Document 2: Self-assessment Tool for Expressions of Interest under Component 1 of the GEF HCI

Before considering submitting an Expression of Interest to be a partner under Component 1 of the GEF Heart of Conservation Initiative (HCI), we strongly advise that you re-read the Information Document and then use this self-assessment tool to test:

* Whether you are an eligible partner under this call for Expressions of Interest,
* Whether your proposal adheres to the selection criteria for Expressions of Interest.

Self-assessing the eligibility of your organization

Please highlight your answers (**Yes/No**) to the seven questions. Then review your answers according to the guidance, below.

1. Is your organization either:

* A representative institution of Indigenous Peoples and/or local communities[[1]](#footnote-1)?
* An organization, network or funding mechanism established by Indigenous Peoples and/or local communities to advance their rights and well-being[[2]](#footnote-2)?
* A consortium composed of any of the above types of organizations?

**Yes/No**

1. Is your organization registered in and does it operate in GEF eligible country/countries[[3]](#footnote-3)?

**Yes/No**

1. Is your organization eligible to receive funding under United Nations, United States, and other applicable laws and criteria?

**Yes/No**

1. Does your organization have established mechanisms for consultation and accountability with the Indigenous Peoples and/or local communities that you represent or serve?

**Yes/No**

1. Does your organization have demonstrable institutional capacity and experience in effectively managing projects, grants and risks?

**Yes/No**

1. Does your organization have adequate institutional capacities (including administrative, financial, project management and monitoring capacities) and experience with distributing funds to members, communities or partners working on the ground?

**Yes/No**

1. Does your organization have documented experience in supporting or implementing on-the-ground projects determined by Indigenous Peoples and/or local communities?

**Yes/No**

1. Does your organization have a strategy or approach to ensure inclusion and leadership of women and youth in the work?

**Yes/No**

Guidance

* **“Yes”**: If you were able to answer ***all*** the above questions with a “yes”, your self-assessment indicates that your organization is eligible to submit an Expression of Interest under the GEF HCI. Please note, WWF will make a final determination of eligibility for all submitted Expressions of Interest.
* **“No”**: If you have answered any of the above questions with a “no”, the organization is not eligible as a partner for Component 1 under the HCI. Consequently, your Expression of Interest will **not** be subject to further review and assessment.
  + Please note, if you are not eligible as a partner under Component 1, there are other ways to engage with the HCI. Please write to the email shown [**on the landing page**](https://www.worldwildlife.org/pages/wwf-gef-expressions-of-interest)if you would like to receive further updates.

Next steps if your self-assessment indicates that you are eligible

If you determine using the self-assessment tool that you are eligible to apply, please (re-)read **Document 1:** **Information Document**. If you decide to apply, please fill out **Document 3: Expression of Interest**.

1. In accordance with ILO Convention No. 169, Indigenous Peoples are peoples who descend from the populations which inhabited the country, or a geographical region to which the country belongs, at the time of conquest or colonisation or the establishment of present state boundaries and who, irrespective of their legal status, retain some or all of their own social, economic, cultural and political institutions. Moreover, self-identification as Indigenous is a fundamental criterion. In accordance with the Convention on Biological Diversity, the Local Communities considered under the project are those who embody traditional lifestyles relevant for the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. If these Indigenous Peoples’ and/or local communities’ organizations, networks or funding mechanisms, as a matter of self-determination, decide to have the funds transferred through a fiscal sponsor they would still be eligible. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. See the list of GEF eligible countries [here](https://www.thegef.org/projects-operations/recipient-countries). [↑](#footnote-ref-3)