

# Information Session on 2<sup>nd</sup> Call for LOIs for small grants only

24, August, 2023

Madagascar and the Indian Ocean Islands II



# SESSION'S OBJECTIVES

To present :

- CEPF and the RIT
- Ecosystem-based Adaptation
- Activities and geographical areas eligible for this call
- Other eligibility criteria

To answer :

- The most common questions
- Your questions today





# BEFORE WE START

## Session:

- In English
- Information: [Madagascar and the Indian Ocean Islands | CEPF](#)
- For small grants only (< \$50,000)

## Others:

- **Rename yourself with your first name and the name of your organization**
- Check key documents all in the call for letters of inquiry (LOIs)
- Ask your questions as we go in the chat or during Q&A session after presentation



# CRITICAL ECOSYSTEM PARTNERSHIP FUND

CEPF is a joint initiative of:

- The French Development Agency
- Conservation International
- The European Union
- The Global Environment Facility
- The government of Japan
- The World Bank





# TO KNOW MORE

[www.cepf.net](http://www.cepf.net) and [2021 CEPF Impact and Annual Report](#)

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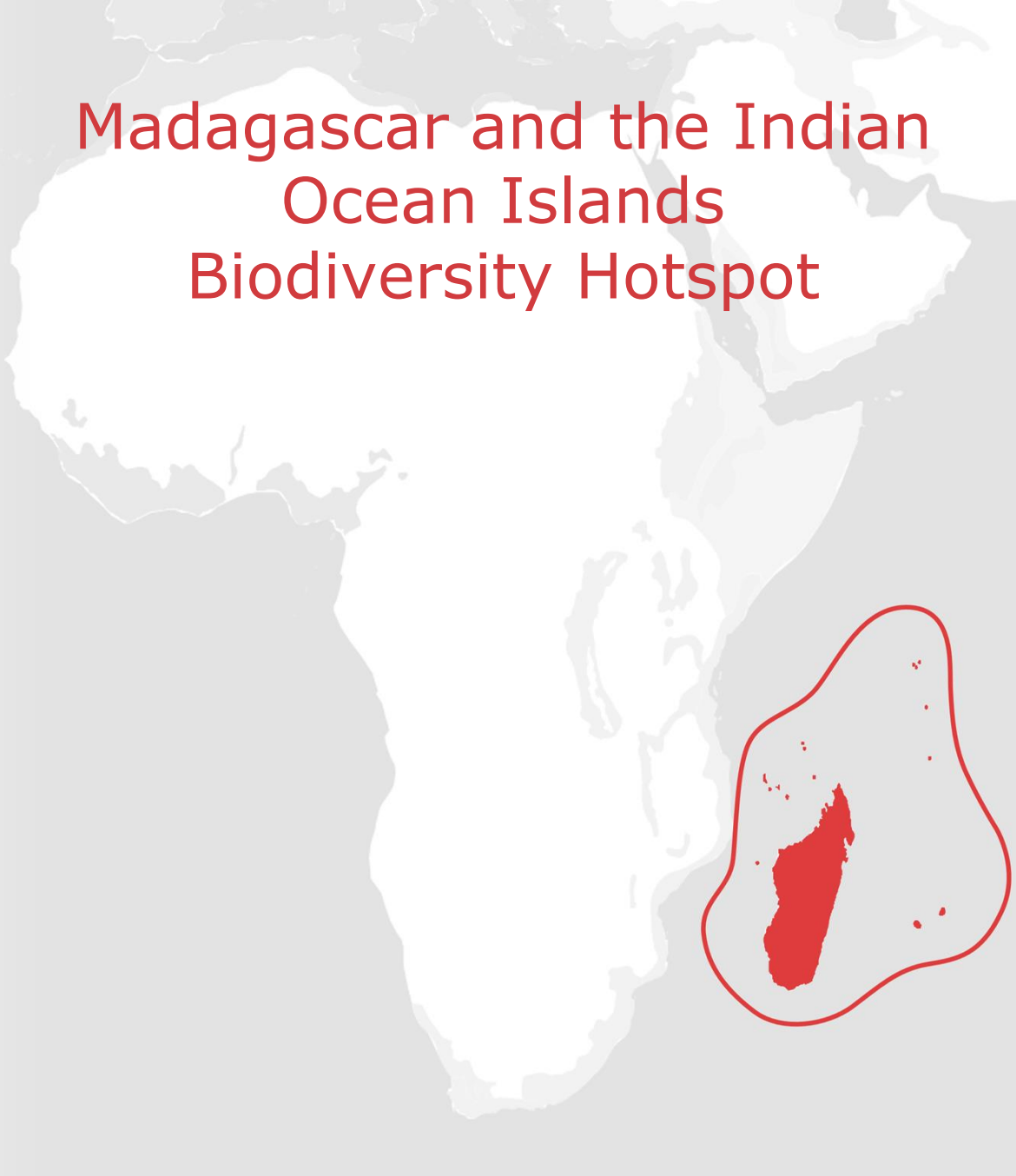
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Corsican		Igbo	Kyrgyz	Russian	Vietnamese

