

# ASAP Partners Guiding Principles

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Thank you for your interest in joining the Asian Species Action Partnership and your commitment to prevent the extinction of species in Southeast Asia.

Please read through the Guiding Principles and complete the online application form [here](#) . For further information or any questions, please contact: [asap@iucn.org](mailto:asap@iucn.org)

On joining the Partnership, ASAP Partners agree to the following Guiding Principles.

## **Recognition of ASAP Mandate and Objectives**

The Asian Species Action Partnership (ASAP) is an inter-institutional coalition convened by the IUCN Species Survival Commission (SSC) to address the urgent conservation needs of the most threatened land and freshwater vertebrates of Southeast Asia. The mandate of ASAP is *'as a matter of urgency, to reverse the declines in the wild of Critically Endangered\* freshwater and land vertebrates in Southeast Asia'* (ASAP species) with specific objectives of the Partnership being:

- To strengthen direct conservation action for the recovery of ASAP species;
- To enhance understanding and support, especially in Southeast Asian countries, for ASAP species conservation;
- To increase political commitment regionally and globally for the conservation of ASAP species.

\* As per the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species™.

## **Recognition of Collaboration and Partnership**

ASAP welcomes Partners who subscribe to the principles of collaboration and partnerships. The Partnership was created to bring institutions together and as an additional support mechanism to organisations working to address the extinction risk facing ASAP species in Southeast Asia.

## **Membership**

ASAP is open to organisations with a primary or significant purpose of biodiversity conservation and interested in implementing and / or funding conservation action for ASAP species including species conservation efforts, habitat protection and restoration, mitigation of threats etc. Partnership is open to NGOs, IUCN SSC Specialist Groups and Red List Authorities, donors, government agencies, academic and research institutions, ex-situ facilities that focus on conservation breeding or conservation awareness, zoo associations and others as relevant. Interested organisations who would like to join the Partnership can submit their request to the Secretariat for approval either directly by email or through the website.

## **Governing Council and Secretariat**

ASAP has a Governing Council and a Secretariat. The Governing Council is the primary decision-making body, providing strategic direction to the operation and structure of the Partnership and oversight to the Secretariat. The Secretariat is responsible for facilitating and supporting the work of the Partnership and implementing the strategy. The Secretariat is presently made up of a Secretariat Manager, Species Advisor

and Development Advisor. The Governing Council comprises individuals representing ASAP Partners who meet two out of the three following criteria: contributions to the secretariat costs (cash/in kind); technical and / or practical expertise relevant to conserving ASAP species; raise the profile of ASAP species and influence policy; and will involve a process of rotation by 2020. The Governing Council will include at least two national NGOs from Southeast Asia. IUCN SSC, IUCN Asia Regional Office and the Secretariat Host institution have automatic, non-rotating, seats on the Governing Council.

### **Benefits from ASAP Partnership**

- Being part of a well-respected Partnership contributing to ASAP species conservation;
- Reversing the declines of ASAP species through increased conservation impact as a result of being part of a larger network of organizations pursuing a common goal;
- Access to technical advice and coordination support for ASAP related work;
- Access to best practice associated with various aspects of ASAP species conservation;
- Opportunity to input into policy advocacy and increase impact through a coordinated approach from a larger network;
- Strategic connections and networking with relevant individuals and organisations to support conservation success;
- Opportunity to apply to be a member of the Governing Council.

### **Responsibilities and expectations of Partners**

- To maintain open communication, as appropriate, with the ASAP Secretariat on matters of relevance to the ASAP mandate;
- To respond in a timely manner to requests from the ASAP Secretariat that will help ASAP pursue its objectives;
- To actively and proactively engage with ASAP wherever possible and relevant;
- To make reasonable efforts to promote the work of ASAP and conservation success on ASAP species via internal and external channels;
- To work collaboratively with ASAP Partners for the conservation of, and alleviation of systemic threats to ASAP species.

The ASAP Secretariat will:

- Maintain open communication, as appropriate, with ASAP Partners and provide regular updates on ASAP initiatives through the ASAP website or emails;
- Respond in a timely manner to requests from ASAP Partners and support Partners wherever possible;
- Work collaboratively with ASAP Partners for the conservation of, and alleviation of systemic threats to ASAP species.