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WMRT Main Grant Guidelines



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OVERVIEW



A regional fund designed to support training of Wildlife Managers and Rangers in GLTFCA, KAZA and MAZA



Initiated in 2025, with initial phase to run until 2029



The German government has committed €5m to the WMRT

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EXPECTED OUTCOME

Within the SADC region exists a sufficient number of well-trained Wildlife managers and rangers (park management staff, related governmental agencies, CBOs and local administrations) being capable to manage TFCAs (here: GLTFCA, KAZA, MAZA)

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IMPLEMENTATION APPROACH



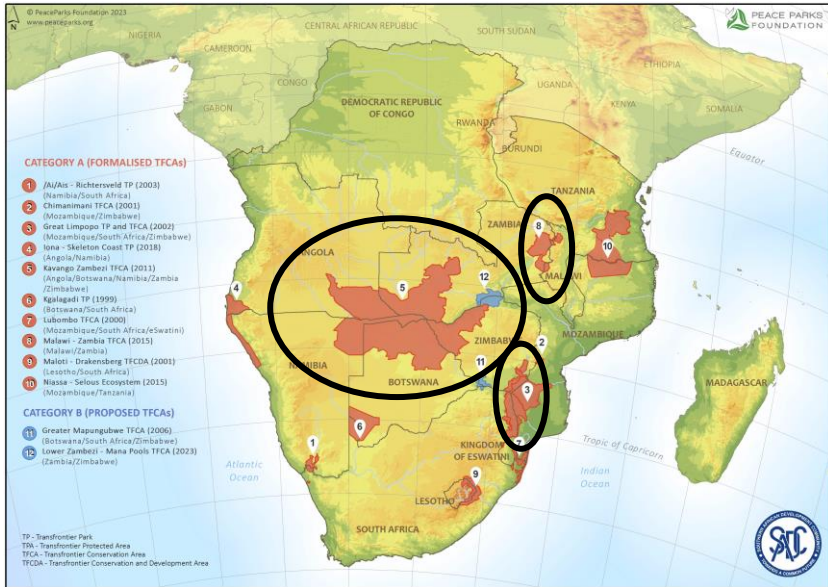
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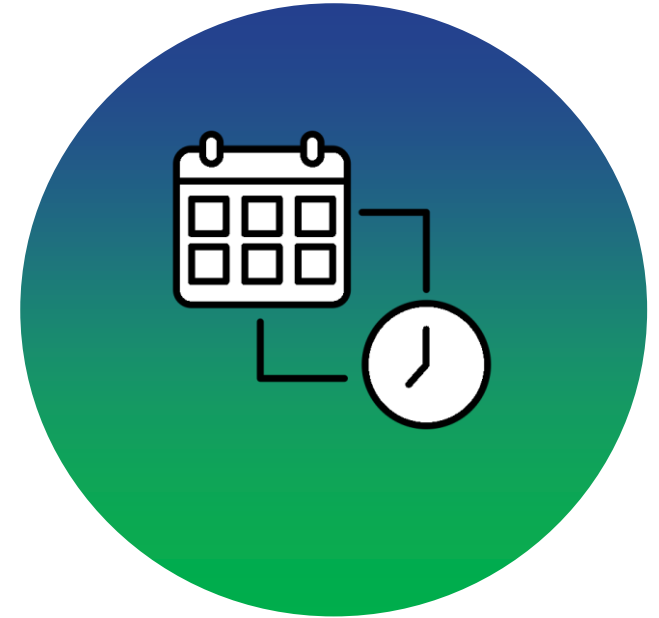
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GRANTS



