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**2017–2018
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1. Background

The Aboriginal Fund for Species at Risk (AFSAR) program, established in 2004, supports the development of Indigenous¹ capacity to participate actively in the implementation of the *Species at Risk Act* (SARA). This fund also enables the Government of Canada to facilitate Aboriginal involvement in activities that protect or conserve habitats for species at risk (SAR). The Act recognizes the important role that Aboriginal Peoples play in wildlife conservation and the need to consider Aboriginal Traditional Knowledge (ATK) in the SARA process.

AFSAR has two separate funding streams:

- The Species at Risk (SAR) Stream, which focuses on the recovery of species at risk listed on Schedule 1 of the Species at Risk Act (SARA); and
- The Prevention Stream, which focuses on proactively preventing species, other than those listed on SARA, from becoming a conservation concern.

This document provides general program information and requirements for making an application to the AFSAR SAR Stream 2017–2018 funding year. Separate [Application Guidelines](#) and an online [Application Form](#) have been developed for the AFSAR Prevention Stream.

Proposals will be evaluated in the context of the national funding priorities, included in this document, and the funding priorities for each region. Please contact your AFSAR Regional Coordinator (see [Appendix 1](#)) to learn more about specific regional information and priorities.

For general information on AFSAR, please consult the program website at www.registrelep-sararegistry.gc.ca/default.asp?lang=En&n=100965FB-1 or send your specific questions to ec.faep-afsar.ec@canada.ca.

2. Objectives, National Priorities and Expected Results

Objectives

The underlying objectives of the AFSAR SAR Stream are to:

- Support and promote the conservation and recovery of SAR and their habitats on Indigenous land; and
- Support the engagement and cooperation of Indigenous Peoples in the recovery of SAR, their habitats and SARA processes.

National Priorities

The national priorities for the AFSAR SAR Stream are projects that focus on the following:

- Implementation of priority activities described in recovery strategies or action plans such as protection of critical habitat;

¹ The term “Indigenous” replaces “Aboriginal” in certain instances as it is all-encompassing with respect to Indigenous People. The term “Aboriginal” is used with respect to specific reference to the program’s name, to Aboriginal Traditional Knowledge or to specific wording in Acts, such as the *Species at Risk Act*.



- Implementation of multi-species projects with a focus on ecosystem-based recovery initiatives;
- Implementation of projects involving collaboration among multiple stakeholders/partners;
- Implementation of signed SARA Section 11 agreements;²
- The recovery of species at risk and threats to SAR included as part of an international agreement³;
- The consideration of ATK for application in SARA processes, including species assessment and the planning and implementation of recovery documents

Expected Results

In order to be eligible, proposed projects must contribute to one or more of the expected results of the AFSAR SAR Stream, which are to:

- Strengthen capacity in Indigenous communities for SARA implementation;
- Mitigate threats to SAR, be they individuals or populations;
- Protect, improve or manage critical and important habitat⁴ of SAR; and
- Document and conserve ATK and Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) on SAR and, where appropriate, help with their use in the development of recovery objectives.

3. Eligible Lands and Waters

In order to be eligible, proposed projects must take place on:

- a) Reserves and Lands set apart for the use and benefit of Aboriginal Peoples under the *Indian Act* or under section 91 (24) of the *Constitution Act, 1867*;
- b) Other lands directly controlled by Indigenous Peoples (e.g., Métis Settlement lands, and land claim/treaty settlement lands), and lands set aside in the Yukon and Northwest Territories pursuant to Cabinet Directive, circular No.27;
- c) Lands and waters where traditional activities (harvesting or other) are carried out; or
- d) Federal waters.

4. Eligible Recipients

All Indigenous communities and organizations located in Canada are eligible for funding (see list below). Furthermore, a partner organization (Indigenous or non-Indigenous) may submit an application on behalf of one or more Indigenous communities or organizations if the organization provides a letter of support from the community indicating that it has been formally mandated to do so by the application deadline.

