



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 a further round of funding for the ASAP Species Rapid Action Fund, thanks to the generous support of March Conservation Fund.

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 species¹), many of which are neglected and lack the conservation attention that they desperately need.

The ASAP Species Rapid Action Fund supports ASAP Partners in their efforts to conserve ASAP species and their habitats. The Fund will respond to projects requiring urgent support for unforeseen needs for the conservation of ASAP species. It will provide rapid disbursement² 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 unforeseen conservation emergencies where urgent action is needed; and
- ii. For activities that are critical for the seamless continuation of current conservation actions.

ASAP is inviting ASAP 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.

¹ ASAP Species are land and freshwater vertebrate species found in Southeast Asia and listed as Critically Endangered on the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species. ASAP species are only considered at the species level and hence subspecies are not currently included on the [ASAP species list](#).

²If an application is successful, we aim to disburse funds within 6 weeks of receiving the proposal. However, if adjustments to the proposal or additional paperwork are needed, we aim to disburse funds within 4 weeks of receiving the final proposal and all required documents.



Application Guidelines

Eligibility

- An applicant 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 urgent and unforeseen 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 and unforeseen conservation actions for ASAP species outside this region will be considered with strong justification.

Grant size and duration

- Proposals should be submitted in Singapore Dollars (SGD) for a maximum of SGD13,500.
- The duration of the project should be 12 months or less.

Eligible costs

- Salaries and other direct costs related to project activities are eligible.
- 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.
- Meeting or workshop costs will only be covered if they are an essential component of the urgent action being addressed.
- The following will not be covered: purchase of vehicles other than off-road bikes (motorbikes or pushbike), general overheads (e.g. office rental, administrative staff etc.), indirect costs, student fees, administrative costs or travel and attendance of professional meetings not primarily related to ensuring the project's effective outcomes.

Project Criteria

- Applications should be for projects requiring urgent support for immediate needs to address unforeseen conservation emergencies, or for activities that are critical for the seamless 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 formal or informal conservation areas, conflict mitigation and management, emergency rescue and rehabilitation with a clear population-level benefit, combatting illegal wildlife trade, emergency veterinary interventions with a clear population-level benefit, 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 why the work is both urgent and unforeseen.
- Projects based on pure research, conservation planning, rescue and rehabilitation without a clear population-level benefit, or other action that is either non-urgent or non-critical at the population level are not eligible.
- Applications to support the on-going costs of a long-term conservation project are not eligible except where there is an unexpected funding gap, but seamless continuation of activities is imperative to secure and ideally consolidate outcomes to date.
- No matching funds are required.

Funding Conditions

- Grant recipients are required to submit a final report at the end of the grant period. If the project is longer than 10 months, an interim report will be required.
- Project activities should be completed within 12 months of receiving funds.
- Grant recipients of the ASAP Species Rapid Action Fund must acknowledge ASAP 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 corresponding Rapid Action Fund-supported projects in its own communications material.
- Grant recipients must inform ASAP, as soon as possible, of all cases where additional donors fund an ASAP-funded project

Application process

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".

The ASAP Secretariat may be able to provide some technical/advisory support in developing the application and during the implementation period. For questions regarding a potential proposal or pertaining to support in completing an application, please email RAFgrants@ASAPspecies.org with the subject heading "ASAP Species Rapid Action Fund Support".

