**RAPID DEPLOYMENT MECHANISM APPLICATION FORM**

**This is NOT the official application form**

***Use and/or share this Word template with organizations that may be interested in applying for a grant but please note that to be considered, applications have to be submitted online by the HAC Focal Points to ensure alignment with national efforts. Consult the HAC Focal Points contact section at the bottom of the*** [***HAC Web site***](https://hacfornatureandpeople.org/the-hac-for-nature-people-tools/)***.***

**I. General Information**

**Project Title**

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**Implementing organization**

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Organization type:

☐ Communities and non-registered local groups

☐ Non-profit and civil society organizations (NGOs)

☐ National government

☐ Public entity

☐ Private entity

☐ Scholar institution

☐ Sub-national entity

☐ Towns and municipalities

**Project Lead Name**

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**Email Address**

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**Project summary** (in less than 250 words)

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**II. PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

**Select a theme**
☐ Theme 1: Understand Target 3 and align with cross-sector policy.
☐ Theme 2: Increase coverage and connectivity of PAs and OECMs.
☐ Theme 3: Effective and equitable management (of sites and systems).
☐ Theme 4: Recognize and respect rights of IP&LCs.
☐ Theme 5: Monitor and report progress.

**Rationale and objectives (max. 250 words)**
Explain why assistance is needed, identifying existing gaps and link to Target 3.

Describe key needs or challenges and the objectives.

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**Description of activities (200 words)**

Briefly describe implementation actions to carry out as part of this project.

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**Expected project results (outputs)**

What are the specifically deliverable results to achieve the objective.

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**Expected long-term impact**

Describe what changes this project will contribute to in the next months or years after its achievement.

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**Project Status**

☐ Not started

☐ Recently started (Less than 6 months)

☐ Ongoing (More than 6 months)

☐ Soon finalized (Within the next 6 months)

**III. GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE AND ECOSYSTEMS**

**Region of implementation**

[ ] Entire world

[ ] Central & Southern Asia

[ ] Eastern and Southeastern Asia

[ ] Europe

[ ] Latin America and Caribbean

[ ] North America

[ ] Northern Africa & Western Asia

[ ] Oceania & Pacific

[ ] Polar

[ ] Sub-Saharan Africa

**Geographical Scope**

[ ] Multi-country

[ ] Transboundary sites

[ ] Entire country

[ ] Sub-national

[ ] Landscape / Seascape

[ ] Specific site

**Ecosystems**

Ecosystem type (Multiple choices allowed):

☐ Terrestrial

☐ Inland waters

☐ Marine and coastal

**IV. BUDGET & OTHER INFORMATION**

Total Budget amount USD

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Attach detailed proposed budget using the RDM budget template provided.

**Operating language**

☐ English

☐ French

☐ Spanish

☐ Other

**Proposed Date of Start:** (mm/dd/yyyy) **Proposed Date of End:** (mm/dd/yyyy)

**V. PROJECT IMPACT AND ADDED-VALUE**

**Unlocking Potential (150 words)**

How does this project accelerate the implementation of Target 3 in your country?

Remember to align this with the expected outcomes.

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**Integration with Conservation Efforts (150 words)**

How does the project align with existing national conservation strategies?

Provide examples of synergy.

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**Collaboration Potential (150 words)**

Describe how the project fosters partnerships and list key stakeholders involved (e.g., ministries of finance, agriculture, tourism amongst others)

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**Equity & Inclusion (150 words)**

How does the project consider Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities, gender mainstreaming, and youth inclusion?

Provide specific examples.

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**Long-term Financial Strategy (150 words)**

What financial mechanisms will be in place to ensure sustainability beyond the initial grant period?

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**VI. Implementation Feasibility**

**Capacity of Implementing Organization**

Describe briefly the organizational background on past and current experience executing similar projects and/or grants.

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Organization legally established in the country

☐ Yes

☐ No

**Metrics & Monitoring**

Outline the key performance indicators and monitoring mechanisms for project success

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**Updated NBSAPs**

☐ NBSAP updated, including Target 3

☐ In progress of updating, including Target 3

☐ NBSAP not updated, not including Target 3

**Updated National Targets**

☐ National Targets updated, including Target 3

☐ In progress of updating, including Target 3

☐ National Target not updated, not including Target 3

**Bonus points**

**Engagement with HAC Political and Technical Activities**

How has your country engaged with HAC activities at political and technical levels? (*Check all that apply)*

[ ]  The participation of ministers, heads of state, or senior officials in meetings demonstrates political will and commitment at events organized or co-organized by the HAC

[ ]  Announcements about Target 3 progress at HAC events

[ ]  HAC focal point has attended the last all-HAC members meeting

[ ]  Participation on capacity-building activities organized or co-organized by the HAC

[ ]  Submission of requests on the HAC 30x30 Matchmaking Platform