

# The AfESG Small Grants Programme

## Call for proposals

The IUCN/SSC African Elephant Specialist Group (AfESG) has been awarded funds by the European Commission ‘**to promote applied research and build capacity in African Elephant Range States, while promoting the mission and objectives of the African Elephant Specialist Group**’.

The purpose of this fund is to help AfESG build the capacity of **African students, researchers and organizations**, while also increasing the growing knowledge base for conserving the species. The funds will be made available through a competitive process to African researchers, students and wildlife management authorities (both within and outside AfESG membership).

## Criteria

- The proposal must be aimed at results that are beneficial to conservation of the African elephant and address at least one of the broad priority issues as identified by AfESG, listed in the next column.
- The recipients must be African researchers, managers, students or organizations.
- The proposal must have clearly stated

goals and objectives and a realistic budget and time frame.

- The proposed research methods must be scientifically sound.
- Each proposal should be in the range of USD 2000–10,000.

## Priority issues

- Law enforcement and anti-poaching
- Illegal trade
- Habitat loss
- Local overpopulation of elephants
- Human–elephant conflict
- Elephant surveys (numbers, distribution and movements). Countries where up-to-date data are virtually non-existent are **Angola, Liberia, Sierra Leone, Somalia and Sudan**. Proposals aiming to survey areas in these countries may be given priority.

## General

The grant recipient must provide a clearly written proposal together with a detailed budget for approval. All activities must be linked to the outputs with clearly stated time limits. Each activity should be given a cost. Each activity should have a corresponding budget line.