



Anglo American Positive Biodiversity Outcomes Grant 2022

Request for Proposals

Due date: 2 October 2022 23:59 Universal Time Coordinated (UTC)

Background

There is no future for 'business as usual'. The world is reaching irreversible tipping points for nature and climate, and over half of the global GDP of approximately \$44 trillion, is potentially threatened by nature loss. Fighting climate change is essential but not enough to address the nature crisis. A fundamental transformation is needed across three socio-economic systems: food, land and ocean use; infrastructure and the built environment; and energy and extractives.

The Convention on Biological Diversity released the post-2020 global biodiversity framework aimed at galvanising transformative action and recognising the need for urgent policy action at a global, regional and national scale, to stabilise trends that exacerbate biodiversity loss by 2030. The United Nations also declared 2021-2030 to be the "decade on ecosystem restoration". There is an urgent need for transformative action by governments and all of society, local communities, civil society, and businesses, to scale up the restoration of degraded ecosystems and to build local capacity. This is important as restored ecosystems will improve the conservation of biodiversity, delivery of ecosystem services, adaptation to climate change and potentially contribute to climate change mitigation and the social value of nature reserves.

At Anglo American, we realised that when it comes to nature loss, the cost of inaction is too high. This is why we remain committed to the global objective of delivering positive biodiversity outcomes to ensure that:

- the integrity of all ecosystems is enhanced,
- the rate of extinctions is reduced, and
- genetic diversity of species is maintained in line with the post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework goals.

This helps enhance the benefits people get from nature and contributes to long-term socio-economic sustainability.

This annual Grant was established in 2020. The objective of the grant is to deliver positive impact, demonstrating and sharing positive outcomes in the wider landscape/seascape, and in the countries and regions in which Anglo American operates.

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Anglo American, through the Anglo American Foundation, is inviting suitably qualified nonprofit organisations (NPOs) or academic institutions to submit proposals that deliver positive impact, demonstrating and sharing positive outcomes in the wider landscape/seascape, and in countries and regions in which Anglo American operates.

Applicants may submit more than one proposal but only one per organisation/institute will be awarded.



Project eligibility criteria:

Anglo American is looking to support projects that meet at least one of these three criteria:

[compulsory that a project meet at least one of these]

1. Contribute to the conservation or restoration of priority **species**;
2. Contribute to the conservation or restoration of priority **habitats**; and/or
3. Enhance **ecosystem** services so that they are able to promote and sustain biodiversity, and local communities.

This grant is only open to projects that:

[all compulsory]

- Are located in Australia, Canada and/or the United Kingdom; and that
- Span between ten and thirty-six months.

In addition to meeting the above core criteria, projects also need to clearly demonstrate how their work will address challenges (e.g., reducing primary threats or pressures) relevant to the region of implementation. Projects would need to demonstrate how they include:

[the most compelling project would be expected to speak to a majority of these]

- threatened or data deficient species on the IUCN red list (or similar national assessments);
 - incl. key threats or restoration priorities identified through the Species Threat Abatement and Restoration¹ (STAR) metric
- located in or near priority habitats e.g., Key Biodiversity Areas or Protected Areas;
- National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plan (NBSAPs)
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- located in or near priority habitats e.g., Key Biodiversity Areas or Protected Areas;
- demonstrated support (through free, prior and informed consent) from local communities / indigenous peoples (through free, prior and informed consent);
- support for biodiversity whilst also enhancing ecosystem-enabled **livelihoods** relevant to local communities; and/or
- actions that address key **knowledge** gaps or advance achievement of national / regional conservation priorities.

Organisation eligibility criteria:

To be eligible for consideration, the organisation submitting a project proposal must:

[all compulsory]

- Be legally registered as a not-for-profit entity or educational institution in the country of operation and/or implementation.
- Have an existing regional presence in Australia, Canada and/or the United Kingdom.
- Have been in existence for a period of at least three years.
- Have a solid track record of delivering similar projects and can clearly demonstrate past successes.
- Have proven capacity to monitor and report on effective project implementation.

Anglo American expects to award grants from a total budget of US\$500 000. The ideal project should commence in the first quarter of 2023, requiring a grant of between US\$50 000 and US\$250 000 to achieve demonstrable outcomes within a defined time-period.

