

Grants & opportunities

New Species Survival Commission–Oryx Partnership Fund announced

The Office of the Chair of the IUCN Species Survival Commission (SSC) and *Oryx* are delighted to announce a new partnership fund that will help cover the open access publication costs of papers authored by SSC members. Financial resources for this partnership were provided by the Environment Agency–Abu Dhabi through their grant in support of the SSC Chair’s Office. To qualify, the first or corresponding author must be an SSC member, their SSC affiliation must be included in the author details, and the manuscript must report research carried out as part of the work of the SSC group they engage with. Manuscripts must be submitted for peer review in the usual way at mc.manuscriptcentral.com/oryx. The SSC–Oryx Partnership Fund supports the communication objectives of increasing the visibility of the conservation work of the network, and empowering and motivating the membership to disseminate their efforts on the Species Conservation Cycle (Assess–Plan–Act).

Grant opportunities from the Mohamed bin Zayed Species Conservation Fund and Panthera’s Small Cat Action Fund

The Mohamed bin Zayed Species Conservation Fund has separate budgets to support conservation actions for different taxa. Within the mammal budget is a separate budget to support wild cat conservation projects. In 2021, the wild cat conservation budget was USD 26,000 for each of three review periods during the year. In addition to this budget, the Small Wild Cat Conservation Foundation provides funding to support conservation projects on behalf of all 33 species of small wild cats. Calls for proposals close on the last day of February, June and October of each year.

Panthera’s Small Cat Action Fund supports both in situ conservation and research activities for the small wild cats. With a budget of c. USD 100,000, the Fund has a single call for proposals that opens on 15 February each year. This is a two-stage application process, in which applicants submit a letter of intent, followed potentially by an invitation to submit a full application.

Please visit speciesconservation.org and panthera.org for more details.

The Conservation Leadership Programme Team Awards 2023

The Conservation Leadership Programme (CLP) is a partnership between BirdLife International, Fauna & Flora International and the Wildlife Conservation Society. Each year, CLP grants Team Awards to groups of early career conservationists leading projects to save threatened species. Award-winning teams benefit from a project grant, and opportunities to develop their professional skills and build connections through the CLP Alumni Network.

Applications for the 2023 CLP Team Awards will open in July 2022, with the closing date in October. CLP invites applications from teams undertaking projects that involve research, practical actions and community outreach to promote pro-conservation attitudes and achieve effective, long-lasting conservation. Teams can apply for Future Conservationist Awards (up to USD 15,000), Conservation Follow-Up Awards (up to USD 25,000; available only to previous recipients of a Future Conservationist Award) and Conservation Leadership Awards (up to USD 50,000; available only to previous recipients of a Follow-Up Award).

To be eligible, teams must be leading projects in low- to middle-income countries and target species listed as Data Deficient, Vulnerable, Endangered or Critically Endangered on the IUCN Red List. Countries designated as high income economies by the World Bank are not eligible, except some countries and island nations in Latin America, the Caribbean and the Pacific. Projects must take place in an eligible country, be led or co-led by a national of one of these countries, and involve at least three team members.

For more information, visit conservationleadershipprogramme.org/grants. Applicants for a Conservation Follow-Up or Conservation Leadership Award will need to submit the final report from their previous project and a logical framework in September 2022. Winners will be announced in April 2023. For any questions, contact clp@birdlife.org.

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