

TERMS & CONDITIONS FOR THE OTTER TRUST GRANTS

WHAT WE WILL FUND

- **We seek grassroots conservationists** from all walks of life no matter their colour, creed, religion or personal identity, passion and the will to succeed are as important as academic prowess.
- **Good communicators and passionate people** – people who will inspire others and importantly, who will collaborate and share results Applicants must be able to communicate their results in English, support will be given to facilitate this where barriers exist.
- Projects that are **based on sound scientific methodologies, evidence** and understanding.
- **We encourage pioneering spirit and scientific endeavour** hence we do fund pilot projects or work that is at the start-up stage.
- **We want grassroots, pragmatic work that is ambitious but realistic.** We look for applicants that want to look where others haven't and to question the accepted knowledge base.
- **We encourage** work that is **replicable and or scalable** but encourage the small stuff too.
- We want **measurable outcomes** – we look for applications that have given careful thought to what indicators can be measured to evidence impact.
- **We want to shine a light into the dark** and for our projects to impact the whole ecosystem by facilitating the study of iconic, quirky, and forgotten species and to make these known via publicity in the academic and public domain. What we do should open doors to new opportunities.
- Projects that demonstrate **value for money** and ability to **manage funding** Individuals and organisations with Audited Accounts are preferred
- **Pure academic research, BSc, MSc and PhD fieldwork are all fundable.** Equally we will also fund research by private individuals with a lack of academic credentials but an abundance of aptitude. Research should not be the domain of the few.
- **We will consider land purchase and construction of buildings** as long as they have direct, measurable and sustainable benefits to conservation.

WHAT WE WILL NOT FUND

- **Expeditions and conference attendance.**
- **Absentee leaders** the person/s that receive the is **accountable for all work they cannot outsource it to others to do on their behalf.**
- **Joint applications or nominations** for someone else.
- **Pure rural/ economic/ sustainable development** where direct conservation benefits are hard to quantify.
- Animal **welfare & rehabilitation** of captive animals.
- **Captive breeding**, we would only fund captive breeding where underlying causes of species decline in the wild have been fully assessed prior to breeding species in captivity.