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Application form for grants under the Great Blue Wall Financing Facility: Blue Nature Pillar – Seagrass Window

This is the template to submit a concept note for the “**Call for proposals for projects on seagrass conservation, restoration and the blue economy**” supported by the Western Indian Ocean Coastal and Ocean Resilience (WIOCOR) project.

The application for grants under the Seagrass Window is open between **05 October 2024 and 15 November 2024**. It will take place in two stages. Stage 1 consists of submitting the attached form in word or pdf format to present your team and your concept or idea. This concept note will then be reviewed and short-listed applicants might be requested to provide more details about the project as well as their technical capacity in stage 2, if needed.

We recommend you allocate enough time to complete this proposal before filling in this application form and estimate that it might require at least 1.5 days to complete. If you need assistance, kindly reach out to the IUCN team (contact details below).

We request that you keep your answers direct, short and to the point. The document should be saved as a .pdf or .docx format. If you are unable to submit a digital copy and prefer to send a physical copy, kindly let us know. Please also see below guidelines to submit video or audio responses, if you feel this will support your application.

We wish you the absolute best of luck and remain at your disposal for any assistance you might require.

SECTION A: APPLICANT DETAILS

1. Details of organisation applying for grant

1.1 Name of organisation Write the name of the lead organisation who will be responsible for coordinating the project and sign the contract.	
1.2 Type of organisation Please indicate if your organisation is registered as a legal entity and select the category that best describes your organisation: <input type="checkbox"/> International NGO <input type="checkbox"/> National NGO <input type="checkbox"/> Local NGO or Civil Society Organisation <input type="checkbox"/> University / Research Institution <input type="checkbox"/> Cooperative <input type="checkbox"/> Other Non-Profit Organisation (please specify):	
1.3 Country In what country does your organisation operate?	
1.4 Address What is the address of the organisation?	
1.5 Email address and contact details Write the email address and contact number(s) for the organisation.	
1.6 Website If the organisation has a website, kindly write the address here.	
1.7 Social media	

<p>Please share any social media pages (Facebook, LinkedIn, etc) the organisation uses.</p>	
<p>1.8 Number of employees How many employees or volunteers work for this organisation?</p>	
<p>1.9 Year Established When was the organisation set up?</p>	
<p>1.10 Annual budget What is the annual budget for the organisation?</p>	
<p>1.11 Brief description of organisation Please share a brief overview of the organisation, its goal, mission and activities.</p>	
<p>1.12 Partner organisation details If you plan to partner with other organisation(s) on this project, kindly list their name, contact details and website.</p>	

2. Contact person

<p>2.1 Name of primary contact person Write the full name and surname of the person who will be the primary contact for the project and who will sign the contract.</p>	
<p>2.2 Title (Ms, Mrs, Mr, Dr...)</p>	
<p>2.3 Role in organisation</p>	
<p>2.4 Email</p>	
<p>2.5 Phone number</p>	

<p>2.6 Name of secondary contact person To ensure smooth communication throughout the grant application process, please provide the name and contact information of a secondary contact person. This will help us reach the right individual in case the primary contact is unavailable.</p>	
<p>Q2.7 Title (Ms, Mrs, Mr, Dr...)</p>	
<p>Q2.8 Role in organisation</p>	
<p>Q2.9 Email</p>	
<p>Q2.10 Phone number</p>	

SECTION B: ABOUT THE PROJECT

3. PROJECT DETAILS

3.1 Project title

15 words max

3.2 Project Summary

Provide a summary of the project, including the main aims and expected outcomes.

300 words maximum

3.3 Project Location

Specify the country and exact location or site where the project will be implemented, and why you are choosing this site.

200 words maximum

3.4 Project Duration

The grants under WIOCOR will be made available for a maximum period of 18 months, until 1 June 2026. Please specify the dates of start and finish for the project. The project should run for a minimum of 12 months.

Project start	DD-MM-YYYY
Project end	DD-MM-YYYY

3.5 Project theme alignment

On a scale of 1 to 5 (1 being the lowest and 5 being the highest), highlight how far your project meets each of the following project themes.

	Reinforcing the consideration of seagrass meadows in current MPAs
	Restoring or regenerating degraded meadows
	Implementing protection and regeneration measures for seagrass meadows

	Supporting emblematic species such as dugongs, turtles, seahorses and fisheries
	Developing regenerative blue economy activities
	Supporting the extension and/or creation of new conservation areas

4. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

4.1 Project objectives

Write down the aims and objectives of your proposed project

<p>400 word maximum</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ... • ... • ... • ... • ...

