

# THE HABITATS TRUST GRANTS 2023: ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

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## THT ACTION GRANT

This grant is open to organisations and individuals.

### ORGANISATIONS

- The organisation must have completed 2 years of functional existence (as per registration certificate) in India on or before 31st March 2023.
- The organisation must also have at least 2 years of experience carrying out direct on-ground projects in conservation India's natural habitats and threatened species.
- The organisation must be a registered not-for-profit entity in India i.e. Society, Trust, Section 8 (previously Section 25) company or a registered institute under Section 35(1)(i) Of The Income-Tax Act, 1961.
- The organisation must have registration u/s 12AB of the Income-Tax Act, 1961.
- The organisation must have an 80G certificate. For institutes, in case 80G certificate is not applicable, approval by the Central Government under Section 35(1)(ii) Of The Income-Tax Act, 1961 will be considered.
- The organisation must have a CSR-1 certificate.
- The organisation should have registration documents, audited financials, tax certificates, bye laws, FCRA (if applicable) and/or similar documents depending on the nature of the funding/donations that it receives. Organisations must be willing to present the above-mentioned documents if shortlisted.

## INDIVIDUALS

- Applicants must be based in India for the entire duration of the project, preferably full-time within or in close proximity to the proposed project site.
- This grant seeks to support grassroots conservationists who are not currently full-time employees of any registered not-for-profit entity in India i.e. Society, Trust, Section 8 (previously Section 25) company.
- Applicants must be based in India for the entire duration of the project, preferably full-time within or in close proximity to the proposed project site.
- This grant seeks to support grassroots conservationists who are not currently full-time employees of any registered not-for-profit entity in India i.e. Society, Trust, Section 8 (previously Section 25) company.
- Applicants must not be on the Board of Trustees or Management Committee of any registered not-for-profit entity in India i.e. Society, Trust, Section 8 (previously Section 25) company.
- Individuals should have a valid bank account based out of India, proof of taxes paid, valid PAN card and Aadhaar card.
- Successful grant recipients cannot pursue any full-time academic studies during the project period.