# Madagascar and the Indian Ocean Islands Biodiversity Hotspot



# PAST INVESTMENTS

## PAST INVESTMENTS 2001 - 2022

Period	Amount (USD)	Number of grants
2001 - 2005	\$4,2 millions	30 large and 10 small
2011 - 2013	\$1,4 millions	5 large
2015 - 2022	\$12,3 millions	68 large and 61 small
	<b>\$17,9 millions</b>	



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# CURRENT INVESTMENT

- **Period** : 2022 – 2027
- **Country**: Madagascar, Comoros, Mauritius, Seychelles
- **Niche** : Support ecosystem-based adaptation (EbA) actions to restore and better manage Key Biodiversity Areas (KBAs) that provide ecosystem services important for climate change resilience of the most vulnerable species, ecosystems and people.

<b>NEW INVESTMENT 2022 - 2027</b>		
Comoros	\$2,6 millions	16%
Madagascar	\$8 millions	50%
Mauritius	\$2,6 millions	16%
Seychelles	\$2,6 millions	16%
	<b>\$16 millions</b>	



# CURRENT REGIONAL IMPLEMENTATION TEAM (RIT)

Consortium led by IUCN NL

Country Focal Points: ID-ONG, FORENA, SAF/FJKM et SeyCCAT



**FORENA**  
*Fondation Ressources et Nature*



**CRITICAL ECOSYSTEM PARTNERSHIP FUND**



IUCN NL, SAF/FJKM (Madagascar), ID-ONG (Comoros), FORENA (Mauritius) and SeyCCAT (Seychelles), as a regional implementation team, are working with CEPF to implement a five-year conservation strategy for the Madagascar and the Indian Ocean Islands Biodiversity Hotspot and build local civil society capacity.



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# ECOSYSTEM-BASED ADAPTATION

Ecosystem-based adaptation (EbA) promotes the conservation, improved management and restoration of ecosystems to provide the essential services people need to adapt to climate change and variability.



# ECOSYSTEM-BASED ADAPTATION

The goal is to reduce the vulnerability of populations by, for examples:

- having intact coastal and watershed forest ecosystems (strengthen management and/or restoration)
- Establishing climate-resilient agroforestry
- Removing alien invasive species impacting ecosystem services
- Increasing income and well-being as a result of ecosystem-based livelihood activities

EbA is: “the use of biodiversity and ecosystem services to help people adapt to the adverse effects of climate change”

EbA can provide multiple benefits in addition to adaptation, such as carbon storage, pollination services and livelihood diversification

[Ecosystem-Based Adaptation in the Indian Ocean | CEPF](https://friendsofeba.com/what-is-ecosystem-based-adaptation-eba/)

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Questions ?



# ACTIVITIES AND GEOGRAPHIES ELIGIBLE FOR THIS CALL

<b>Eligible countries :</b>	Mauritius,
<b>Opening date:</b>	Tuesday 15 August 2023
<b>Closing date :</b>	Saturday 30 September 2023 (11:59 p.m. GMT+4) Mauritian time
<b>Investment Priorities:</b>	Investment priority 1.1
<b>Grant size:</b>	Maximum US\$50,000
<b>Maximum project duration:</b>	From April 2024 until 31 December 2026 (33 months)





