

Critical Ecosystems in need of Letters: BirdLife International and CEPF invite new Letters of Inquiry for Mediterranean Hotspot conservation

Title

BirdLife International **invite Letters of Inquiry** from NGOs, Community Groups and other Civil Society organisations for **large grants** to conserve biodiversity in the Mediterranean Basin Hotspot. Grants are provided as part of the Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund (CEPF). BirdLife is calling for these applications in its role in CEPF as the Regional Implementation Team (RIT) for the Mediterranean Hotspot. The Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund (**CEPF**) is a global programme designed to safeguard the Earth's biologically richest and most threatened regions known as biodiversity hotspots. A fundamental goal is to ensure civil society is engaged in biodiversity conservation. There are 35 CEPF recognised hotspots worldwide so far, the second largest being the Mediterranean Basin. Together BirdLife International, including its Middle East division and BirdLife Partners DOPPS (BirdLife in Slovenia) and LPO (BirdLife in France), serve as the Regional Implementation Team (RIT) for the CEPF Mediterranean Hotspot.

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Map of the Mediterranean Basin Hotspot

Lots of funding is available for the protection of the second-largest CEPF biodiversity hotspot

How to apply

We invite applications from NGOs, Community Groups and other Civil Society organisations for large grants (between US \$250,000 and US \$20,000) to conserve biodiversity in the Mediterranean Basin hotspot. These investments will promote innovative partnerships between NGOs, government, local communities and land-owners to enhance conservation and connectivity in five landscape corridors in the Mediterranean Basin; and improve the conservation of globally threatened species through systematic conservation planning and action. Grantees may apply for funding from all countries eligible for CEPF support in the region: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Cape Verde, Croatia, Jordan, Lebanon, Montenegro, Morocco, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Tunisia.

The deadline for proposal submissions is 15th November 2012. Completed LOIs should be sent as an e-mail attachment to: cepfmed@conservation.org Please follow these links to find out more about **CEPF and the RIT**, the **Mediterranean Basin Hotspot** profile,

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eligibility and **application guidelines**.

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