Eligible recipients include the following types of Indigenous communities and organizations:

- Indigenous associations/organizations
- Territorially based Indigenous groups

² At the time of the 2017–2018 call for proposals, there are no signed Section 11 agreements, therefore no proposals will be considered.

³ International agreements in this context are understood to be formal, national in scope, and for which the Government of Canada is a signatory (i.e. Strategies, Conservation Plans, etc. formalized through a Memorandum of Understanding or a Letter of Intent).

⁴ The program defines “important habitat” for the AFSAR SAR Stream as habitat that is considered as candidate Critical Habitat or habitat that is important for the species but that is not actually identified in a recovery strategy/action plan/management plan.



- District councils/Chief and Council
- Traditional appointed advisory committees
- Indigenous corporations
- Band/Tribal councils
- Indigenous partnerships and groups
- Indigenous school authorities
- Indigenous cultural education centres
- Indigenous land/resource management authorities
- Indigenous co-operatives
- Indigenous societies
- Indigenous boards and commissions
- Other organizations (Indigenous and non-Indigenous) if mandated by one of the above eligible recipients

5. Eligible Species

Only proposed projects targeting species listed as Endangered, Threatened and of Special Concern on Schedule 1 of SARA will be eligible for funding.

Any species that the Governor in Council has declined to list on Schedule 1 of SARA is **not** eligible for funding under the AFSAR SAR Stream.

For the most up-to-date list of species listed on Schedule 1 of SARA, as well as their recovery strategies and action plans, please visit the [Species at Risk Public Registry](#).

Projects targeting species that have been assessed by the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada (COSEWIC) as at risk but have not yet been listed on Schedule 1 of SARA are ineligible for funding under the AFSAR SAR Stream. They are, however, eligible under the AFSAR Prevention Stream. Please see the [AFSAR Prevention Stream Application Guidelines](#) for more details.

6. Eligible Activities

You must select from the following activity categories in your application. The examples listed below each activity category are eligible options to consider, and pertain to both aquatic and terrestrial environments, with few exceptions. Activities that do not fall under these categories are subject to approval. You should consult your Regional Coordinator if you would like to undertake activities other than those listed below.

Activity Categories

- **Habitat Protection:**
 - Prevention of habitat damage (riparian or terrestrial) (educational signage, fences for the exclusion of predators or disturbances, etc.)



- Protection and rescue⁵/prevention of harm to SAR; human-induced threat mitigation (e.g., disentanglement, nest relocation, enabling species migration around roadways)
 - Development and negotiation of habitat conservation/protection agreements (e.g., legal protection, Certificate of Possession leases/transfer/exchange, formal agreements and informal conservation agreements, and other mechanisms that protect habitat of SAR) (for terrestrial projects only)
 - **Habitat Improvement:** Enhancing or restoring habitat of SAR; changing land/water management or land/water use practices to benefit SAR and improve habitat quality.
 - Restoration, enhancement and/or management of SAR habitat
 - Vegetation planting or removal of exotics/invasive species in the habitat of, in the immediate area of, and for the direct benefit of a known SAR
 - Residence creation (hibernacula, bird boxes, turtle nests, etc.)
 - Implementation of beneficial management practices or land/water use guidelines
 - **Program Planning and Development:** Developing SAR conservation strategies, land use guidelines/best practices, and planning the implementation of stewardship programs, including target audience engagement strategies.
 - Development of SAR conservation strategies to improve habitat and reduce threats
 - Planning of stewardship programs, including target audience engagement strategies
 - Compilation and dissemination of resource/land use guidelines and beneficial management practices
 - **Surveys, Inventories and Monitoring:** Activities such as identifying potential sites for habitat restoration; or assessing the presence of a SAR and its habitat in order to target, design and carry out a current (or future) stewardship project *.
 - Identifying potential sites for habitat restoration; includes mapping and analysis (needed to support SAR stewardship activities)
 - Assessing the presence of SAR through surveying and/or monitoring
 - Creation and/or maintenance of inventories or databases for habitat and species data
- *Note:** Section 4.2 in the online Application Form enables you to demonstrate how your monitoring and data collection activity will lead to on-the-ground recovery action.
- **Project and Program Evaluation:** Assess the social and biological results and effectiveness of stewardship activities.
 - Conduct project or program results assessment(s)
 - **Aboriginal Traditional Knowledge (ATK) – Documentation and Use:**
 - Contribution to the use/integration of ATK in conservation planning
 - Documenting ATK through surveys and interviews about SAR and their habitats
 - ATK compilation and storage (e.g., set-up/maintenance of databases)

