



FAUNA & FLORA INTERNATIONAL

# Partner Crisis Support Fund

2020



## A GLOBAL CATASTROPHE

The Covid-19 pandemic is a global catastrophe, which has not only had a devastating effect on global society, but has wide-reaching implications for nature and its conservation around the world. We are witnessing substantially elevated threats to nature as a result of human migration, increased poverty and reduced economic options, including increased human-wildlife conflict and an upturn in poaching due to reduced field presence by rangers and/or tourism operators. At the same time, the income streams of many in-country NGOs have been severely affected, either by withdrawal of philanthropic funding (for example linked to stock market crashes) or as a result of direct conservation income streams from tourism or other markets completely failing under current restrictions.

There is a risk that some key partners may fold during the unique conditions of this crisis given reduced income streams, changed working practices and, crucially, the uncertainty about the duration of the pandemic and restrictions on travel and normal operations that may last for some considerable

time. Income from tourism, in particular, is unlikely to recover for a much longer period.

This is likely to be a longer-term crisis than is currently perceived and the economic downturn, coupled with a long period of uncertainty and changes in wider public behaviour, will challenge even resilient organisations. Alongside responding to immediate needs, there is an opportunity to think ahead, help organisations move to new models and to [adapt to a post-Covid future](#) – and this is as much a priority as short-term reinforcement investment. We urgently need to step up support for those with priority needs, in order to safeguard their future and ensure they continue to protect threatened wildlife and habitats.

FFI is also actively engaged in wider emerging responses to the pandemic, for example as part of a new consensus pushing for [transition away from trade in species](#) that creates a high risk of zoonotic disease transmission to humans, and a rethinking of protein and livelihoods options for forest-adjacent communities.



## PROVIDING RAPID SUPPORT FOR LASTING IMPACT

FFI is in a unique position to provide targeted, rapid, effective support – both financial and technical – where it is needed most across our network of partners to achieve lasting impact.

The community-based conservation approaches employed by FFI and its partners have already provided a ready-made foundation for delivering [pandemic-related support over the last few weeks](#) across our global portfolio, ranging from basic health and safety advice to supplies including PPE equipment.

However, we need to do more, now. With this in mind, **FFI is launching an emergency fund** to provide rapid relief – throughout this period and beyond – in support of these essential organisations and the people who make them work, in order to ensure that decades of conservation work is not undone, and to help our partners adapt to a new world and thrive into the future.

The purpose of this fund is to support in-country organisations that already partner with FFI. The fund will operate in three phases. The initial phase grants will enable partners to **survive** the initial impacts of Covid-19. Second and third phases are envisaged to help partners to **adapt** and then **thrive** in the light of ongoing Covid impacts and potentially changed operating conditions in a post-Covid world. These later phase grants will embed a level of technical assistance and organisational development support alongside direct funding.

Our ability to **rapidly allocate funding** is demonstrated by our experience with the [Rapid Response Facility](#), set up in 2006 as a partnership between the UNESCO World Heritage Centre and FFI, which provides emergency support for natural World Heritage sites during times of crisis. The mechanism has distributed one million dollars in times of greatest need, supporting the protection of 30 million hectares of the world's most valuable wildlife habitat.

# KEY OBJECTIVES

We will focus the fund on providing support to in-country organisations that already partner with FFI, as this is where we can have the most impact (immediate and lasting) in enabling them to:

- 1. SURVIVE:** Maintain central core operations and conservation interventions in the face of reduced income streams
- 2. ADAPT:** Strengthen their response to increased on-the-ground threats associated with Covid-19
- 3. THRIVE:** Develop more resilient financial operational models and income streams (for example where previous sources of income have been disrupted) to ensure effective recovery from the current crisis

We have already secured \$1m towards Phase 1 of this fund, which has enabled us to start channelling some emergency support to FFI partners. However, we urgently need funding to meet the growing pipeline of identified needs and are launching an appeal that aims to raise a **further \$1m** to provide emergency support and start to help organisations to adapt (Phase 2). For Phase 3, we will be seeking additional funding of at least \$1m to continue this support and to help organisations thrive in the future.



