



Asian Species Action Partnership
Conserving species on the brink

ASAP Species Rapid Action Fund: Supporting Urgent Conservation Actions to Protect ASAP Species and their Habitats

The ASAP Species Rapid Action Fund supports ASAP Partners in their efforts to conserve ASAP species and their habitats.

The Fund will provide rapid disbursements to respond to projects requiring **urgent support for important unforeseen needs for the conservation of ASAP species**. We aim to disburse funds within 6 weeks of approving the submitted proposal. However, often adjustments are required to the proposal which can cause delays; please read the guidelines carefully before applying.

Grants can be used in the following ways:

- i. To address unforeseen conservation emergencies where urgent action is needed; and
- ii. For the seamless continuation of important current conservation actions. Proposals to support the on-going costs of a long-term conservation project are not eligible except where there is an unforeseen funding gap, and where the seamless continuation of activities is imperative for the ongoing or long-term conservation of the ASAP species in question.

Proposals will be reviewed on a rolling basis throughout the year; they can be submitted at any time.

Proposal Guidelines

Eligibility

- An applicant organisation must be an ASAP Partner at the time of submission. To apply to be an ASAP Partner, please visit <https://www.speciesonthebrink.org/be-an-asap-partner/>.
- The proposal must address urgent and important unforeseen conservation actions for ASAP species requiring rapid action. For the full list of ASAP species, please visit <https://www.speciesonthebrink.org/species/>.
- Priority will be given to projects occurring within Southeast Asia, but urgent and important unforeseen conservation actions for ASAP species outside this region will be considered with strong justification.

Grant size and duration

- Proposals must be submitted in Singapore Dollars (SGD) for a maximum of SGD13,500.
- The duration of the project must be 12 months or less.

Eligible costs

- Salaries and other direct costs related to project activities are eligible.
- Purchase of equipment is eligible. Details of the equipment, a clear purpose and link to activities must be provided.
- Meeting or workshop costs will be covered only if they are an essential component of the urgent action being addressed.
- The following will not be covered: purchase of vehicles other than off-road bikes (motorbikes or bicycles), general overheads (e.g., office rental, administrative staff etc.), indirect costs, student fees, administrative costs or travel and attendance of professional meetings not primarily related to ensuring the project's effective outcomes.

Project criteria

- Proposals must be in support of either:
 1. Unforeseen conservation emergencies where urgent, important action is needed;
 2. For the seamless continuation of important current conservation actions. Proposals to support the on-going costs of a long-term conservation project are not eligible except where there is an unforeseen funding gap, and where the seamless continuation of activities is imperative for the ongoing or long-term conservation of the ASAP species in question.



- Projects based on pure research, conservation planning, rescue and rehabilitation without a clear population-level benefit, or other action that is either non-urgent or non-critical at the population level are not eligible.
- No matching funds are required.
- Fund recipients are required to submit a final report at the end of the funding period. If the project is longer than 10 months, an interim report will be required.

Submission process

Applicants should complete the proposal form which can be downloaded [here](#) and submit it to RAFgrants@ASAPspecies.org with the subject heading "ASAP Species Rapid Action Fund Application".

If you have any questions about the eligibility of your project, or require some technical advice or support in developing your proposal, please contact the ASAP Secretariat at RAFgrants@ASAPspecies.org

