

Amphibian Conservation Fund

by Stiftung Artenschutz and Verband der Zoologischen Gärten (VdZ)

Call for Proposals 2017

1. Preamble

Prompted by the alarming global decline of amphibian species, zoo associations, zoos and private participants in the German-speaking region engaged actively in the conservation of this highly endangered group of animal species. The amphibian conservation program consists of a suite of measures that include amphibian conservation and research projects, conservation breeding, capacity building, specialized staff training, habitat restoration and public awareness campaigns.

A special account “Amphibian Conservation Fund” was set up for financing amphibian conservation measures. Stiftung Artenschutz (Species’ Conservation Foundation) holds the Amphibian Conservation Fund in trust for the zoo associations, zoos and private participants in the German-speaking region, which decide on the allocation of funds.

2. Aim and purpose of funding measures

2.1 The projects receiving funding are intended to result in conservation measures for endangered amphibian species or subspecies.

2.2 The projects funded by the Amphibian Conservation Fund should serve both, the objectives of in-situ conservation and conservation-related research. Funding may also include other conservation measures, if they are essential to the aforementioned aims, including public awareness.

3. Costs and activities eligible for funding

3.1 Activities eligible for funding

- Direct conservation measures
- Nature and Species conservation management
- Monitoring and other control measures within the project’s context
- Habitat protection measures
- Scientific research with direct conservation relevance
- Local capacity building, education components and public awareness activities in relation to the aforementioned activities

3.2 Costs eligible for funding

All costs which are directly related to the implementation of the project (equipment, investment, personnel staff costs etc.) are eligible for funding.

3.3 Non eligible costs and activities

Stiftung Artenschutz does not accept funding requests for:

- Research project with no direct relevance to species conservation
- Animal welfare measures for non-endangered species
- Pure educational projects
- Scholarships

4. Funding recipients

4.1 Funding recipients may be legally registered non-profit organisations or non-profit promoter contributors, as well as public institution employees.

Private persons are considered as recipients only in exception.

5. Type, extent of funding and timeframe

5.1 Funding is granted on the basis of a signed legal agreement between the applicant and Stiftung Artenschutz.

5.2 Not expensed funds have to be returned to Stiftung Artenschutz.

5.3 The requested funding amount should be approximately **4.000 €**. The decision makers reserve the right to approve partial funding.

5.4 The funds need to be spend on the project within 18 months after receiving the funds from Stiftung Artenschutz.

6. Application

6.1 Contents of application

The application should not exceed five pages of text. Applications must include:

- Project title and name of project coordinator/promoter
- Contact details and addresses
- Project objective
- General framework and conditions, preliminary research
- Planned activities and measures
- Participating organizations/persons
- Description of the expected results
- Schedule
- Cost and financial plan including information both, on own funding and applied/approved/obtained funding from other donors
- Measures for public relations



6.2 Application should be submitted per email only to the main office of Stiftung Artenschutz (info@stiftung-artenschutz.de).

6.3 Applications should be submitted exclusively in English or German language.

6.4 The deadline for submissions is **30th of April 2017**.

7. Proof of utilization of funds and reporting obligation

7.1 The proper use of funds must be documented; invoices and payment receipts copies etc. are to be provided. Original receipts must be retained. After completion of the project, a final report must be prepared, which has to show the accomplished measures, project results and an outlook on the further development of the project. Furthermore, the proper use of funds has to be documented. Pictures of the project are highly desirable. The final report and receipts must be submitted to Stiftung Artenschutz by the end of three months after completion of the project.

7.2 An interim report has to be submitted midterm of the project.

7.3 Stiftung Artenschutz, VdZ, the zoo associations, zoos and private participants in the German-speaking region are eligible to use project information for their own information and PR activities.

8. Legal framework conditions for funding

8.1 The Contract Partner should ensure transparent and appropriate use of funds. Funding shall be used in an economical, careful, and correct way and only in accordance with regulations and appropriate to the purpose.

8.2 A legal claim to funding or to a certain amount of funding does not exist.

The partners of the Amphibian Conservation Fund are as followed:

VdZ – Verband der Zoologischen Gärten e.V.
DTG – Deutsche Tierpark-Gesellschaft e.V.
DWV – Deutscher Wildgehege-Verband e.V.
zooschweiz – Verein wissenschaftlich geleiteter Zoologischer Gärten der Schweiz
OZO – Österreichische Zoo-Organisation
BdZ – Berufsverband der Zootierpfleger e.V.
VZP – Verband deutschsprachiger Zoopädagogen e.V.
DGHT – Deutsche Gesellschaft für Herpetologie und Terrarienkunde e.V.
GDZ – Gemeinschaft Deutscher Zooförderer
Stiftung Artenschutz
And further Zoos

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