

Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund

Call for Letters of Inquiry No. 16; Investment in the Eastern Afromontane Biodiversity Hotspot

Request for Proposals for projects related to Strategic Directions 1 – Mainstreaming, and 2 – KBA management and Protection, in Ethiopia, DRC, Rwanda, Tanzania, Malawi, Mozambique, and Zimbabwe

1. **Opening Date:** Wednesday, 19 October 2016

2. Submission

Deadline: Wednesday, 23 November 2016

Application format: Submit a Letter of Inquiry in English, available from www.birdlife.org/worldwide/project/cepf-eam-application-guidance

See also www.birdlife.org/projects/cepf-eam-calls-proposals

Submission method: Submit Letter of Inquiry to CEPF-EAM-SGP@birdlife.org

3. Call for Letters of Inquiry

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 countries within the Hotspot per the Scope of this Call, as described below.

The Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund (CEPF) is a joint initiative of l'Agence Française de Développement, Conservation International (CI), the European Union, the Global Environment Facility, the Government of Japan, the MacArthur Foundation, and the World Bank. A fundamental goal is to ensure civil society is engaged in biodiversity conservation. More information on CEPF can be found at www.cepf.net and at www.birdlife.org/africa/project/cepf-eastern-afromontane-hotspot

The Eastern Afromontane Biodiversity Hotspot stretches over a curving arc of more than 7,000 kilometers from Saudi Arabia to Mozambique. Within this area, Key Biodiversity Areas (KBAs) cover an area of more than 50 million hectares, of which only 38 percent have full legal protection and variable amounts of government funding.

CEPF's niche for investment in the Eastern Afromontane Hotspot was formulated through a participatory process that engaged civil society, donor and governmental stakeholders throughout the region. The results of this process and the five-year (2012-2017) strategy that CEPF has identified for supporting biodiversity conservation in the region are outlined in the Ecosystem Profile, available at: www.cepf.net/where_we_work/regions/africa/eastern_afromontane/Pages/default.aspx

4. Eligible Applicants

Non-government organizations, community groups, private enterprises, universities, and other civil society organizations may apply for funding. Applications from organizations that propose to build capacity of local civil society and community groups are particularly encouraged. Projects must be located within the sites and countries identified in the Ecosystem Profile. Organizations must have their own bank account and be authorized under relevant national laws to receive charitable contributions.

Government-owned enterprises or institutions are eligible only if they can demonstrate that the enterprise or institution:

- i. has a legal personality independent of any government agency or actor;
- ii. has the authority to apply for and receive private funds; and
- iii. may not assert a claim of sovereign immunity.

5. Eligible Activities

The scope of this call is limited to the types of activities and locations described below:

