

MOL Mauritius International Fund for
Natural Environment Recovery and Sustainability
(hereinafter “the Fund”)

Guidelines for 2021 Application (Version 1.1)

1. Purpose of the Fund

The fund aims to contribute to the healthy lives of the people of the Republic of Mauritius (hereinafter “Mauritius”) as well as to the sustainable economic development of the country by providing assistance to nature conservation projects and other projects which contribute to local communities in Mauritius.

2. Qualifications to Receive a Grant

(1) Eligible Applicant registered in Mauritius must meet all of the following requirements (A-E).

For Applicant whose registered office is not in Mauritius, Item A to D must be satisfied.

- A. The organization must possess juridical person status (excluding for-profit organizations, and national and local governments) OR be a voluntary association which possesses the same level of social trust as such an organization.
- B. The organization must disclose profile of either representative or administrator.
- C. The organization must properly disclose the activities and financials status of either the past three fiscal years or of since establishment.
- D. The organization must be recommended by one or more of i) a national or local government of Mauritius, Japan, or other country, ii) a government-owned organization, and/or iii) an internationally well-known public interest organization.
- E. The organization which is registered in Mauritius must be registered with the Registration of Association and also provide the National CSR Certification Number provided by the NSIF(National Social Inclusion Foundation).

Note 1 : Multiple organizations may jointly apply for a single project. However, the representative organization must be clearly identified, and the role of works must be clearly stated.

Note2: Applicants with a project previously selected or who are currently receiving a grant by the Fund may also apply. However, for projects of the same level, priority will be

given to new applicants.

(2) Projects Eligible for Grants

Projects which aim to contribute to the improvement of the living environment and/or economy of the residents of Mauritius in either of following two activity fields:

- A. Projects relating to the restoration and protection of the natural environment and ecosystems in Mauritius such as mangrove protection, cultivation, and research, coral reef restoration, conservation, and research, and wild bird and rare species bird protection and research.
- B. Projects relating to the development of local communities through support of fisheries, tourism, cultural education, and other industries in Mauritius.

(3) Requirements

The project must:

- A. not contribute to the interests of a specific organization or individual, and
- B. must comply with the laws and regulations of, obtain the necessary approvals from, and be able to expect a reasonable level of cooperation from the government and/or local authorities of the Region where activities are to be conducted.

3. Grant Period

- Five consecutive years at most.
- Activity and budget plans for each year of the Grant Period are required at the time of initial application.

Note: Grants may be suspended depending on the content of the annual interim reports submitted throughout the Grant Period.

4. Grant Amounts

- (1) No standard monetary amount for grants has been specified. Grant amounts will be determined based on activity and budget plans for each separate project.

Note: The annual total grant amount is targeted at 50 million yen.

(2) Expenses covered by Grants

Grant funds may be applied to expenses directly related to the project including the following and may not be applied to overhead of the Applicant and outsourcing cost:

- A. purchase, rent, and repair costs of materials, goods, and facilities

B.labor costs of staff directly related to the project and gratuities and other payments made to experts

C.transportation and accommodation costs, maintenance expenses of the local office dedicated to the project

D.expenses associated with communication, printing, material translation, and publishing
organizational operating expenses will not be covered.

(3)Currency

Grants may be paid in either US dollars or Japanese Yen.

5. Application Procedure

(1) Application Deadline

February 14, 2022

(2) Documents for Application

A. Application Form– Use the template listed on this website.

B. Articles of incorporation, bylaws, and other operating rules of the Applicant

C. Activity Report and Financial Statements of the Applicant for either the last 3 years, or the period since establishment

D. Letters of recommendation

E. The Organization which is registered in Mauritius must provide The Certificate of Registration of Association and the National CSR Certification Number provided by the NSIF(National Social Inclusion Foundation).

(3) Submission

Recipient: Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Bank (hereinafter “the Trustee”)

Method: Send a PDF file via email to the Trustee’s dedicated email address listed below
kouekidenshi@smtb.jp

6. Selection and Notification

Acceptance/rejection, grant periods, and grant amounts will be determined by the steering committee of the Fund. The Trustee will notify all Applicants of the selection results by the end of March 2022. Grants will be remitted in US dollars to a designated bank account by the end of April 2022.

7. Presentation Ceremony and Activity Report Meeting

Grant Recipients (“Grantees”) may be asked to attend a presentation ceremony and an activity report meeting.

8. Reporting Obligation

- (1) Grantees are obligated to submit a final report within one month of the end of Project or the end of the Grant period, whichever occurs first.
- (2) In cases of multi-year Grants, an interim report on the status of the project as of the end of December of each year must be submitted by February 15 of the following year.

9. Display of Grant Status

Grantees are obligated to indicate that they have been granted assistance by the Fund on deliverables of the Project and on any postings related to the Project.

10. Privacy Protection

Personal information provided by applicants will be used only for purposes of selection, implementation of grants, and reports to the competent authorities. The results of projects receiving grants may be published on this website.

11. Grant Refunds

A partial or complete refund of the grant may be requested in the following cases.

When surplus funds are generated

When a false declaration has been made on the application form

When the grant has been used for purposes other than those for which it was intended.

When there are doubts about the achievement of project plans

When reporting obligations have been neglected

When right to

12. Contact Information

Please use the following address for all inquiries and communications.

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