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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

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Seychelles Conservation and Climate Change Adaptation Trust (SeyCCAT.org) is an independent trust fund that empowers sustainable development of Seychelles' blue economy by supporting impactful projects that address climate change and marine conservation challenges in the country. SeyCCAT grants are competitively awarded to public, private, and non-profit applicants based in Seychelles.

SeyCCAT is pleased to launch Cycle 9 of the Blue Grants Fund (BGF9) through a limited Grant by Invitation to specific Seychelles-based organisations, businesses, governmental agencies, parastatals and citizens to apply for the Blue Grants Fund 9.

For this Request for Proposal, SeyCCAT is seeking projects for any of our three strategic objectives.

- Strategic Objective 2: Empower the fisheries sector and management agencies with robust science and knowhow to improve governance, sustainability, value and market options as appropriate.
- Strategic Objective 4: Support best practice and/or innovative approaches that reduce risk and build resilience to climate change
- Strategic Objective 5: Trial and nurture appropriate business models to secure the sustainable development of Seychelles' blue economy.

CROSS-CUTTING THEMES

Research and development | Management and implementation | Policy and advocacy | Education, training and outreach | Marine Pollution

FUNDING CATEGORY

We are funding the medium grant category SCR 100,001.00 - 1 million

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

1.1 Past Grantees

- Demonstrated Track Record: Proven history of successful project implementation within the past five years.
- Prior experience with SeyCCAT preferred (as grantee or applicant)
- Prior SeyCCAT Experience: Preference will be given to organizations or individuals with a proven track record of successful SeyCCAT grants management, including timely and accurate reporting and compliance with grant requirements.
- Proven financial and operational capacity
- Consistent and reliable financial records, including audited financial statements for the past 5 years.
- Proven project management expertise, including the ability to plan, implement, and monitor projects effectively.
- Strong alignment with SeyCCAT's strategic objectives, in particular those open under the present funding cycle
- The project should demonstrate how it will complement or build upon existing initiatives and efforts within SeyCCAT's portfolio or related sectors in Seychelles.

1.2 Previously Unsuccessful Applicants

- Previous applicants whose proposals demonstrated strong alignment with SeyCCAT's strategic objectives but had specific addressable weaknesses identified by the Grants Committee.
- Proposals that showed innovative approaches or addressed critical gaps, but required refinement in methodology, budget planning, or technical components.
- Projects that had clear potential for significant impact but needed restructuring or rescoping to be viable.

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES AND PRIORITY AREAS

Strategic Objective 2: Empower the fisheries sector and management agencies with robust science and knowhow to improve governance, sustainability, value and market options as appropriate.

Amount Available: SCR 672,418.02 (Blue Bond Proceeds)

Application Process: Full proposal for medium Grant

Funding Category: Medium

Below are some of the types of priority areas linked to Strategic Objective 2 that SeyCCAT grants are seeking to fund:

- Contribute to improving the decision-making process of fisheries management through the development of candidate harvest control rules or management strategy evaluation for data-limited fisheries.

- Provide inputs/research and contribute to the design and/or implementation of the fisheries management plans and policies.¹ (e.g. investigate the potential of fisheries (or other user) access rights for areas and the piloting of the management measures to advance sustainable fisheries).
- Undertake risk, indicator or stock assessments for commercially important target species.
- Undertake risk, indicator or stock assessments of by catch of fish species and threatened and endangered species (MSC FIP standards).
- Undertake research on small-scale commercial or recreational fisheries not currently monitored or assessed, e.g. hand gleaning fisheries for intertidal invertebrates.
- Biological studies in support of fisheries management, such as life history (e.g. estimating growth parameters, size at maturity), reproductive behaviour (e.g. spawning aggregations), and behaviour (e.g. catch ability in main gears).
- R&D to improve sustainability of fishing practices and gears (e.g. improving trap designs), mitigating bycatch, etc.
- Develop best practice or code of conduct for sustainable fishing (e.g. handling and release of bycatch, release of undersize fish).
- Undertake social, economic or cultural research on fisheries.
- Impacts of algal bloom on fisheries generally including mariculture (assessment of harmful algal blooms to fisheries (globally very relevant & health implications for consumers)).
- Spatial distribution and extent and economic costs of pollution and impacts on fisheries
- Impacts studies of FADs on overfishing/ impacts on non target species/ FAD beaching in coastal habitats
- Strengthening co-management structures/bodies, including the strengthening of fishers' associations

Strategic Objective 4: Support best practice and/or innovative approaches that reduce risk and build resilience to climate change

Amount Available: SCR 1.5 million

Funding Category: Medium

Duration: Up to 2 years

Application Process: Full proposal for medium Grant

Below are some of the types of priority areas linked to Strategic Objective 4 that SeyCCAT grants are seeking to fund:

- Explore and back science and technology innovations to increase resilience and support adaptation to climate change (to minimize climate impacts on local livelihoods and businesses) including
 - 1) Increase understanding;
 - 2) implement appropriate adaptation measures;

3) Establish long-term monitoring.

- Green infrastructure and nature-based solutions – basically, looking at projects that integrate mostly nature-based approaches, such as restoring wetlands/mangroves, coral reefs etc or implementing sustainable land management practices, to enhance resilience to climate change impacts like sea-level rise, extreme weather events, and erosion.
- Public awareness and behavioural change campaigns -education and communication campaigns to raise awareness about the impacts of climate change and the importance of adaptation measures, encouraging sustainable behaviours and community engagement in resilience-building efforts.

Strategic Objective 5: Trial and nurture appropriate business models to secure the sustainable development of Seychelles' blue economy.

Amount Available: SCR 1.5 million

Funding Category: Medium

Duration: Up to 2 years

Application Process: Full proposal for medium Grant

Eligibility: Individuals, Locally registered commercial entities including small and medium sized enterprises/businesses, joint-ventures, public-private partnerships

Duration: Up to 2 years

The following conditions apply:

Below are some of the types of priority areas linked to Strategic Objective 5 that SeyCCAT grants are seeking to fund:

- Develop tools and capacity for creating, strengthening, and innovating sustainable business models in the blue economy. Coral-Positive Entrepreneurship:
 - Eco-tourism ventures reducing pressure on reef ecosystems (e.g., sustainable diving operations, reef-friendly tours)
 - Marine pollution reduction businesses (e.g., plastic recycling, alternatives to single-use plastics)
 - Any other relevant innovative business ideas that fit under this strategic objective.

Download the [project proposal](#), [budget](#), [logframe](#) and [gantt chart](#) templates, and related guidelines from our website (www.seyccat.org). Please submit all your documents directly through the Awardforce platform, using your established login credentials no later than Monday 19th May, 5pm. For more information contact us on: 432 5806 or send an email to info@seyccat.org

We look forward to receiving your proposal!

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