

## The Habitats Trust Grants 2022 General Guidelines

### A. THT Conservation Grant

1. This grant is open only to organisations.
2. Only projects being carried out in India will be considered.
3. The application must be written in English.
4. The budget should be in INR (Indian Rupee).
5. Preference will be given to applications involving conservation work on conservation priority habitats and/or threatened species and/or data deficient species.
6. Grant applications should be backed with peer-reviewed publications. A reliable justification must be provided for data-deficient habitats and species.
7. Projects that do not focus on conservation of a wild species or natural habitats will not be considered.
8. The IUCN red list will be the primary guide to determine the conservation status of the given species. The Habitats Trust welcomes submissions of quantitative data to confirm a species status if the species is not included on the IUCN red list.
9. The Habitats Trust will not consider pure academic research grants.
10. Postgraduate and Ph.D. studies, including thesis work, are not eligible to apply for the grant.
11. 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)(ii) Of The Income-Tax Act, 1961.
12. The organisation must have registration u/s 12AB of the Income-tax Act, 1961.
13. The organization 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.
14. 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.
15. The organisation must have completed 5 years of functional existence (as per registration certificate) in India on or before 31st March 2022.
16. The organisation must have at least 3 years of experience carrying out direct on-ground projects in conservation of India's natural habitats and threatened species.
17. The organization should have an average expenditure of INR 50 lakhs in the financial year 2018-19, 2019-20 and 2020-21
18. The organisation should not have any political or religious affiliations.
19. The organisation must not be blacklisted by any government agency/department/ministry, donor, or international agency.
20. The organisation or functionaries / governing body members have not been involved in any fraud or other non-conforming behaviour with the law
21. The grants amount should not be sublet or provided to another entity as loan.