**CALL FOR PROPOSALS ON ECOSYSTEM-BASED ADAPTATION IN WETLANDS IN MYANMAR**

**Purpose:** To understand the impacts of climate change on Myanmar’s wetlands and/or pilot Ecosystem-based Adaptation measures to increase the resilience of wetland species, ecosystems and communities.

**Deadline for EOI submission:** 25 November 2020

**Duration of contract:** 1st January 2021- 2nd August 2021 (7 months)

**Funding:** Applicants can apply for up to 20,000 EUR per proposal

**Format:** Template provided below

**Background Information:**

Wetlands, such as marshes, rivers, peatlands, mangroves, coral reefs and other coastal and inland habitats, have many important functions. In the Indo-Burma region, millions of people rely on wetlands for their survival through fisheries and agriculture. The region hosts globally important wetlands with the capacity to store more carbon than terrestrial forests. Regional wetlands reduce disaster risk by acting as natural buffers against flood, drought, erosion and the impact of floods, tsunamis and landslides.

Wetlands also provide habitat for a wide variety of species of flora and fauna. Recently, however, infrastructure development, deforestation, the expansion of irrigated agriculture and increasing urbanisation have led to a dramatic decline in the region’s wetlands. This has resulted in the depletion of the ecosystem services provided by wetlands and is increasing the climate risk for wetland communities and at national levels. Farmers are increasingly affected by saltwater intrusion, landslides and flash floods, intensified by climate change.

Funded by the International Climate Initiative (IKI) of the German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety (BMUB), and implemented by IUCN the “Mekong WET: Building Resilience of Wetlands in the Lower Mekong Region” project aims to build climate resilience by harnessing the benefits of wetlands in Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Thailand, and Viet Nam. It is facilitated by IUCN under the umbrella of the Indo-Burma Ramsar Regional Initiative (IBRRI).

The project implement Ecosystem-based Adaptation in wetlands, defined as “the use of biodiversity and ecosystem services as part of an overall adaptation strategy to help people to adapt to the adverse effects of climate change” (CBD,2009).

**The small-grant programme:**

As part of the project, IBRRI is launching a small grant programme to better understand the impact of climate change on Myanmar’s Ramsar sites and wetlands and to increase the resilience of wetlands to climate change impacts using Ecosystem-based Adaptation.

The current call seeks:

1. Proposals to conduct Vulnerability Assessments for Ramsar Sites or other wetlands in Myanmar using the [Mekong WET VA methodology](https://www.iucn.org/sites/dev/files/vulnerability_assessment_and_adaptation_planning_guidance_note_final2.pdf);[[1]](#footnote-1)
2. Proposals supporting the implementation of Ecosystem-based Adaptation options in Ramsar sites and other wetlands in Myanmar.

All proposals should include a communications and awareness-raising plan to disseminate the results of the work completed. Proposals and reporting for the grants must be submitted in English.

The grant programme is open to individuals and institutions including researchers, NGOs and government agencies. Preference will be given to individuals/institutions with experience working in Myanmar, particularly those with demonstrated experience in wetland management, community engagement, migratory species, and other aspects linked to wetlands and climate change adaptation.

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| **Kindly send any questions and proposals using the attached project application template to the following:**  Ms. Kathryn Bimson, Programme Officer, Water and Wetlands, IUCN Asia Regional Office, Bangkok  Email: [Kathryn.bimson@iucn.org](mailto:Kathryn.bimson@iucn.org) |

**NOTES FOR APPLICANTS**

1. Applications should be targeted towards Ecosystem-based Adaptation activities in wetlands in Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Thailand and Viet Nam. Awards may be used to address threats to key species, habitats, or regions, or used to evaluate emerging threats in wetlands. All applications should demonstrate how the work carried out will contribute to the implementation of the [Mekong WET Project Objectives](https://www.iucn.org/regions/asia/our-work/regional-projects/mekong-wet);

2. The maximum amount provided to an applicant or for a specific project is 20,000 EUR. If the project budget exceeds this amount, co-funding must be identified in the application;

3. Funds are limited and not all applications may be funded, IUCN will carry out a strict selection process considering criteria such as technical relevance, experience of the proponent and cost-benefit analysis. Rationale for selection/rejection will be provided upon request;

4. Applications with in-kind contributions and other matching financial support are preferred;

5. Lead investigators are responsible for obtaining all necessary permits from government authorities, indigenous communities, ethics committees etc., to undertake approved research or monitoring studies;

6. Project completion is required by the 2nd August 2021;

7. Successful applicants will be required to provide a short write-up of their project outcomes for the IUCN and/or BMU-IKI website.

