



AEWA LESSER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE
INTERNATIONAL WORKING GROUP



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2nd Meeting of the AEWA Lesser White-fronted Goose International Working Group

9. - 11. November 2012, Lake Kerkini, Greece

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR URGENT CONSERVATION ACTIVITIES

INTRODUCTION

As discussed at the 1st Meeting of the AEWA Lesser White-fronted Goose International Working Group, key conservation activities in each range state should in the long run be funded nationally. However, the need for urgent measures to halt the decline of the Lesser White-fronted Goose remains high. Therefore, obtaining funding for conservation activities from other sources to boost the implementation of the International Single Species Action Plan is still a priority.

During the current inter-sessional period (2011-2012) funds have been raised for urgent conservation measures by the UNEP/AEWA Secretariat in the form of voluntary contributions (for the full list of projects see LWfG IWG 2.3). In addition activities in Bulgaria, Hungary, Greece and Finland as well as certain activities of the International Working Group are being funded through the EU LIFE+ project "Safeguarding the Lesser White-fronted Goose along its European Flyway".

Working Group members are encouraged to be pro-active in submitting Lesser White-fronted Goose project proposals to the Lesser White-fronted Goose Coordinator for fundraising and guidance. It is suggested that fund-raising efforts during the next inter-sessional period focus more on international sources of funding. A brief non-exhaustive overview of international funds is attached in Annex I. In addition Working Group members are further encouraged to explore bilateral cooperation between range states as well as possible sources of corporate funding.



The 2nd Meeting of the AEWA Lesser White-fronted Goose International Working Group is being convened within the framework of the EU LIFE+ project "Safeguarding the Lesser White-fronted Goose along its European Flyway" [LIFE10NAT/GR/638].

Annex I. International Conservation Funds (non-exhaustive)

Organization	Eligibility	Sums	Deadline
Academy of Sciences for the Developing World http://twas.ictp.it/prog/meetings/support-for-international-scientific-meetings	The grant is intended only for air tickets.	5.000 USD	1 st of December for meetings to be held during July-December of the following year
Bay and Paul Foundations www.bayandpaulfoundations.org	Small grants for research and intervention efforts on behalf of endangered species. Restrictions include that the Foundation does not accept proposals or provide funding for endowments, building campaigns, building construction or maintenance, sectarian religious programs, books or studies, individual scholarships or fellowships, loans, travel, film, television or video productions, programs consisting primarily of conferences, for annual fund appeals, or to other than publicly recognized charities/NGOs.	10.000 USD	March 1 st for the May meeting, September 1 st for the November meeting, and December 1 st for the February meeting
Christensen Fund www.christensenfund.org/programs/	Supporting communities in re-establishing relationships with the land in order to revitalize bio-cultural diversity.	50.000-100.000 USD	August 1st - August 31st
Cleveland Metroparks Zoo www.clemet zoo.com/conservation/grants/	Africa and Asia Seed Grants	1.000-3.500 USD	November 5th, 2012
CMS Small Grants Programme www.cms.int/bodies/ScC/small_grants_programme.htm	The CMS Small Grants Programme funds activities in countries that have ratified the Convention and are not more than three years in arrears with their contributions. Governmental institutions, non-governmental organizations, communities, conservationists and researchers engaged in the conservation of migratory species may submit proposals. Projects should contribute to the implementation of the Convention and focus on migratory species. Project duration should not exceed two years and applications must be endorsed by the national CMS Focal Point(s) of those eligible countries where activities are taking place as part of the	Individual projects can receive up to 15.000 EUR However, applications for lower amounts are encouraged.	The 2013-2014 call for funding is foreseen for spring 2013.

	project.		
European Commission Programme for Research - Specific International Cooperation Actions (Environment) http://ec.europa.eu/research/environment/index_en.cfm?pg=coop	Also open to projects with a combination of EU member state and non-member state partners. Targeting in particular: Candidate countries; Mediterranean partner countries (MPC), Western Balkan countries (WBC), Eastern European and Central Asian countries (EECA), Africa, the Caribbean and the Pacific (ACP), Latin America and Asia; Developing countries and Emerging economies.	Medium to large scale.	Different calls for proposals with varying deadlines.
Future for Nature Foundation www.futurefornature.net	Endangered species (IUCN Red List) are a priority. Candidates should not be older than 35 years old.	50.000 EUR	September 7th, 2012
Global Environment Facility (GEF) www.thegef.org/gef	GEF provides grants to developing countries and countries with economies in transition for projects related to biodiversity, climate change, international waters, land degradation, the ozone layer, and persistent organic pollutants. Projects must benefit the global environment, linking local, national, and global environmental challenges and promoting sustainable livelihoods. Medium size projects range up to USD 1 million and full projects are everything higher. However, 50 % co-funding is needed, which can only partly be covered by in-kind funding.	Medium to large scale.	Ongoing, new funding cycle starts mid-2014.
Global Environment Facility Small Grants Programme (GEF SGP) http://sgp.undp.org	SGP grants are made directly to community-based organizations and non-governmental organizations (NGOs). SGP primarily works in five GEF focal areas: conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity, mitigation and adaptation to climate change, protection of international waters, reduction of chemicals such as persistent organic pollutants (POPs), and prevention of land degradation, including sustainable forest management.	Max. grant per project is 50.000 USD - average grant is 25.000 USD	ongoing
Keidanren Nature Conservation Grant www.keidanren.or.jp	Projects carried out for the purpose of nature conservation in developing countries - priority is given to projects for preserving biodiversity. Projects expected to receive appropriate	No standard amount is set (average 30.000 EUR)	December 10 th 2012

