



## THE TABLE MOUNTAIN FUND ("TMF")

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### CALL FOR CONCEPT PROPOSALS TO THE TABLE MOUNTAIN FUND

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

The Table Mountain Fund (TMF) was established in 1998 with funds from local and international sources. TMF is a significant partner of C.A.P.E. (Cape Action for People and the Environment), the multi-stakeholder conservation partnership that drives fynbos conservation efforts. Furthermore, the fund aims to cement partnerships, in particular those between civil society and the state, and places emphasis on experimenting with new approaches towards solving conservation problems.

##### **Vision**

*The Table Mountain Fund is a world-leading Conservation Trust Fund– initiating, developing and providing seed and catalytic funding to projects that restore and protect the natural wilderness of Table Mountain, the Cape Peninsula and the entire Cape Floristic Region (CFR) as a valuable heritage accessible to all South Africans and other citizens of the world.*

##### **Mission**

*The Table Mountain Fund will establish itself as the premier fund for achieving significant conservation interventions in the CFR through supporting the C.A.P.E. strategy and other priority conservation interventions locally and nationally.*

#### 2. CALL FOR CONCEPT PROPOSALS

TMF now calls for concept proposals that are in line with the TMF 2013 – 2018 Conservation Strategy which is available on [www.thetablemountainfund.org.za](http://www.thetablemountainfund.org.za). The total amount of funding available for all projects for this financial year is R 955 000.

**Who can apply?** Registered organisations in good standing and with a specific interest in undertaking conservation work in the Cape Floristic Region are encouraged to apply. Under exceptional circumstances, organisations not yet registered as NPOs may be considered.

**What types of applications can be considered for funding?** In addition to meeting one or more of the eight strategic objectives of TMFs Conservation Strategy, projects must meet the following criteria:

- Address high priority conservation needs;
- Be exemplary and catalytic;
- Display feasibility in terms of having the required skills and expertise;
- Be based on achievable time frames;



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- Have realistic financial resources available to the project and be cost effective; and
- Not duplicate existing initiatives.

Furthermore, the following projects will be favourably considered by TMF:

- Projects based within the TMF Climate Change Adaptation Corridors;
- Projects lead by civil society;
- Projects that are well supported by partners in conservation;
- Projects that have attracted significant co-finance;
- Projects that seek to test and demonstrate the convergence between Rural Economic Development and conservation; and
- Projects whereby the administration fee is below 10%.

Although not outright disqualifiers, TMF will not support the following projects unless strongly motivated for:

- The production of videos and films and publication of books, excepting resource materials;
- Attendance of and travel to conferences / symposia etc. and the cost associated with staging these events;
- Bursaries and scholarships;
- Research not aimed at solving management problems or not aligned to the Fynbos Forum Research strategy or the TMF strategic objectives;
- Core institutional support and the purchase of capital equipment and assets;
- Salaries, except as an integral part of a project; or
- Routine management of the Peninsula mountain chain (excluding projects of high conservation priority that are not addressed by existing management activities).

**Assessment of applications:** Applications will be assessed by the Project Review Panel on the basis of the above provided criteria. Given that the nature of the call is competitive, even projects which meet all stipulated criteria may not be awarded funding. Short-listed applicants will be invited to develop their concepts into full applications for further consideration based upon comments received from the Project Review Panel (which may also ask for independent review of any application). All applicants, whether successful or not in their application, will be provided with feedback by the 30<sup>th</sup> June 2018.

**Grant size:** The following grant options are available:

- (1) A maximum of R250 000 p.a., for a maximum period of three years (i.e. grants may not exceed R750 000.00 in total); or
- (2) A small grant of up to R50 000 for a period not exceeding one year will only be considered if geographically located outside of the current TMF-funded small grant facilities (refer to the website for a list of these facilities).

### **3. THE CONCEPT PROPOSAL**

Concepts are envisaged to outline details of the project at a high level and should be no more than three A4 pages in length. The following headings must be addressed in concept proposals (please note that incomplete concept proposals will not be considered for funding):

**Section 1:** Project Name

**Section 2:** Information about the organization (name, status, date of establishment, registration, etc.)

**Section 3:** Project location and map

**Section 4:** Conservation Problem Statement

**Section 5:** Project Objectives

**Section 6:** Conservation Benefits

**Section 7:** Alignment with the focal TMF strategic objectives

**Section 8:** Budget (state TMF and other contributions separately)

**Section 9:** A summarised Implementation Schedule with timelines (maximum of 3 years), preferably in a log-frame format

**Section 10:** Partners or collaborating organization/s (*indicate whether relationship is already active or proposed*)

**Section 11:** Project team members (*name, surname, age, gender, role, employer and experience*)

**Section 12:** Potential risks and responses (*risks, likelihood (high, medium, low), consequences, Risk Management approach*)

#### **4. APPLYING FOR A GRANT**

Applications should be emailed to the TMF Project Coordinator, Carla Wood ([cwood@wwf.org.za](mailto:cwood@wwf.org.za)), 021 762 8525, before midnight on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2018. Applications received after the closing date will not be accepted. Please ensure that you receive acknowledgement of receipt of your proposal.