200 – 400k EUR



1-2 years

GLTFCA, KAZA, MAZA
1 proposal per country
per TFCA

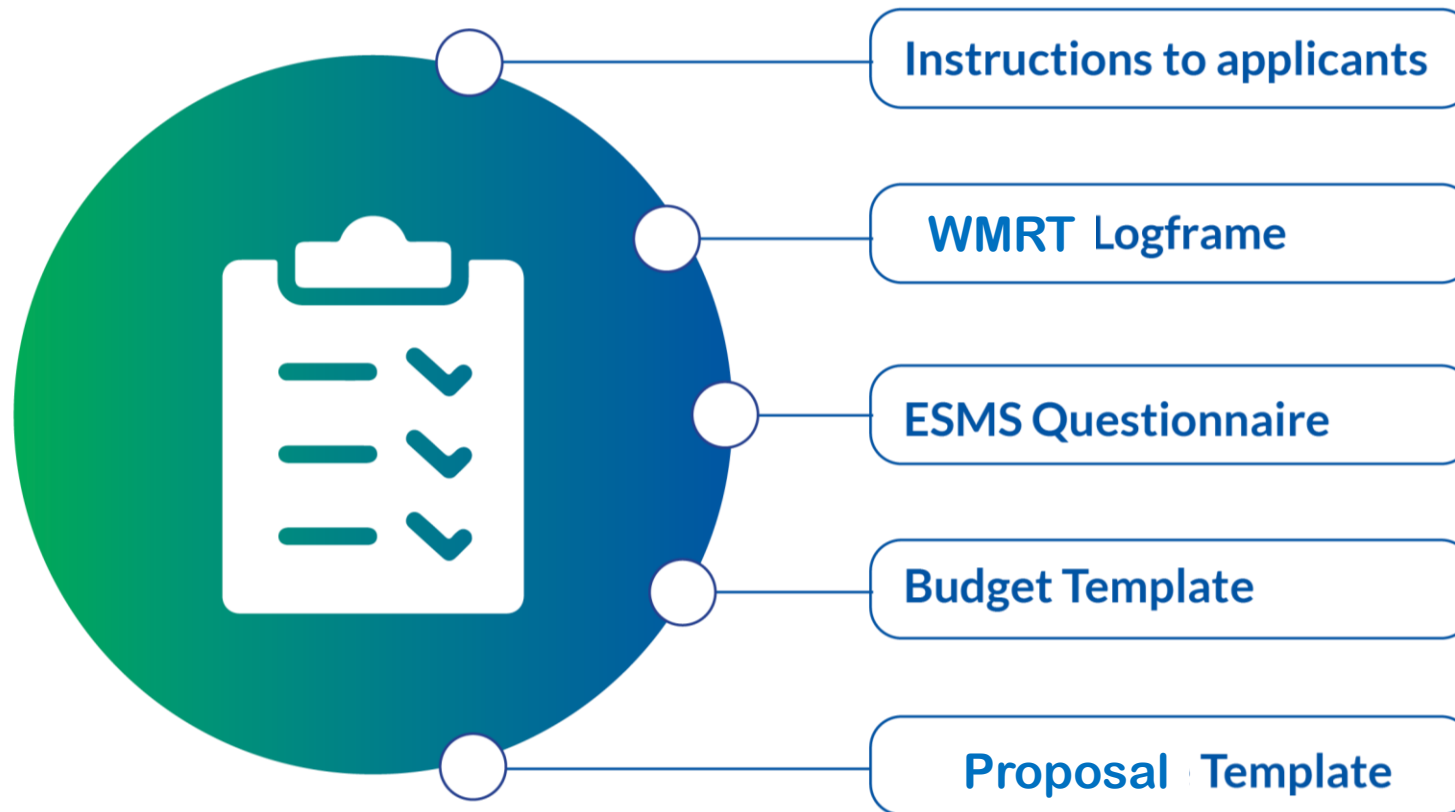
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APPLICATION DOCUMENTS



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ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

ELIGIBLE MEASURES / ACTIVITIES



Contributes to indicators



Implementation of existing TFCA plans



PA Management Effectiveness



Improving Competencies



Use of Technology in Conservation



Mentorship and ToT

INELIGIBLE MEASURES / ACTIVITIES



Personal Academic qualifications



Private commercial interests

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INDICATIVE ACTIVITIES/TRAINING FOCUS

Training focus



Wildlife & Forest Rangers/
Community Scout Training



Leadership and Strategic planning



Technology in Conservation



TFCA-specific topics



Conflict Management (incl HWC)



Emerging topics

Systemic actions



Mentorship approaches



Training of Trainers



Curriculum Development



Equipment linked to training

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KEY CONSIDERATIONS

- Clear link to Training Needs identified for the TFCA (refer TNA Review Report and country specific information)
- A clear problem statement and goal of the training(s) proposed, details of individual trainings/ToT/mentorship to be undertaken, clear target area and target audience, institutions and trainers involved.
- Prior consultation and endorsement by TFCA Focal point(s); all proposals must demonstrate development with relevant stakeholders and in line with overall TFCA vision and plans.
- Proof of valid registration to operate in respective SADC Member States (for lead institution, if not a government entity), and proven experience managing similar projects (training and capacity development) in the region
- Contribution to the overall goal, outcomes, indicators of the SADC TFCA FF WMRT
- **Building on existing initiatives / Coordination with landscape grants:** applicants are requested to assess and understand the current activities being implemented under ongoing projects in the selected TFCAs. The need for this is to encourage the building of synergies and complementarities where possible, and to avoid duplication of effort and resources. **Priority will be given to proposed training that effectively complements current/foreseen projects in TFCAs and directly aligns with overall TFCA plans.**
- An analysis of potential environmental and social risks relevant in the target areas and how these are integrated into the training delivery.
- Cost-efficiency of project budget and planned activities (including per person cost of training and training days per person)
- Applicants to provide co-finance contribution of at least 10% (see co-finance guidelines for the TFCA FF)
- Include CBOs as partners to build their capacities and access to the training, where relevant