⁵ Some rescue activities may only be approved if carried out by qualified professionals or established networks. Applicants wishing to include rescue activities in their application should submit an Expression of Interest and discuss with their Regional Coordinator.



- **Outreach:** Providing information to appropriate target audiences on specific actions to be taken to protect SAR; raising awareness about SAR conservation needs; educating resource users about alternative methods that minimize impacts on SAR and their habitat; promoting stewardship at the community level to improve attitudes and change behaviour. ***The activity should lead to direct SAR recovery action; general outreach or non-targeted activities are not eligible.****
 - Development of targeted outreach materials emphasizing the importance of SAR and the benefits of action to be undertaken, which will be used to inform and engage community members/youth
 - Training of individuals/community members in stewardship practices/field activities related to SAR
 - Informing and engaging community members/target audiences about their role in SAR recovery

***Note:** Section 4.4 in the online Application Form enables you to demonstrate how your outreach activity will lead to on-the-ground recovery action.

Important:

- For species with draft or completed recovery strategies, action plans or management plans, activities must be closely linked to prescribed recovery actions in those documents.
- Activities under the outreach category must clearly demonstrate that they are focused and targeted on achieving the goals of recovery for target SAR.
- The creation of promotional merchandise (such as hats or mugs) is not eligible for AFSAR SAR Stream funding.
- Any proposed outreach or awareness-building activity will need to be framed as a necessary component of a larger project plan, unless they are sufficiently targeted and well supported to stand alone. Proposals will need to describe in detail how each outreach activity will lead to action in implementing on-the-ground species recovery and include a plan for measuring the implementation, either within the time frame of the project, or within a defined period afterward. Instructions on how to demonstrate this aspect of your outreach activities are included in the online Application Form (section 4.4).
- Scientific research activities, captive breeding, captive rearing, fish hatcheries, aquaculture activities and extirpated species reintroductions, the development of Recovery Strategies or Action Plans, including the identification of Critical Habitat (as required under SARA) are **not** eligible for AFSAR SAR Stream funding. However, AFSAR-funded activities can contribute to the content of recovery documents, such as through the collection of species data that can be used to inform on habitat needs, threat mitigation measures, etc.

7. SARA Section 11 Conservation Agreements

Section 11 of SARA authorizes a competent minister (the Minister of Environment and Climate Change, the Minister responsible for the Parks Canada Agency, or the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans) with responsibility for implementing SARA to enter into a conservation agreement with any organization, person or government in Canada, to benefit a SAR or enhance its survival in the wild. Funding is available for the implementation of activities described under signed SARA Section 11 Conservation



Agreements. At the time of the 2017–2018 call for proposals, no Section 11 Conservation Agreements have been finalized.

Should you have a signed Section 11 Conservation Agreement, you will need to outline in your application how the proposed activities will implement your agreement and support the agreement objective(s). The work plan must be filled in for all proposed activities, and a full budget for the overall project will be required.

The same AFSAR SAR Stream project eligibility rules will apply to applications implementing Section 11 agreements; however, it should be noted that the following Section 11 agreement activities will **not** be eligible for funding under AFSAR:

- Development of recovery strategies, action plans and management plans;
- Research projects on the species; and
- Establishment of the agreement (e.g., drafting and negotiating activities).

