



## Mangrove Foundation Small Grants Programme

### Guidelines for Applicants

#### **Introduction:**

The Mangrove and Marine Biodiversity Conservation Foundation of Maharashtra (herein referred as the Mangrove Foundation) works towards conservation of coastal and marine biodiversity and improving the livelihoods of the coastal communities through conservation-linked and eco-friendly interventions. Through our Small Grants Programme we aim to strengthen the scientific data on the coastal and marine biodiversity of Maharashtra and provide young researchers with an opportunity to work on their dream projects.

Please read these guidelines carefully. They contain important information regarding your application for funding and not following same may jeopardise your application

#### **Highlights:**

- Application form be submitted by E-mail to [mangrovefn@gmail.com](mailto:mangrovefn@gmail.com) and a hard copy addressed to Executive Director, Mangrove Foundation, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, A-wing S.R.A. Building, Anant Kanekar Marg, Bandra (E), Mumbai 400 051 before January 31, 2018.
- Individuals, organisations and educational institutions can apply for this small grant
- The maximum grant amount is ₹ 5,00,000.00 (Rupees Five Lakhs Only) inclusive of all applicable taxes
- Proposals received after the deadline will not be accepted

#### **Basic eligibility criteria:**

- The project duration should be of minimum six months to maximum one year. (An extension period of maximum three to six months can be obtained based upon a valid reason and performance of the applicant)
- The research must be of high scientific quality
- The project objectives must be feasible in terms of resources and time allocated
- The project must have a clear and justified budget
- Please refer following points for individual applicants and for organisational applicants
  - **For individual applicants:**
    - Mangrove Foundation Small Grants are applicable for Indian Citizens with valid identification documents
    - The applicants must have a minimum of Master's Degree or should be pursuing Master's dissertation from a recognized University and the applicant must be competent to undertake the research
  - **For Organisations:**
    - Mangrove Foundation Small Grants are applicable for Indian Organisations with valid registration certificates

- The organisation must have a minimum of 5 years of experience of working in the relevant field
- The PI of the project must be Ph.D. from a recognized University

**Points to Remember:**

- Mangrove Foundation will fund projects which focuses on research for conservation, restoration and protection of mangroves and marine biodiversity (corals, cetaceans, shore birds, mammals, reptiles, sea turtles, fishes, seaweeds, molluscs etc.) in coastal, island and marine areas of Maharashtra
- The proposed scientific studies should have clear aims and objectives where the methods are clearly explained and the questions asked within the application form are appropriately answered.
- Mangrove Foundation will fund projects pertaining to baseline studies in respect to relevant biological, ecological and socio-economic parameters, biodiversity assessment studies, pollution studies and other landscape level studies with regards to conservation of coastal and marine biodiversity
- Purchase of basic equipments for project work such as GPS, Range finder, binoculars etc. will be permitted under the project funds. However, purchasing of DSLR Camera, GoPro, Vehicles, Microscopes etc. will not be allowed under the project funds.
- The Mangrove Foundation will not provide funding to projects with period of more than one year
- There will be no provision for the payment of the salary or course fees (of any type) of the applicant
- The project funds will not be used for national or international travel for attending conferences/seminars

**Proposal Format:**

- Application can be downloaded from <https://sgnp.maharashtra.gov.in> (Tenders Section)
- Filled Application Form can be submitted in MS-Word or PDF readable format
- Incomplete Application forms will not be accepted

**Project Cost:**

- Total cost of the project should not exceed ₹ 5,00,000.00 (Rupees Five Lakhs Only) inclusive of all applicable taxes
- Any escalation in the total costs of the project after awarding the grant shall be borne by the grantee
- Any unspent amount out of the grant given for the project would be required to be surrendered to the Mangrove Foundation.

**Acknowledgements:**

- Grantee must acknowledge the funding support received from Mangrove Foundation while publishing in all peer-reviewed publications, reports, websites, media, etc.