



Women for Annamites Conservation Fund

A small grant to support capacity-building of women in Vietnam and Laos for biodiversity conservation and sustainability in the Annamite Mountains.

About the Saola Working Group

Part of the Asian Wild Cattle Specialist Group of the IUCN Species Survival Commission (SSC), the Saola Working Group (SWG) was formed in 2006 in recognition of the need for urgent, coordinated action to save the saola from extinction. We held our first biennial meeting in 2009. In addition to being the main driver of saola conservation in Laos and Vietnam, the SWG advocates for conservation of the globally significant Annamite Mountains as a whole. The Saola Working Group works collaboratively to conserve saola in nature, and to leverage saola as a flagship for conservation of the bio-cultural diversity of the Annamite Mountains as a whole.

About the Women for Annamites Conservation Fund

Recognizing that in Indochina 'forest' (i.e., conservation) work is traditionally considered suitable mainly for men, and therefore that encouragement and support of women in such work can tap a valuable resource, the Saola Working Group is providing funds to Vietnamese and Lao women (no restriction of age, or education level) involved in biodiversity conservation in the Annamite Mountains.

Application Criteria

- The grant will support women in their endeavors to contribute to biodiversity conservation in the Annamites Range
- The grant can be used for conservation/research projects, to support to women from local communities, and for training courses and/or academic scholarships
- The grant will be awarded to women from Laos or Vietnam (this includes women from ethnic minorities in the Annamite Mountain Range)
- Projects funded may include (but are not limited to): research; community outreach; sustainable livelihoods with a demonstrable and direct link to conservation; capacity

building (incl. training courses) linked to conservation; academic studies.

- Any project must demonstrate a direct link to conservation
- Maximum grants are 5000 USD (smaller amounts have a higher chance of being awarded)
- Applications must be submitted in English

Application deadlines

There are 2 rounds of application review each year, with two deadlines per year:

- **31st December**
- **31st May**

Please send your application by these dates (application received after the deadline will only be considered for the next round of review).

Applicants will be notified (by email) of the outcome of their application a month after the deadlines (i.e. by 31st January and by 30th June) so timeline of proposed activities should be planned accordingly.

Application Process

ALL APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE SENT TO THE GRANTS ADMINISTRATOR, DR. CAMILLE COUDRAT: CAMILLECOUDRAT@GMAIL.COM

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED IN ENGLISH

To apply, please complete the form provided below.

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APPLICATION

Part I – Overview		
1. Title of project		
2. Project Location		
3. Personal data of project implementer		
Name		Institutional affiliation
Nationality	Date of birth	Contact Information <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Contact Email</i> - <i>Phone Number</i> - <i>Address</i>
Expected duration of project (with start and end dates):		
4. Attach Curriculum Vitae of applicant, if one is available		
5. Name and email address of grant manager (if different from project implementer):		
Part II – Project Details		
1. Summary of proposed project (<i>Up to 300 words</i>)		
2. Details of project (<i>should include at least these sections; maximum of 4 pages in font size 12</i>)		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Background and statement of need • Objectives • Methods and/or activities (including brief description of each) • Expected outcomes (<i>i.e. concrete achievements for conservation</i>) • Additional information about the project implementer (if no CV is attached) 		
3. Please provide up to three reference persons (name, affiliation and email address) that the Selection Committee may contact (<i>the reference persons should be able to assess the ability of the applicant to conduct the project, i.e. they have worked with the applicant in the past</i>)		
Part III – Budget information		
Total budget needed for project (in USD):		
Amount requested from the fund:		
List of other funding support and collaborators in this project (if any):		

Itemized budget and justification for funds requested from SWG

Please prepare the budget in US dollars

Use the following format:

Item	Unit	Unit cost	Quantity	Subtotal
Per diem *				
---				USD -
---				USD -
Travel				
---				USD -
---				USD -
Supplies & Consumables				
---				USD -
---				USD -
Equipment				
---				USD -
---				USD -
Any other expenses (e.g, meetings)				
TOTAL				
				USD -

* only per diem (including food, accommodation) of applicants and their field assistants are covered (i.e. no salaries)

Selection

Applications are evaluated and selected by a selection committee formed by:

- Lesley Dickie (Durrell Wildlife Conservation/Saola Working Group)
- Nicholas Wilkinson (Saola Working Group)
- Camille Coudrat (Project Anoulak/Saola Working Group)
- Phoutsakhone Ounchith (IUCN Lao Program)
- Trang Nguyen (WildAct Vietnam)

Terms and conditions

1. Use of funds or other forms of assistance

- 1.1 Monetary funds or other forms of aid will be used for the agreed purpose only as described in the project proposal.
- 1.2 A detailed financial account will be kept and made available for inspection at the SWG's request.
- 1.3 The SWG will be promptly notified of any changes in funding requirements, staff and equipment, length of study, scope of the project etc.

2. Funding procedure

- 2.1 Funds will be made available via direct transfer to the project implementer or grant manager, if possible by transfer to her bank account.

2.2 SWG will receive acknowledgement of receipt of all funds.

3. Progress reports and use of results

3.1 Updates and current results of the funded project will be sent to SWG every six (6) months (from the commencement of project) for the duration of the project.

3.2 A final report will be sent to SWG within 60 days of completion of the project

3.3 The SWG may request access to the raw data collected but will not have the right to circulate or use these data in anyway without prior permission from the project applicant

3.4 The publication of all reports, articles, etc. relating to the funded project will include acknowledgement of the SWG and the Women for Annamites Conservation Fund.