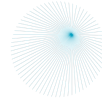




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CALL FOR APPLICATIONS: ECO-SOLVE COMMUNITY GRANTS

Building Community Resilience Against Environmental Crimes in Indonesia

Background

Local communities play a crucial role in responding to environmental crime. They traditionally own, manage, use, and occupy a significant proportion of land, possessing valuable knowledge and practices for protecting the environment. This expertise is essential in preventing environmental crime, recognized globally as one of the most lucrative forms of transnational criminal activity.

Environmental crime has an immediate and devastating impact on communities and the environment. The direct degradation of natural resources severely hampers access to clean water, food security, and economic opportunities. This issue is further exacerbated in biodiversity-rich regions, where historical and systemic inequalities, coupled with a lack of government support and infrastructure, often force communities into informal or illegal activities for survival.

Despite this reality, not enough community-based initiatives are being supported. One main reason could be that community engagements and strategies are complex and take time to implement, while responses aim to be quick and direct. Therefore, ECO-SOLVE seeks to overcome this challenge by supporting community-based initiatives that tackle environmental crime affecting Indonesia, such as illegal logging, illegal mining, and wildlife trafficking. We believe that local communities, as stewards of resources, can play a crucial role in preventing crime, protecting resources, and cooperating with law enforcement officials.

Grant objective

This call for proposals aims to enhance the capacity and resilience of community-based organizations to address environmental crime by supporting transformative interventions aiming to protect natural resources, build community awareness to prevent environmental crimes, and foster collaboration between the communities and law enforcement officials.

For this grant, "communities" are defined as people residing in or near biodiverse areas and sites associated with illicit environmental activities, particularly those with historical, social, political, or cultural ties to the environment. In Indonesia, these communities include indigenous peoples, forest communities, and both urban and rural populations within Sumatra region.

Similarly, environmental crime, defined in its broadest sense, encompasses an extensive range of illicit activities involving the trafficking of animals, including fish, plants, and other commodities such as timber, minerals, and waste. In this context, activities such as illegal logging, and illegal mining and wildlife trafficking are particularly relevant for Indonesia.

Available Funding: The value of the grant is between €10,000 – €20,000 for a 6 month to one year project.

Target audience: Grass-roots organizations, and small non-governmental organizations operating in Indonesia.

Deadline: November 25, 2024, for submission of your expression of interest. (Further details about the process provided below.

Eligibility criteria

In order to be eligible, organizations and civil society groups should:

- Be a registered organization.
- Operate within the Sumatra region in Indonesia.
- Demonstrate that environmental degradation within their community is a result of environmental crime.
- Propose a project that builds community resilience against environmental crime and addresses its impact in the target area.
- Work closely with communities severely affected by environmental crimes.
- Demonstrate how the funding and activities will be implemented.
- Show that prior work aligns with the ethics and values of the ECO-SOLVE project.

Application guidelines and timings

- If you consider yourself eligible, please express your interest by writing to the following email address: laura.avila@globalinitiative.net. Interested applicants should state in the email subject line "Application to ECO-SOLVE Grant in Indonesia" and provide a short background or a weblink to the organization relevant to the funding offer, as well as the location of the organization.
- Once we have reviewed your email and deemed it suitable, we will email you a preliminary questionnaire to be filled out. You will have two weeks to complete it.
- If you progress to the next phase, we will provide you with a project template. You will have two weeks to submit it. If any changes are required, we will contact you again.
- Following this, we will hold an internal grant committee review, and grants will be approved.

Timeline

	Deadline for submission
Expression of interest	25 November 2024
Preliminary questionnaire	09 December 2024
Project proposal	23 December 2024
Feedback	January 2025
Selection of proposals	February 2025