# PROJECTS MUST CONTRIBUTE TO THE CEPF LOGFRAME

## Chapter 15 Ecosystem Profil Logical Framework

<p><b>Outcome 1:</b> Civil society is empowered to implement EbA actions at priority KBAs.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 16,500 women and 16,500 men with increased income as a result of ecosystem-based livelihood activities (sustainable fishing, nature-based tourism, harvesting natural products, etc.).</li> <li>- 152,500 women and 152,500 men with non-monetary benefits other than formal training, as a result of strengthened ecosystem service delivery.</li> <li>- 20 economic models to improve the resilience of local communities to climate change developed and implemented.</li> <li>- 610,000 hectares of intact coastal ecosystems with enhanced management.</li> <li>- 300,000 hectares of intact watershed forest ecosystems with enhanced management.</li> <li>- 2,000 hectares of degraded coastal ecosystems restored.</li> <li>- 1,000 hectares of degraded watershed forest ecosystems restored.</li> <li>- 1,000 hectares of climate-resilient agroforestry systems implemented.</li> <li>- 1,000 hectares of small island ecosystems where invasive alien species have been eliminated or reduced.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Results of independent socio-economic surveys, disaggregated by gender.</li> <li>- Results of independent ecological monitoring.</li> <li>- Management Effectiveness Tracking Tools.</li> <li>- Verified final reports from grantees.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Restoration of natural ecosystems leads to increased resilience and diverse livelihood opportunities.</li> <li>- Civil society and beneficiary communities remain motivated in the implementation of activities and adhere to the EbA approach.</li> <li>- The socio-economic context allows grantees to take an interest in the new economic models that have been put in place and allows their sustainability.</li> <li>- Governments remain committed to increasing the coverage and strengthening the management of KBAs (e.g., by ensuring that appropriate regulations are in place, that staff are qualified, that equipment and budget are sufficient, and that a management plan is developed and implemented).</li> </ul>
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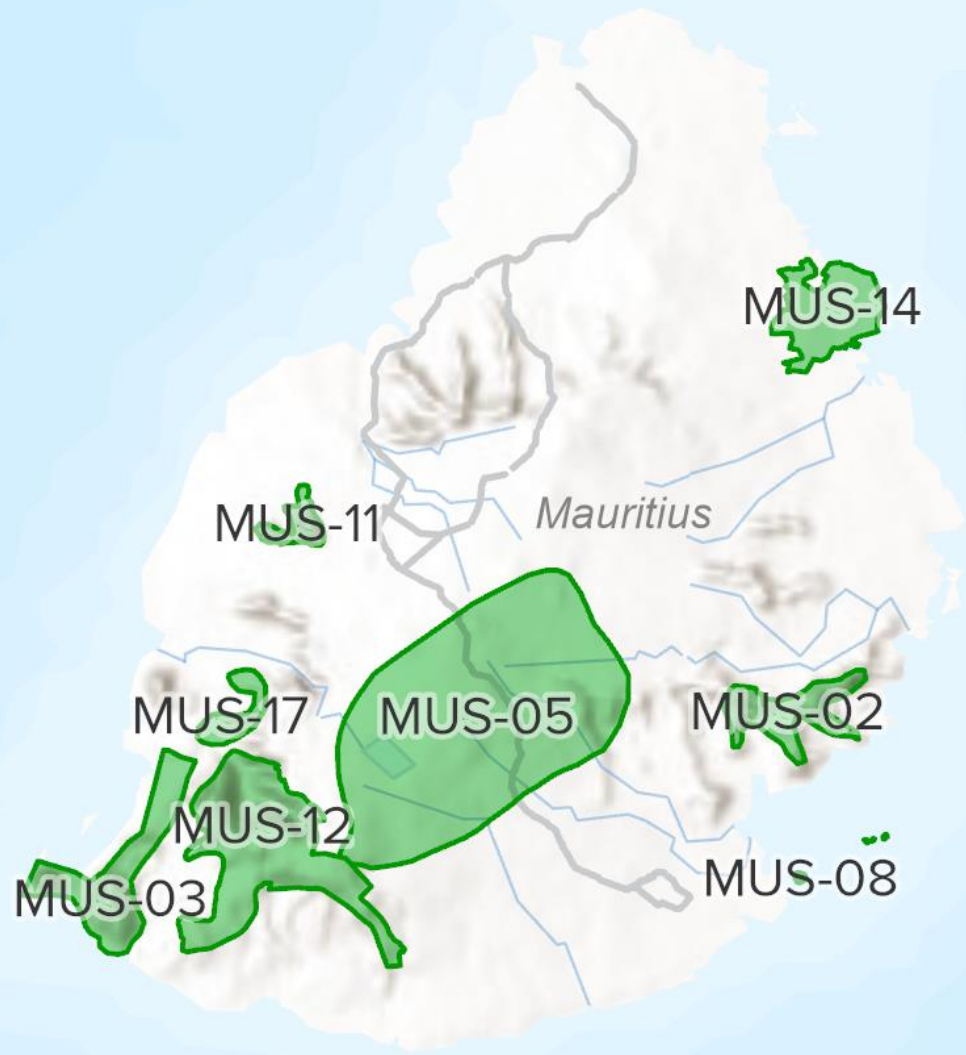
## 1. Empower communities and civil society to implement actions to improve the resilience of species, ecosystems, and human populations to climate change in priority KBAs

