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GRANTS FOR CONSERVATION AND RESEARCH

OVERVIEW

Cleveland Metroparks Zoo and Cleveland Zoological Society announce a new competitive grants program to support wildlife conservation and research projects in Asia. Annual awards ranging from \$1000 - \$3500 will be made to conservation and research initiatives involving animals and their habitat, and educational or cultural activities that involve or impact animals and their habitat. Ideal projects will have clear, long-term conservation implications, positively impact local people and create opportunities for capacity building in country. Projects focusing on wildlife trade issues, mitigating human-wildlife conflict, and habitat degradation/loss issues are of special interest to the Zoo, and projects specifically dealing with these issues are strongly encouraged to apply.

Proposals requesting funds may include projects in the field or in captivity and funding is provided to projects that are consistent with Cleveland Metroparks Zoo's mission "To improve the future for wildlife..."

Examples include:

- Natural history, ecology and habitat studies
- Programs that establish, evaluate or enhance ecotourism, community-based conservation, conservation education, community development, etc.
- Conservation or training workshops, etc.
- Materials, supplies, infrastructure and equipment for in-situ project support
- Projects that improve the management of a species in the wild (in-situ or ex-situ component)

CRITERIA FOR FUNDING

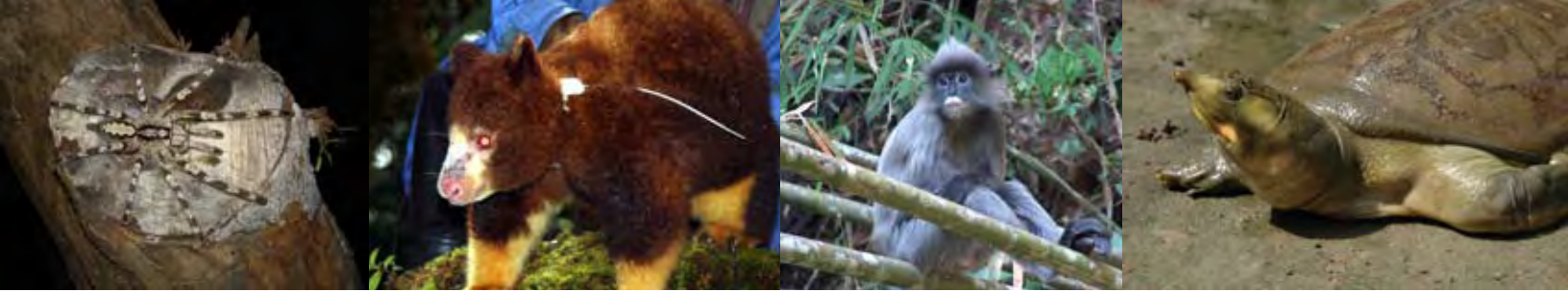
Requests for funds should provide adequate information for evaluation of the project and the specific request. Projects that designate local/public education/awareness as a significant program outcome must include an evaluation component. Projects should begin in the year that they are applying for funding, (but not before funds are to be awarded) and contain a clearly defined beginning and ending point. Funds will not be awarded for elements of a project that will already occur before awards are made. Although exceptions can be made, ongoing costs such as salaries of permanent staff and other administrative costs are generally not considered. Funds to cover contingencies or indirect costs are not granted. Partial funding of a project may be considered if a particular component of the project can be supported and completed independently, or if it is made clear that additional funding has been obtained or is being sought from other sources to cover remaining costs. Proposals requesting more than the maximum amount of funds allowed for the specific grant program will not be accepted. Subsequent phases of previously funded projects may be submitted. Cleveland Metroparks Zoo is not required to be a collaborator for a project to be eligible for funding. Highly invasive, terminal research projects or projects that collect/voucher specimens will not be considered for funding.



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THE PROCESS FOR APPLICATION AND REVIEW

Pre-proposal Applications should be sent to the Conservation Coordinator at Cleveland Metroparks Zoo. Please check www.clemetzoo.com for pre-proposal due dates, guidelines and application form. After an initial review, a subset of applicants will be asked to submit a full proposal. Full proposals will be submitted to a scientific committee for review and award determination. All aspects of the project and proposal will undergo careful review by multiple reviewers, and all research, whether it is by students or professionals in the field, must adhere to the rigors and ethical principals established for valid and responsible scientific study.

EXPECTATIONS OF GRANT RECIPIENTS

Grant recipients are expected to provide written acceptance of awarded funds including verification of funds received, and agreement to terms and conditions detailed here.

Provide a few photographs (digital files 4x6in and 300dpi preferred) of your project that can be used in our zoo publications or promotions (may be of animals, habitat, yourself/others working on the project, etc.). We would appreciate having these within a few months of the award. Photos used in publications will credit the photographer if noted.

Maintain contact with and provide periodic updates to the Conservation Coordinator. At the minimum, provide a 6-month update via email. Updates should generally describe the progress of the project to date; a few paragraphs to one page of text is appropriate.

Acknowledge the financial support of Cleveland Zoological Society/Cleveland Metroparks Zoo in any presentations, meetings, publications and/or materials resulting from the project.

Submit a final report, including accounting of funds, within one year of receipt of the award. If the project is more than one year in duration, a progress report should be submitted one year following the award in addition to a final report at the end of the project.

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