



3rd Call for Letters of Inquiry ? CEPF Eastern Afromontane Biodiversity Hotspot; Eritrea, South Sudan and Yemen

Title

BirdLife International, the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and the Ethiopian Wildlife and Natural History Society, in their role as Regional Implementation Team (RIT) for the Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund (CEPF) in the Eastern Afromontane Biodiversity Hotspot, invite civil society organizations to submit Letters of Inquiry (LOIs) for projects in **Eritrea, South Sudan and Yemen.**

This call for proposal is open for **small grants (USD 20,000 and less) only.**

Deadline: 21 August 2013

Applicants must submit a Letter of Inquiry (LOI) in English using the form available at <http://bit.ly/CEPF-EAM-SGP>.

LOIs must be submitted electronically to BirdLife International at CEPF-EAM-SGP@birdlife.org by **Wednesday 21 August 2013**. BirdLife International will not accept hardcopy LOIs. You will receive an email acknowledging receipt of your application.

SCOPE OF CALL

This is the third of several Calls for Proposals over the investment period of 2012-2017 and as such, is purposefully limited in scope. This call invites applicants to submit Letters of Inquiry that will contribute to **CEPF Investment Priority 3.4** (under Strategic Direction 3), as described in the Ecosystem Profile. *We will not accept proposals for other Strategic Directions or Investment Priorities at this stage.*

Investment Priority 3.4: Support the institutional development of civil society organizations in Eritrea, South Sudan and Yemen, and their role in the conservation of KBAs in their respective countries.

Proposals should specifically address Investment Priority 3.4 as described in the Ecosystem Profile (page 191). This includes needs assessment of civil society capacity, organizational strengthening, and potentially, direct small-scale support for conservation work (within a capacity development context). Additional consideration will be given to efforts that support partnerships, networks, and mentoring between smaller organizations and larger organizations within the three target countries and elsewhere.

Proposals for civil society capacity needs assessments should include, at the minimum

- A description of civil society organizations (CSOs) that can currently be found in each of these three countries - specifically in the conservation and development area
- Their current capacities
- Their capacity needs
- A CSO capacity development plan for each of these countries with clear targets related to CEPF's larger objectives

A proposal could include one, two, or three of the above-listed countries. Specific attention will need to be paid to the role CSOs can play in the conservation of Key Biodiversity Areas in their respective countries.

Preference will be given to applicants from the three subject countries, followed by organizations based elsewhere but which have longstanding offices, personnel, and expertise within the countries. Applicants should clearly demonstrate their managerial history and capacity to (a) receive and account for foreign funds, and (b) operate within any of the three countries.

More Information:

[Full Call for Proposals](#) - [English](#) (PDF – 256 KB)

[Ecosystem Profile](#) - [English](#) (PDF – 4 MB)

[Ecosystem Profile Summary Brochure](#) - [English](#) (PDF – 2.5 MB) - [Arabic](#) (PDF – 1.1 MB)

[CEPF Investment Strategy and Programmatic Focus](#) - [English](#) (PDF – 1.7 MB)

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www.cepf.net/where_we_work/regions/africa/eastern_afromontane/Pages/default.aspx

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