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NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR MIGRATORY SPECIES CONSERVATION INCLUDING FOR COVID-19 RESPONSE

The Secretariat of the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS) is pleased to inform you of funding opportunities for the conservation of migratory species including in response to the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic.

As a first opportunity, the *IUCN Save Our Species (SOS) African Wildlife Initiative* invites proposals for **Rapid Action Grants** targeting terrestrial and freshwater threatened species in continental **Sub-Saharan African and Madagascar**. The Rapid Action Grants aim to enable an immediate response to newly emerging threats, including those linked to the COVID-19 crisis. This is an open-ended call. To apply for a grant, please visit [here](#).

A second funding opportunity is within the *Biodiversity and Protected Areas Management (BIOPAMA) Rapid Response Grants* established to address emergencies requiring rapid action. The Rapid Response Grants intend to combat negative impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic in the management and governance of protected areas and to enhance the resilience of local communities in **African, Caribbean and Pacific countries**. This call is open until **31 December 2020**. To apply for a grant, please visit [here](#).

In addition to the above-mentioned grants instituted to counter the COVID-19 emergency, the Secretariat is glad to inform you about other prospects that may provide a source of funding to contribute to the conservation of migratory species.

The *Mohamed bin Zayed Species Conservation Fund* provides targeted funding to support species conservation initiatives. The deadline for applying for this grant is **31 October 2020**. Instructions for applicants can be found [here](#).

National Geographic has open calls under all its grant programmes including those in support of **Big Cat Conservation** and **Recovery of Species on the Brink of Extinction**. The deadline for applying for both grants is **21 October 2020**. Instructions for applicants can be found [here](#).

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The Secretariat encourages Parties to the Convention and partner organizations to propose projects that contribute to the implementation of plans, actions or initiatives developed under CMS and its instruments. The Secretariat will support these proposals with letters of endorsement.

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