	levels of cooperation from the host governmental agencies, related international organizations, nongovernmental organizations, and the local citizenry. Projects that do not serve the special interests of any specific corporation or individuals. Projects that will be carried out by persons with sufficient scientific expertise, or with the advice and cooperation of persons having such expertise.	per year)	
Mohamed bin Zayed Species Conservation Fund www.mbzspeciesconservation.org	Emphasis on Endangered and Critically Endangered species or species that are data deficient.	5.000-25.000 USD	October 31 st 2012
National Geographic Conservation Trust www.nationalgeographic.com/explorers/grants-programs/conservation-trust-application/	Excluded: fringe benefits, salaries, travel to scientific/ professional meetings or conferences, legal actions, land acquisition, endowments, construction of permanent field stations etc.	15.000-25.000 USD	throughout the year, at least eight months prior to anticipated field dates
Phoenix Zoo Conservation & Science Grants www.clemetzoo.com/apetag/Forms/phoenix-zoo-cons-grant-application.pdf	Excluded: institutional and organizational overheads, tuition, fees or fringe benefits, salaries for staff appointed to regular, full-time positions	3.000 USD	November 1st - December 1st
Prince Albert II Foundation www.fpa2.com	Priorities are the countries of the Mediterranean Basin, the Polar Regions (effects of climate change), and developing countries.	Up to 50% of the total budget of the project.	For funding after June 2013, deadline October 15 th - November 16 th 2012
Riverbanks Zoo and Garden - International Wildlife Conservation www.riverbanks.org	Field conservation initiatives (in situ). Habitat management and preservation. Conservation education initiatives.	1.000-5.000 USD	March 31 st and September 30 th
Rolex Awards www.rolexawards.com	Applied 2-year projects for individuals. 2014 awards exclusively focused on young candidates (18-30 years old by Dec 2014).	50.000 CHF	31 st March 2013
Rufford Small Grants for Nature Conservation www.ruffordsmallgrants.org	small-scale or pilot projects ONLY in developing countries	up to 25.000 GBP	No deadline, applications are normally processed within 12 weeks

Safari Club International Foundation www.safariclubfoundation.org	Asia, Africa, North America	large scale	December 31 st
Save Our Species Fund www.sospecies.org	Immediate grants of up to USD 25,000 for rapid actions (e.g. responding to emergency situations); and grants of USD 25.000-800.000 over two years for conservation actions (e.g. recovery programmes). Most two year grants are expected to be around USD 150.000. Each year will have a different focus as to preferred SOS projects.	- Threatened Species Grants (25.000 – 800.000 USD) - Rapid Action Grants (up to 25.000 USD)	- Calls with specific Strategic Directions are issued on a regular basis. - Available on an on-going basis and supporting conservation actions in case of emergency situations.
SeaWorld and Busch Gardens www.swbg-conservationfund.org	Max. 10% of the total grant may underwrite salaries of principal investigators and other supporting staff	5.000-25.000 USD	1 st December 2012
US Fish and Wildlife Service www.fws.gov/international/ www.fws.gov/international/wildlife-without-borders/russia/	The main areas of interest of the US Fish and Wildlife Service are: (1) Endangered and migratory species conservation, (2) Strategic habitat and natural area conservation, (3) International trade of animals, plants, and their derivative products, (4) International conventions and laws on wildlife, (5) Scientific information pertinent to international wildlife, (6) International capacity building for wildlife protection and management, (7) Environmental outreach, education, and training.	20.000-200.000 USD	Throughout the year for different sources of funding
Whitley Fund for Nature www.whitleyaward.org	Individuals, which are nationals of the countries where their conservation activities are focused. Developed, high-income economy countries are not eligible. WFN does not fund expeditions, government work or government departments	35.000 GBP in to be spent on projects over a period of one year	October 31 st 2012