

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

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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.

