Document 3: Expression of Interest

For partners to deliver Global Environmental Benefits under Component 1 of the GEF 8 Heart of Conservation Initiative (HCI)

Before you complete this Expression of Interest form, please visit the [landing page](https://www.worldwildlife.org/pages/wwf-gef-expressions-of-interest), please read **Document 1: Information Note,** and then use **Document 2:** **Self-assessment Tool** to determine whether your organization is eligible to submit an Expression of Interest.

If your self-assessment indicates that you are eligible, please complete the following Expression of Interest in **10 pages or less**. Please submit to **heartofconservation@wwfus.org** by **June 30, 2025**. You can write in English, French, Portuguese, or Spanish.

**If you are not eligible** to become a partner under Component 1 of the HCI, there will be other opportunities to become involved, and you can always email the address shown on the [landing page](https://www.worldwildlife.org/pages/wwf-gef-expressions-of-interest).

## A. Information about the applicant

**Basic information about the applicant**

1. Name of the organization:

2. Country of registration:

3. Year of registration:

4. Website:

5. Contact person and email:

6. Is your organization (Please highlight the relevant option):

* A representative institution, organization, network, or funding mechanism of Indigenous Peoples
* A representative institution, organization, network, or funding mechanism of local communities
* A representative institution, organization, network, or funding mechanism of both Indigenous Peoples and local communities
* A consortium composed of any of the above types of organizations
* Other (please specify):

**Institutional, financial, administrative, and technical capacity**

7. Please describe the governance structure of the organization, e.g., board, general assembly, leadership, and decision-making processes.

**Answer**:

8. What mechanisms for consultation and accountability has the organization established with the Indigenous Peoples and/or local communities that it represents or serves?

**Answer**:

9. How many full-time staff work at the organization?

**Answer**:

10. Please enter the total budget of the organization (in USD) for 2022, 2023 and 2024.

**Answer**:

11. What is the largest single grant (in USD) the organization has received and what was it for?

**Answer**:

12. How does this application complement other existing grants your organization is implementing?

**Answer**:

13. Do you distribute funds to members, communities or partners working on the ground?

**Answer** (please highlight): Yes/No.

If you answered “yes”, please describe the mechanisms for distribution of funds to members, communities or partners

**Answer**:

14. Please describe the organization’s capacity, experiences and mechanisms for monitoring activities and impact on the ground.

**Answer**:

15: Please describe the organization’s experience with donor reporting, including environmental and social safeguards as relevant.

**Answer**:

16. Please list the organization’s capacity-strengthening needs and priorities.

**Answer**:

17. Please describe the experience of the organization in implementing or supporting on-the-ground projects determined by Indigenous Peoples and/or local communities over the past three years.

**Answer**:

18. What is the approach followed by the organization to ensure inclusion and leadership of women, youth and other vulnerable groups in its work?

**Answer**:

## B. Information about the proposal

Before completing this section, please review **Document 1:** **Information Note** that sets out the criteria and associated scoring for selecting proposals.

**Geography and relevant Indigenous Peoples and/or Local Communities**

19. In which country/ies or geographical regions will the activities take place?

**Answer**:

20. Who are the Indigenous Peoples and/or local communities that will be involved and benefit from this proposal? How have they been consulted to date and how will they be involved in implementation and monitoring?

**Answer:**

**Outcomes, outputs and activities**

21. What are the Global Environmental Benefits that this proposal will deliver?

**Answer**:

22. What other outcome(s) will this proposal deliver?

**Answer**:

23. What are the outputs this proposal will generate?

**Answer**:

24. How will the proposal enhance the stewardship of lands, territories and resources of Indigenous Peoples and/or local communities?

**Answer**:

**Inclusion and engagement**

25. How will the proposal ensure inclusion of women, youth and other vulnerable groups?

**Answer**:

26. Which other rightsholders and stakeholders will be involved, and how do you intend to engage them?

**Answer**:

27. How will the proposal increase the visibility and recognition of the contributions of Indigenous Peoples and/or local communities in conservation and sustainable use of globally significant biodiversity?

**Answer**:

**Indicators**

28. What is the estimated number of people directly benefiting from this proposal:

* Total number:
* Number of women:
* Number of men:

29. Which of the following indicators are relevant for this proposal (highlight only those that have direct relevance to proposed activities):

* Number of hectares of terrestrial protected areas or marine protected areas established or under improved management.
* Number of hectares of land and ecosystems under restoration.
* Number of hectares of landscape or marine habitat under improved practices.
* Greenhouse gas emissions that are mitigated.
* Number of countries with policies to protect and encourage customary sustainable use by indigenous peoples and local communities
* Land-use change and land tenure in the traditional territories of Indigenous peoples and local communities.

30. Please add anything else here you think is essential for understanding your proposal.

**Answer**:

## C. Indicative Budget

31. Please set out the indicative budget in the format exemplified below.

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Budget item** | **Total amount** | **Budget break down per year** | | | | |
| **2026** | **2027** | **2028** | **2029** | **2030** |
| **Result 1** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Activity 1 | **150’000** | 30’000 | 50’000 | 50’000 | 20’000 | 0 |
| Activity 2 | **75’000** | 10’000 | 35’000 | 10’000 | 10’000 | 10’000 |
| Etc. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Result 2** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Activity 1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Activity 2 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| **Equipment** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| **Travel** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| **Staff costs** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| **Administration** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Total** |  |  |  |  |  |  |

32. Please indicate which amount of the budget will be distributed to members, communities or partners working on the ground.

**Answer**:

## D. Next steps

Congratulations on completing the Expression of Interest. Please submit this document to **heartofconservation@wwfus.org** by **June 30, 2025**. Selected partners will have the opportunity to develop detailed proposals from September to November 2025, including budgets, risk mitigation plans, and gender and youth inclusion approaches.