



The Chicago Board of Trade (CBOT) Endangered Species Fund (CBOT ESF) was founded in 1988 by Chicago Zoological Society (CZS) Trustee Jerry Manne and his colleagues at the Chicago Board of Trade. Since that date, the CBOT Fund has supported projects around the globe focused on protecting species threatened with extinction. The CBOT Fund is administered by the Chicago Zoological Society in collaboration with an Advisory Committee.

Purpose

The CBOT ESF provides funding, such as strategic seed grants, for conservation-related projects in the range of \$1,000 to \$7,000. Each year, approximately \$100,000 in grant funds are awarded. Funding is directed to key research and remediation projects affecting endangered wildlife and habitats worldwide. This includes projects that will quantitatively assess population and environmental status with indications for best conservation strategy and projects that will help achieve sustainable relations between local people and the species of concern.

Application Process

Applications are due November 1. Proposals that are focused around simple, fundamentally sound projects with measurable outcomes that can be reached receive higher priority.

Proposals may be endorsed by an IUCN Species Survival Committee or other major, internationally known conservation organization, the AZA/WAZA, or other major zoo organization. Proposals related to species, ecosystems, or regions in which CZS has a vested conservation interest are given priority.

Applicants outside of CZS should obtain a CZS staff sponsor from the Animal Health and Welfare division, Sarasota Dolphin Research Program, or the Zoological Operations and Conservation division.

For any individuals/organizations who are not U.S. citizens/entities, the Society checks the most recent OFAC Control List of Specifically Designated and Blocked Persons as well as the Consolidated List established and maintained by the 1267 Committee.

Examples of recent grants include:

- Evaluating the role of vampire bats and turkey vultures in the transmission of disease to endangered Humboldt penguins and pinnipeds at Punta San Juan, Peru
- Sunflowers to stop human/elephant conflict: an evaluation of the palatability and economic viability of an alternative crop
- Investigation of the effects of habitat fragmentation on population dynamics to conserve threatened *Colobus angolensis palliatus* in Kenya
- Using a participative model for the conservation of coral reefs on the Pacific coast of Mexico



Cooperative Conservation Programs

The Chicago Zoological Society (CZS) endeavors to engage with the following species conservation programs:

- African Elephant
- African Pangolins
- American Bison
- Black Rhinoceros
- Carnivores of Africa and Asia
- Cracids
- Reticulated Giraffe
- Western Lowland Gorilla
- Grevy's Zebra
- Marine Mammals, Especially Sea Lion, Grey Seal, and Dolphin
- Mexican Grey Wolf
- North American Monarch
- North American and Neotropical Passerines
- North American Turtles
- Okapi
- Bornean Orangutan
- Humboldt Penguin
- Polar Bear
- Pygmy Hippo
- Tree Kangaroo of Papua New Guinea

CZS also participates in several cooperative conservation programs with zoos and aquariums, nonprofit conservation organizations, government entities, and others:

- Bottlenose Dolphin Breeding Consortium
- Forest Preserves of Cook County
- Forest Preserve District of DuPage County
- North American Pangolin Consortium
- Punta San Juan Program
- Sarasota Dolphin Research Program
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- NOAA Fisheries

Awards

The application process is competitive, with approximately 150 applications received each year for 20 to 30 annual grants.

An Internal Review Committee presents a qualified slate of applications to the Advisory Committee for consideration.

Awardees will be notified by March 1. Final reports are due 1 year after the receipt of the funds along with a final accounting of the grant funds expended.

For more information about the CBOT Endangered Species Fund, or to submit an application, please email:

CBOT@CZS.org



Application

Directions:

Applications must be submitted electronically as one PDF file. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered. Applications should not exceed three pages.

Project title:

Funding request:

Name(s) of primary researcher(s):

CZS sponsor:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Application continues on next page.

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Does the project have the recommendation of an IUCN Species Survival Committee or other major, internationally known conservation organization, the AZA/WAZA, or other major zoo organization?

If the study involves animal subjects, has the proposal been approved by an IACUC (Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee and/or has the proposal receive appropriate permits?

If yes, please attach IACUC letter and/or permit title, agency and approval documentation.

Project description:

Project methodology:

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Description of the conservation benefit:

Budget justification: