



OCEAN CONSERVATION FUND

REGULATION 3RD EDITION 2019

THEME: “MARINE INVERTEBRATES. PROTECT THE OCEAN, THE FUTURE OF THE PLANET.”

ARTICLE 1

P U R P O S E

The present regulation establishes the rules for applying for the 3rd edition (2019) of the Ocean Conservation Fund, an initiative which intends to stimulate the scientific community and society in general to become actively involved in the conservation of marine ecosystems.

ARTICLE 2

A P P L I C A T I O N E L I G I B I L I T Y

1 - Conservation projects within the sphere of the theme “Marine Invertebrates. Protect the ocean, the future of the Planet” are eligible for the 3rd edition (2019) of the Ocean Conservation Fund.

2 – The projects mentioned above may be developed in Portugal or abroad, must begin by March 2020, after the Ocean Conservation Fund has been granted, and must be completed by December 2022. They must be innovative, promote an integrated approach to the threats faced by marine invertebrates and provide effective conservation actions for these species, thus contributing to the conservation of existing marine biodiversity.

3 - Collective entities may apply for the Ocean Conservation Fund, irrespective of their public or private nature and type of incorporation, legally recognised, as an individual or in partnership. The application must specify the beneficiary Portuguese institution that will lead the project.

4 - Conservation projects must be coordinated by a Portuguese institution and the project may also have Portuguese or international partners.

ARTICLE 3

S U B M I S S I O N O F A P P L I C A T I O N S

1 – Applications for the Ocean Conservation Fund should be submitted online (<https://www.oceanario.pt/conservacao/fundo-para-a-conservacao-dos-oceanos/3-edicao/>), in English, along with the following elements relating to the project, as requested on the online application:

- a. Application form
- b. Project brief in English
- c. Abstract in English
- d. Extended abstract in Portuguese
- e. CV of the coordinator and main members of the respective team (up to two A4 pages for each CV);

The elements mentioned on b., c., d. and e. must be submitted in pdf format.

2 – The project brief, in up to fifteen A4 pages (Font: Times New Roman, Size 12, Spacing:1,5), must be signed by the project coordinator and describe the following:

- a. The framework and objectives of the project;
- b. Geographical location - map to help locate where the project will take place
- c. The description of planned activities and their timing, highlighting the innovative character or added value in comparison to previous activities developed by the institution or institutions that are submitting the application;
- d. Personnel involved and short CVs of the coordinator and main members of the respective team (up to two A4 pages for each CV);
- e. Project budget, scheduled and itemised by main expense headings (as referred in the application form); Budget notes should be provided.
- f. Expected results (achievement and result indicators);
- g. Foreseen follow-up actions.

3 – Candidates should also add the following documents to their application:

- a. Certificate from the Portuguese tax authorities relating to outstanding tax of the institution to the Portuguese government;
- b. Certificate of tax situation regarding national insurance payments of the institution in Portugal;

Note: These documents need to be valid at the application submission deadline.

ARTICLE 4

A P P L I C A T I O N P E R I O D

Applications, appropriately completed as indicated above, must be submitted until 6 p.m. GMT on the 7th of July 2019.

ARTICLE 5

A S S E S S M E N T O F A P P L I C A T I O N S

1 - Applications shall be evaluated by a jury formed by acknowledged experts in the area in question.

2 - Merit will be given to applications that promote a higher contribution to the conservation of the targeted species and:

- a. Have an *on-site* work component;
- b. Assure that information gathered and shared meets scientific standards and is relevant to the target species conservation needs;
- c. Represent sustainable initiatives, suitable of being continued after the implementation period;
- d. Foster education, awareness and engagement of local population in action against biodiversity reduction;
- e. Include a strong outreach element of conservation messages with evaluation metrics.
- f. Project outputs include proposal of conservation actions implementation

3 – The application selection process will be concluded by November 2019

4 – The results of the Ocean Conservation Fund will be announced at a public event, on a date to be announced.

5 – The jury shall decide freely, at their exclusive discretion, on all and any aspects, and their decision shall be final, definitive and with no right to appeal.

6 – The entities whose projects are approved will be informed of the results as well as receive a funding protocol, containing the rules for implementing the financial grant.

ARTICLE 6

G R A N T A M O U N T

1 - The overall amount of the 3rd Edition (2019) of the Ocean Conservation Fund to be distributed among all funded projects is a total of one hundred and fifty thousand euros, according to a distribution and schedule defined by Oceanário de Lisboa S.A. based on the jury's proposal. The minimum amount granted to a project will be 30.000€ with no maximum amount per project, with 1 to 5 winning projects.

2 - The following type of expenses shall be considered when allocating the financial grant, providing they are directly related to the selected application(s):

- a. Acquisition of consumables and other running expenses indispensable to the project, up to 50% of the eligible expenses of the project;
- b. Acquisition of services external to the beneficiary institution;
- c. Travel expenses of the researchers involved in the project, as long as duly specified within the project budget;
- d. Acquisition of new equipment;
- e. Production, monitoring and disclosure of results.

3 - Non eligible:

- a. Expenses stemming from annual salaries (full-time or part-time) of collaborators of the candidate institution; however, expenses with short-term collaborators directly relating to the project might be admitted.
- b. Expenses with overheads; however, some administrative expenses, duly specified and related to the project, might be considered.

4 - The financial grant is given through a contract or protocol, stating the beneficiary's obligations.

5 - Oceanário de Lisboa, S.A. reserves the right to discontinue or revoke the financial grant should it verify that the beneficiary has not complied with the specifications in this document and/or in the signed contract or protocol.

ARTICLE 7

C L A R I F I C A T I O N S A N D C O N T A C T S

Any questions regarding this fund may be clarified until the 28th June, 2019 at:

conservacao@oceanario.pt

ARTICLE 8

P R O J E C T D I S S E M I N A T I O N

The winning candidate(s) commit(s) to:

- 1 – Cooperate with Oceanário de Lisboa, S.A. in communicating the project's progress.
- 2 – Provide a quarterly report on the project's progress, with accompanying images (photo and/or video).
- 3 – Include a wordmark of the **Ocean Conservation Fund** and logos associated in all communication pieces produced within the project scope.
- 4 - Social media posts related to the project must tag and mention Oceanário de Lisboa and the Oceano Azul Foundation, and have links to respective pages.
- 5 - Disclosure and communication of the project by the winner must be shared with Oceanário de Lisboa and the Oceano Azul Foundation.

ARTICLE 9

F I N A L P R O V I S I O N S

- 1 – Any cases not included in the present regulation shall be resolved by Oceanário de Lisboa, S.A.
- 2 – The fund's promoters reserve the right to not assign any prize related to this fund, regardless of the reason for this decision.
- 3 – There is no right to appeal the decision.
- 4 – The information sent for this fund shall not be returned; however, the promoters guarantee their confidentiality.
- 5 – The requirements and procedures stated in this regulation are absolutely determinant for the assessment of the proposals; as such their disregard or incompleteness may result in the exclusion of the application.
- 6 – By submitting a proposal, its candidates acknowledge their full acceptance of this regulation.