



RHINOCEROS AND TIGER CONSERVATION FUND

Request for Proposals - 1998



The U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) invites submission of proposals on the conservation of rhinoceros and tigers throughout their ranges. This program will support projects which develop local ability to manage, conserve and research the rhinoceros and tiger through provision of funding, training and equipment.

Background

The U.S. Government recognizes that the world's rhinoceros population is declining at an alarming rate and all 5 subspecies of tiger are threatened with extinction in the wild. These declines have continued despite these species being listed on Appendix I of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES). Therefore, the "Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Act of 1994" was passed to provide financial resources for the conservation programs of nations whose activities affect rhinoceros and tiger populations.

Purpose

The purpose of the program is to increase conservation of rhinoceros and tigers through strengthening the following: habitat/ecosystem management; surveys and monitoring; conservation education; wildlife inspection, law enforcement and forensic skills; protected area/reserve management; sustainable development in buffer zones of tiger/rhinoceros habitat; management of human behavior and livestock to decrease conflicts with tigers/rhinoceros; and use of substitutes for tiger/rhinoceros products in oriental medicine. Projects which provide training to strengthen capabilities in these areas will receive priority.

Who May Apply

Proposals may be submitted by Federal, State and Local government agencies, non-governmental non-profit organizations, and public and private institutions of higher education or any other entity.

Requirements

Proposals must be submitted in English, be no longer than eight pages in length, have the support of the local government(s) and have matching funds (cash) or in-kind support (salaries, equipment, etc.) provided by the organization receiving the grant or other partners.

Award Amount

Due to the limited funding available and the desire to support diverse projects, preference will be given to proposals requesting \$20,000 or less but higher amounts may be requested.

Project Duration

Funding is for one year or less. Projects which require more than one year of funding will have to compete on an annual basis through submission of additional proposals.

Date For Proposal Submission

Proposals should be postmarked by August 1, 1997. Proposal review and processing may require up to six months.

How To Apply

After reviewing the attached check list, prepare a project proposal following the outline presented below:

A. COVER PAGE: Use the attached cover page format.

B. NARRATIVE: This section should contain the following:

Need: Discuss why it is important that this project be implemented.

Objectives: State the specific objectives to be achieved by the project and discuss how these objectives fulfill the stated needs.

Methodology and work plan: Describe the methods to be used in carrying out the project. The work plan must describe in detail how the project will be implemented, including the participation of other partners.

Schedule of accomplishments: The proposal must provide a timetable or flowchart indicating roughly when tasks will be accomplished.

Anticipated benefits and outputs: Identify the products, information or services to be provided by the project.

Monitoring and evaluation procedures: Discuss monitoring and evaluation procedures to be used to ensure the project objectives are met.

Personnel and organizations involved: Describe the organization's personnel and resources that will carry out the project. Include their experience and capacity to meet the project objectives.

C. BUDGET: A budget table must be presented with an itemized list of costs (for salaries, travel, equipment, supplies etc. in U. S. Dollars). This table must include a column for costs to be covered by the grant and columns for costs to be covered by matching funds (cash) or in-kind support (salaries, equipment, etc.) to be provided by the grant recipient or other partner (if applicable). Assistance to cover salaries for personnel must be well documented and generally will be given a low priority unless the entities involved make a commitment to eventually absorb these costs. However, salaries may be used as in-kind contributions to the project by the grantee. Budget line items titled miscellaneous or contingencies are not acceptable.

D. SUBMIT PROPOSALS TO:

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(Cover Page/Grant Application)

Project Title: _____

Name And Title of Project Officer: _____

Organization: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State/Province _____ Country _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State/Province _____ Country _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____ E-mail Address _____

Name And Title Of Person Who Will Be The Point Of Contact: _____

Organization: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State/Province _____ Country _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Country _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____ E-mail Address _____

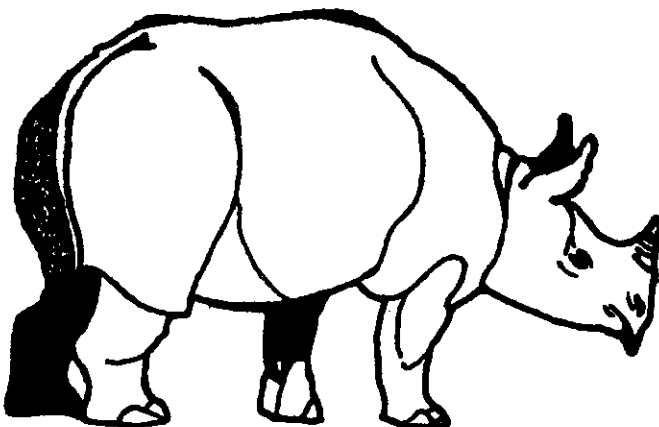
Signature of Applicant

(Signature)

(Title and Organization)

(Printed or Typed Name)

(Date)



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Check List For Applicants

Use this check list to ensure that your proposal is appropriate for this program. Submit a copy of your completed checklist with your proposal.

Check one or more of the following areas of rhinoceros or tiger conservation addressed by your proposal:

- ☐ habitat/ecosystem management;
- ☐ surveys and monitoring;
- ☐ conservation education;
- ☐ wildlife inspection, law enforcement and forensic skills;
- ☐ protected area/reserve management;
- ☐ sustainable development in buffer zones surrounding tiger/rhinoceros habitat;
- ☐ management of human behavior and livestock to decrease conflicts with tigers/rhinoceros; and
- ☐ use of substitutes for tiger /rhinoceros products in oriental medicine.

Use the following check list of items to see if they are fulfilled by your proposal.

- ☐ The project meets a management need and, where appropriate, involves the local habitat management agency in project planning and implementation.
- ☐ Training is included, when appropriate, which will strengthen in-country tiger and/or rhinoceros conservation programs.
- ☐ The goals and objectives are well defined and can be achieved by carrying out the proposed activities given the capabilities of the staff, the time available and the proposed project funding level.
- ☐ The methodology and work plan are well developed, and lead to practical and attainable outputs (products, information or services).
- ☐ The schedule of activities is well organised and can be accomplished within the available time and proposed project funding level.
- ☐ The proposal includes monitoring and evaluation procedures to be used to ensure the project objectives are met.
- ☐ The description of the personnel and organization undertaking the project discusses the experience of the staff and their capacity to carry out the project.
- ☐ Support for the project by your government is documented in the proposal or accompanying letters and the project duration is one year or less.
- ☐ The proposal explains how information developed in the project will be efficiently distributed to resource managers, researchers and other interested parties.
- ☐ The proposal discusses the potential for sustaining the project activities beyond the life of the project.
- ☐ The proposal includes a budget table with an itemized list of costs (for salaries, travel, equipment, supplies, etc. in U. S. Dollars). This table must include a column for costs to be covered by the grant and columns for costs to be covered by matching funds (cash) or in-kind support (salaries, equipment, etc.) to be provided by the grant recipient or other partners (if applicable).