8. Consolidating Projects and Multi-Year Funding

If an applicant wishes to submit more than one project under the AFSAR SAR Stream, it is encouraged to consolidate multiple, small proposals on the same target species or in the same priority area into a single, large application that outlines the different priority activities.

Projects are administered at the regional scale. Applicants whose project crosses regional boundaries should identify a primary region based on where the majority of activities will take place.

Multi-year projects are encouraged because they consider the longer-term conservation outcome, and once approved, they offer assurance of funding from one year to the next provided the project remains on track.

Current recipients of AFSAR multi-year funding can apply to receive additional AFSAR funding to undertake new and additional activities as part of their current project, by way of an amendment to their existing contribution agreement.

9. Matching Contributions

You must obtain contributions of non-federal support (cash and/or in-kind) to obtain AFSAR SAR Stream funds.

- Provincial agencies, non-governmental organizations, private landowners, the private sector, and you, the applicant, are all eligible sources for matching funds.
- **A minimum of 20% matching contributions (from non-federal sources) is required (20% match for each \$1 of AFSAR funding).** However, preference will be given to projects with matching contributions in excess of 20% and to projects with higher cash-matching contributions in relation to in-kind contributions.
- Please note that Band contributions for both aquatic and terrestrial projects are considered as eligible sources of matching contributions. The Aboriginal Aquatic



Resource and Ocean Management (AAROM) program contributions (for aquatic projects only) are also considered as eligible sources of matching contributions.

- For **multi-year projects**, the program's requirement for matching funds is based on the ability of the applicant to obtain those funds **over the entire length of the project**, and approval is not contingent on securement of all matching funds up front. The rate of matching can be less than 20% in any given year, as long as the 20% is met by the project's completion.⁶
- Federal funds (e.g., EcoAction, Habitat Stewardship Program [HSP], AFSAR Prevention Stream and federal funds administered by third-party non-governmental organizations) are **not** eligible as match for AFSAR SAR Stream funding. See section 11 for other requirements relating to the use of funds from other federal funding programs.
- All proposed contributions must be listed in your proposal. If your AFSAR SAR Stream application is successful, all confirmed contributions must be identified in the Contribution Agreement you will sign with Environment and Climate Change Canada or Fisheries and Oceans Canada. If the applicant is not sure where the funding will come from precisely at the time of application, he or she can specify at the time of application "Anticipated funding from other project funders."
- Examples of in-kind resources are equipment loans, donations of building materials and volunteer labour. In-kind costs should be associated only with the portion used in the project, not the total cost of the materials and supplies, for example. For specifics on the eligibility of and limitations on fd resources, please contact your AFSAR Regional Coordinator (see program contacts, [Appendix 1](#)).

10. Eligible Costs

For all eligible expenses, only those deemed to be a reasonable share for completing the project shall be considered eligible.

Eligible expenses may include reasonable and properly itemized costs for:

- Salaries and wages⁷

⁶ Note that each year's match will be verified. If the match is insufficient by the last year of the project, the final year's funding may be reduced accordingly.

⁷ Salaries, contractor, consultant or other professional services costs cannot be paid in the following circumstances:

- Chief and Council attendance/participation in a meeting/workshop. Note: Chief and Council receive salary from Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada to represent their First Nation.
- Individuals receiving salary via an Indigenous program. Examples: Fisheries coordinators under the Atlantic Integrated Commercial Fisheries Initiative; salaried staff under the Aboriginal Aquatic Resources and Oceans Management Program.
- Individuals receiving salary from their organizations. Example: Salaried employees of national Indigenous organizations.

Salaries of non-Indigenous consultants are eligible; however, non-Indigenous consultants should be used only when there are no suitably qualified Indigenous consultants available for the project. It should be strongly recommended to recipients who hire non-Indigenous consultants that an effort is made to have a youth or other community member monitor the consultant to build Indigenous capacity for future AFSAR projects for which they may wish to apply.



