

Grant guidelines for PTES Conservation Insight Grants

These guidelines are designed to assist you in making an application for financial support to the People's Trust for Endangered Species (PTES) for a Conservation Insight Grant.

Funds will be awarded for work that seeks to either:

- Find the critical scientific evidence that will facilitate the conservation of a species
- Provide the answer to a key conservation question, which will enable conservationists to undertake critical conservation action
- Undertake the implementation of a key local action which will result in a significantly, positive impact for an endangered species

High priority projects include:

- Gathering evidence needed to undertake necessary mitigation work
- Using scientific evidence to get changes made to local, national or international policy
- Devising and testing a new methodology for monitoring a species or group of species

Examples of recent successful projects:

Fishing policy in the Turks & Caicos – the team, working in conjunction with local fishermen, was able to get fishing legislation revised. Through sampling both turtles caught and the stock available, the researchers were able to provide a definitive list of regulations to guide future fishing practices such as minimum and maximum shell length and defined closed seasons. Ongoing work includes monitoring compliance with these new regulations.

Seahorses and CITES in Thailand – PTES funds enabled Project Seahorse to assist the CITES authorities in Thailand to move their seahorse exports towards sustainability. By connecting the relevant parties, designing programmes to monitor both catch rate and fishing scale, and sharing knowledge on seahorse biology, the team was able to develop a framework that is enabling the Thai government to make steps towards maintaining sustainable harvests.

Large mammal corridor in Malaysia – camera-trapping work in a forest threatened by road-building in Malaysia provided the information needed to show the importance of the habitat for large carnivores, as well as providing much-needed data on human poaching pressures in the region. The findings were subsequently presented to local ministers to provide evidence in support of a proposal to increase protection of the wildlife and habitat in the area.

Priority will be given to those projects that focus on sound research or conservation work that is likely to lead directly to practical conservation outcomes with a lasting benefit to the species and habitat concerned.

Projects that require funds to promote, within local communities and or policy makers, the dissemination/public awareness of conservation strategies based on sound research will also be considered.

Preference is given to projects with outcomes that are clear and sustainable

Low priority projects would include:

- General survey work to determine population status of a species in an area
- Local reintroductions

Key guidelines for applicants:

- Applicants are welcomed from scientific researchers and those working in the field of practical conservation. The project leader should be based either within an NGO or a university research department.
- These grants are suitable for research or conservation projects that focus on one or more endangered species, or their habitat.
- Priority will be given to projects working on those species **classified by the IUCN redlist as endangered, critically endangered and extinct in the wild**. However applications for work on species listed as vulnerable and near-threatened will also be considered.
- Applications will only be considered from those working in countries classified by the World Bank as low and middle-income. Please go to the **World Bank web page** to check if your country applies.
- Preference is given to applicants working in their own country rather than UK or other western nationals working abroad.
- Preference will be given to applicants who have a proven, successful history working on the species and/or in that region.
- The project should be up to two years in duration.
- Applicants may apply for grants of between £3,000 and £10,000 per annum, up to a maximum total of £20,000
- The project should have a clear end point. If aspects of a project are likely to continue over the long-term, the applicant should make clear how they will be funded.
- The Trust will consider funding a project in its entirety or jointly with other bodies or organisations. We are prepared to award funding subject to other funding bids being successful.

What will not be considered for funding:

- Applications from local or national governments will not be accepted
- Applications for work on bird species
- Student fees or living costs for any level of course
- Projects that are part of an undergraduate or Masters course
- Core salary or administrative costs of an organisation unrelated to the project
- Work on an alien species to a country unless it is likely to result in benefit to a native species
- Applications for projects run by western-based NGOs who send successive volunteers groups out to developing countries such as Raleigh International, Frontier, EarthWatch.

To apply for a PTES Conservation Insight Grant

1. Set up an online account via the PTES website www.ptes.org/grant
 2. Fill in an online application
 3. Upload your supporting documents
 4. Request two letters of support from referees to be emailed directly from them to PTES
- 1) If you have applied previously but forgotten your log on details, please email grants@ptes.org.
 - 2) The species that you are working on might not be listed online so please email grants@ptes.org to get it added. Please ensure you do this at least two weeks before any application deadline.
 - 3) Please upload the following supporting documents:
 - a. The CV of the project leader, if not previously funded by the Trust. The CVs of other members of a project team are **not** necessary.
 - b. Map of the study area.
 - c. Image(s) of the species
 - d. Other relevant documents e.g. published papers by project leader
 - 4) Two letters of support from referees, professional or academic, one of whom knows you personally and can comment on your ability to carry out the project. The other referee must be an expert in the species you are hoping to work on (preferably sitting on the IUCN Species Specialist Committee). They do not need to know you personally but must be able to comment on your methodology and the needs of the species in terms of long-term conservation. Both referees must be external and not work within your organisation. Please ask each referee to email a letter of support by the application deadline to grants@ptes.org. The project title should be included in the subject heading. Emails should be submitted from an institution email account. References sent via web-based services such as Yahoo, Gmail or Hotmail cannot be accepted. References may be faxed or posted but must be received by the grant deadline.

Closing dates

Deadlines for submissions for all the grants programmes are listed on the PTES website:

www.ptes.org/grants

Applications should be uploaded via the PTES website www.ptes.org/grants. All related questions may be e-mailed to grants@ptes.org.

All applications will be acknowledged on receipt and the outcome notified to the applicant.

To view some of the projects that have received funding to date, please refer to www.ptes.org/grants

All successful applicants will be required to comply with the following Terms and Conditions.

1. The financial support given by the People's Trust for Endangered Species must be acknowledged in all reports and papers written as a result of the work.
2. A summary of the planned work will be requested by the Trust at the outset of the funding period suitable for including on the Trust's website and must be written in that style. Applicants will be asked to provide appropriate images for use on the Trust's website and other publications.
3. A summary of the work may be written by the Trust for distribution to supporters of the charity with a view to fundraising or reporting outcomes and the Trust may seek the co-operation of the applicant in its preparation.
4. The project coordinator, or appropriate colleague, will make all reasonable effort to respond to the Trust in the event of media interest or in generating media interest in the work funded by the Trust. The Trust must be acknowledged by name, and where possible, logo in any press releases sent out relating to the work funded by the Trust, and a draft sent to the Trust for comment before release.
5. People's Trust for Endangered Species runs wildlife events for its supporters within the UK. Successful applicants within the UK may be requested to help organise and lead an event for the Trust's supporters to field sites where possible and to give a short talk about the work prior to the event.
6. For any project longer than six months, the applicant will provide a short (one side A4) report of progress at six monthly intervals.
7. On completion of the work, a full report with an executive summary (one side A4) must be submitted as soon as possible but in any event within six months. With the consent of the project leader, the Trust reserves the right to put either the full report and/ or the summary (both provided by the project co-ordinator) on the Trust website for general information. Either within the final report, or as an Annex to it, a budget summary must be provided detailing full expenditure of the grant awarded.
8. If for any reason the project programme is delayed, agreement to the revised schedule should be sought from the Trust.
9. If, for any reason, the project is cancelled or curtailed, all remaining monies must be returned to the Trust. The Trust reserves the right to require the return of any monies awarded if these Terms and Conditions are not met.
10. Any data gathered as a result of the work shall, after an agreed period of time, be made available to other bona fide researchers and to recognised national and international monitoring database schemes.
11. Applicants are responsible for any necessary risk assessments regarding their project. The award of a grant does not imply any consideration of risk or acceptance of responsibility by the Trust for any risk which may be involved in carrying out the project.