¹ STAR refers to the Species Threat Abatement and Restoration metric. For more information, click on the link <https://www.iucn.org/resources/conservation-tool/species-threat-abatement-and-recovery-star-metric>



Under this Grant, Anglo American does **not** fund projects that are:

- Capital in nature, i.e., building infrastructure. Where project vehicles are required, this should be well motivated.
- Submitted, run or managed by **for-profit** organisations.
- Of a political or religious nature. (NB developmental initiatives by faith-based organisations would be eligible, as long as the benefits of this work are not exclusive to people of a particular faith or denomination).
- **Purely for academic research and do not have clear conservation outcomes. Attending workshops or conferences will also not be considered.**
- Sponsorships for events and/or functions.
- Direct donations or grants to individuals.
- Student fees.

Grant application process:

Submission requirements:

- Complete the online proposal submission form and attach all the required supporting documents online. For a link to the form, and for further information, visit <https://www.angloamerican.com/species-conservation>
- This online application form will require that you submit the following information:
 - Details on the project;
 - An outline of the core positive biodiversity activity in focus and what work has already taken place;
 - Detailed project implementation plan; demonstrating a clear link to the grant's objectives;
 - Detailed, itemised budget. Please note that grants between \$50 000 and \$250 000 will be considered;
 - Results framework for impact measurement, monitoring and reporting; and
 - Detailed organisational information such as where and how registration, details of the board and key contact person's contact details.

Proposals must be submitted together with the following documents by 23:59 UTC on 2 October 2022.

All these supporting documents are required, and non-submission could jeopardise your proposal application:

- Organisational registration certificate.
- Organisation's founding documents, for example:
 - Constitution,
 - Trust Deed,
 - Memorandum of Incorporation,
 - Articles of Association.
- Annual financial statements (AFS) from the previous financial year (ideally not older than 18 months at the time of submission). Audited AFS would be preferred.
- Management accounts for the current financial year, to date.
- Tax clearance certificate or letter of good standing from the local receiver of revenue in the country where the applying entity is registered.
- Proof of applying entity's physical address (in the form of a utility bill or a letter from the municipality).
- List of the applying entity's full board (governance structure), written-up on the organisation's or institution's own letterhead.



Where the following documents are available, please also submit:

- Proof of legal registration as a tax-exempt public benefit/nonprofit/non-governmental organisation or academic institution.
- A formal letter from key project partner(s) on their letterhead confirming their participation (where applicable).

Additional notes:

- Proposals must be submitted in English.
- Organisations that do not hear back from us within twelve weeks should assume their proposal was unsuccessful.

The proposal submission and vetting processes will be managed for Anglo American by Tshikululu Social Investments NPC (Tshikululu) who will be assisting a Selection Committee comprising representatives from a range of Anglo American divisions and operations.

- Proposals will undergo initial screening and vetting and if successful will be forwarded to the Selection Committee who will make a shortlist.
- Shortlisted candidates will be required to submit additional documents which will be vetted, including and not limited to:
 - Proof of ID and address for all governance body members; and
 - CVs of key project staff (max 2 pages each)
- Organisations that are shortlisted, and approached for additional information and certain compliance documentation, should expect to return these documents by 25 November 2022.
- Shortlisted candidates will then be submitted to the Selection Committee for final decision making.

Tshikululu has made a helpdesk available for any queries or assistance required with the proposal submission process for this grant.

- Queries can be submitted via email to aa.biodiversity.grant@tshikululu.org.za or addressed telephonically via +27 11 544-0300 (Mon – Fri 07:00 – 14:30 UTC). Tshikululu's Anglo American Biodiversity Grant Helpdesk will be available for the month of September 2022.
- For more information about how Tshikululu manages private information, please refer to the Privacy page on Tshikululu's website <https://tshikululu.org.za/privacy/>.
- By continuing with this application, you also agree to Tshikululu's Terms of Use, which can be viewed on Tshikululu's website <https://tshikululu.org.za/terms-of-use/>.
- As part of Tshikululu's zero tolerance approach to fraud, corruption and unethical behaviour, we have implemented the independently managed Vuvuzela hotline, enabling stakeholders to anonymously report suspicions of unethical conduct, using the following link <https://www.thehotline.co.za/report/>.