



ASAP Species Conservation Grants: supporting conservation actions to protect ASAP species and their habitats

The IUCN SSC Asian Species Action Partnership (ASAP) is pleased to announce the launch of the ASAP Species Conservation Grants.

Wildlife in Southeast Asia is highly threatened, and ASAP was created to avert species extinctions in the region. Focusing on some of the most threatened species, ASAP catalyses action for the Critically Endangered land and freshwater vertebrate species found in Southeast Asia (ASAP species*), many of which are neglected and lack the conservation attention that they desperately need.

The ASAP Species Conservation Grants will support ASAP Partners in their efforts to conserve ASAP species and their habitats. Organisations that are not currently partners of ASAP who wish to apply for the grants must first become partners; this is a quick and simple process (see below for more details).

ASAP Species Conservation Grants are now open for applications

ASAP is inviting Partners to submit pre-proposals to the ASAP Species Conservation Grant programme. All applicants are required to submit a pre-proposal, and if successful will be invited to develop a full application.

The deadline to submit a **pre-proposal is 15th August 2020**.

All applicants will be informed about decisions regarding their pre-proposal by 21st September 2020. Only successful applicants from the pre-proposal stage will be invited to submit a full proposal. Full proposals must be submitted by 18th October 2020. If an application is successful, we aim to let applicants know by the end of November with funds disbursed by the beginning of January 2021.

* ASAP species are only considered at the species level and hence subspecies are not currently included on the [ASAP species list](#).



Application Guidelines

It is expected that these grants will be very competitive; we aim to disburse approximately 5 grants this year, averaging 8,000 USD per successful grant. Therefore, please read through the application guidelines carefully to ensure that you meet all the criteria. If you have any questions, please contact us at conservationgrants@ASAPspecies.org

Project activities can start from 1st February 2021.

Eligibility

- Organisation must be an ASAP Partner at the time of submission. To apply to be an ASAP Partner, please visit [here](#).
- The proposal must address conservation actions for ASAP species. For the full list of current ASAP species, please visit the [ASAP website](#).
- Priority will be given to projects within Southeast Asia, but priority conservation actions for ASAP species outside this region will be considered where there is strong justification.
- Priority will be given to projects submitted by national organisations and those where the Project Lead is from the country in which the conservation actions take place.
- Priority will be given to species that are receiving less conservation attention globally than is average for ASAP species, and to applications making a clear case that the species in question is severely under-supported globally.

Grant size and duration

- Most grants awarded will be of **less than USD10,000**. A maximum grant of USD15,000 may be awarded in exceptional circumstances.
- The duration of the ASAP-funded project or project component should be 12 months or less.
- The total budget of a project can be higher. In such cases, priority will be given to projects for which the ASAP-funded component can still achieve conservation outcomes even if other components are not funded, or where additional funding is already in place.
- Projects that are part of a longer-term programme or part of an ongoing project that require additional support are welcomed. However, the activities under the ASAP-funded component should be completed within 12 months.



Eligible costs

- Salaries and other direct costs related to project activities are eligible.
- Meeting or workshop costs will be covered only if they are an essential component of the project i.e., are required for the project's conservation outcome to be achieved.
- The following will not be covered: purchase of vehicles; general overheads (e.g. office rental, administrative staff etc.); student fees; administrative costs; international travel, registration and attendance of professional meetings and conferences not primarily related to ensuring the project's outcomes.
- Matching funds are not required. Matching funds will not increase chances of being successful unless the project's conservation outcomes cannot be achieved by the ASAP-funded component alone.

Project Criteria

- Applications should be for projects working on the conservation of ASAP species and their habitats and should focus on direct conservation action.
- A range of conservation activities is eligible including:
 - species and habitat protection whether within or outside protected areas, anti-poaching, targeted support for protected areas or other conservation areas supporting the ASAP species, conflict mitigation and management etc.
- Clear justification is required as to how these activities will support ASAP species conservation and deliver conservation outcomes.
- Projects focused on the following are not eligible: research that is not built into a wider conservation programme which will use the results immediately; generalised conservation planning; wildlife trade other than the on-site suppression of offtake; and animal welfare or rights.
- Any proposals related to rehabilitation and release of animals should demonstrate how the activities will, as best as possible, follow [IUCN Guidelines for Reintroductions and Other Conservation Translocations](#), notably in the attainment of a species-level conservation outcome.



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Funding Conditions

- Grant recipients are required to submit an interim and final report at the end of the grant period.
- Project activities funded by the ASAP grant should be completed within 1 year of receiving funds.
- Grant recipients must acknowledge ASAP in any publications, presentations and/or website materials that result from the project.
- The ASAP secretariat reserves the right to publicise grant recipients and their projects in ASAP communications material.

Application process

Interested applicants should complete the pre-proposal form which can be downloaded [here](#) and submit this along with the CV of the project leader to conservationgrants@ASAPspecies.org with the subject heading "ASAP Species Conservation Grants Application".

The ASAP secretariat may be able to provide you with some technical/advisory support in developing the application and through the implementation period. This could be technical support in developing the project or application, ongoing mentoring during project implementation, and/or assistance in sourcing relevant training opportunities, depending on what you require. If you have any questions regarding a potential proposal or would like to receive support in completing an application, please email conservationgrants@ASAPspecies.org with the subject heading "ASAP Species Conservation Grants Support".