Checklist for Proposal submission



Letter of Endorsement from TFCA Authority



Completed proposal form, with supporting documents
(Budget and Procurement Plan, ESMS questionnaire)



Contribution to TFCA objectives



Geographical Focus: GLTFCA, KAZA or MAZA



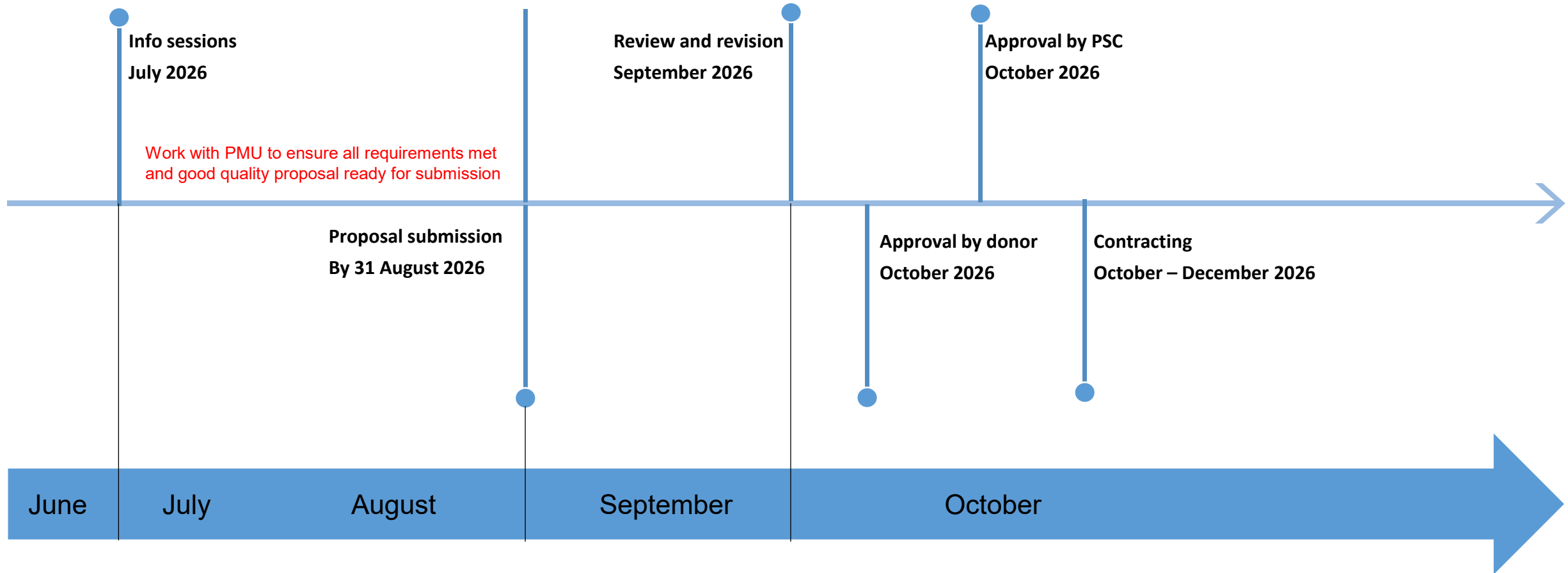
Budget Threshold: 200 – 400k EUR

Assessment Tools and Standards

Where appropriate, applicants are encouraged to include assessments of competencies and/or management effectiveness and governance for Protected Areas using assessment tools and standards such as:

1. PARCS (IRF/GRAA)
2. IUCN Green List
3. Management Effectiveness Tracking Tool (METT)
4. Integrated Management Effectiveness Tool (IMET)
5. Site-level Assessment for Governance and Equity (SAGE)

INDICATIVE TIMELINES



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NEXT STEPS

- Form a consortium with key landscape partners in your country's portion of the TFCA
- Consult the TNA Review Report and your country's training priorities
- Identify collectively your priority training needs for site-level managers, rangers and community-based organisations to advance the TFCA plans
- Identify a contracting entity within your consortium
- Develop your proposal and complete the proposal template
- Complete the WMRT ESMS Questionnaire and Budget
- PMU is standing by throughout to answer your questions – **please ask!**
- Submit proposal, questionnaire and budget **by 31 August 2026**

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