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**CALL FOR SMALL PROJECTS – PHASE I**

**BRIEF APPLICATION FORM**

**General instructions**

This Brief Application Form constitutes the first phase of the application process. Please carefully read the Guidelines of the Mediterranean Biodiversity Consortium (MBC) [Call for Small Projects (CSP)](https://www.medconsortium.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/Guidelines_call_for_small_projects_MBC.pdf) before responding as accurately and completely as possible to the points listed below. Describe how your project meets the eligibility criteria and priorities of the MBC’s call, as these are the criteria on which the selection will be based.

All applicants will be notified of the status of their application, and successful applicants will be invited to the second phase to submit full proposals. Please refer to the indicative timetable presented in the Guidelines of the CSP.

Project proposals to apply for the grant must be sent to [**apply@medconsortium.org**](mailto:apply@medconsortium.org)by **23:59 CET** on **December 8, 2024,** adding in cc:

* Yaprak Arda, IUCN-Med responsible for this Call ([Yaprak.Arda@iucn.org](mailto:Yaprak.Arda@iucn.org)), and
* Marion Douchin, RESCOM project coordinator ([douchin@tourduvalat.org](mailto:douchin@tourduvalat.org)).

Any questions concerning the CSP can be sent to the same email addresses before November 30.

Informative sessions to support the application are scheduled as follows:

* **November 12th, 2024, 10:00-11:00 CET** - Informative session on the Guidelines, in English
* **November 12th, 2024, 14:00-15:00 CET** - Informative session on the Guidelines, in French
* **November 19th, 2024 - 10:00-13:00 CET** - Webinar on Nature-based Solutions, in English with simultaneous translation to French

*Please carefully and concisely complete all sections before you submit your application.*

**I. Eligibility**

**Please answer the following statements. Evidence may be requested for certain statements. If you reply NO to one or more statement(s), your application will not be retained.**

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|  | YES | NO |
| The organisation is a national or local CSO based in one of the six partner countries of the RESCOM project. |  |  |
| The organisation has its own governance, the recognised authority to receive funds and can provide accounting records. |  |  |
| The organisation has been active for at least the last two years in the fields of nature and environmental protection. |  |  |
| The submitted project is located in a natural area with some form of protected status, i.e. within or on the edge of a protected area or an officially designated zone of high ecological value in one of the six eligible countries. |  |  |
| The area of intervention of the project includes at least two different types of natural habitat (sea, coastline, small island, wetland, forest). |  |  |
| The submitted project implements the Nature-based Solutions concept, aiming to preserve biodiversity while helping to improve living conditions for local populations. |  |  |
| The submitted project excludes the following activities: |  |  |
| * Organisation of seminars and training sessions not linked to conservation actions in the field |  |  |
| * Repetitive activities and the running costs of the organisation |  |  |
| * Development project unrelated to nature conservation |  |  |
| * Micro-credit-related actions |  |  |
| * Land purchase |  |  |
| * Advocacy campaigns not linked to conservation actions in the field |  |  |

**II. The applicant organisation**

Country:

Name of the organisation:

Legal status of the organisation (provide proof):

Creation date:

Mission and objectives:

Full postal address:

Phone (with country code):

Website:

Other social media:

Name of the head of the organisation and email address:

Name of the project manager and email address:

Other projects undertaken by the applicant organisation related to the proposed project, if applicable *(briefly describe the last 3 finalised projects -name, duration, location, budget- and the obtained results):*

**III. The project**

**1. Summary**

Project title:

General purpose of the project:

Project partner(s):

Final beneficiary(ies):

Expected results:

Project start date (at the latest by **June 2025**):

Duration (**min 12 months, max 18 months**):

**2. Project presentation**

*Please reply synthetically and clearly. Your description should* ***not exceed 4 pages****.*

* Global background of the project: location and status of the area, identified conservation and societal issues (according to NbS standard), including gender consideration, data on the current situation of the implementation area;
* Specific objectives of the project to address the identified issues;
* Main planned activities (make sure you demonstrate that the proposed activities are in line with the national regulatory framework objectives of the implementation area);
* Expected specific results, providing numbers if possible (make sure the expected results are responding to the IUCN NbS Standard, i.e. net gain in biodiversity, response to a societal issue, involvement of the local population);
* Added value of the project to the implementation area;
* Prospects of continuation of the project beyond the MBC funding opportunity;
* If relevant, candidate’s role in managing the targeted zone (i.e. demonstrate that the candidate organisation has the expertise and/or an official mandate to undertake the activities proposed in the project).

**IV. Simplified budget**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Total amount of the project** | **Amount requested** | **Co-funding**  **(10%)** |
| **Source** |  | MBC | … |
| **Amount (€)** |  |  |  |
| **%** | 100 |  |  |

*Please note that co-financing (in kind or in cash) of at least 10% of the total budget of the small project is required*.

**V. Candidate statement**

The candidate organisation certifies that:

* It has carefully read the Guidelines,
* The project submitted meets all the eligibility criteria,
* It has understood the project funding terms,
* It has provided its legal statutes (i.e. publication in the Official Gazette or any other document proving the existence of the organisation),
* It has included all any other relevant documents with the application (i.e. references portfolio of previous projects, training certifications…).

I, the undersigned, as the person responsible for this project in the applying organisation, hereby certify that the information given in this file is true and correct.

Name:

Position:

Date and place:

Sign and seal: