor and government stakeholders throughout the region. The resulting investment strategy (2020-2023) is documented within the updated investment strategy, available in [English](#) (PDF – 4.2 MB). This investment strategy is comprised of a series of strategic directions,

broken down into investment priorities outlining the types of activities that are eligible for CEPF funding.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to familiarize themselves with the CEPF website, particularly the sections on [Eligibility](#), [Before You Apply](#) and [How to Apply](#). Potential applicants who are uncertain of the eligibility of their organization or project concept are encouraged to contact the people listed below for clarification.

Note that because of restrictions from philanthropic donors, the **only groups eligible for funding are Indonesian civil society organizations**. This does not include international organizations with locally registered offices.

ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

The scope of this call is limited to the priority Key Biodiversity Areas and corridors in the [updated investment strategy](#). Applicants should address the following themes.

- 1. Develop and strengthen community-based sustainable small-scale fisheries resource management, dealing with one or more of these topics:**
 - 1.1. Optimizing the capacity of community-based resource management in small-scale fisheries schemes, including building capacity of coastal community organizations to meet fishery product standards for the global market, adhere to ecolabel certification standards, and promote sustainable fisheries practices.
 - 1.2. Encourage the implementation of existing regulations for fish resources utilization at the village or district level (e.g., *Hukum Adat*, *Peraturan Desa*, etc.), both inside and outside of formally protected areas.
 - 1.3. Strengthen the role of existing local institutions including fisher groups, cooperatives and related organizations in fish resources management, as well as assistance in the establishment of similar community-based organizations.
 - 1.4. Supporting the eradication of illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing practices in small-scale fisheries through legalizing artisanal fishing fleets under 10 gross tons and implementing a tracing/tracking system throughout the supply chain.
 - 1.5. Build partnerships with the private sector (e.g., fish processing units, suppliers, associations, etc.) to implement sustainable fisheries management practices to increase product value.
 - 1.6. Conduct assessments of fishery characteristics and supply chains in small-scale fisheries schemes.
 - 1.7. Improving habitat management to increase coastal and marine biodiversity.

2. Strengthen community-based conservation actions to reduce threats to endemic, threatened, endangered and protected marine species that are ecologically related to coastal fisheries activity, dealing with one or more of these topics:

- 2.1. Increase the capacity of fishermen regarding endemic, protected and endangered marine species through awareness activities and training including onboard Ecologically Related Species (ERS) handling techniques, protected stranded marine mammals, and environmentally friendly fishing techniques.
- 2.2. Strengthen the role of existing organizations or community groups in the context of monitoring the exploitation (e.g., illegal trade, poaching) of protected species.
- 2.3. Develop guidelines for best practices in the utilization of fish resources to reduce threats to ERS.
- 2.4. Initiate community-based habitat rehabilitation for globally threatened species.
- 2.5. Develop a community-based participatory globally threatened species monitoring system in areas that have been or are not yet protected.
- 2.6. Strengthen the implementation of National Plan of Action (NPOA) of priority species at the site level.
- 2.7. Conduct site-based awareness and behavior change campaigns for protected marine species.
- 2.8. Conduct baseline surveys of globally threatened species at a corridor level.

3. Strengthen community-based marine protected areas management through one or more of the following:

- 3.1. Increase capacity for community management of existing marine protected areas.
- 3.2. Assist with zoning efforts for existing marine protected areas, and identify areas for new reserves.
- 3.3. Strengthen local institutions for marine protected area management and monitoring.
- 3.4. Build partnerships between local communities and regional governments, and encourage the increase of budgets for conservation actions.
- 3.5. Facilitate the exchange of best practices and lessons between stakeholders through workshops, electronic forums, and other methods.

3.6. Promote the Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries Management (EAFM) in relation to the management of community-based marine protected areas.

4. Promote improved livelihoods for coastal communities through improved fishery management and improved value chains by:

4.1. Promoting alternative livelihoods for additional income from marine products through empowering female contributions to fisheries product management, establishing processing groups of fishery products, and providing training on fishery product processing, packaging techniques, marketing, and financial management.

4.2. Creating connections between coastal communities and the consumers of fisheries products.

4.3. Training and assisting coastal communities in documenting fish catch and daily transactions such that government agencies can better monitor catch and support market transparency, while also providing data for EAFM.