**Call for proposals opens on 4th November 2020**

**Applications close at 17:00 (Indo-China time) on 25th November 2020**

**Announcements of selection made by 9th December 2020**

**Confirmation of contracting (post due diligence) 31st December 2020**

**Guidance to Applicants**

1. **Eligibility of Projects**

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| * 1. The focus of the project is wetland ecosystems, species, or local livelihoods in Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Thailand or Viet Nam. | Yes |  | No |  |
| * 1. The project’s main focus is Ecosystem-based Adaptation options or Vulnerability Assessments in wetlands. | Yes |  | No |  |
| * 1. The applicant agrees to complete a due diligence review if their application is successful. | Yes |  | No |  |
| * 1. The applicant agrees to submit a 1-2 page article and photographs for the IUCN and BMU-IKI websites, highlighting the project outcomes. Photographers will be acknowledged. | Yes |  | No |  |
| * 1. The applicant will acknowledge the support of the donor, BMU-IKI, in any publications, presentations and reports arising from this work. | Yes |  | No |  |

**PERSONAL DETAILS**

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| Title: |  |  |  |  |  |
| **(Mr, Ms etc)** |  | **Family name** |  | **Given Name/s** |

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| **Suburb or town** |  | **State or country** |  | **Postcode** |

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| **Primary contact number** |  | **Mobile phone number** |  |  |

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| **Email address:** |  |

**PROJECT DETAILS**

**Project Title:** Please provide a concise and informative title of your entire project (not just the component for which funds are sought)

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**Part A. Project Proposal**

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| **Details of your project** (2.5 page maximum) | |
| 1. **Objectives:** |  |
| 1. **Background:** |  |
| 1. **Project plan, timeline and methods:** | *Please include the proposed timing of project commencement, location, start and completion of fieldwork, and project completion. Please also comment on the flexibility of the timeline of the project.* |
| 1. **Likely benefits to wetland ecosystems, species, or community livelihoods:** |  |
| 1. **Alignment with Mekong WET Project Objectives:** |  |
| 1. **If the proposal is part of a larger programme explain the part of your project for which you are seeking funds in this application:** |  |

**Part B.**

**Experience Relevant to Project:**

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| *0.5 page maximum* |

Please alsoattach a maximum 2-page CV for individuals who will be working on the project implementation.

**ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (ESMS)**

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| Please note that if your project is short-listed, you will be requested to submit a full ESMS questionnaire in addition to answering the preliminary questions below. Please be as honest and as accurate in your responses as possible. Selecting “yes” for a question will not automatically disqualify your proposal, but it will mean that we will need to obtain further information from you. | | |
| Will your project include involuntary resettlement of local populations and/or access restrictions to natural resources? | Yes | No |
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| Will your project negatively impact Indigenous Peoples? | Yes | No |
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| Will your project negatively impact natural habitats? | Yes | No |
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| Will your project negatively impact Physical Cultural Resources (PCR)? | Yes | No |
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| Will your project include pest management requiring the use of pesticides? | Yes | No |
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**PROJECT BUDGET (please outline your entire project, not just the component for which funds are being sought)**

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| **Item**  (Please list) | | **Total Budget**  (in EUR) | **Co-funding or in-kind**  (source and amount) | **Requested support from Mekong WET**  (source and amount) |
| Equipment:  (details) |  |  |  |  |
| Consumable items  (details) |  |  |  |  |
| Travel and accommodation  (details) |  |  |  |  |
| Computing & clerical  (details) |  |  |  |  |
| Staff time (not eligible for government agencies)  (details) |  |  |  |  |
| Other  (details) |  |  |  |  |
| **Total amount requested:**  (All amounts in EUR) | | | |  |

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| **Budget justification:** Please provide brief description and justification of all major budgetary items requested, indicating any that are essential to the project for which you are applying(250 word maximum): |
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**DECLARATION**

I certify that to the best of my knowledge all documentation and information submitted or made available by me is true, accurate and complete.

By ticking the following box you are agreeing to the above statement:

**APPLICATION CHECKLIST**

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| All relevant sections of this application have been completed. | Yes |  | No |  |  |
| Application is being submitted electronically as one single document. | Yes |  | No |  |  |
| Application is being submitted in MS Word format. | Yes |  | No |  |  |
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Applications that do not comply with these guidelines will be returned to the applicant.

# GRANT CONDITIONS

In accordance with the application criteria, the following conditions must be met:

* All institutional applicants will be subject to a due diligence evaluation;
* You are required to acknowledge IUCN and the donors, BMU-IKI, in any presentations, publications, reports or promotional material arising from this work;
* You may be requested to write a brief article for the IUCN website;
* You are required to provide IUCN with an electronic copy of your final report at the completion of your project, as well as a copy of any publications that result from your grant.

**APPLICATION SUBMISSION**

Please email your application to:

Ms. Kathryn Bimson,

Programme Officer, Water and Wetlands,

IUCN Asia Regional Office,

Bangkok

Email: Kathryn.bimson@iucn.org

1. The guidance note “[A Methodology for Rapid Assessment of Climate Change Vulnerability and Adaptation Planning at Ramsar Sites](https://www.iucn.org/sites/dev/files/vulnerability_assessment_and_adaptation_planning_guidance_note_final2.pdf)” and the [Habitat VA Tool](https://www.iucn.org/sites/dev/files/habitat-va-tool.xls), [Village VA Tool](https://www.iucn.org/sites/dev/files/wetland-village-va-tool.xls) and [Species VA Tool](https://www.iucn.org/sites/dev/files/species-va-tool.xls) can be downloaded from the [IBRRI website](https://www.iucn.org/regions/asia/our-work/water-and-wetlands/indo-burma-ramsar-regional-initiative-ibrri). [↑](#footnote-ref-1)