

Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund and Burung Indonesia

**Investment in the Wallacea Biodiversity Hotspot
Call for Letters of Inquiry No. 5
Focus on Capacity Building and Strategic Direction 6**

1. Opening Date: Thursday, 4 February 2016

2. Submission

Deadline: Thursday, 3 March 2016

Application format: [CEPF LOI Template](#)

Submission method: Submit Letter of Inquiry to cepfwallacea@conservation.org

3. Call for Letters of Inquiry

Burung Indonesia, in its role as Regional Implementation Team (RIT) for the Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund (CEPF) in the Wallacea Biodiversity Hotspot, invites civil society organizations to submit Letters of Inquiry (LOIs) for projects per the Scope of this Call, as described in Section 5, 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.

CEPF's strategy in Wallacea was formulated through a participatory process that engaged civil society, donors, and governmental stakeholders throughout the region. The result of this process is an **Ecosystem Profile**, a five-year strategy, running from 2015-2019, to support biodiversity conservation in the region, available at:

http://www.cepf.net/SiteCollectionDocuments/wallacea/EcosystemProfile_Wallacea.pdf

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. is not able to claim sovereign immunity.

5. Eligible Sites and Activities

This is one of several Calls for Letters of Inquiry to be released between 2016-2019, and as such, is purposefully limited in scope.

This call for proposals is focused on Strategic Direction 6 and its subordinate Investment Priorities, as discussed in detail in the Ecosystem Profile.

Strategic Direction 6: Enhance civil society capacity for effective conservation action in Wallacea

Investment Priority 6.1: Enhance the capacity of civil society to identify, plan and undertake surveys, planning, implementation, and monitoring of conservation actions

Investment Priority 6.2: Catalyze networking and collaboration among community groups, NGOs, private sector, and other elements of civil society

Investment Priority 6.3: Increase the volume of sustainable funding available to civil society for conservation actions via capacity building and appropriate mechanisms

Applications should ensure that their proposals are germane to the following parts of the Ecosystem Profile:

- Chapter 7, and in particular, Section 7.3 and its description of baseline indicators.
- Chapter 12, and in particular, the description of Strategic Direction 6.
- Appendices 6, 7, 8, and 9.

CEPF's goals in this context are to grow civil society within the hotspot and to improve the capacity of civil society to engage as conservation managers within the hotspot. As such, programs could take the form of:

- Strengthening the ability of civil society to integrate biodiversity conservation into sustainable economic development policy.
- Strengthening the ability of civil society to integrate biodiversity conservation into poverty reduction and sustainable livelihood activities.
- Strengthening the ability of civil society to manage the response to climate change.
- Creation of networks between civil society, government, and the private sector.

- Enhancing the ability of civil society to raise funds directly or via long-term mechanisms, including trust funds or policies related to access to public revenue.

Successful applicants will demonstrate an understanding of civil society as a whole and the constraints that it faces as well as an ability to engage with groups that do not currently work directly in the “environment” field, including community development organizations, humanitarian organizations, indigenous peoples’ groups, and advocacy organizations.

Activities should be focused, to the extent possible, on civil society throughout the hotspot, or perhaps, on the whole of the Indonesian portion of the hotspot and, separately, on the whole of the Timor-Leste portion of the hotspot. We will give preference to those applicants that address a broader area and not, for example, only on one province, one island, or one organization.

Grant funds and supported activities are not meant to build the capacity of the applicant. We will only consider proposals from applicants who are themselves already high capacity and, in turn, are able to build the capacity of others.

6. Budget and Timeframe

CEPF intends to award up to three grants for a combined \$500,000 for a period of 30 months. The maximum value of any single grant should be no more than \$250,000.

7. Organizational Capacity of Applicant

CEPF will make award(s) to organizations that have the existing capacity to strengthen the capacity of others. Successful applicants will have a history of delivering such services, past experience managing international donor funds, and past experience engaging the private sector and government to raise money or support on behalf of civil society.

8. Letter of Inquiry, Full Proposal, and Award Process

Applicants are requested to submit a letter of inquiry at this time. Applicants that submit a LOI that receives a positive review will be asked to submit a full proposal. Full proposals that receive a positive review will lead to the award of a grant between Conservation International, as the home of the CEPF Secretariat, and the recipient (the “grantee”). Grants will be denominated in United States dollars and grant agreements will be in English.

9. Instructions for submitting a Letter of Inquiry

Applicants **must** use the CEPF letter of inquiry template referenced here.

[CEPF LOI Template](#)

The template is also available from the CEPF Secretariat and Burung Indonesia.

Letters of inquiry **must** be submitted to cepfwallacea@conservation.org

Letters of inquiry submitted to any other e-mail address may not receive full review.

10. Submission language

Letters of inquiry must be submitted in English.

11. Reference Documents

All potential applicants should refer to the Ecosystem Profile, the LOI Form, and the following references available on the CEPF website.

- Frequently asked questions: www.cepf.net/about_cepf/fag/Pages/default.aspx
- Eligibility criteria for applicants: www.cepf.net/grants/Pages/eligibility.aspx
- 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/WTA1ODE7T0>

12. Contact

Please direct any questions or concerns to: hibah.wallacea@burung.org

Further information and assistance can be obtained from:

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