# EXAMPLES OF EMERGENCY NEEDS

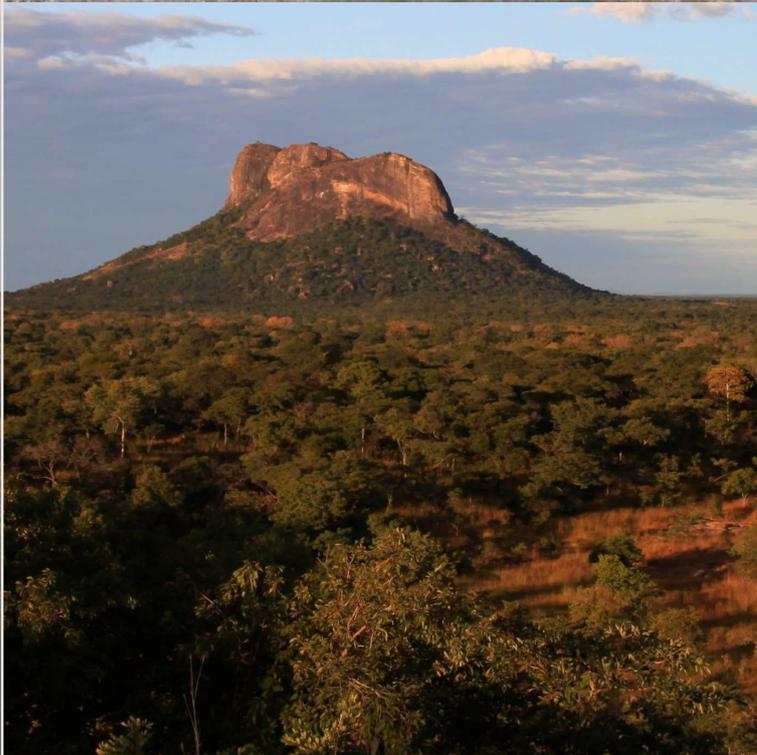
We have in-depth experience of working with a huge range of on-the-ground conservation partners, including through times of crisis and emergency, and can ensure that funding is used as effectively as possible due to our knowledge of the issues and stakeholders involved – from local organisations to national and international entities. We have already identified a range of needs across our portfolio where emergency support is required. Details on current allocations towards each project can be found on page 9.



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## KENYA & UGANDA

Across our projects in Kenya and Uganda the spread of coronavirus has had an immediate impact on tourism revenue, meaning that many of the reserves, conservancies and national parks we support are now unable to fund their anti-poaching patrol teams, risking an upsurge in poaching of key species such as black rhino. Supporting these patrols to deter, detect and respond effectively to any change in poaching activity will avert the risk of a devastating short-term impact on wildlife and ecosystems, ensuring that there is a tourism product to return to in the longer term.



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## CHUILEXI, MOZAMBIQUE

In Chuilexi, at the heart of the vast Niassa Reserve, we are experiencing a loss of planned income from donors who have been affected by the downturn in global markets, reducing the ability of our field partner to respond to poaching and pushing ranger families further into poverty. Support to offset those losses will enable Chuilexi rangers to continue to operate.

## MYANMAR, CAMBODIA, INDONESIA

In Asia, the primary need is providing relief support to communities with whom we work, who have found that food supplies are restricted, markets reduced, food prices higher and income from tourism absent, forcing them to contemplate undertaking unsustainable resource use, which will adversely affect biodiversity and undermine previous work done by FFI and partners. This is occurring throughout our projects, but predominantly within the fishing communities of Myanmar, Cambodia and Aceh and forest communities in Indonesia and Cambodia.

## TAJIKISTAN

In Tajikistan, which has recently gone into lockdown, our community outreach partner Zam Zam has a high dependency on FFI funding for its work and the salaries of its staff. With field activities being put on hold it would be extremely helpful if we could secure Zam Zam's income for the next few months to enable them to maintain their team and be ready to quickly recommence their important work in conserving forest resources.

## GEORGIA

In Georgia, our team has been providing hygiene equipment (disinfectant, gloves, etc.) to local people including river fishers, who are working with us to save several species of critically endangered sturgeon from extinction. This enables our partners in the community to meet lockdown and hygiene/distancing requirements while continuing to undertake conservation activities in rural areas.

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## HONDURAS

In the Honduras Seascope, the lockdown has caused widespread hardship, and this is putting increasing pressure on marine resources, with many additional, unauthorised fishers during the lockdown and an expected surge in fishing by registered fishers as soon as lockdown ends, to make up for lost income. Our partners need support over a six-month period, firstly for patrols to prevent illegal or excessive fishing throughout this time, and secondly to work with the 17 Seascope communities on a post-lockdown recovery in ways that do not jeopardise the fisheries resources and the ecosystem.



## BELIZE

In Belize, the lockdown and cessation of tourism have provoked the burning of large areas of forest by hunters flushing out wildlife and people clearing land for agriculture, all motivated by Covid-related loss of income. Our partner, Ya'axché Conservation Trust, needs additional funding over a six-month period to work with villages throughout Toledo District, both to ensure compliance with regulations on burning and to help traditional farmers with alternatives to the slash-and-burn method of land preparation. This funding would reduce the threats to forests, enable Ya'axché to retain field staff and establish community relationships necessary for scaling up its landscape conservation programme post-Covid.

## TRACKING IMPACT

We have experience of working with a range of organisations to develop bespoke plans and indicators of impact that take account of the capacity and needs of organisations. We also have in-depth experience of developing capacity and supporting organisations to deploy their limited resources effectively. As many in-country NGOs will be severely affected by the reduction of resources (e.g. reduced funds and fewer staff due to funding, furloughing, travel issues), they will require extra support to implement emergency measures and deliver the desired outcomes.

