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SUBJECT: **Kiwa Initiative Opens New Call for Local Projects in the Pacific Region**

Dear Members,

This funding opportunity under the Kiwa Initiative is shared on behalf of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN).

The Kiwa Initiative provides grants for both local and regional-scale projects in 19 eligible countries and territories in the Pacific region, including the three French Overseas Countries and Territories (OCTs) in addition to the ACP (for countries in the Pacific, part of African, Caribbean and Pacific region).¹ The Kiwa initiative also provides support to project leaders in the form of capacity building and technical assistance.

Local projects focus on very small to medium-sized grants. IUCN Oceania and the IUCN French Committee (for OCTs) currently oversee local projects of the Kiwa Initiative, specifically targeting local communities.

How to apply

The new Kiwa Call for proposals welcomes applications from **20 September to 12 November 2023**.

The Kiwa Initiative call for local projects awards grants to local and international CSOs (including community-based organisations) and local/sub-national/national public institutions/authorities. Interested proponents can submit a concept note either for a Very Small, a Small, or a Medium grant, with budget ranges between EUR 25,000 to EUR 400,000, depending on the project's size.

Types of grants	Budget range	Duration	Due Date for submission of Concept notes	If selected, Invitation for Full Proposals
Very small	€25,000 - €50,000	Up to 12 months	12 November 2023 23:59 UTC+12 (Fiji time)	December 2023
Small	€50,001 - €100,000	- Up to 20 months		
Medium	€100,001 - €400,000	- Up to 23 months		

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Capacity Building for Project Applicants

In line with its strong commitment to fostering positive change in the Pacific region, the Kiwa Initiative places a significant emphasis on capacity building. Recognizing that not all organisations may be familiar with the project submission process, the IUCN Oceania and IUCN French National Committee are dedicated to providing essential support and guidance to ensure the success of potential applicants.

A series of four (4) informative webinars in English will be organised virtually, at 11.00 am UTC+12 (Fiji time) on 25 September and 5, 12 and 19 October.

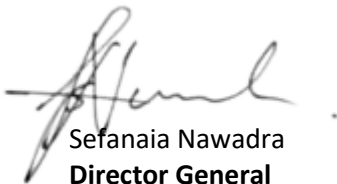
We encourage all interested parties to take advantage of this opportunity to strengthen their project development skills in order to contribute to the sustainable future of the Pacific region.

All applications must be submitted in English or in French (for OCT) via email to: submit.kiwainitiative@iucn.org

For inquiries and questions, please contact: kiwainitiative@iucn.org

For detailed information on this Call, applications procedures and capacity building, please visit IUCN website: <https://bit.ly/2ndCallKiwa>

Yours sincerely,



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