# **Small Technical Grants for Assessments**Information Session



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# **Technical Overview**



### **From Knowledge to Action for a Protected Planet**



# **Action Component Main objective**



**Improve biodiversity conservation** in *priority areas* through funding tangible on the ground actions that are addressing management and governance *priorities actions* identified by *diagnostic tools*.



# **BIOPAMA AC Y4/5 - 4 calls for proposals**





# **STGA 2020**

The objective of this call for proposal is to increase the use of quantified management and governance assessment tools (PAME, PAGE) in ACP countries' protected and conserved areas to define or update priorities for action to improve management and governance of these protected and conserved areas.



# **STGA 2020**

- ➤ It is strongly recommended that all possible applicants for forthcoming BIOPAMA AC funding opportunities carry out a management and governance assessment that identifies such priorities for actions with associated enhancement plans.
- ! Only priorities identified by these decision-support tools will be eligible for funding for the BIOPAMA AC grant calls to be organised in 2021.



# What? ASSESSMENT(S)

➤ Quantified management and governance assessments (PAME, SAGE) including IMET, METT, RAPPAM, Green List, Enhancing our Heritage, SAGE, GAPA or equivalent – that identify the necessary enhancement plans with result-oriented priority actions, including the assessment of potential environmental and social risks of these.



# How?

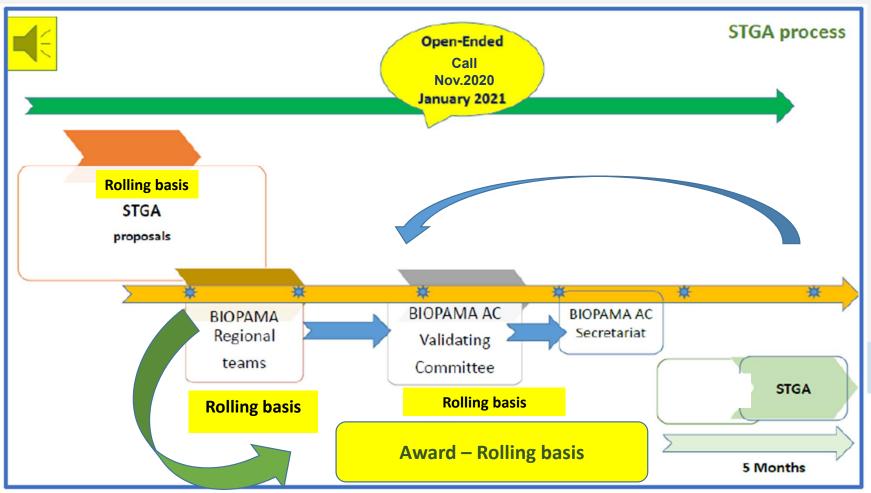
Type of financial support	Maximum BIOPAMA funding Per grant	Maximum duration
Small Technical Grants for Assessments	For management and/or governance assessments €20,000*	5 months Max.

Total financial allocation for the STGA call: **EUR 800,000** 

\* One STGA can support several assessments



# How? Rolling submission/review/award





# Who?

### To be eligible for a BIOPAMA AC STGA, applicants must:

- be public or private legal entities (e.g. a registered/incorporated company or organisation)
   registered as a separate legal entity in an eligible ACP country<sup>2</sup>;
- be in charge of <u>or</u> be involved<sup>3</sup> in the protected and conserved area(s) management and/or governance at the national, sub-national or site level;
  - · be in charge of or be involved in the management of a transboundary conservation area;
- be directly responsible for the preparation and management of the grant, and not acting as an intermediary;
- not be a beneficiary of any other grant funded by the European Union (including EDF funds) for the same activities, in the same protected and conserved area(s), network or system of protected area or transboundary conservation area.



# Who?

! Status, constitutive documents have to be submitted with the application

Applicant	Small Technical Grant for Assessment
National/Sub-national agencies, authorities, organisations in charge of the management of protected area(s) at the national, sub-national or site level	*
Organisations involved in protected and conserved area(s) management and/or governance at the national, subnational or site level including: Country-based Non-Governmental Organisations, International Non-Governmental Organisations*, Regional Organisations	<b>₩</b> *
Protected and conserved Areas, including ICCAs	<b>*</b>
National/regional network of protected areas	-
Transboundary areas	<b>*</b>

<sup>\*</sup>special conditions apply to organisations established in an OECD country.