- Salaries, wages and benefits
- Management and professional service costs⁴
 - Accounting, liability insurance, land surveys, legal (other than litigation) costs, Elders/knowledge-holders fees, translation,⁸ and other professional fees (other than travel)
- Contractors⁴
 - Consultants and contractors fees associated with the project (subject to regional or national limits)
- Travel (as per the Treasury Board Travel Directive www.tbs-sct.gc.ca/pubs_pol/hrpubs/TBM_113/menu-travel-voyage-eng.asp)
 - Travel expenses and related expenses for contracted professional service providers or other non-employees
 - Travel and related expenses for recipient organization employees
- Materials and supplies costs
 - Office supplies and material
 - Field equipment and field supplies
 - Includes equipment purchase under \$10,000
- Communication, printing, production and distribution costs
 - Printing costs, websites, supplies, etc.
- Equipment rental and operating costs
 - Lease, rental, repair, operating expenses, upgrades and/or maintenance costs including associated gear in support of project activities (subject to regional or national limits)
- Vehicle rental and operation costs
 - Lease, rental, operating expenses, upgrades and/or maintenance including associated gear in support of project activities (subject to regional or national limits)
- Purchase of capital assets
 - Purchase of a single, tangible asset (with a useful life of more than one year) costing more than \$10,000 (subject to Regional Management Team approval in advance and in line with Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) or Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) Contribution Agreement administrative rules)
- Land acquisition, leases, easements, covenants, servitudes
 - Funding towards legally binding conservation agreements (for terrestrial projects only)
- Costs of preparing an independent financial accounting (where the report is required)
 - Projects over \$100,000 may be required to submit an independently verified financial report at the end of the project (for terrestrial projects only)
- Overhead
 - Office lease or rent and administration expenses (phone, fax, Internet, other utilities, office insurance and rent, etc.) directly related to the project up to a maximum of 10% of the AFSAR SAR Stream contribution
- Other costs
 - Meeting and training fees (e.g., materials and hall rental), and registration fees for courses, conferences, workshops or seminars
- Further disbursement of funding to final recipient

⁸ Translation costs for other languages (e.g., Mi'kmak) may be eligible; contact your Regional Coordinator for further information.



- Organizations wishing to coordinate work for a specific species or threats, or within a certain geographic area may wish to consider a further disbursement project. A further disbursement project is one where a recipient distributes funds to third parties by means of their own competitive contribution-type program and agreements. Please contact your Regional Coordinator for further details.

Note:

- GST/HST is an eligible project expenditure, therefore ECCC/DFO may reimburse recipients for the taxes they paid while undertaking the activities of the agreement. The amount of ECCC/DFO's contribution includes the reimbursement for GST/HST. For example, if ECCC/DFO's contribution is \$25,000, this \$25,000 includes ECCC/DFO's reimbursement for all eligible expenditures including GST/HST. ECCC/DFO will not reimburse the recipient \$25,000 plus GST/HST; the \$25,000 is all-inclusive.
- The use of universal day rates is **not** accepted. Costs must be broken down by expense category in order for the Contribution Agreement to be considered legally binding after signing. When costs are broken down into their respective categories, various clauses are triggered in your Contribution Agreement.
- Costs, other than those identified herein, are ineligible unless specifically approved in writing by the Minister of Environment and Climate Change, or the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans, or his or her delegate at the time of project approval and are necessary for the successful completion of the project.

11. Other Requirements

Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012

The *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012* (CEAA 2012) requires departments to determine whether the carrying out of a project on federal lands (e.g., First Nation reserve lands) is likely to cause significant adverse environmental effects. Consult your AFSAR Regional Coordinator to help you evaluate whether the consideration of the environmental effects of a project may be required under CEAA 2012.