# The Rapid Response Facility demonstrated how successful FFI is in an emergency.

Please help us to support front-line conservation organisations and the essential work they do, helping them to survive this period of uncertainty, adapt to the new world, and thrive into the future, finding opportunities – despite this devastating pandemic – to improve the long-term resilience of their crucial conservation work.



# PHASE 1 ALLOCATIONS

Thanks to the generosity of the Arcadia Fund, players of People's Postcode Lottery and Sir David Attenborough (through a Postcode Hero Award to Sir David awarded to FFI by the Postcode Planet Trust), the Versace Family and other donors, the following allocations totalling over \$1 million have been made in May 2020:

COUNTRY	ORGANISATION	AMOUNT \$
Kenya	Northern Rangelands Trust	250,000
Kenya	Kenya Wildlife Conservancies Association	250,000
Kenya	OI Pejeta Conservancy	100,000
Kenya	Mukutan Conservancy	62,000
Kenya	Oceans Alive	5,000
Uganda	Private Forest Owner Organisations	15,000
DRC	International Gorilla Conservation Programme and L'Institut Congolais pour la Conservation de la Nature	30,000
South Africa	Flower Valley Conservation Trust	3,500
Mozambique	Chuilexi Conservancy	150,000
<b>Total Africa</b>		<b>865,500</b>
Honduras	Fundacion Islas de la Bahia	10,000
Belize	Ya'axché Conservation Trust	80,000
<b>Total Americas</b>		<b>90,000</b>
Vietnam	GreenViet	3,000
<b>Total Asia Pacific</b>		<b>3,000</b>
Romania	Zarand	16,500
São Tomé & Príncipe	Principe Foundation	65,000
São Tomé & Príncipe	OIKOS	60,000
Tajikistan	Zam Zam	7,000
Georgia	Community Partners	2,500
Brava	Biflores	2,000
Cape Verde	FMB	37,000
<b>Total Eurasia</b>		<b>190,000</b>
<b>Total ALL</b>		<b>1,148,500</b>

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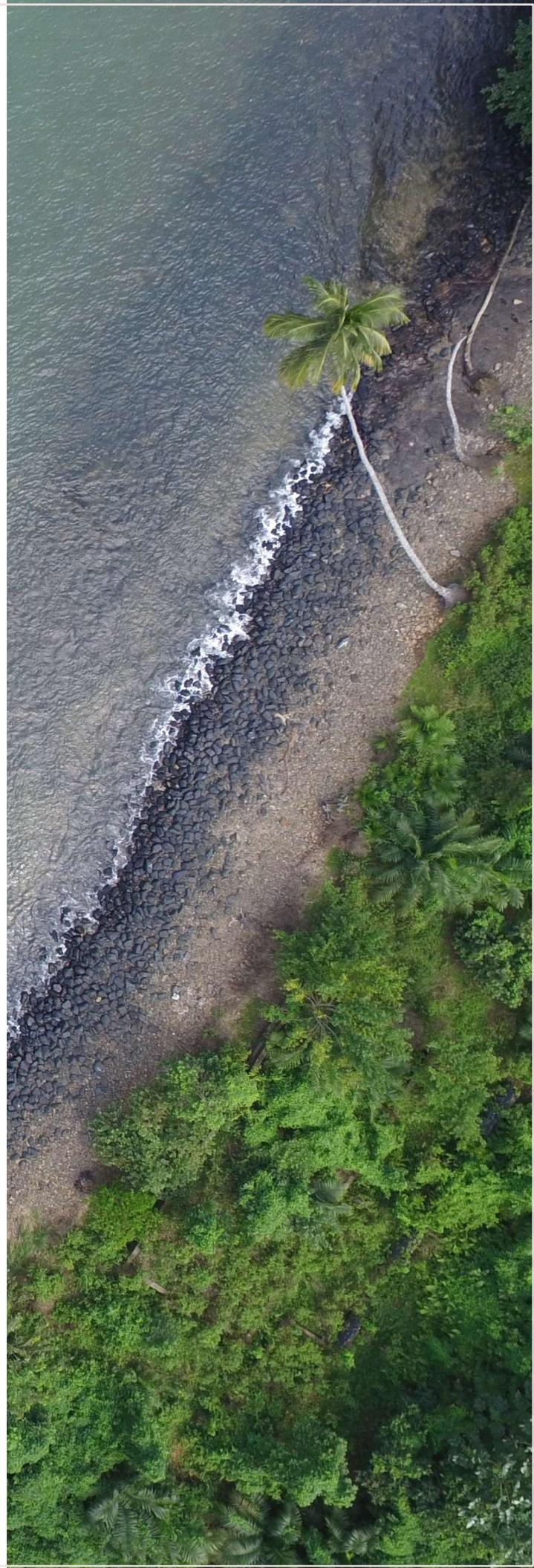
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