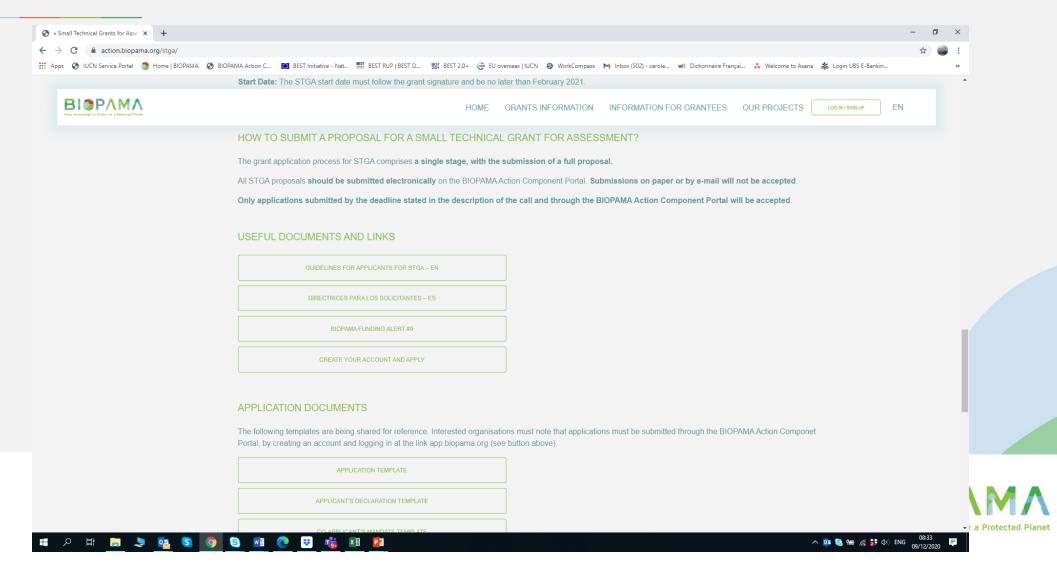
These organisations are eligible in the case of contracts that are implemented in a Least Developed Country (LDC) or a Highly Indebted Poor Country (HIPC), as included in the list of Official Development Assistance (ODA) recipients.

# **STGA timeline**

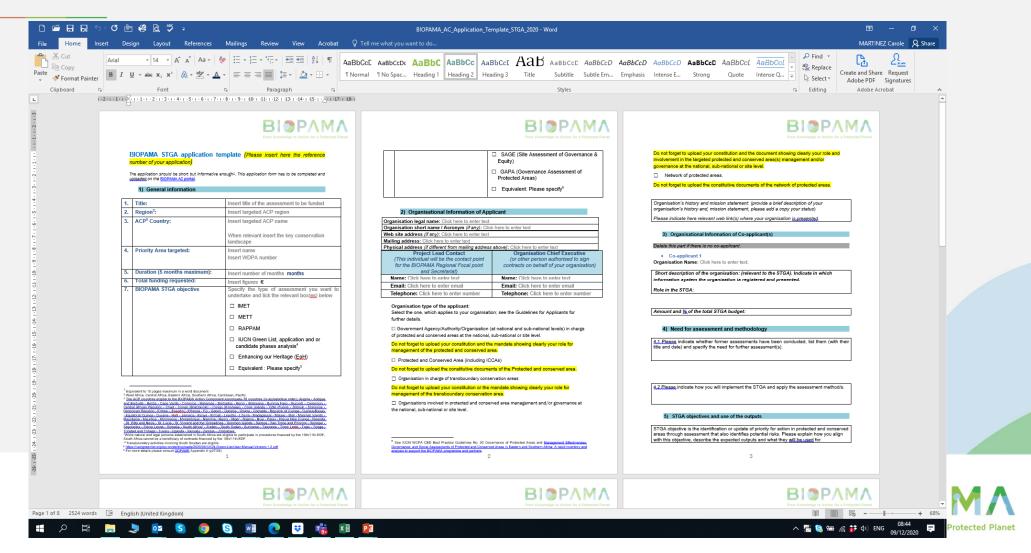
	Milestones	TIME*
Launch of the STGA call	20 November 2020	
Deadline for requesting any clarifications from the BIOPAMA AC Regional Focal points Teams	19 January 2021	23:59
Submission of STGA proposals	Open-call = Rolling basis	
Ultimate deadline for submission of STGA proposals	29 January 2021	23:59
Consolidated Regional Evaluation reports sent to the Validating Committee	On a rolling basis	-
Selection of projects by the Validating Committee to be awarded a BIOPAMA Small Technical Grant	On a rolling basis	-
Notification to applicants of the results	On a rolling basis	
Signature of Grant Agreements	On a rolling basis	-



# **STGA** - Useful info: https://action.biopama.org/stga/



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# Small Technical Grants for Assessments

**Finance Overview** 



# **Overview**

- Budget must be cost effective and clear.
- Justification of costs are mandatory, must be complete and clear.
- The budget of Small Technical Grants for Assessments is based on reimbursement of actual costs, Simplified Costs Option\* where appropriate and/or on combination thereof.
- NO co-financing is required.
- Financial support to third parties(sub-granting) is not allowed



# **Eligible Costs**

- Personnel costs\*
- Travel and Subsistence
- Costs and Services



# **Non-Eligible Costs**

- Debts and debt service charges (interest);
- Provisions for losses or potential future liabilities;
- Costs declared by the beneficiary(ies) and financed by another action or work programme;
- Purchases of land or buildings;
- In-kind contributions;
- Currency exchange losses;
- Credit to third parties;
- Costs leading to personal or private profit



# Real costs vs simplified cost option (SCO)

# Real cost option:

- Estimated costs are entered into budget.
- Reimbursement is based on actual costs
- Subjected to stringent financial reporting guidelines, every Eurofunded expenditure requires supporting documents



# Real costs vs simplified cost option (SCO)

# Simplified cost option:

- Unit rates agreed up front, based on evidence provided by the grantee.
- Agreed costs are paid on achieving outputs
- Lower administrative burden
- \*For this grant simplified cost option is automatically applied for personnel costs (flat rate - will be discussed in budget overview) and travel and subsistence section of the budget.



# **Guidelines available here:**

https://action.biopama.org/stga/



# Thank you very much!