ELIGIBLE GEOGRAPHIC AREAS

CEPF focuses its work on conservation outcomes, seeking to protect species, sites and corridors. The core of this work is around KBAs, which are the refuges of globally threatened species and around which larger corridors are based. Chapter 4 of the ecosystem profile lists all species, KBAs and corridors in the region. Chapter 12 lists the priority species, KBAs and corridors. Unless otherwise noted, applicants should **focus on the KBAs and corridors identified in this announcement** and in Chapter 12 of the ecosystem profile.

This call is open to all priority KBAs and corridors, as identified in Table 12.3 and Table 12.5 of the ecosystem profile update, and included here.

Priority Key Biodiversity Areas

KBA Code	KBA Name	Area (ha)	Bioregion	Protection	Marine Corridor	KBA Status
IDN077	Perairan Kepulauan Togean	341,275	Sulawesi	Y	Togean-Banggai	Confirmed
IDN079	Perairan Pagimana	1,071	Sulawesi	No	Togean-Banggai	Confirmed
IDN081	Perairan Peleng-Banggai	509,722	Sulawesi	PP	Togean-Banggai	Confirmed
IDN087	Perairan Balantak	6,218	Sulawesi	No	Togean-Banggai	Candidate
IDN105	Teluk Lasolo-Labengki	89,022	Sulawesi	PP	South-east	Confirmed

KBA Code	KBA Name	Area (ha)	Bioregion	Protection	Marine Corridor	KBA Status
					Sulawesi	
IDN107	Pulau Hari	43,834	Sulawesi	PP	South-east Sulawesi	Confirmed
IDN112	Pesisir Tinanggea	18,809	Sulawesi	No	South-east Sulawesi	Candidate
IDN113	Selat Tiworo	26,064	Sulawesi	Y	South-east Sulawesi	Confirmed
IDN117	Wabula	47,140	Sulawesi	PP	South-east Sulawesi	Confirmed
IDN119	Perairan Wakatobi	1,325,168	Sulawesi	Y	South-east Sulawesi	Confirmed
IDN121	Pulau Batu Atas	32,042	Sulawesi	Y	South-east Sulawesi	Confirmed
IDN122	Basilika	204,895	Sulawesi	PP	South-east Sulawesi	Confirmed
IDN125	Kepulauan Sagori	20,832	Sulawesi	PP	South-east Sulawesi	Confirmed
IDN132	Perairan Pallime	35,694	Sulawesi	Y	South Sulawesi	Candidate
IDN136	Kapoposang–Pangkep–Bulurokeng	376,797	Sulawesi	PP	South Sulawesi	Confirmed
IDN139	Kepulauan Selayar	313,197	Sulawesi	PP	South Sulawesi	Confirmed
IDN141	Taka Bonerate	569,397	Sulawesi	PP	South Sulawesi	Candidate
IDN142	Perairan Tana Jampea	565,327	Sulawesi	No	South Sulawesi	Candidate
IDN307	Pantai Selatan Lebau	1,770	Lesser Sunda	No	Solor–Alor	Confirmed
IDN310	Flores Timur	2,974	Lesser Sunda	No	Solor–Alor	Candidate
IDN311	Perairan Lembata	37,527	Lesser Sunda	No	Solor–Alor	Confirmed
IDN314	Selat Pantar	55,071	Lesser Sunda	PP	Solor–Alor	Confirmed
IDN316	Pantar Utara	3,282	Lesser Sunda	PP	Solor–Alor	Candidate
IDN318	Perairan Gunung Muna	3,525	Lesser Sunda	PP	Solor–Alor	Confirmed
IDN320	Perairan Alor Utara	5,417	Lesser Sunda	PP	Solor–Alor	Candidate
IDN191	Liliali	47,617	Maluku	No	Buru marine	Candidate
IDN197	Perairan Teluk Kayeli	16,007	Maluku	No	Buru marine	Candidate
IDN198	Kelang–Kassa–Buano–Marsegu	215,045	Maluku	PP	Buru marine	Confirmed
IDN206	Perairan Gunung Salahutu	816	Maluku	No	Buru marine	Candidate
IDN208	Leihitu	13,766	Maluku	No	Buru marine	Candidate

KBA Code	KBA Name	Area (ha)	Bioregion	Protection	Marine Corridor	KBA Status
IDN209	Perairan Haruku - Saparua	47,985	Maluku	No	Buru marine	Confirmed

Priority Corridors

Name	Biological	Funding	Political	CSO	Adat	Total (weighted)
Togean-Banggai	4	3	3	2	2	38
Solor-Alor	4	2	2	2	2	34
Sulawesi Utara	3	1	3	3	2	33
Sulawesi Tenggara	3	1	3	2	3	32
Pangkajene Kepulauan	3	3	3	2	1	32
Bentang Laut Buru	2	2	2	3	3	31
Sulawesi Selatan	2	3	3	3	1	31

BUDGET AND TIMEFRAME

LOIs must have a budget between US\$50,000 and US\$150,000 to be eligible for consideration.