Overlap with Other Federal Funding Programs

You can only receive funding from one federal funding program for each proposed activity. Any applications submitted to the other federal funding programs (HSP, National Wetland Conservation Fund, Interdepartmental Recovery Fund, EcoAction, etc.) must be for different activities than those listed in your AFSAR SAR Stream application.

12. For Accepted Applications

Once you have received confirmation of approval of your project, you will be required to submit additional information, including but not limited to the following:

Cash Flow Statement

You will be required to develop a detailed cash flow statement of all sources of revenue (including all in-kind contributions) and expenditures that are part of the approved project.



Reporting Obligations

The Contribution Agreement, between your organization and ECCC or DFO, will specify project report deadlines and will include the required forms. Reporting will be completed online, and you will need to provide regular progress reports, annual reports (for multi-year projects) as well as a final report at the end of the project. These reports will describe your project revenue, expenses, accomplishments and outcomes. Both outcomes and accomplishments must be reported using the performance indicators identified in the Contribution Agreement. It is important to note that different projects may have different reporting requirements. Your AFSAR Regional Coordinator will advise you on specific reporting requirements.

Intellectual Property Rights

Any intellectual property and/or ATK that you create as part of this project remains your property. However, EC or DFO may negotiate terms in the Contribution Agreement for sharing this intellectual property and/or ATK.

SAR Survey Data Sharing

You will be required to provide species occurrence or habitat data collected using AFSAR funds to your provincial/territorial wildlife data repository centre and to ECCC, DFO or Parks Canada. You will be asked to confirm in your final report the submission of data to provincial/territorial wildlife data repository centres. Your AFSAR Regional Coordinator can inform you of the necessary procedures.

Permitting

You will be responsible for obtaining the appropriate permits associated with your project from relevant federal and/or provincial authorities (including those required under SARA, the *Fisheries Act*, the *Migratory Birds Convention Act, 1994*, and any other provincial wildlife acts that may apply) wherever your project triggers the need for a permit (e.g., it could impact SAR). Funding decisions are not guaranteed to be made in time for the beginning of the field season, and as permits take time to arrange, you should address this need several months before the project start date to reduce delays once a funding announcement is made (see www.sararegistry.gc.ca/sar/permit/permits_e.cfm and consult your AFSAR Regional Coordinator [see [Appendix 1](#)]).

Public Acknowledgement

You are responsible to provide ECCC or DFO with final copies of any document or material utilizing the Government of Canada (GC) identifier, Canada wordmark and/or acknowledgement statements prior to printing or distribution, for ECCC or DFO approval of the use of said logos and/or acknowledgement statements. The AFSAR Regional Coordinator (see [Appendix 1](#)) will need to be consulted prior to making any communications products such as publications, public information releases, advertising, promotional announcements, activities, speeches, lectures, interviews, ceremonies and websites. All such communications products originating from your project must acknowledge the GC's contribution by displaying the GC identifier with the public acknowledgement text along with the Canada wordmark.

Official Languages

The [Official Languages Act](#) (Part VII) requires that the Government of Canada promote both official languages and enhance the vitality of Official Language Minority



Communities ([OLMC](#)) across Canada. It is recognized that projects or organizations funded by Environment and Climate Change Canada through a grants and contributions program may:

- have an impact on OLMC; and/or
- provide potential opportunities to promote the use of both English and French; and/or
- make it possible to promote Canada's bilingual nature.

Applicants whose project may be delivered in a geographic area with OLMCs or which includes any public events, signage, promotional or other communications may need to consider official language requirements, for example:

- Offer materials produced with project funds (brochures, kits, handouts, newsletters, reports, etc.) in both official languages
- Have directional and educational signs produced in both official languages
- Offer workshop facilitation in both official languages

Any cost related to official language translation is an eligible cost under the program. Successful applicants will be required to complete the Official Language Questionnaire for Funding Applicants ([Appendix 2](#)) during negotiations of their contribution agreement. It is strongly encouraged that applicants complete this questionnaire in advance of submitting the application in order to assess the official language requirements that may apply to the project, and to discuss any potential official language requirements and opportunities with their Regional Coordinator.

