

### The Mohamed bin Zayed Species Conservation Fund: A UAE Conservation Organisation with Global Impact

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#### **Establishment**

The Fund was announced at the World Conservation Congress in Barcelona in October 2008, and began disbursing grants in June 2009.

Its establishment is as a direct result of the IUCN/SSC Specialist Group Chairs' meeting which was held in Al Ain in early 2008, acknowledging the lack of financial support for direct and targeted species conservation actions.

The Fund was established with a gift of 25 million Euros, donated by the Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi, HH Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, and which is now managed as an endowment.

Understanding the impact which small grants can have, a maximum of \$25,000 per grant was decided upon.















#### **Grants**

The Fund's was established in order to provide small-scale grants to passionate individuals for them to indulge in their passion of targeted, in situ conservation of their species. The Fund aims to support global species conservation by:

Supporting projects on species that are: Endangered (based on Red List) Poorly known (data deficient) Locally important (culturally, economically, socially)

Supporting projects working on: Surveys and monitoring **Exploration** Direct conservation actions Science based Awareness and education of local population



















#### **Grants**

There is no bias on the basis of taxonomy, geography, other funding sources, or organizational affiliation, with the intention that dedication and effective conservation work should be rewarded through a flexible structure responsive to conservation needs.

The review process is conducted by an independent advisory board, and is overseen by the Fund's secretariat and board.

















### Competitive

The Fund is not a sinking fund and so only limited amounts available to spend per year – to a large extent dependent on the performance of the endowment.

The Fund does not spend the capital of the endowment.

Applications are reviewed in competition with other applications, not for the inherent quality of the project/application.

















# **Applications Granted**

| Year       | Applications<br>Reviewed | <b>Grants Awarded</b> | % Awarded |
|------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|-----------|
| 2009       | 232                      | 132                   | 57        |
| 2010       | 454                      | 228                   | 50        |
| 2011       | 1,390                    | 245                   | 17.6      |
| 2012       | 1,189                    | 215                   | 18        |
| 2013       | 1,496                    | 199                   | 13.3      |
| 2014 (ytd) | 1,051                    | 120                   | 11.4      |















## **Grant Amount Awarded**

| Year       | Amount<br>Requested (\$) | Amount<br>Granted (\$) | \$ Amount<br>Granted (%) | Average<br>Grant Size (\$) |
|------------|--------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| 2009       | 4,769,709                | 1,962,774              | 41                       | 14,869                     |
| 2010       | 8,909,300                | 2,929,662              | 33                       | 12,849                     |
| 2011       | 27,023,478               | 2,265,672              | 8.3                      | 9,248                      |
| 2012       | 20,891,968               | 1,554,410              | 7.4                      | 7,230                      |
| 2013       | 28,007,198               | 1,624,971              | 5.8                      | 8,166                      |
| 2014 (ytd) | 16,530,833               | 1,043,370              | 6.3                      | 8,695                      |













**Total Grants:** 1,139 for \$11,380,859

#### Grants by species type:

| Amphibian    | \$924,117   | 106 |
|--------------|-------------|-----|
| Bird         | \$1,850,498 | 189 |
| Fish         | \$655,950   | 68  |
| Fungi        | \$158,000   | 11  |
| Invertebrate | \$432,465   | 59  |
| Mammal       | \$4,958,195 | 446 |
| Plant        | \$1,025,881 | 110 |
| Reptile      | \$1,375,789 | 150 |















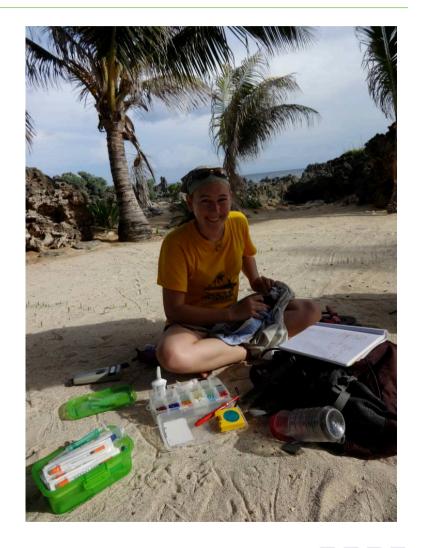




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#### Grants by continent:

| Africa    | \$3,549,369 | 333 |
|-----------|-------------|-----|
| Asia      | \$3,863,798 | 410 |
| Europe    | \$421,900   | 42  |
| N America | \$1,211,179 | 123 |
| Oceania   | \$580,660   | 54  |
| S America | \$1,753,953 | 177 |

















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Grants by IUCN Red List Classification:

| EX | \$16,000    | 2   |
|----|-------------|-----|
| EW | \$125,591   | 9   |
| CR | \$5,297,174 | 499 |
| EN | \$3,531,594 | 376 |
| VU | \$882,062   | 89  |
| NT | \$263,981   | 20  |
| LC | \$132,650   | 12  |
| DD | \$392,503   | 51  |
| NE | \$739,304   | 81  |



















Total number of species and sub-species: 819 from 1,139 grants

265 mammals: (24 cats, 102 primates, 53

ungulates)

100 reptiles

105 plants

139 birds

49 fish

94 amphibians

56 invertebrates

11 fungi



















#### **Passion**

Ultimately it is the people who are doing the hard work in the field who are important and whose dedication the Fund tries to support.

















#### **Future and End**

For more information, please have a look at our website:

www.speciesconservation.org

Where you can also sign up for our newsletter.

As the Fund expands its work by supporting more projects we intend that our website will grow to become an important resource for conservationists and interested individuals around the world.



