

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Call for applications issued by the International Union for Conservation of Nature,
Central and West Africa Programme (IUCN-PACO)
Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso

Project : **Regional Governance of Protected Areas in West Africa – FED/2018/399-509**

Title : **Support to three (03) *ex-situ* conservation centres to build their capacity in the areas of translocation, monitoring and reintroduction of wildlife species**

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1. Contexte

The International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) is a union of Members made up of governments and civil society organizations. It provides public, private and non-governmental organizations with the knowledge and tools necessary for human progress, economic development and the conservation of nature to proceed in harmony. Founded in 1948, IUCN has grown over the years to become the world's largest and most diverse environmental network. It draws on the experience, resources and strength of its 1,300 Member organizations and the expertise of more than 13,000 experts. Today it is an international authority on the state of nature and natural resources in the world and on measures to preserve them. Our experts are divided into six Commissions, dedicated to species conservation, environmental law, protected areas, economic and social policies, ecosystem management, and education and communication.

Within the framework of the implementation of the Regional Indicative Programme (RIP) of the European Union in West Africa 2014-2020 (11th European Development Fund), and specifically in its priority area 3: "Resilience, food and nutritional security and natural resources", an action to support the preservation of biodiversity and fragile ecosystems, environmental governance and climate change in West Africa - PAPBio (ROC/FED/039-269) has been selected in consultation with ECOWAS and UEMOA.

Component 2 of the PAPBio - Regional Governance of Protected Areas in West Africa - is implemented by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), through its Regional Programme for Central and West Africa (PACO). It aims at fostering a regional dynamic for the effective management of protected areas and climate risks, the sharing and capitalisation of experiences and knowledge at all levels and the fight against environmental crime.

The Regional Governance of Protected Areas in West Africa project intervenes at several levels, namely national, regional and at the level of transboundary areas. It aims to improve skills development and human resource management on issues of transboundary biodiversity conservation and management while helping to prevent the extinction of the most threatened species. In particular, Result 5 is intended to contribute to the establishment of a regional capacity for the reception, translocation and *ex-situ* conservation of critically endangered species and those resulting from seizures in the fight against environmental crime. In this regard, it will, among other

things, support three (03) field conservation centres with the specific aim of improving their capacity to receive and reintroduce threatened species.

2. Objectives

The objective of this call for applications is to select, with a view to improving their capacity to receive and release endangered wildlife species, three (03) field conservation centres already hosting an ex-situ conservation programme and with the potential for translocation and release to secure sites.

The support will include the provision of grants amounting to 60,000 Euros per centre for the acquisition of equipment, expertise or services. A maximum amount of 48,000 Euros of the grant will be provided under this call for applications and at least 12,000 Euros of co-financing provided by the applicant centre.

3. Eligibility criteria for field conservation centers

Centres that will be selected must demonstrate:

- The implementation of an ex-situ conservation programme for threatened wild animal species with the potential for translocation and release to secure sites;
- Skills and expertise in captive breeding for reintroduction/translocation and monitoring of wildlife in their natural area;
- Operational capacities and appropriate infrastructure ;
- The existence of a project for release and translocation in natural area being implemented ;
- Clear and sustained scientific/technical methodology detailing the procedure of individuals collection/production, their monitoring in captivity, and their reintroduction in the natural area well defined, and finally their ecological monitoring after reintroduction;
- The Threatened conservation status (Red list of IUCN and/or CITES appendix) of candidates species for the project ;
- Project realism with concrete objectives applied to ex-situ conservation and translocation actions to be completed in short or middle term (1 to 5 years) ;
- The institutional and collaborative anchoring of the centre with at least one national supervisory administration, university, research centre or zoo that can provide technical expertise ;
- Ongoing funding over several years as well as firm funding that can demonstrate the centre's ability to sustain its activities for at least 3 years.
- Take into account, if necessary, the risks related to insecurity in the area where the project is located and/or where specimen are to be reintroduced.

Priority will be given to applications from centres based in ECOWAS countries.

4. Application

Interested organizations are invited to submit their application package containing :

- A project for the conservation and/or captive breeding of endangered wildlife species clearly specifying the options and modalities for translocation and release/reintroduction in secure sites. The project should also include an expression of the needs for equipment, expertise and services as well as associated costs, in order to carry out the project;
- A legalized copy of the official document of creation of the candidate centre ;

- A presentation note of the field conservation centre mentioning the conservation actions and tangible results already achieved and the initiatives underway. This note should also demonstrate the applicant's capacity to ensure the reception and reintroduction of endangered species of live animals resulting from seizures in the fight against crime and wildlife trafficking in West Africa ;
- A formal co-financing commitment or proof of the actual existence of co-financing obtained from other projects or partners, which must be specified. Co-financing is expected to be at least 20% of the amount of the grant.

Applications should be filed by qualified conservation centres, signed and addressed to M. Regional Director of IUCN-PACO and sent by 15 March 2021 at the latest :

1. Either by deposit in separate sealed envelopes with the mention IUCN-Regional Governance : Support to ex-situ conservation centres" "To be opened only during evaluation sessions" at the IUCN-PACO Regional Office located in Ouaga 2000, behind the Total fuel station in Ouaga 2000, Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso.
2. Or by email in a single file in PDF format (to be named according to the following format IUCN-Regional Governance: Support to ex-situ conservation centres_Name of applicant centre.pdf) and password protected at paco@iucn.org.

In subject, please indicate "Regional Governance of Protected Areas: application support for ex-situ conservation centres".

The name of the person holding the password, his or her telephone number, Skype and email address must be mentioned in the sending email. The Regional Head of Finance and Administration of IUCN-PACO, Mr. Ny-Andry Rakotoharintsifa, will contact this person to obtain the passwords when the evaluation commission opens the files. Bidders should not accept requests for passwords from others.

Passwords should only be communicated by email to « ny-andry.rakotoharintsifa@iucn.org ».

Selection Process

After receipt of the applications, they will be examined by a committee and those eligible will be analysed by an ad hoc panel. The centres whose applications have been selected will be contacted for contract negotiations. Unsuccessful proponents will be informed at a later stage.