Strategic Direction	What we are looking for:																		
<p>1. Mainstream biodiversity into wider development policies, plans and projects to deliver the co- benefits of biodiversity conservation, improved local livelihoods and economic development</p>	<p>(a) Communication materials that show the beauty of the Eastern Afromontane hotspot / Eastern Afromontane KBAs. (E-)Books, photos, films, videos, and/or other PR materials that can be used to raise interest/awareness about the hotspot and its many values (ecological, cultural, aesthetical, economic etc). See for a full list of KBAs Annex 2 of the Ecosystem Profile or the Conservation Outcomes map</p> <p>(b) Materials that show the value of <i>specific KBAs</i>, and the impact of CEPF investment at these KBAs. Of specific interest are the following 10 KBAs:</p> <table border="0"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="496 864 667 891"><u>Country</u></th> <th data-bbox="667 864 1398 891"><u>Sites</u></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="496 891 667 918">Ethiopia</td> <td data-bbox="667 891 1398 918">Sheka Forest</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="496 918 667 945">DRC</td> <td data-bbox="667 918 1398 945">Itombwe Mountains, Luama-Katanga-Mount Kabobo</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="496 945 667 972">Rwanda</td> <td data-bbox="667 945 1398 972">Gishwati Forest</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="496 972 667 999">Tanzania</td> <td data-bbox="667 972 1398 999">Njombe Forests, Malagarasi River System</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="496 999 667 1025">Malawi</td> <td data-bbox="667 999 1398 1025">Misuku Hills</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="496 1025 667 1052">Mozambique/</td> <td data-bbox="667 1025 1398 1052" rowspan="2">Shores of Lake Nyassa (Mozambican side); Chimanimani</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="496 1052 667 1079">Zimbabwe</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2" data-bbox="496 1079 1398 1182"> <p><i>For more information about these KBAs and CEPF's investment at these sites, please see our interactive map here or contact us</i></p> </td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Sites</u>	Ethiopia	Sheka Forest	DRC	Itombwe Mountains, Luama-Katanga-Mount Kabobo	Rwanda	Gishwati Forest	Tanzania	Njombe Forests, Malagarasi River System	Malawi	Misuku Hills	Mozambique/	Shores of Lake Nyassa (Mozambican side); Chimanimani	Zimbabwe	<p><i>For more information about these KBAs and CEPF's investment at these sites, please see our interactive map here or contact us</i></p>		
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<p>2. Improve the protection and management of the KBA network throughout the hotspot</p>	<p>Biological surveys that show (changes in) the conservation status of selected KBAs that CEPF has invested in since 2012. Specific focus on trigger species for the KBA. We are specifically looking for surveys at the following 23 KBAs:</p> <table border="0"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="496 1290 667 1317"><u>Country</u></th> <th data-bbox="667 1290 1398 1317"><u>Sites (KBAs)</u></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="496 1317 667 1379">Ethiopia</td> <td data-bbox="667 1317 1398 1379">Aliyu Amba-Dulecha, Ankober-Debre Sina Escarpment, Wadela (Wadila), Guassa Plateau, Sheka Forest</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="496 1379 667 1442">DRC</td> <td data-bbox="667 1379 1398 1442">Itombwe Mountains, Kahuzi-Biega National Park, Luama-Katanga-Mount Kabobo</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="496 1442 667 1469">Rwanda</td> <td data-bbox="667 1442 1398 1469">Cyamudongo Forest, Gishwati, Rugezi Marsh</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="496 1469 667 1576">Tanzania</td> <td data-bbox="667 1469 1398 1576">Greater Mahale, the shores of Lake Tanganyika, Livingstone Mountains Forests, Malagarasi River System, Mount Rungwe, Njombe Forests</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="496 1576 667 1603">Malawi</td> <td data-bbox="667 1576 1398 1603">Misuku Hills Forest Reserves (including Mugesse)</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="496 1603 667 1630">Mozambique</td> <td data-bbox="667 1603 1398 1630">Shores of Lake Nyassa (Mozambican side)</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="496 1630 667 1693">Zimbabwe</td> <td data-bbox="667 1630 1398 1693">Chirinda Forest, Nyanga Mountains, Stapleford Forest, Vumba Highlands</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2" data-bbox="496 1693 1398 1769"> <p><i>For more information about these sites and their trigger species, please see Appendix 1 and Appendix 3 of the Ecosystem Profile here (Documents tab)</i></p> </td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Sites (KBAs)</u>	Ethiopia	Aliyu Amba-Dulecha, Ankober-Debre Sina Escarpment, Wadela (Wadila), Guassa Plateau, Sheka Forest	DRC	Itombwe Mountains, Kahuzi-Biega National Park, Luama-Katanga-Mount Kabobo	Rwanda	Cyamudongo Forest, Gishwati, Rugezi Marsh	Tanzania	Greater Mahale, the shores of Lake Tanganyika, Livingstone Mountains Forests, Malagarasi River System, Mount Rungwe, Njombe Forests	Malawi	Misuku Hills Forest Reserves (including Mugesse)	Mozambique	Shores of Lake Nyassa (Mozambican side)	Zimbabwe	Chirinda Forest, Nyanga Mountains, Stapleford Forest, Vumba Highlands	<p><i>For more information about these sites and their trigger species, please see Appendix 1 and Appendix 3 of the Ecosystem Profile here (Documents tab)</i></p>	
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6. Budget and Timeframe

Under this call for proposals, CEPF anticipates making a maximum of 10 awards. The **maximum budget per project is US \$20,000**. Projects are expected to start in February 2017 and must be **completed by 31 July 2017** at the latest (6 months).

7. Letter of Inquiry and Award Process

Applicants are requested to submit a letter of inquiry (LOI) at this time. If your LOI is successful, BirdLife International will be in touch with you to complete the necessary processes to award you a small grant.

8. Instructions for submitting a Letter of Inquiry

Applicants **must** use the CEPF letter of inquiry template referenced here: [English](#). The template is also available from BirdLife International.

Letters of inquiry **must** be submitted to CEPF-EAM-SGP@birdlife.org

Letters of inquiry submitted to any other e-mail address may not receive full review. CEPF will not accept hardcopy LOIs. You will receive an email acknowledgement of your application.

9. Advisory Service

All applicants are encouraged to discuss proposal ideas with the EAM RIT at CEPF-EAM-RIT@birdlife.org. Based on experience from previous calls for proposals, discussing your proposal idea with us before submitting it will significantly increase the chances of success. The advisory service will **terminate on 18 November 2016**; so please send your questions to the RIT before that date.

10. Reference Documents

All potential applicants should refer to the Ecosystem Profile, the LOI Form, and the following references available on the CEPF and BirdLife websites (www.birdlife.org/africa/resources and [www.cepf.net/where we work/regions/africa/eastern afromontane/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.cepf.net/where_we_work/regions/africa/eastern_afromontane/Pages/default.aspx)):

- How to apply: www.birdlife.org/worldwide/project/cepf-eam-application-guidance
- Frequently asked questions: www.cepf.net/about_cepf/faq/Pages/default.aspx
- Eligibility criteria for applicants: www.cepf.net/grants/Pages/eligibility.aspx and www.birdlife.org/worldwide/project/cepf-eam-application-guidance
- CEPF projects database: www.cepf.net/grants/project_database/Pages/default.aspx
- CEPF safeguard policies: www.cepf.net/grants/Pages/safeguard_policies.aspx
- World Bank safeguard policies: <http://go.worldbank.org/WTA1ODE7TO>

All required documentation, information, guidance, formats and news are also available at www.birdlife.org/africa/project/cepf-eastern-afromontane-hotspot

11. Contact

Please direct any questions or concerns to: CEPF-EAM-RIT@birdlife.org

Further information and assistance can be obtained from:

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