13. How Projects Are Reviewed

As the demand for funding from the AFSAR SAR Stream exceeds the funds available, there is no guarantee that your project will be funded. Every effort will be made to provide you with the earliest possible notice once a decision has been made. Applicants are strongly encouraged to work with their Regional Coordinators by submitting an Expression of Interest (section 14), which will help projects meet the expectations of the program.

General

Your proposal(s) will be reviewed by your region's AFSAR Program Regional Management Team using a range of criteria, including:

Program objectives

- Eligibility requirements for i) applicants, ii) activities, iii) expenses, iv) matching funds, etc.; and
- Alignment with [regional priorities](#) for the region where the work is to take place; and
- Alignment with national priorities.

Biological criteria

- Links to conservation activities identified in recovery strategies/action plans for endangered or threatened species, or management plans for species of special concern, where these documents exist;
- Coordination with other habitat conservation programs, for both recovery actions and cost-efficiency;



- Applicant's ability to plan, manage and complete projects successfully (e.g., description of the issues and solutions to be implemented);
- Appropriateness of budget and schedules; these must be realistic, given the time frame and objectives of the project;
- Clarity, conciseness and quality of the application;
- Other funding sources (matching contributions) and the respective amounts or demonstration of the applicant's ability to raise funds from non-federal sources;
- Implementation of evaluation and performance measures; and
- Other regional considerations.

Proposal Evaluation Criteria

Eligible applications will be evaluated and prioritized using the following criteria:

- 60% for alignment with biological criteria, including national and regional priorities; and
- 40% for criteria related to Program and Project Administration Criteria of the proposal.

A high-quality project is one that:

- Implements high-priority stewardship activities listed in recovery strategies and action plans or other SAR management and conservation plans;
- Integrates with and supports other existing stewardship programs;
- Addresses the species' Critical Habitat;
- Addresses regional priorities: geographic areas, species and/or human-induced threats, as well as national priorities;
- Benefits multiple species, with targeted species being listed on Schedule 1 of SARA;
- Was developed with the involvement of the recovery expert(s) for the target SAR and/or with the understanding of recovery activities outlined in recovery documents;
- Delivers stewardship directly related to regional priorities;
- Has secured over 20% of total project funding from non-federal sources;
- Has a proposal presented in a clear and logical manner;
- Has a well-developed workplan;
- Has a plan to measure project results;
- Demonstrates a high degree of local and regional support from a variety of partners;
- Involves individuals and communities with local experience and knowledge, and/or supports capacity building to allow communities to respond to SARA initiatives by becoming involved in SAR recovery activities; and
- Has a high likelihood of success based on applicant experience and realistic deliverables.



14. To apply

See [The Aboriginal Fund for Species at Risk: 2017–2018 Call for Proposals](#) for specific deadlines.

Expression of Interest

Prior to submitting a complete proposal to the AFSAR SAR Stream, applicants are encouraged to submit an Expression of Interest ([EOI](#)). The EOI gives you the opportunity to receive feedback on your proposal to verify that it is aligned with national and regional priorities and program expected results. This process will improve the quality of the proposal but does **not** guarantee that the project will receive funding. Applicants are strongly encouraged to contact their AFSAR Regional Coordinator during the EOI phase. All EOIs must be submitted by the EOI deadline. Early submissions are encouraged!!

Application Form

To apply to the AFSAR SAR Stream, **you must fill in the Application Form online at www.recovery.gc.ca/AFSAR-FAEP/**. Request login information from your AFSAR Regional Coordinator ([Appendix 1](#)). Please contact your AFSAR Regional Coordinator to discuss other options for submission of your application if you lack Internet access, or if you would like a hard copy of the Application Form for reference.

