Keystone Grant (Stage 1) - Application Overview

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Application Overview - Keystone Grant

Keystone Grant (2025 Funding Cycle)

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Dates should all be in the format dd/mm/yyyy and the currency used in this application is USD / US$.

Deadline: Grant applications must be submitted through this application system no later than 03 May 2024 (Stage I) and 12 July 2024 (Stage II) at 18:00 CET (Central European Time)

No Responses Selected

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1. Title: *

(No response)

2. First name: *

(No response)

3. Family / Last name: *

(No response)

4. Date of birth: *

(No response)

5. Nationality: *

(No response)

5a. If other, please specify:

(No response)

6. Complete mailing address:

Address line 1: *	(No response)
Address line 2	(No response)
City: *	(No response)
State / Province (if applicable):	(No response)
Postal code (if applicable):	(No response)
Country: *	(No response)

Is your physical address different from the one above: *

(No response)

8. Work telephone: *

International format including country code.

(No response)

9. eMail 1: *

(No response)

10. eMail 2:

(No response)

11. Website(s):

(No response)

12. Facebook:

(No response)

13. Twitter:

(No response)

14. Instagram:

(No response)

15: Other social networks:

(No response)

Keystone Grant (Stage 1) - Organisation/Institution Information

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Organisation/Institution Information - Keystone Grant

1. Name: *

> (No response)

2. Acronym:

> (No response)

3. Organisation / Institution website:

Be sure to provide a valid URL including the http:// prefix.

> (No response)

Keystone Grant (Stage 1) - Project Summary

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Project Summary - Keystone Grant

1. Proposed Project Topic or Title: *

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> (No response)

2. Please select the focus of your project: *

Please check the primary focus under which your project most closely falls.

a. Primary focus	
b. Secondary focus	
c. Tertiary focus	

3. Species concerned or habitat: *

	Common name	Latin name (if species)
Species/habitat (Primary): *		
Species/habitat:		
Species/habitat:		
Species/habitat:		
Species/habitat:		

4. Species status: *

IUCN Red list status. Please also indicate if the species is listed in any international conventions (e.g: CITES, CMS, etc) as well as any local, regional or national protection legislations.

(No response)

5. Project location: *

Define the geographical location - including country, region, site, sea, ocean, etc - where project activities will take place. The project leader may be based elsewhere .

(No response)

5a. Project country: *

What is the primary country where the project activities will take place?

(No response)

If other, please specify.

(No response)

What is the secondary country, if any, where the project activities will take place?

(No response)

5b. Project continent: *

What is the primary continent where the project activities will take place?

(No response)

6. Habitat | ecosystem

Define the habitat and/or ecosystem the project will focus on (e.g. coral reef, open ocean, estuary).

(No response)

Keystone Grant (Stage 1) - Project Description

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Project Description - Keystone Grant

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(No response)

2. Conservation challenge: *

Explain briefly why this project was identified and the conservation problem it will address. Why is the project unique, and why does the problem need to be addressed now?

(No response)

3. Keywords: *

(No response)

Aims and objectives

State clearly the broad aim of your project, and at least three specific objectives. If the planned work is part of a larger project you may reference the aims of that project, but please highlight (with an asterisk) which objectives will be addressed with funds from SOSF.

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4. General aims: *

(No response)

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5. Methodology summary: *

State clearly the methods that will be used to address the aims outlined above.

(No response)

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6. Is this a completely new project or the continuation of an existing project? *

We favour new and innovative projects, but will support existing work if a need can be demonstrated.

(No response)

If a continuation, please give details on the overall project, pilot study or other related projects:

(No response)

Keystone Grant (Stage 1) - Project Team

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Project Team - Keystone Grant

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(No response)

2. Project supervisor(s) and advisor(s): *

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3. Other referees:

Please provide the name and contact details of two senior referees (three if no supervisor) who will indicate their support for your application and whom we can, if necessary, approach to ask for their opinion of your project.

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Keystone Grant (Stage 1) - Date and Figures

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Dates and Figures - Keystone Grant

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1. When did / will this project start? *

Please note, grants tend to be administered towards the end of Q1 of the year following application.

(No response)

2. When will this project end? *

(No response)

3. What is the total duration of your project? *

(No response)

4. Comments on project duration:

(No response)

5. How much funding do you seek from SOSF in total for your project? (USD): *

(No response)

Note:

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6. Funding requested from SOSF for 2025 (USD): *

(No response)

7. Funding anticipated from other sources for 2025 (USD): *

(No response)

8. In-kind contributions for 2025 (USD): *

(No response)

9. Total project budget for 2025 (USD): *

(No response)

10. Other funding and/or support:

Please list here the other sources of funds identified in the previous section. These include other organisations, agencies or foundations that have confirmed funding for 2025, or who have been approached with requests that they support this project.

(No response)

11. Budget for future cycles:

2026

Funding requested from SOSF for 2026: *	(No response)

2027

Funding requested from SOSF for 2027: *	(No response)

12. Comments on the budget:

(No response)

Keystone Grant (Stage 1) - Supporting Files

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Supporting Files - Keystone Grant

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Upload Project Leader's C.V.: *

Upload Additional Documentation

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Keystone Grant (Stage 2) - Application Overview

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No Responses Selected

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Applicant Information - Keystone Grant

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1. Title: *

(No response)

2. First name: *

(No response)

3. Family / Last name: *

(No response)

4. Date of birth: *

(No response)

5. Nationality: *

(No response)

5a. If other, please specify:

(No response)

6. Complete mailing address:

Address line 1: *	(No response)
Address line 2	(No response)
City: *	(No response)
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Postal code (if applicable):	(No response)
Country: *	(No response)

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(No response)

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International format including country code.

(No response)

9. eMail 1: *

(No response)

10. eMail 2:

(No response)

11. Website(s):

(No response)

12. Facebook:

(No response)

13. Twitter:

(No response)

14. Instagram:

(No response)

15: Other social networks:

(No response)

Keystone Grant (Stage 2) - Organisation/Institution Information

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Organisation/Institution Information - Keystone Grant

1. Name: *

(No response)

2. Acronym:

(No response)

3. Organisation / Institution website:

Be sure to provide a valid URL including the http:// prefix.

(No response)

4. Type: *

(No response)

5. Legal status: *

(No response)

6. Establishment year: *

(No response)

7. History and mission statement: *

(No response)

Keystone Grant (Stage 2) - Project Summary

Incomplete

Project Summary - Keystone Grant

1. Proposed Project Topic or Title: *

This title will be used by SOSF when describing or referring to your project. It must be informative, clearly convey the subject and aim of the project.

(No response)

2. Please select the focus of your project: *

Please check the primary focus under which your project most closely falls.

a. Primary focus	
b. Secondary focus	
c. Tertiary focus	

3. Species concerned or habitat: *

	Common name	Latin name (if species)
Species/habitat (Primary): *		
Species/habitat:		
Species/habitat:		
Species/habitat:		
Species/habitat:		

4. Species status: *

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(No response)

5. Project location: *

Define the geographical location - including country, region, site, sea, ocean, etc - where project activities will take place. The project leader may be based elsewhere .

(No response)

5a. Project country: *

What is the primary country where the project activities will take place?

(No response)

If other, please specify.

(No response)

What is the secondary country, if any, where the project activities will take place?

(No response)

5b. Project continent: *

What is the primary continent where the project activities will take place?

(No response)

6. Habitat | ecosystem

Define the habitat and/or ecosystem the project will focus on (e.g. coral reef, open ocean, estuary).

(No response)

Keystone Grant (Stage 2) - Project Description

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Project Description - Keystone Grant

1. Project summary: *

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(No response)

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2. Conservation challenge: *

Explain briefly how or why this project has been identified. Explain what the conservation problem is and how it originated. Why is it important for this problem to be addressed now?

(No response)

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3. Keywords: *

(No response)

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4. This project is unique because...: *

SOSF aims to support applicants working on projects focused on exceptional species, habitats and/or locations, and is particularly committed to supporting activities that have the capacity to make a real difference to the health of the oceans and to the survival of the threatened aquatic species and habitats. Please explain briefly how your project meets these criteria.

(No response)

5. Background: *

For research projects, please summarise the key knowledge of the species, habitat, or environmental threat that is the focus of your project. You might include conservation challenges or knowledge gaps that the project aims to address. For education projects, identify the education challenge, how it relates to conservation of the species/habitat concerned, and how the project aims to address this. You may refer to up to 10 publications as appropriate.

(No response)

Aims and objectives

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6. General aims: *

(No response)

7. Methodology summary: *

State clearly the methods that will be used to address the aims outlined above.

(No response)

8. Details on objectives and methods:

For each objective listed for this SOSF project, describe briefly the methods you intend to use, and/or the precise activities that will be involved, in order to achieve these goals.
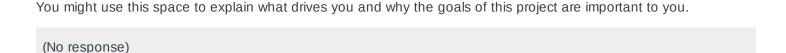
8.1. Objective 1: *

(No response)

8.2. Methods 1: *

(No response)

8.3. Objective 2: *

(No response)

8.4. Methods 2: *

(No response)

8.5. Objective 3: *

(No response)

8.6. Methods 3: *

(No response)

8.7. Objective 4:

(No response)

8.8. Methods 4:

(No response)

8.9. Objective 5:

(No response)

8.10. Methods 5:

(No response)

9. How will you communicate your results to the scientific or specialised community? *

Proposed projects should have a clear intended conservation outcome. Explain how you will ensure the findings from the project are communicated to the scientific community and relevant decision makers.

(No response)

10. How do you plan to communicate your results to a popular audience in a meaningful manner (excluding social networks)? *

While research tells us what we need to do, effective communication makes us want to do it. Please detail how you will engage a general audience to learn about the issue relevant to your project. Please describe if and how you will approach the media to disseminate your project work and findings.

(No response)

11. Indicators and intended conservation outcome: *

Explain how you plan to measure the results and the impact of your project.

> (No response)

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12. Is this a completely new project or the continuation of an existing project? *

We favour new and innovative projects, but will support existing work if a need can be demonstrated.

> (No response)

If a continuation, please give details on the overall project, pilot study or other related projects.

> (No response)

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13. Problems and contingency planning: *

List the main foreseeable administrative, logistical or technical problems that might arise during this project and explain how you will address them.

> (No response)

Keystone Grant (Stage 2) - Project Team

Incomplete

Project Team - Keystone Grant

1. Project leader's experience and qualifications: *

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> (No response)

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2. Why are you the best person to lead this project? *

You might use this space to explain what drives you and why the goals of this project are important to you.

(No response)

3. Project supervisor(s) and advisor(s): *

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(No response)

4. Other referees:

Please provide the name and contact details of two senior referees (three if no supervisor) who will indicate their support for your application and whom we can, if necessary, approach to ask for their opinion of your project.

(No response)

5. Previous SOSF applications (both accepted and rejected):

List brief details of project application(s), successful and unsuccessful, year(s) and outputs of projects that may have received a SOSF grant in the past.

(No response)

6. Collaboration and association:

List and describe present and future collaborative efforts and associations with governmental instituitions, NPOs and/ or NGOs locally, regionally, nationally and internationally.

(No response)

Keystone Grant (Stage 2) - Date and Figures

Incomplete

Dates and Figures - Keystone Grant

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1. When did / will this project start? *

(No response)

2. When will this project end? *

(No response)

3. What is the total duration of your project? *

(No response)

4. Comments on project duration:

(No response)

5. How much funding do you seek from SOSF in total for your project? (USD): *

(No response)

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6. Detail a comprehensive exit strategy plan for your project as SOSF funding will not exceed 3 years: *

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(No response)

7. Funding by year (USD):

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Please read our FAQs in case you have more questions about budget: https://saveourseas.com/grants/funding-faq/

2025

Funding requested from SOSF for 2025: *	(No response)
Other sources of funds (secured) for 2025: *	(No response)
Funding anticipated from other sources for 2025: *	(No response)
Total budget for 2025: *	(No response)

2026

Funding requested from SOSF for 2026: *	(No response)
Other sources of funds (secured) for 2026: *	(No response)
Funding anticipated from other sources for 2026: *	(No response)
Total budget for 2026: *	(No response)

2027

Funding requested from SOSF for 2027: *	(No response)
Other sources of funds (secured) for 2027: *	(No response)
Funding anticipated from other sources for 2027: *	(No response)
Total budget for 2027: *	(No response)

8. Co-sponsors and other potential sources of support?

Please list here the other sources of funds identified in the previous section (i.e. Budget). These include other organisations, agencies or foundations that have confirmed funding for 2025, or who have been approached with requests that they support this project.

a. Current sponsors:	(No response)
b. Potential future sponsors:	(No response)

9. Comments on the budget:

(No response)

10. Acknowledgement *

No Responses Selected

Keystone Grant (Stage 2) - Project Profile

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Project Profile - Keystone Grant

Upload project profile: *

Project profile (Word format) using [the template available here](#). The details provided in this section will be used to create the project profile on our website for successful applications. These sections should be written for a general audience, [please refer to existing profiles](#) for reference on style.

Upload project leader profile: *

Project leader profile (Word format) using [the template available here.](#) The details provided in this section will be used to create the personal profile on our website for successful applications. These sections should be written for a general audience, please refer to existing profiles for reference on style:

Upload profile photo: *

Please upload up to 3 high-resolution portrait photographs, which will be used to create the Project Leader portrait illustration for successful applications. These should not be passport-style images, but pictures that you like of yourself, in which your face is clearly visible (ideally without sunglasses or a hat).

Keystone Grant (Stage 2) - Supporting Files

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