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BirdLife International, in its role as Regional Implementation Team (RIT) for the **Mediterranean Basin Biodiversity Hotspot** has announced a call for Letters of Inquiry (LOIs) for small grants for **biodiversity conservation and communication projects**.

This is the 3rd call for **LOIs for small grants (up to \$20,000)** issued by The Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund (CEPF) to safeguard biodiversity in the Mediterranean. Applications are encouraged from non-governmental organisations, community groups, private enterprises, universities and other civil society organisations; and should focus on the following countries:

Albania, Algeria, Jordan, Libya, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Morocco and Tunisia.

The **focus of this call** is for conservation projects that:

- Promote civil society involvement in integrated coastal zone management (**ICZM**)
- Establish the sustainable management of **water** catchments and the wise use of water resources
- Improve the conservation and protection status of priority Key Biodiversity Areas (**KBAs**)

There is an **additional thematic focus** on **communications projects** that develop innovative communication tools to engage civil society in biodiversity conservation; and document successful stories and lessons learnt in current CEPF-funded projects in the Mediterranean Basin Hotspot. Ordinary and classical project ideas that focus only on public awareness programs will not be accepted.

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For more **detailed information about eligible sites, investment priorities and project ideas**, please read the [Call for LOIs document](#) (available in other languages [here](#)).

**All applicants must use a [Letter of Inquiry template](#) and completed LOIs should be sent as an e-mail attachment to: [cepf-med-rit@birdlife.org](mailto:cepf-med-rit@birdlife.org)**

The deadline for receipt of LOIs is **15 January 2014**.

Good luck and we look forward to hearing from you!

The Mediterranean Basin RIT

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BirdLife International, including its Middle East office and the BirdLife partners DOPPS/BirdLife Slovenia and LPO - Ligue pour la Protection des Oiseaux/BirdLife France, is providing the Regional Implementation Team (RIT) for CEPF in the Mediterranean Hotspot.

- Please direct any questions to the RIT on: [CEPF-Med-RIT@birdlife.org](mailto:CEPF-Med-RIT@birdlife.org)
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