



# 2022 Call for Proposals

## Fund Objectives

The Arctic Species Conservation Fund supports high-quality stewardship and research initiatives focused on wildlife and habitats in the Canadian Arctic. WWF-Canada relies on partnerships with Indigenous peoples and the best available information to jointly advocate for policies and legislation that are equitable and effective for the conservation of the Arctic environment. To that end, we are pleased to issue a call for proposals to identify projects that will achieve meaningful outcomes for the conservation of Arctic species and the people who depend on them.

## Eligibility

Applicants from all sectors (community groups, Hunters and Trappers Organizations, governments, universities, independent researchers, non-government organizations, etc.) and fields of study (Indigenous Knowledge, Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit, natural sciences, social sciences, etc.) are eligible to apply. Projects can take place anywhere across northern Canada. Applicants can request up to \$25,000.00 CAD per year. Proposals for multi-year projects will be accepted, but funding will be determined on an annual basis.

## Evaluation Criteria

### 1) Expected conservation outcomes

Wherever possible, applicants should identify feasible and tangible conservation outcomes for wildlife and habitats that will result from their projects, and how a partnership with WWF-Canada can help facilitate these outcomes (i.e. What decision-making process will your project contribute to? What specifically will change through the successful implementation of the project? How will wildlife and people benefit through this work? How many species will benefit from this work?)

### 2) Involvement and relevance of proposed project to northern communities

Applicants are required to discuss how their project will affect local communities, outline the involvement of northerners in the project team and if relevant describe any co-production of knowledge elements to their work. Additionally, applicants based outside of a northern community must demonstrate support from the communities affected by their project where applicable.

### 3) Relevance to WWF-Canada's 2022 Arctic Conservation Priorities

WWF-Canada's 2022 Arctic Conservation Priorities are attached to this Call for Proposals. Applicants must specifically reference how their project will result in tangible outcomes that address one or more of these areas in their proposal.

Proposals are due **April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022** and must be submitted to [arcticspecies@wwfcanada.org](mailto:arcticspecies@wwfcanada.org).

## Application Format

Proposals can be submitted in English, French or Inuktitut in the following format\*:

- I. Background information and context of the project
- II. Project description
  - a. Objectives
  - b. Methods
  - c. Workplan
- III. Anticipated outcomes and where possible, a list of measurable benefits to conservation with associated metrics and target dates of achievement
- IV. Relevance to northern communities and involvement of northern residents in the project
- V. List of all major project partners
- VI. Full project budget, including secured and unsecured funding from other sources, and a detailed indication of how WWF-Canada funds will be used (daily rates are required for personnel time)

***\*Any individual or group who requires assistance in preparing a proposal are encouraged to reach out to WWF-Canada to discuss the desired project by phone or email\****

## Granting conditions

Applicants will be notified of the results of their proposal by **May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022**. Recipients of the WWF-Canada Arctic Species Conservation Fund will be required to sign a WWF-Canada contribution agreement by **July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022** and submit three reporting items during project implementation:

**a) Interim report**

Roughly one month after the completion of the first major project milestone, recipients will be required to submit an interim report outlining the implementation of the project, preliminary results, updated work plan, etc. along with a financial report of funds spent to date.

**b) Communications media**

Recipients will be required to submit an agreed upon amount of media (photos, videos, maps, etc.) from the project to be used for communications purposes in partnership with WWF-Canada. Formats, quantities, uses, and limitations will be agreed upon prior to signing the contribution agreement.

**c) Final report**

Recipients will be required to submit a detailed final report by **March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023** (or earlier). The final report should include project findings a description of the relevance of the work to conservation including any relevant metrics, an assessment of the project's success, and any future plans as well as a full financial statement. Templates are provided to aid in the reporting process.

Failure to sign a WWF-contribution agreement by **July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022** may lead to funds being re-allocated.

Recipients may be required to demonstrate proper insurance coverage prior to signing a funding agreement.

Recipients will be required to acknowledge WWF-Canada's assistance in any presentations, publications, or events pertaining to the funded project.

## Contact information

Any questions pertaining to the WWF-Canada Arctic Species Conservation Fund should be directed to Jason Harasimo Associate Specialist, Arctic Species and Ecosystems at [jharasimo@wwfcanada.org](mailto:jharasimo@wwfcanada.org) or **506-364-2988**.



## 2022 Arctic Conservation Priorities

### Arctic Habitats

- Indigenous Protected and Conserved Area projects at any stage of development, including scoping
- Initiatives that enable communities to participate in Land Use Planning, Environmental Impact Assessments, Strategic Environmental Assessments, Species at Risk listing processes etc.
- Studies on the resilience of Arctic habitats, including the response of wildlife to climate change
- Studies on the effectiveness or need to improve existing protected areas
- Projects that demonstrate the potential economic opportunities for northern communities through conservation programming
- Nature Based Solutions projects seeking to identify, restore or protect areas of carbon storage

### Arctic Marine Mammals

- Understanding the effects of underwater noise, ice breaking and oil spill events on marine mammals
- Understanding the impacts of ship-based contaminants (black carbon, grey water, heavy metals, invasive species, microplastics, scrubbers etc.) on marine mammals and Arctic marine habitats
- Identification and characterization of critical habitat for marine mammals
- Strengthening the knowledge base of marine mammal migration timing, routes and habitat use
- Projects that help with the evaluation and/or design of mitigation measures used by industry to reduce effects of disturbance on marine mammals from industrial development and shipping
- Evaluating impacts of disturbance on walrus at their haul-out sites

### Barren-ground Caribou

- Research that broadens our understanding of the effects of roads, development sites and other forms of disturbance on caribou and their habitats
- Identification and characterization of critical habitat for caribou
- Actions that help create or implement existing management plans and recovery strategies for caribou

### Polar Bears

- Research contributing to the understanding of the drivers of problem polar bears in communities
- Development and implementation of methods to reduce human-polar bear conflict in communities
- Innovations and community-based initiatives to manage polar bears and attractants in communities
- Projects that bridge the gap between Indigenous Knowledge, Inuit Qaujimagatuqangit and scientific understandings of polar bears