



BirdLife International and CEPF invite new Letters of Inquiry for the Indo-Burma Hotspot.

Title BirdLife International in Indochina, in its role as the Regional Implementation Team (RIT) for CEPF in the Indo-Burma Hotspot, invites proposals for small grants from non-government organisations, community groups, and other civil society organisations. This is the fourth call for proposals issued by BirdLife and CEPF for the Indo-Burma Hotspot. The deadline for receipt of proposals is 17h30 (Hanoi time) on 1st August 2012 but applicants are strongly encouraged to submit prior to the deadline, in order that review and processing of their applications can begin sooner. This call for proposals covers the four countries of Cambodia, Laos, Thailand and Vietnam, and addresses gaps in the current CEPF investment portfolio. Full details can be found in the attached Call for Letters of Inquiry (LOIs) or at www.birdlifeindochina.org/cepf or www.cepf.net It is important that applicants familiarise themselves with the investment strategy and strategic directions for the Indo-Burma Hotspot first, which are summarised in [English, Khmer, Lao, Thai and Vietnamese](#) and available in full in [English](#) (PDF 2.5MB). Please note that, for the 2012 call for proposals, priority will be given to applications from local civil society organisations. BirdLife and CEPF welcome applications from past and current grantees, as well as organizations that have not yet received CEPF funding. Under the earlier calls, a total over 250 applications were received, of which nearly 100 were supported. A full list of funded projects and final completion reports can be viewed [here](#). The Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund (CEPF) is designed to safeguard Earth's biologically richest and most threatened regions known as biodiversity hotspots. CEPF is a joint initiative of Agence Française de Développement, Conservation International, the Global Environment Facility, the Government of Japan, the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, and the World Bank. A fundamental goal is to ensure civil society is engaged in biodiversity conservation. **Media contact** Ms. Tran Thi Thanh Huong, BirdLife International *in Indochina* Room 211-212, D1 building, Van Phuc Diplomatic Compound; No.298 Kim Ma street, Ba Dinh district, Hanoi, Vietnam *office phone*: +84 (0) 4 3514 8904 ext. 28; *mobile phone*: +84 (0)989 532 642; *email*: huong@birdlife.org.vn; *Website*: www.birdlifeindochina.org/cepf