**Investment Priority 1.1: Implement EbA actions, including agroforestry, “climate smart agriculture”, eradication of IAS, restoration of degraded watersheds and coastal ecosystems (including wetlands, mangroves, reefs and seagrass beds), and promotion of sustainable management of coastal and terrestrial ecosystems**

Eligible projects will be those proposing to design and implement EbA, Nature-Based Solutions (NbS) and conservation actions that respond to climate impacts at priority KBAs.

### Advices

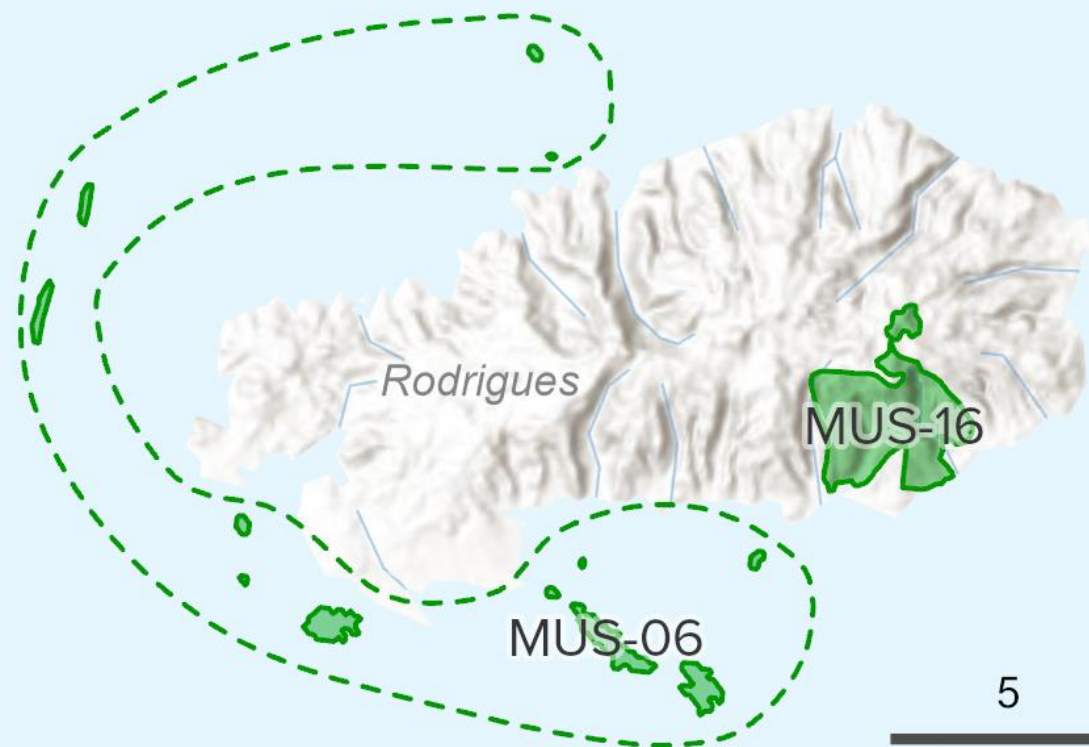
- Read Chapter 14 (especially p220 and 224) of the Ecosystem Profile
- Focus on climate change and EbA (**concrete actions**)
- Only in CEPF’s priority KBAs
- Demonstrate your expected impacts and state your means of verification on CEPF indicator (CEPF Logframe)
- Follow LOI Template and Budget Template



 Key Biodiversity Area,  
CEPF Priority

10 km

KBA Code	KBA Name
MUS-02	Bamboo Mountain Range
MUS-03	Chamarel - Le Morne
MUS-05	Relict Forests of the Central Plateau
MUS-06	Rodrigues' Islets
MUS-08	Mauritius South Eastern Islets
MUS-11	Guardhouse Mountain
MUS-12	Black River Gorges National Park and Surrounding Areas
MUS-14	Plaine des Roches - Bras d' Eau
MUS-16	South Slopes of Grande Montagne
MUS-17	Yemen-Takamaka



5 km



Questions ?



