



Call for Letters of Inquiry Wallacea Biodiversity Hotspot

Large Grants

Eligible Countries:	Indonesia
Opening Date:	Friday, 18 March 2022
Closing Date:	Monday, 11 April 2022 11:00 a.m., Western Indonesia Time (Jakarta)
Grant Size:	US\$75,000
Eligible Applicants:	Indonesian civil society organizations

CEPF and Burung Indonesia, as regional implementation team for the hotspot (RIT), 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 in relation to the eligible activities and geographies described below.

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 as well as 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 [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.

Further, we will only consider organizations that have established capabilities to conduct the work described below.

ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

The scope of this call is **strictly** limited.

CEPF will award a single grant to an organization capable of **training** other non-government organizations, community groups and associations in:

1. Small-scale fishery management
2. Small-scale fishery institutional governance
3. Financial literacy in terms of small business management or the management of a fishers' association

The work will be targeted at existing and potential CEPF partner grantees and the locations in which they work.

Proposals should **not** be about implementing work directly or about establishing pilot projects. The expected output is the increased capacity of these other entities managing small-scale fisheries.

ELIGIBLE GEOGRAPHIC AREAS

CEPF focuses its work on conservation outcomes, seeking to protect species, sites and corridors. The core of this work is around Key Biodiversity Areas (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.

Ongoing and potential CEPF partners are working in these geographies. Training is expected to take place in these areas, or within the Wallacea Biodiversity Hotspot, but is not strictly required.

BUDGET AND TIMEFRAME

LOIs must have a maximum budget of US\$75,000 to be eligible for consideration.

Projects should be planned for a maximum period of July 2022 through June 2024, but may be shorter.

GENERAL GUIDANCE

Applicants are encouraged to view the CEPF and Burung Indonesia websites to see the current list of grantees and project summaries.

LOIs should emphasize the applicant's past and ongoing experience leading capacity building projects per the three items named under **Eligible Activities** and in the geographic context of Wallacea.

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.

Review of LOIs will be heavily weighted toward existing experience and presented materials should present the same, including links to websites or reports on prior work.

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

The selected applicant will be invited to submit a full proposal, again through ConservationGrants. The RIT and CEPF Secretariat will provide further input, as required, to allow the selected group to develop a full proposal. If the full proposal receives a positive review, this 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:

- Wahyu 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 times:

Washington, D.C., USA	10 April 2022	23:59:59
GMT	11 April 2022	03:59:59
Jakarta, Indonesia (WIB)	11 April 2022	10:59:59