



NOTIFICATION

Announcement of Projects Selected to Receive Support from the Bio-Bridge Initiative following the Fifth Call for Proposals

Dear Sir or Madam,

Reference is made to [notification 2024-001](#) in which [eligible institutions](#) from developing country Parties and Parties with economies in transition were invited to submit to the Bio-Bridge Initiative proposals aimed at promoting technical and scientific cooperation among Parties to the Convention and its Protocols.

I am pleased to announce that, after careful and comprehensive review of the 90 submissions received from 49 countries, 24 project proposals have been selected to receive funding from the Bio-Bridge Initiative. A list of the selected projects is attached in the annex to the present notification.

The assessment of the proposals was undertaken by the Secretariat and an external Project Review Panel comprising: the Chair of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, the Chair of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation, the Co-Chairs of the Informal Advisory Group on Technical and Scientific Cooperation, the Co-Chairs of the Consortium of Scientific Partners on Biodiversity, a representative from the Government of the Republic of Korea and a representative from the Secretariat of the Global Environment Facility.

The selected projects address a broad range of biodiversity-related issues and challenges. Brief descriptions of the projects will be made available shortly at: <https://www.cbd.int/biobridge/projects/selected>.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to the Government of the Republic of Korea for providing the financial resources that will support the selected projects through the Bio-Bridge Initiative. I would also like to thank members of the Project Review Panel for committing their time to assess the proposals. Finally, I would like to thank all applicants who responded to the call for proposals and to encourage those who were unsuccessful this time round to try again when the next call is issued.

Please accept, Sir, Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration.

(Signed) Astrid Schomaker
Executive Secretary

Enclosure

To: CBD national focal points, ABS focal points, Cartagena Protocol focal points, SBSTTA national focal points, indigenous peoples and local communities and relevant organizations





Annex

Projects selected to receive support under the Bio-Bridge Initiative

1. **Argentina** (*Subsecretary of Environment of Argentina*) in cooperation with **Brazil** (*Ministry of Environment and Climate Change*): Restoration of *Alouatta Guariba* Populations: A Binational Management Program for the Conservation of the Brown Howler Monkey in the Atlantic Forest
2. **Cameroon** (*University of Bamenda*) in cooperation with **United States of America** (*BOZ Life Science Research and Teaching Institute*): Assessing the Impacts of Potential Pollutants and Bycatch on the Genetic Diversity of Shark and Ray Populations along the Cameroon Coastline: Towards Sustainable Conservation Strategies
3. **Colombia** (*Corales de Paz*) in cooperation with **Dominican Republic** (*Reef Check*): Strengthening Coral Reef Monitoring Capacity for Coral Conservation: A Collaborative Approach
4. **Costa Rica** (*Costa Rica Wildlife Foundation*) in cooperation with various institutions in **Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama, and the United States of America**: Baird's Tapir Survival Alliance: Scaling up Tapir Conservation Through Collaborative Evidence-based Strategies in Mesoamerica
5. **Dominican Republic** (*Grupo Jaragua*) in cooperation with **United States of America** (*BirdsCaribbean*): Enhancing Caribbean Seabird Conservation through Regional Collaboration
6. **India** (*Institute of Forest Biodiversity*) in cooperation with **Nepal** (*Armale Innovation Pvt. Ltd.*): Developing Restoration Success Likelihood Index for Burnt Forested Landscapes
7. **Indonesia** (*Indonesia Biru Foundation*) in cooperation with **Netherlands** (*Reef Support*): *MangroveAI*: Integrating Community and Technology for Sustainable Mangrove Ecosystem Management in Lombok
8. **Iran** (*Shahid Bahonar University of Kerman*) in cooperation with **Denmark** (*University of Copenhagen*): Modelling Suitable Habitats of an Endangered Species (*Tecomella Undulata*) Under Climate Change, with Emphasis on Increasing the Level of Awareness of Local Communities and Users and their Participation in Habitat Conservation in Kerman Province, Iran
9. **Jordan** (*Royal Scientific Society*) in cooperation with **Oman** (*Environment Authority of Oman*) and **United States of America** (*EcoHealth Alliance*): Using Bat Acoustics Recording Tools to Study the Bat Biodiversity in Jordan and Oman
10. **Kenya** (*National Museums of Kenya*) in cooperation with **Tanzania** (*University of Dar es Salaam*) and **United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland** (*SEOSAW: A Socio-Ecological Observatory for the Study of African Woodlands*): Strengthening Capacity of Local Communities to Conserve Threatened Species in the East Africa Coastal Forests Biodiversity Hotspot, Kenya and Tanzania
11. **Kyrgyz Republic** (*National Academy of Sciences*) in cooperation with **Belarus** (*National Academy of Sciences*): Development and Capacity Building of Coordination Resource Biosafety Centre
12. **Lebanon** (*Saint Joseph University of Beirut*) in cooperation with institutions in **Canada, Cote d'Ivoire, Spain, and Tunisia**: Democratizing DNA Barcoding: Advancing Ecosystem Restoration and Biodiversity Monitoring
13. **Mexico** (*Instituto Politécnico Nacional*) in cooperation with **Canada** (*University of Saskatchewan*) and **United States of America** (*University of Vermont*): Catalyzing the Formalization and Participatory Management of Community-based Conservation Initiatives on the Pacific Coast of Oaxaca, Mexico
14. **North Macedonia** (*Association for ecology EKOMENLOG Ohrid*) in cooperation with **Albania** (*Albanian Center for Environmental Protection and Sustainable Development*): NEXUS-BIO: North Macedonia and Albanian Biodiversity Exploration Using DNA Barcoding



