



Asian Species Action Partnership
Conserving species on the brink

ASAP Species Continuation Fund

The ASAP Species Continuation Fund has two components: **funding to enable follow-up conservation activities for ASAP Species** and **funding to address the organisational needs or priorities of ASAP Partners**. Applications must address both components.

To apply, you must:

- Be an ASAP Partner.
- Have previously received funding from either the ASAP Species Rapid Action Fund or ASAP Species Conservation Fund.
- Have completed all technical and financial reporting for a least one ASAP grant.
- Submit an [Expression of Interest](#).

Successful applicants will subsequently be invited to submit a full proposal and an organisational resilience check. ASAP will provide a template and some guidance for completing the organisational resilience check.

The project must target ASAP Species, which are listed [here](#). Subspecies are not included on the ASAP Species list.

Please note that this is a competitive process; we only expect to fund two applications this year.

Invitation to submit a full proposal is not a guarantee that you will receive the funding.

On average, the full process from proposal submission to fund disbursement takes 4 to 6 months. ASAP's funding process includes a due diligence assessment and funds cannot be disbursed until this final stage has been completed.

Please read the guidelines carefully, and if you have any questions, please contact the ASAP Secretariat at conservationgrants@ASAPspecies.org.



Application Guidelines

Project Criteria

- Applications should be for projects to conserve ASAP Species, including via their habitats, and should focus on direct conservation action, particularly threat reduction. *In situ* and *ex situ* conservation interventions are eligible.
- The project must detail how results from previous ASAP grants have informed the development of the application. This is particularly important where the previously funded activities were focused on information generation (e.g., on the species's status, its threats, or drivers of these threats) so that conservation actions could be identified and then planned for.
- Applications must include a justification as to why the project's locality is or will be of substantial importance to the species's conservation.
- Any project related to rehabilitation and release of animals should demonstrate how the activities will, as best as possible, follow [IUCN Guidelines for Reintroductions and Other Conservation Translocations](#), notably in the attainment of a species-level conservation outcome.
- The application must include details on activities aimed at strengthening or expanding your organisation. These can include, for example: strategy development, external communications, financial management, etc.
- Projects focused on the following are not eligible: research that is not built into a wider conservation programme which will use the results immediately; generalised conservation planning; and animal welfare or rights that do not also deliver a species-level conservation outcome.
- Grant recipients are required to submit a final report at the end of the funding period. Interim reports are required every six months.
- If the project includes the use of eDNA, the application must include details on the following: the reference samples that will be used for primer design, how the primers will be designed and tested, how false positives / contamination will be managed during DNA sequencing, the sampling plan (localities, frequency, and volumes), and details of the laboratories that will be involved (including the design of any primers). Grant recipients will be required to report back on these details as part of the final report.

Eligibility

- **Only previous ASAP grant recipients are eligible to apply;** and they must have completed all technical and financial reporting for at least one ASAP grant.
- **Priority will be given to national ASAP Partner organisations in Southeast Asia.**
- **Priority will be given to applications which focus on ASAP Species that are receiving less conservation attention globally** than is average for ASAP Species.



Grant size and duration

- Proposals can be for **a maximum of three years**.
- Proposals should be submitted in Singapore Dollars for **a maximum of SGD 30,000 a year**, with activities relating to project implementation and organisational development included in each year of the funding.
- Up to SGD 20,000 a year can be for project activities and implementation, with up to SGD 10,000 a year to support organisational development.
- The total budget (from ASAP and other sources) of a project can be higher than SGD 30,000 a year. In such cases, priority will be given to projects for which the ASAP-funded component can still achieve conservation outcomes even if other components are not funded, or where the additional funding is already in place.
- Projects that are part of a longer-term programme or part of an ongoing project that requires additional support are welcomed. However, the activities under the ASAP-funded component should be completed within the timeframe of the project (i.e., to a maximum of 3 years).

Eligible costs

- Salaries covering the time to be spent on project activities, and other direct costs related to project activities, are eligible.
- Costs to cover hiring external expertise / consultants are eligible, particularly for activities related to organisational development. However, the consultants / companies should be named and their rates included in the application.
- Purchase of equipment is eligible. Details of the equipment, clear purpose and link to activities should be provided.
- Meeting or workshop costs will be covered only if the activity is an essential component of the project; i.e., it is required for the project's objectives to be achieved.
- The following will not be covered: purchase of vehicles other than off-road bikes (motorbikes or bicycles); unspecified overheads and administrative costs not directly related to project implementation and management; student fees; international travel, registration and attendance of professional meetings and conferences not primarily related to achieving the objectives listed in your proposal.

Application process

Interested applicants should submit an [Expression of Interest](#), and if this is accepted, they will be invited to submit a full proposal and an organisational resilience check. Invitation to submit a full proposal is not a guarantee that you will receive funding.

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