Please note that extensions to the application deadline will not be granted due to personal considerations, minor technical malfunctions or other reasons. Applicants are encouraged to submit their applications early, as online systems can become slower as the deadline nears, due to a high volume of proponents accessing the system.

Due to Government of Canada policy, communication with applicants regarding proposal status during the project review and selection phase is prohibited until the final administrative approvals have been granted. All successful applicants will be notified as soon as funding decisions have been made, and negotiation of the Contribution Agreement will follow. Unsuccessful applicants will be notified after all funding decisions are finalized. The program is unable to reimburse applicants for any expenses incurred prior to the official notification.

Additional Information

Please see the following websites for additional information that may be useful for your application:

- [Aboriginal Fund for Species at Risk](#)
- [List of Species at Risk listed on Schedule 1 of SARA](#)
- [List of Species at Risk recovery strategies and action plans](#)
- [SARA Permitting information](#)

If you have any further questions, please contact us at ec.faep-afsar.ec@canada.ca or contact your Regional Coordinator ([Appendix 1](#)). Please note that Regional Coordinators are only available to answer questions during regular business hours, local time.



Appendix 1: AFSAR Regional Coordinators

Terrestrial Projects

AFSAR Regional Coordinators for general administration of projects and technical support on terrestrial species

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Aquatic Projects

AFSAR Regional Coordinators for general administration of projects and technical support on aquatic species

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Appendix 2 – Official Language Questionnaire for Funding Applicants

Please respond to the questionnaire and provide your answers to your Regional Coordinator early in the application process to allow the assessment of your project's official language requirements.

Q1. Is your **organization** international, national, provincial or territorial in scope?

YES NO

Additional information:

Q2. Is the **project** international, national, provincial or territorial in scope?

YES, proceed to Q4 NO, proceed to Q3

Additional information:

Q3. Is the project delivered in a **geographic area** with official language **minority** communities?

I don't know (see [Map](#))

YES, proceed to Q4 NO, proceed to Q9

Additional information:

Q4. Is the project's **target audience** composed of individuals or groups belonging to **both** official language communities?

YES, proceed to Q6 NO, proceed to Q5

Additional information:

Q5. Is the **target audience** composed of individuals or groups belonging **exclusively** to an official language minority community?

YES, proceed to Q6 NO, proceed to Q6

Additional information:

Q6. Do the project activities include any **public events, signage, promotional** or other **communication** activities?

YES, proceed to Q8 NO, proceed to Q7

Additional information:

Q7. Could the project activities **concern, impact** or **interest** official language **minority** communities in your area?

YES, proceed to Q8 NO, proceed to Q9

Additional information:

Q8. Please **consult** the official language **minority** communities within the project scope. Is there an **opportunity** for their **involvement**? Are they interested in participating?

YES NO

Additional information:

Q9. Do you currently offer **activities** or **services in both official languages**?

YES, please complete the table on the following page NO

Additional information:



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Which of the following activities or services do you currently offer in **both official languages**?

COMMUNICATION	100%	75%	50%	25%	0%	n/a
Website and/or social media account(s)						
Materials (brochures, kits, handouts, newsletters, reports, etc.)						
Directional and educational signs						
Advertising in official language minority community (OLMC) media (newspapers, radio, social media)						
Offer workshop facilitation						
Send out invitations						
Include translation costs in your budget						
Have a bilingual project coordinator or other bilingual staff	<input type="checkbox"/> Full-time	<input type="checkbox"/> Part-time	<input type="checkbox"/> Seasonal		<input type="checkbox"/> n/a	
Other communication activities (please specify):						
ACTIVITIES AND OUTREACH	100%	75%	50%	25%	0%	n/a
Include one or more OLMCs in invitations to events						
Include members of one or more OLMCs as in-kind or cash partners in projects						
Include one or more OLMCs in project target groups						
Include costs associated with travel to OLMCs in your budget						
Provide a bilingual MC at events						
Other activities (please specify):						

Additional information can be obtained at:

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