# KEY RECOMMENDATIONS

- Read the details and assess your eligibility
- Discuss your project idea with the RIT Focal Point in your country
- Don't overestimate your budget
- Consult stakeholders and propose partnerships / regional projects
- Clear expected results/impacts related to CEPF targets and how they will be measured







## OTHER ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- NGOs, universities and private companies.
- Authorized by national laws to receive charitable contributions.
- Government-owned institutions OK IF with independent legal status; able to request and receive private funds; unable to claim sovereign immunity.
- Based outside eligible countries OK IF with projects focused on eligible sites.
- Joint projects with other organizations including a main organization (lead).

# INELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES





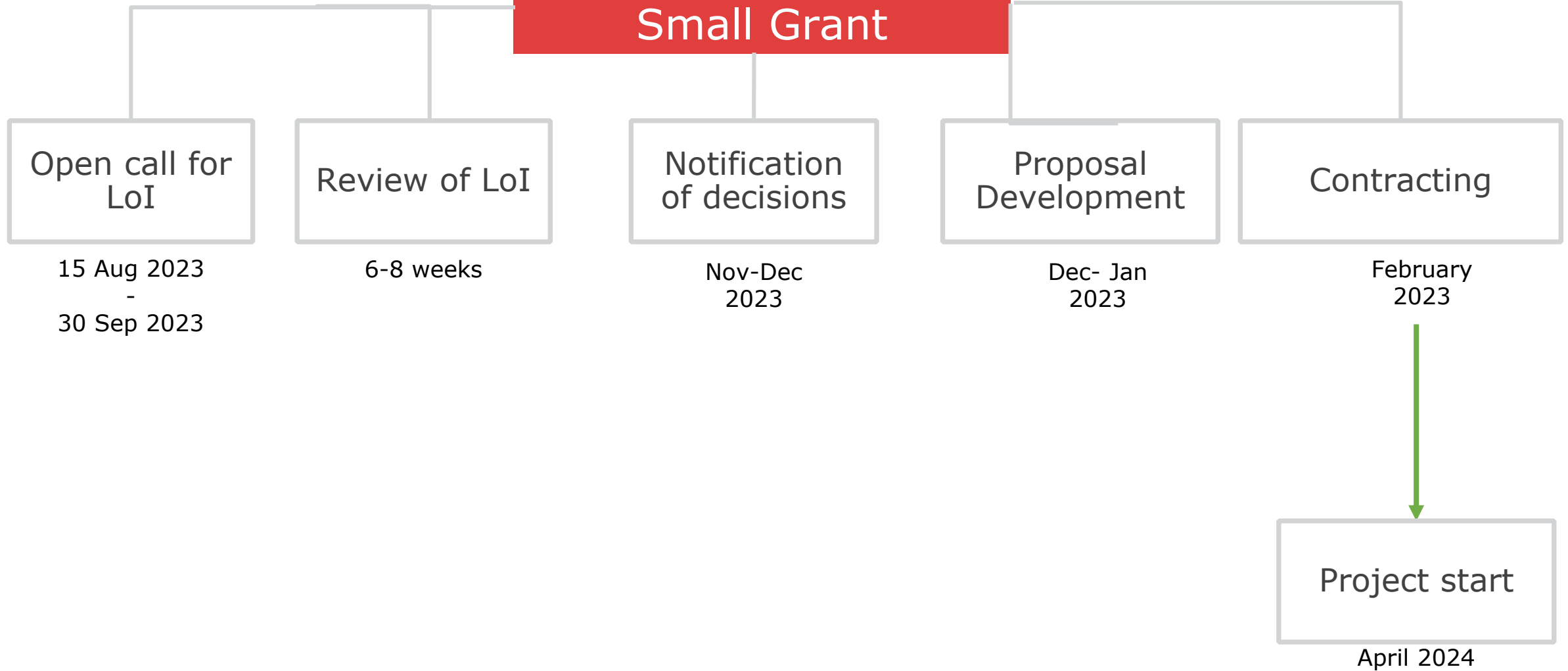
# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- No co-funding required
- No limit on the number of applications
- Current grantees still eligible
- Number of projects financed according to the contribution to the CEPF outcomes and the available budget
- Eligible administrative costs (max. 13%)



# CHRONOLOGY

## Call for LoIs Small Grant

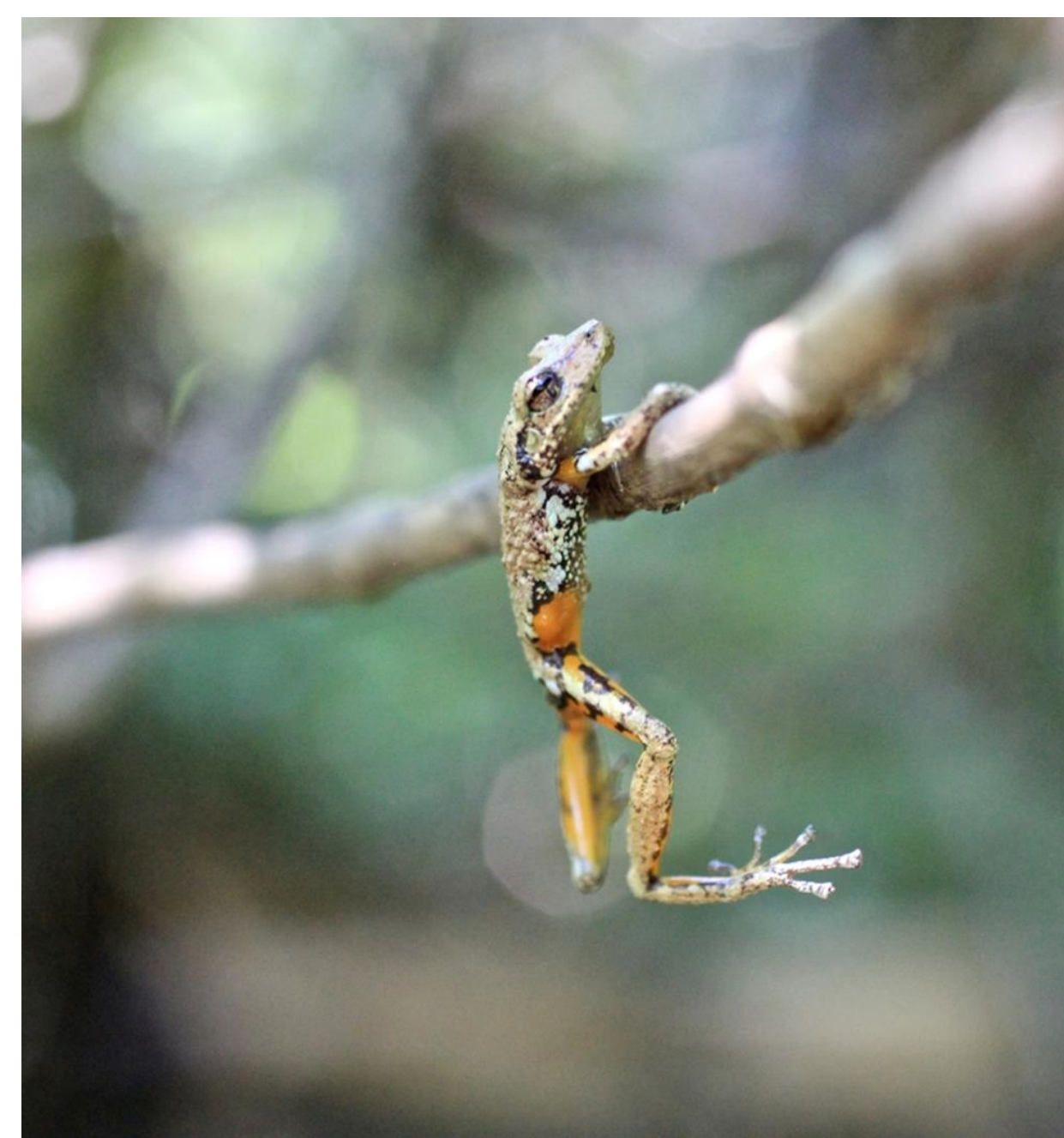


# HOW TO SUBMIT

- By email through the [cepfproposals@iucn.nl](mailto:cepfproposals@iucn.nl)
- Submission deadlines:  
**Saturday 30 September 2023 (11:59 p.m. GMT+4) Mauritian time**
- English: [LOI template](#) and [Budget template](#)
- French: [LOI template](#) and [Budget template](#)
- Suggested reading:

