



Asian Species Action Partnership
Conserving species on the brink

ASAP Species Rapid Action Fund: supporting urgent conservation actions to protect ASAP species and their habitats

The IUCN SSC Asian Species Action Partnership (ASAP) is pleased to announce the launch of a Rapid Action Fund made possible thanks to the generous support of Fondation Segré.

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 Rapid Action Fund will support ASAP Partners in their efforts to conserve ASAP species and their habitats. The Fund will respond to projects requiring urgent support for immediate needs for the conservation of ASAP species. It will provide rapid disbursement* of small amounts of funds to address urgent requests from the field for conservation actions to conserve ASAP species and their habitats. Grants can be used in the following ways: (i) to address unexpected conservation emergencies where urgent action is needed, and (ii) for activities that are critical for the continuation of current conservation actions.

ASAP is inviting Partners to submit proposals to the ASAP Species Rapid Action Fund. Proposals will be reviewed on a rolling basis throughout the year. Applications can be submitted at any time.

** If an application is successful, we aim to disburse funds within 6 weeks of receiving the proposal. However, if additional paperwork or adjustments to the proposal are needed, we aim to disburse funds within 4 weeks of receiving the final proposal and all required documents.*



Application Guidelines

Eligibility

- Organisation must be an ASAP Partner at the time of submission. To apply to be an ASAP Partner, please visit <https://www.speciesonthebrink.org/be-an-asap-partner/>
- The proposal must address immediate and urgent conservation actions for ASAP species requiring rapid action. For full list of ASAP species, please visit the ASAP website <https://www.speciesonthebrink.org/species/>
- Priority will be given to projects occurring within Southeast Asia, but urgent conservation actions for ASAP species outside this region will be considered with strong justification.

Grant size and duration

- Grants will be up to a maximum of EUR10,000.
- The maximum duration of the project should be 18 months or less.

Eligible costs

- Salaries and other direct costs related to project activities are eligible.
- Meeting or workshop costs will only be covered if they are an essential component of the emergency or urgent action being addressed.
- The following will not be covered: purchase of vehicles; overheads, indirect costs, student fees, administrative costs or travel and attendance of professional meetings not primarily related to ensuring the project's effective outcomes.
- Purchase of equipment required for the implementation of the project is eligible. Details of the equipment, clear purpose and link to activities should be provided.
- No matching funds are required.

Project Criteria

- Applications should be for projects requiring urgent support for immediate needs to address unexpected conservation emergencies, or for activities that are critical for the continuation of current conservation actions.
- A range of conservation activities is eligible including:
 - species and habitat protection, anti-poaching, targeted support for protected areas or other conservation areas, conflict mitigation and management, emergency rescue and rehabilitation, combatting illegal wildlife trade, emergency veterinary interventions, purchase of crucial equipment, urgent surveys or monitoring, meetings to address emergency situations, urgent feasibility studies in the face of threats such as development etc. Justification is required as to how

these activities will support ASAP species conservation and the urgency of the work.

- Projects based on pure research, generalised conservation planning, or other action that is both non-urgent and non-critical are not eligible.
- Applications to support the on-going costs of a long-term conservation project are not eligible.

Funding Conditions

- Grant recipients are required to submit a final report at the end of the grant period. If the project is longer than 8 months, an interim report will be required after 6 months.
- Project activities should be completed within 18 months of receiving funds.
- Grant recipients of the ASAP Species Rapid Action Fund must acknowledge ASAP and the Fondation Segré in any publications, presentations and/or website materials that result from the project.
- The ASAP secretariat reserves the right to publicise recipients of the Fund and their projects in their own communications material.

Application process

Interested applicants should complete the application form which can be downloaded [here](#) and submit it to RAFgrants@ASAPspecies.org with the subject heading "ASAP Species Rapid Action Fund Application".

We will be able to provide some level of needs-based support in developing the application and throughout implementation. If you have any questions regarding a potential proposal or would like to receive support in completing an application, please email RAFgrants@ASAPspecies.org with the subject heading "ASAP Species Rapid Action Fund Support".