

Q	Which countries are eligible for this call?
A	Only Comoros, Madagascar, Mauritius and Seychelles are eligible for the Madagascar and Indian Ocean Islands Biodiversity Hotspot
Q	What are the eligible areas?
A	For investment priority 1, i.e. 1.1 and 1.2, only eligible priority KBAs listed in the letter of intent are eligible (1.2 only for Large grants in Seychelles et Comoros and only Seychelles for small grants). For 3.1 capacity building activities that can be present throughout the territory of Madagascar, priority will be given to projects strengthening the capacities of organizations working in the priority KBAs of CEPF.
Q	Are projects including activities in a priority KBA and also in a non-priority KBA eligible?
A	For strategic direction 1, only activities carried out in a priority KBA eligible for this call can be funded.
Q	Can we propose a multi KBA project or each project must relate to only one KBA ?
A	Yes a project can have activities in several priority KBAs
Q	Can we define what a regional project is?
A	A regional project is a project with activities in several countries and sites eligible for this CEPF call
Q	Is an agro-forestry project like syntropic agriculture eligible even if it is not within a biodiversity hotspot?
A	Yes this activity is eligible, if it is part of an EbA process. Namely maintaining/restoring/improving ecosystem services in order to fight against climate change.
Q	Is there a minimum size of project in terms of land area?
A	No there is no minimum or maximum in the size of the projects

Q	What is the maximum amount authorized for a Large Grant?
A	There is no maximum amount allowed for Large Grants, the average grant for this Hotspot historically has been around \$150.000 but higher budgets are not excluded. The budget should match the anticipated impact of the project. Similarly, there is no minimum amount for Small Grants. Your budget should depend on your activities
Q	What is the maximum duration of the project?
A	The project should not have any activity after December 31, 2026, i.e. a maximum of about 3 years and 6 months. There is no minimum duration.

Q	On what date do we receive the response (favorable or not) of our application for the call for projects?
A	An answer will be provided to you in mid-March, we will respond to all the proposals submitted.
Q	Regarding the budget distribution of the grant, can we know the percentage granted for the staff and the percentage for the implementation of the project?
A	Eligible administrative costs (max. 13% large grants and 10% small grants)
Q	Can this call fund a study/research?
A	This call will not fund research activities, specific calls on these topics (investment priority 4) will be opened later

Q	Can CEPF funding be used as co-funding for another project?
A	Yes CEPF grants can be use for part of co-funding for other project, CEPF itself does not require co-funding.
Q	Is there a limit to the number of grants an NGO can have?
A	There is no limit on the number of grants an applicant can submit, nor is there a limit on the number of grants funded for an applicant.. Having said this, be sure that you remain reasonable is what you are asking.
Q	Is a newly created organization/company eligible for grants?
A	Yes, any organization with a legal status is eligible, as long as it is not government owned.
Q	Is an international NGO with in country based in Madagascar eligible for grants?
A	Yes international organization are eligible for this call, if their project activity is located in the eligible areas
Q	Are there recommendations for exchange rates to be used on the project budgets?
A	For the moment there is no recommendation, these will come after selecting your project and writing it. You need not worry about this for your Lol.