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Dedicated to the Conservation of Orangutans and their Rainforest Homes

Subject

Proposal Guidelines

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Guidelines for Proposal Applications

The Orangutan Conservancy (OC) actively supports initiatives that advance its mission of supporting wild research, rescue and rehabilitation centers in Borneo and Sumatra, funding conservation science, supporting education programs, and staging the annual Orangutan Veterinary Advisory Group Workshops. On an annual cycle, OC considers proposals to fund projects that specifically meet these criteria, which are further outlined in our guidelines below.

Programs that address the following will be considered for funding:

Basic science:

- Emphasis is placed on projects that have an applied value in terms of increasing the general knowledge of the genus *Pongo*. Examples include veterinary and nutritional care, husbandry, and captive management in rehabilitation centers. Research must not compromise the welfare of individual subjects, or their social partners. Studies that collect data through opportunistic sampling are highly preferred. Elective sedation solely for the purpose of research will not be considered.

Conservation-useful science:

- Field conservation conducted *in situ* that involves “Direct Action” such as field work, species recovery, veterinary care, and costs associated with maintaining assurance populations.
- Research *in* or *ex situ* that advances the conservation of wild orangutans or their habitat.
- Field Conservation Education such as awareness-building through the production of educational materials, outcome-oriented education, and training/capacity building.

Sanctuaries and Rehabilitation Centers:

- Requests for operating and capital expenses for *in situ* sanctuaries and rehabilitation centers that care for orangutans will be considered.

Emergency Appeals:

- Unanticipated emergencies directly related to the mission of the Orangutan Conservancy may be eligible for funding. In these cases, the steering committee may vote to respond proactively without receiving a proposal (typically not exceeding \$5,000).

Applicants should keep in mind that projects that allow OC to be distinctively identified, as opposed to being part of a large comingled funding pool, are encouraged. The funded activity may be part of a larger collaborative effort, but the OC’s mission is often best advanced by clear identification with a discrete aspect of the work. The OC does not

typically provide seed money to start a project whose completion will depend on subsequent support.

The OC is philosophically committed to the idea that local people are an essential part of the conservation equation; therefore, sustainable co-existence between humans and wildlife is of paramount concern. Preference will be given to in situ investigators who invest in local people and encourage sustainability. This may include training, employment, mentorship, or academic opportunities.

The OC must have follow up documentation on any funding provided.

Submission Process

All proposals must include a cover letter, CV for the principal investigator (or whoever will oversee administering the funds), a narrative describing the proposed research or project/activity, and verification by the applicant's home institution as applicable. If applicable, letters of approval from the research site (in or ex situ), and documentation of domestic and/or international permits should be included, again, if applicable.

The cover letter must include the following:

- A brief description of the goals and objectives of the proposed project (250 word max.)
- The intended product (project, research, field site and rehabilitation center needs, education, conference, etc.)
- Other sources of funding that have been committed to the project • Co-investigators (if any and as applicable) The accompanying narrative must include the following: • A brief Introduction (500 word max)
- A full Methodology (500 word max)
- Clear statement of timeline/end point
- Clear presentation of budget with specific indication of the intended use of OC funds
- A time line of when reporting back to OC will occur with proof of use of funds. Inclusion of photos, stories that can be used for publication on the OC website, copies of any media coverage and other products are highly encouraged.

Proposals may be received at any time throughout the year with funds being awarded as available. Any proposals received after September 1 will be considered for the following calendar year.

All proposals should be submitted electronically to OC President Dr. Raffaella Commitante (EMAIL: rcommitante@gmail.com. Applicants should expect an acknowledgment when their proposal is received.

New proposals from the grantee will not be considered until final reports have been received for previously funded projects.