Projects are expected to start approximately six months from the release of this call for LOIs. CEPF projects are typically 18-24 months in duration, but all work must be complete by June 2024.

GENERAL GUIDANCE

Project proposals should be built on **biodiversity conservation as a fundamental component** and should demonstrate positive impacts on the conservation status of biodiversity.

Where relevant, applicants are encouraged to submit LOIs that **harmonize with existing national or regional initiatives**. Synergies with other organizations are also eligible, with one lead organization submitting the application alongside sub-grantee project partners.

Applicants are advised to read the **investment strategy chapter of the ecosystem profile** (Chapter 12) to ensure full understanding of the strategic directions and investment priorities.

HOW TO APPLY

Applicants must respond to the call via the [ConservationGrants](#) electronic portal. CEPF will not accept letters of inquiry via email or any other mechanism.

If you have not previously used ConservationGrants, you will need to [register for a new account](#). If you encounter any technical difficulties with ConservationGrants, please email conservationgrants@conservation.org.

SELECTION AND AWARD PROCESS

ConservationGrants will automatically confirm receipt of all LOIs that are properly submitted within the system by the closing date.

The LOI review process will take approximately four weeks from the closing date. All applicants will receive a response from CEPF following review of their submission. The review committee will select the strongest LOIs that meet the eligibility criteria.

Applicants whose LOIs receive a positive review will be invited to submit a full proposal, again through ConservationGrants. Full proposals that receive a positive review will lead to the award of a grant between Conservation International, as the host of the CEPF Secretariat, and the applicant's organization (the "grantee"). Grants will be denominated in United States dollars and grant agreements will be in English.

REFERENCE MATERIALS

All applicants are advised to review the CEPF Investment Strategy (Chapter 12) for Wallacea within the ecosystem profile update. This provides more detail on the types of activities CEPF will fund under each investment priority:

- [Updated investment strategy - English](#) (PDF – 4.2 MB)

CEPF is committed to integrating gender into its portfolio. Applicants should design projects and write proposals that consider gender issues in the achievement of their conservation impacts.

CEPF has developed several resources that can help applicants to design, implement and evaluate gender-aware projects ([CEPF Gender Toolkit](#), PDF – 359 KB) and understand what CEPF seeks in a proposal ([CEPF Gender Fact Sheet](#), PDF – 352 KB). Visit the [CEPF and Gender webpage](#) to learn more about how CEPF addresses gender in the projects it supports.

The integration of gender in your project will be a factor in evaluation.

Additional resources:

- [Wallacea website maintained by Burung Indonesia](#)
- [Burung Indonesia website](#)

- [Burung Indonesia Facebook page with information about the ecosystem profile](#)
- [Before You Apply](#)
- [12 Tips for Getting Your Grant Idea Funded](#)
- [CEPF Project Database](#)
- [Life Cycle of a Grant](#)
- [ConservationGrants Frequently Asked Questions](#)

CONTACT

Before applying, applicants are encouraged to discuss project ideas and eligibility with the RIT program officers. Please initiate this discussion by contacting the team leader:

- Teguh Prawira, RIT team leader: w.teguh@burung.org
- General email account at hibah.wallacea@burung.org

Further information and assistance can be obtained from:

CEPF Wallacea Regional Implementation Team, Burung Indonesia, Jl. Dadali No. 32 Bogor 16161, West Java, Indonesia, Tel. +62-251-835-7222.

Technical questions regarding the ConservationGrants online system should be emailed to conservationgrants@conservation.org.

NOTE ON CLOSING DATE AND TIME

ConservationGrants is an online database that uses a strict electronic system for closing the period in which it will accept submissions. The ConservationGrants portal will become electronically closed to all submissions at the following time:

California, USA	16 January 2021	00:00
Washington, D.C., USA	16 January 2021	03:00
GMT	16 January 2021	08:00
Jakarta, Indonesia (WIB)	16 January 2021	15:00 (3 p.m. local time)