

Call for Concepts from NGOs/CBOs **The GEF Small Grants Programme (SGP)**

The Small Grants Programme (SGP) is a corporate programme of the Global Environment Facility (GEF) implemented by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) since 1992. SGP grant making in over 125 countries promotes community-based innovation, capacity development, and empowerment through sustainable development projects of local civil society organizations with special consideration for indigenous peoples, women, and youth. SGP has supported over 24,000 community-based projects in biodiversity conservation, climate change mitigation and adaptation, prevention of land degradation, protection of international waters, and reduction of the impact of chemicals, while generating sustainable livelihoods.

Call One: The GEF Small Grants Programm Operational Phase 6 Round 4 and Operational Phase 7, Round 3

Focal Areas:

The SGP aims to deliver global environmental benefits through community-based approaches in the following multifocal “strategic initiatives”: focal areas 1. Biodiversity 2. Climate Change 3. Land Degradation 4. International Waters 5. Persistent Organic Pollutants.

Along with the 5 focal areas mentioned above the following multifocal “strategic initiatives” should be kept in mind while formulating concept notes.

1. Community-Based Conservation of Threatened Ecosystems and Species – Terrestrial and International Waters, 2. Sustainable Agriculture and Fisheries, and Food Security, 3. Climate Change - Low Carbon Energy Access Co-Benefits, 4. Local to Global Coalitions for Chemicals and Waste Management, 5. Catalyzing Sustainable Urban Solutions.

Furthermore,

The SGP will support small scale projects relating to the 5 thematic areas, for activities that conserve and restore the environment while enhancing people's wellbeing and livelihoods, taking into consideration gender, vulnerability and equality concerns.

Who can apply?

Civil society organizations (CSOs) with priority for national and local non-governmental organizations (NGOs), community-based organizations (CBOs) and scientific communities, advocating for the rights of persons with disability, women, and children.

How much?

The maximum grant amount obtainable per project is US\$ 30,000
However, in exceptional cases US\$ 50,000 may be considered

Project duration

Maximum duration is 24 months.

Deadline: 30th July 2022, Saturday 00:00 Hrs

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Call Two: Territories and areas conserved by indigenous peoples and local communities (ICCA) in Maldives

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Introduction

The Global Support Initiative to Indigenous Peoples and Community-Conserved Territories and Areas (ICCA-GSI) is funded by the Government of Germany, through its Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMU), implemented by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and delivered by the GEF Small Grants Programme (SGP). Key partners include the Secretariat of the Convention of Biological Diversity (CBD), the ICCA Consortium, the International Union for the Conservation of Nature's Global Programme on Protected Areas (IUCN GPAP) and the United Nations Environment Programme's World Conservation Monitoring Centre (UNEP WCMC).

Objectives

Phase 2 of the Global ICCA Support Initiative ([GSI](#)) has been extended to provide support to territories and areas conserved by indigenous peoples and local communities ([ICCAs](#)), with a focus on forty-five (45) countries participating in the GEF Small Grants Programme ([SGP](#)), implemented by United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). The ICCA GSI is funded by the International Climate Initiative ([IKI](#)) of the German Federal Ministry of the Environment and Nuclear Safety ([BMU](#)).

In alignment with the SGP Country Programme Strategy (CPS) in *Maldives* for the SGP 7th Operational Phase (OP7) running from 2020-2024, applications from qualified organisations are invited to respond to the call. National and local civil society organisations (including community-based organisations, NGOs, and Indigenous Peoples organisations) are encouraged to apply based on the list of eligible criteria presented below.

Conduct activities in ICCAs (existing or potential) in a self-strengthening process (methodology available) which will strive to:

- improve the self-consciousness of the community or indigenous people of the values of their conserved area or territory, including but not limited to, values for the conservation of nature;
- increase the documentation of such values, for example by developing and gathering maps, inventories of natural resources, historical documents and artefacts, including of socio-cultural heritage not yet systematically searched and explored;
- identify possible threats to their ICCAs and their values, and a range of actual and potential community responses to such threats;
- develop tools (e.g. picture-stories, video-stories, social media) so that the community can communicate internally and externally about its conserved area or territory and relevant opportunities, threats and needs;
- develop self-documentation and self-monitoring processes for such projects (e.g. activities and indicators to monitor community learning; conservation of nature and socio-cultural heritage; enhancement of sustainable livelihoods; and quality and vitality of ICCA governance);
- gather feedback and advice from field-based experience to improve the self-strengthening process itself;
- if desired and appropriate, submit quality documentation to list the relevant ICCAs in the International Registry and WDPA managed by UNEP-WCMC.

Criteria

Civil society organizations (CSOs) wishing to apply to the ICCA initiative will be expected to submit an application in line with the prevailing socio-economic, cultural and political reality of the country.

Individual ICCA projects will be expected to last for a **duration up to 12 months** and to have a maximum budget of **US\$35,000**. All proposals will be reviewed and approved by the SGP National Steering Committee (NSC). The organisation will compile a **plan of action** to contribute to the recognition and support to ICCAs in the *Maldives*. As part of the submission, the applicant must include the following elements:

- a. A **work plan** and **justified budget** about when and how it will take action to fulfil an appropriate combination of activities, indicating but not limited to: (i) overall context on the specific ICCA,

or group of ICCAs; (ii) information on previous grants and partnerships to strengthen the ICCAs; (iii) proposed activities to be undertaken.

- b. The list of **expected activities** and **timing of delivery for a period of up to 12 months**, starting 2022 through to mid-2023, should be in line with and respond to the SGP OP7 Country Programme Strategy in *Maldives*. The applicant will be expected to work closely with the SGP National Coordinator (NC) in *Maldives*, as well as other partners such as the national ICCA network and/or global ICCA Consortium.
- c. Details on the **specific experience and capacities of the applicant civil society organisation**, including with respect to (i) community-based conservation; (ii) facilitation of networks and joint learning; (iii) monitoring and evaluation of conservation and/or governance initiatives; and (iv) capacity to work with spatial and monitoring data.

Qualifications

- Demonstrated commitment to protect and defend territories and areas conserved by indigenous peoples and local communities ([ICCAs](#));
- Knowledge and awareness of biodiversity conservation efforts at the national level;
- Experience in organizing and hosting consultations and capacity development activities with indigenous peoples and local communities;
- Capacity to produce high quality written reports according to deadlines;
- Familiarity with key issues related to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), especially as they relate to indigenous peoples and local communities, considered an advantage

Note: Video concept will also be accepted. Please ensure to address all the sections of the concept paper in the video.

¹ For additional background information on ICCAs:

1. [CBD Technical Study 64— Recognising and supporting territories and areas conserved by indigenous peoples and local communities](#)
2. [Bio-cultural diversity conserved by indigenous peoples and local communities – Examples and analysis](#)
3. [A toolkit to support conservation by indigenous peoples and local communities](#)
4. [ICCAs and Aichi Targets](#)
5. [Primer on Governance for Protected and Conserved Areas](#)
6. [Governance of Protected Areas: From understanding to action](#)
7. [Governance for the conservation of nature](#)
8. [Parks: special issues on Community Conserved Areas](#)
9. [ICCA Legal Reviews \(including synthesis, international report, and country reports\)](#)

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1. [Country Strategy Paper](#)
2. [Concept Paper Template](#)