[Ecosystem Profile](#)

[Website with list of questions/answers](#)





# Thanks and good luck!

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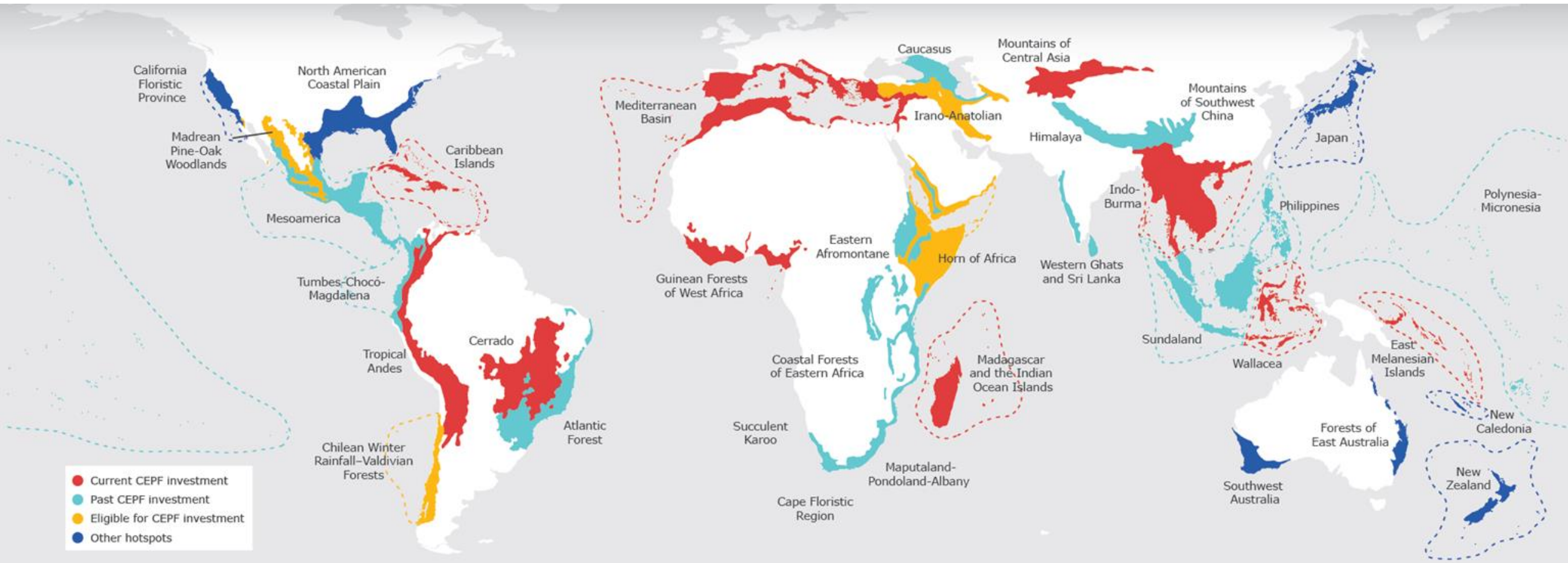
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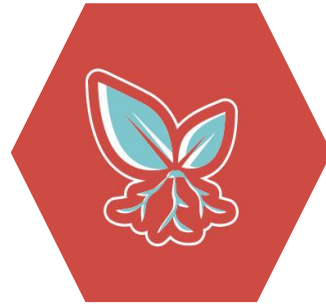
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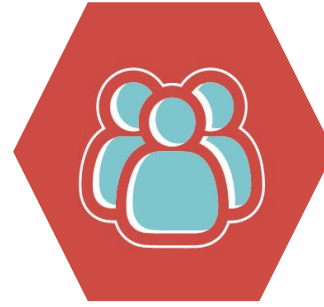




# OUR IMPACTS



Biodiversity  
Conservation



Capacity  
Building



Human  
Well-being



Enabling  
Conditions



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