



General Guidelines

THT Conservation Grants, Research Grants & Action Grants/Action Service Projects

1. Applications will only be accepted through the THT Grant's application portal online, on The Habitats Trust website (www.thehabitatstrust.org/grants).
2. Applicants must be registered in India. Only projects that are carried out in India will be considered.
3. Applications must be submitted in English; however, language will not be used as a selection criterion.
4. Only one grant per year may be applied for by applicants.
5. The budget must be provided in INR (Indian Rupee).
6. Preference will be given to applications involving conservation work on neglected natural habitats and/or threatened species and/or data-deficient species.
7. Pure research work will be considered only for the Research Grant and not for Conservation and Action Grants/Action Service Projects.
8. Grant applications must be backed with peer-reviewed publications.
9. A reliable justification must be provided for data-deficient habitats and species.
10. The IUCN Red List will be used as the primary guide to determine the conservation status of the given species. However, species that may not be globally threatened but are threatened in India will be considered.

11. Grants will only be provided for the conservation of native species and natural habitats. Projects focusing on non-native and exotic species will be disqualified.
12. Postgraduate/PhD/Postdoctoral studies, including thesis work, are not eligible for the grant. Successful grant recipients are not permitted to use the grant funding for Postgraduate/PhD/Postdoctoral studies, including thesis work; however, it is permissible for the data collected from the project to be converted to a thesis provided prior written consent is obtained from The Habitats Trust by the grantee.
13. Projects must be structured to ensure long-lasting and impactful conservation outcomes.
14. Measurable project impacts must be ensured, and appropriate measurable indicators must be provided.
15. Projects will be evaluated based on applicant strength, capacity to deliver, project relevance, status of the target habitat/species, objectives of the proposed project, activity plan, methodology, outcomes, impact, and budget.
16. Grants will not be provided for expeditions or for international travel to attend conferences and seminars.
17. The grant amount is not permitted to be sublet or provided to another entity as a loan.
18. Full responsibility for the proposed project must be taken by the applicant, especially in cases where the project is executed by a consultant. Applications where organisations are used as proxies by individual applicants are discouraged.

- 19.No political or religious affiliations are to be held by the organisation applying.
- 20.The organisation must not have been blacklisted by any government agency/department/ministry, donor, or international agency.
- 21.The organisation or its functionaries/governing body members must not be/have been involved in any fraud or other non-conforming behaviour with the law.
- 22.The organisation's object clause in the MoA/Trust Deed must be pertaining to wildlife and environmental conservation, aimed at conserving lesser known taxa and protecting habitats while ensuring economic well being.
- 23.Bi-annual reports and a final report on the work supported by The Habitats Trust must be submitted by successful applicants as per the reporting cycle and templates provided.
- 24.Grants will be dispatched as per a bi-annual funding schedule over the project duration.
- 25.Field evaluation visits will be carried out for all shortlisted projects by The Habitats Trust team along with external evaluators.
- 26.Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- 27.In the case of a technical glitch while submitting applications, the THT Grants team must be notified via email or call within 24 hours so assistance can be provided. No further considerations will be made 24 hours after the deadline.