4.2 Project description

Provide a description of your proposed project. It should address the following: what are the challenges that you wish to address; how you believe the project will create impact; what are the main ways and activities that you will undertake to achieve this, and what changes the project expects to create.

800 words maximum

4.3 Project Beneficiaries

Name the primary beneficiaries of the project and describe how they will benefit.

300 words maximum

4.4 Community Leadership, Engagement and Participation

Describe how local communities will be involved in the project design and implementation.

300 words maximum

4.5 Gender and Social Inclusion

Explain how the project will address gender and social equity aspects.

300 words maximum

4.6 Challenges and Risk Management

What are the main challenges that you expect, and some measures to address them? Where do you anticipate you might need help?

500 words maximum

5. BUDGET AND PARTNERSHIPS

Please complete the budget template provided.

5.1 Partners

Please list any partners you plan to collaborate with on this project and indicate if they are confirmed or planned.

5.2 Technical Capacity

Describe the technical expertise and experience of your organisation in implementing similar projects.

300 words max

5.3 Financial Capacity

Provide details on the financial management capacity of the organisation, including experience managing similar grants, and mitigating factors otherwise.

300 words max

5.4 Project phase

Please indicate if your project is at inception (idea) phase, or if you have already started the project and/or building upon an existing one.

100 words max

5.5 Matched funding

Indicate whether your project has, or intends to have, matched funding i.e. finance and resources from other sources to help with or supplement the cost of the project. If so, please provide details.

300 words maximum

5.6 Project sustainability

The current grant aims to offer catalytic funding to establish a regional network of locally relevant projects, with a fixed end date of 1 June 2026. However, we encourage applicants to consider the sustainability of their projects beyond the funding period. Therefore, please indicate: (a) whether you intend to continue the project beyond the WIOCOR funding deadline of 1 June 2026, and (b) if so, how you plan to ensure the project's sustainability beyond the funding period.

500 words maximum

SECTION C: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

At this stage of your application, we are looking for the concepts and ideas for your proposals. If you are shortlisted, you will be requested to provide more detail on the proposal, including your monitoring and evaluation proposals as well as evidence of financial and technical capacity.

6.1. Supporting Documents

You are invited to attach any supporting documents, such as organisation registration certificate, previous project reports, letters of support, tax clearance or certificate of good standing, if you feel this may help your application.

6.2. Supporting videos or audio

We welcome supplemental materials that help us better understand your project, or if you experience challenges filling the above form. You may submit a video or audio presentation describing your project and the information requested in the previous sections.

To submit a video:

- You can include a video of yourself or your team explaining the project.
- You can submit the video file as an attachment to your application or upload it to a platform like YouTube or Google Drive and include the link in your application.

To submit an audio recording:

- You can submit an audio file as an attachment to your application or upload it to a platform like Google Drive or WeTransfer and include the link in your application.

Please ensure any video or audio submissions are clear, concise, and accessible.

6.4 References

(Provide contact details for two references who can attest to the organisation's capability to implement the proposed project)

6.5 Declaration

I declare that the information provided in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signed by:

Name:

Position:

Signature:

Date:

Witnessed by:

Name:

Position:

Signature:

Date:

Submission Instructions

Please submit your completed application form and all supporting documents to the following email address by **no later than 23.59, East Africa time, on 15 November 2024.**

The application form should be sent as an attachment to wiocor@iucn.org along with all other attachments. Please write **Great Blue Wall FF – Blue Nature – Seagrass [Your project name]** in the subject line. Incomplete applications or those submitted after the deadline will not be considered.

Should you face any challenge with submitting the project electronically, please let us know well in advance and we will do our best to find alternative solutions.

Contact details

For any inquiries or assistance, please note the following contact points:

General: wiocor@iucn.org with copy to barkha.mossae@iucn.org, Regional Regenerative Blue Economy Manager, IUCN ESARO and denise.nicolau@iucn.org, Regional Coastal and Ocean Ecosystems Manager, Coastal and Oceans Resilience programme at IUCN ESARO.

For country specific assistance, kindly refer to the following focal points:

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We thank you for your interest and your time.