15. **State of Palestine** (*Al-Quds Open University*) in cooperation with **Türkiye** (*Siirt University*): Empowering Biodiversity Conservation: Plant Micropropagation for Endangered Iris Species in Palestine and Türkiye, with Technology Transfer Initiatives
16. **Papua New Guinea** (*Kunua Conservation Network*) in cooperation with institutions in **Australia, France, Solomon Islands, and Vanuatu**: Tambu as a Cultural Force for Biodiversity Conservation
17. **Peru** (*Amazon Research International*) in cooperation with **United States of America** (*Earth Law Center*): Safeguarding Amazonian Stingless Bees
18. **Seychelles** (*Seychelles Parks and Gardens Authority*) in cooperation with **Kenya** (*51 Degrees Ltd.*) in and **United States of America** (*WildLandscapes International*): Enhancing Marine Conservation through Technology in the Seychelles
19. **South Africa** (*Metapopulation Initiative*) in cooperation with **Iran** (*Ensanshahr (Notion of Humancity) and Iranian Wildlife Shepherds*): Participatory Action Research for the Peaceful Presence of Local Communities in the Last Habitat of the Asiatic Cheetah
20. **South Sudan** (*South Sudanese Youth Biodiversity Network*) in cooperation with **Kenya** (*Kenyan Youth Biodiversity Network*) and **Austria** (*Austrian Youth Biodiversity Network*): Protecting and Preserving Biodiversity Through Knowledge Exchange, Workshops, International Cooperation and Joint Research in South Sudan
21. **Turkmenistan** (*Ynanch-Vepa*) in cooperation with **Georgia** (*National Water Partnership and Batumi State University*): Partnership for the Benefit of Water-Related Ecosystems
22. **Uganda** (*National Fisheries Resources Research Institute*) in cooperation with **Tanzania** (*Tanzania Fisheries Research Institute*): Building Capacity and Piloting Collaborative Environmental Metabarcoding (eDNA) for Monitoring Threatened Fish Species, Aquatic Invasive Species, and Disease Vector Control in East Africa
23. **United Arab Emirates** (*Fujairah Research Centre*) in cooperation with **India** (*Indian Institute of Science Education and Research Kolkata*): The Corrosive Challenge: Ocean Acidification and its Impact on Marine Biodiversity
24. **Vietnam** (*Vietnam National University*) in cooperation with **Republic of Korea** (*Pukyong National University*): Assessment of Fish Diversity and Lineage Diversification Across Two Major Freshwater Systems (Mekong and Red River) in Vietnam