



Partnership Application

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About the Rainforest Trust SAVES Challenge

Through our SAVES Challenge, Rainforest Trust has committed \$50 million as a challenge match that will direct a total of \$100 million to establish new Protected Areas to save the world's most endangered species. Since 1988, Rainforest Trust and its local conservation partners have strategically created over 100 new Protected Areas towards our goal of protecting 50 million acres of vital habitat by the year 2020.

Join Us as a Partner to Create New Protected Areas

Applications for partnership with Rainforest Trust to create new Protected Areas are reviewed throughout the year. Once an application is received, a Rainforest Trust conservation officer will contact you to discuss details and explore partnership opportunities.

Partnership applications should meet the following criteria:

- Clear focus on creating a new Protected Area (e.g. through land purchase, designation as a national park, conversion of logging concessions to reserves, community protection or the expansion of existing Protected Areas).
- Proposed sites must be currently unprotected. Use IUCN's [Protected Planet](#) database to determine if the area is already recognized as protected (category 1-6) before submitting an application.
- Recent, verifiable evidence supporting the presence of species assessed as Endangered or Critically Endangered on the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species (www.iucnredlist.org) within the proposed Protected Area site.
- Endorsement from project stakeholders, including local environmental agencies, government officials and especially communities.
- The applicant must be an NGO based in the country of the proposed Protected Area site.
- Priority is given to proposed sites located within the tropics.
- Evidence of an independent and autonomous oversight and management committee (e.g. a non-executive board) if land purchase or leasing is the proposed conservation strategy.

*Partnership application budgets should **not** include:*

- Overhead costs (e.g. 15% for administration costs or office rent)
- Ecological monitoring or research
- Environmental education
- Forest restoration (e.g. tree planting)
- Vehicle purchases other than motorcycles
- International travel
- Loan reimbursement for land already purchased or leased

How proposals are selected:

There are no funding request limits for applicants, but our average grant is \$400,000 USD. We urge you to study our [website](#) for examples of current and past projects we have supported. We also encourage applicants to contact us at SAVES@RainforestTrust.org to discuss suitability of potential projects before submitting an application.

Examples of what Rainforest Trust supports (as long as a new PA is created):

1. Fees for PA establishment including concession license fees and designation documentation.
2. Demarcation and gazettal of PAs.
3. Salaries for rangers to patrol the new PA, and infrastructure for park protection (e.g. ranger stations).
4. Staff salaries (local rates) for project managers and field coordinators directly involved in the establishment of the PA (up to 5 years of support).
5. Workshops and meetings related to (a) training and equipping staff to manage and protect the PA, and (b) building local capacity in surrounding communities to declare the PA.
6. Land purchases including legal expenses.

Application Instructions

Please see above for project selection criteria and information on which expenses are eligible for funding from Rainforest Trust. Please complete this form and submit to SAVES@RainforestTrust.org in Microsoft Word format (pdf not accepted). Please limit each response to 250 words unless otherwise noted. **Projects must create a new Protected Area or expand upon an existing Protected Area. Proposals that do not include a polygon Google Earth KMZ or KML file or ArcGIS shapefile that shows the proposed protected area boundary will not be considered.** Instructions on how to create a Google Earth polygon file are [here](#).

If your application is successful, Rainforest Trust will give only one grant for each new protected area. If the protected area will be expanded in the future Rainforest Trust may consider a second application for the expansion. The maximum grant length is five years. If management costs are needed to launch the new protected area (e.g. demarcation, forest rangers) please include them in the same application; these costs will not be considered in follow-up applications for the same protected area.

1. PROJECT SUMMARY			
Project Title: BARNWELL 626ha, Myola Valley – proposed KUR-World development site		Name of Applicant Organization: Kuranda Conservation Community Nursery Inc (Kuranda Conservation)	Your name: Jax Bergersen
Country: Australia	Region/State/Province: Tropical North Queensland	Town: Kuranda 4881	Today's date: 1 March 2018
Will land be purchased (YES or NO)? YES	Will land be leased (YES or NO)? NO	Will a new government protected area (PA) be created (YES or NO)? YES	Will a government PA be expanded (YES or NO)? NO
Amount Requested: January 2014 private sale \$2 million, approx. USD1,530,000		Proposed PA Size (acres): 626ha	
Project Start Date: 1 November 2017		Project End Date: 2018	
Name(s) of Proposed PA(s): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Myola Conservation Park Bundarra [Cassowary] Conservation Park Naming rights for conservation investor/s 		Who owns the land currently? Person: Ken Lee Associated Legal entities: - PREVIOUS 10 YEARS: Vice president of marketing for Wynn Resorts, Macau 28 APR 2015: CHAKSON & CO (HK) - JAN 2014: 626ha Myola Valley, private sale, \$2 million 20 FEB 2014: REEVER AND OCEAN PTY LTD (AU) 24 AUG 2014: REEVER & OCEAN CAPITAL MANAGEMENT LIMITED (HK) 12 MAY 2016: REEVER AND OCEAN DEVELOPMENTS PTY LTD (AU) 28 JUL 2016: KUR-COW PTY LTD (AU) 28 JUL 2016: KUR-COW RESEARCH PTY LTD (AU) 22 FEB 2017: SANDALPHON PRIVILEGE FINANCIAL GROUP LIMITED (HK) - 2 MAY 2017: MORTGAGE ON KURANDA LAND - KA HOU LOI 13 AUG 2017: SANDALPHON PILLARS GLOBAL STABLE RETURN FUND SPC (CAYMAN ISLANDS)	For purchases, do the land owners have written titles? YES
How did you hear about Rainforest Trust? Cassowary Recovery Team (Cairns)			

Project Summary (Include overall goal of the project): (750 words maximum):

The subject land lies adjacent to the Wet Tropics World Heritage Area at the narrowest point between the northern and southern sections. It is for this reason predominantly that it is imperative that large scale subdivision, leading to intense residential development, is not allowed to proceed. If the developer does not receive the approvals to proceed, he is expected to sell the land to recoup losses.

Because of its location, development threatens the ecological integrity of the WTWHA as well as its inherent spiritual, scientific, educational and educational values. The Myola Valley is critical ecological corridor real estate in the greater World Heritage Wet Tropics Area.

The area carries important biological diversity, outstanding natural and cultural features and wilderness areas on the southern portion of the land.

The endangered southern cassowary and the critically endangered Kuranda tree frog (*Litoria myola*) are among resident wildlife, a total of five (5) IUCN listed species on the property.

Surrounding developed areas are large low-impact rural holdings, generally retaining existing ecological diversity.

The southern area of the land adjoins Formartine Forest Reserve, therefore acquisition and protection of the BARNWELL land will further enhance the mosaic of Recovering Rainforest land across the Myola Valley.

Please list project objectives and activities. Include anticipated start and end dates for each. Be sure to include when the protected area will be declared or the land will be purchased. Declarations should occur before the project is 70% complete.

Project Objective	Activities	Anticipated Start Date	Anticipated Completion Date
KUR-World EIS Public Consultation Period		Delayed by proponent	[TBA]
KUR-World EIS Submission Period	Coordinator General to consider development	+ 30 days	[TBA]
Proposal for buyback of property	Discuss payout figure for property with KEN LEE, Reeve and Ocean (Developments) Pty Ltd, KA HOU LOI.	+30 days	[TBA]

What is the ecosystem type (e.g. lowland rainforest, montane forest, dry forest, savanna, desert)?
Wet Tropics Rainforest

What elevations are covered by the proposed PA?
300m

How does the area rank in terms of overall number of species and number of endemic species (species found nowhere else)?

Wildlife Online Extract - Rare and threatened species

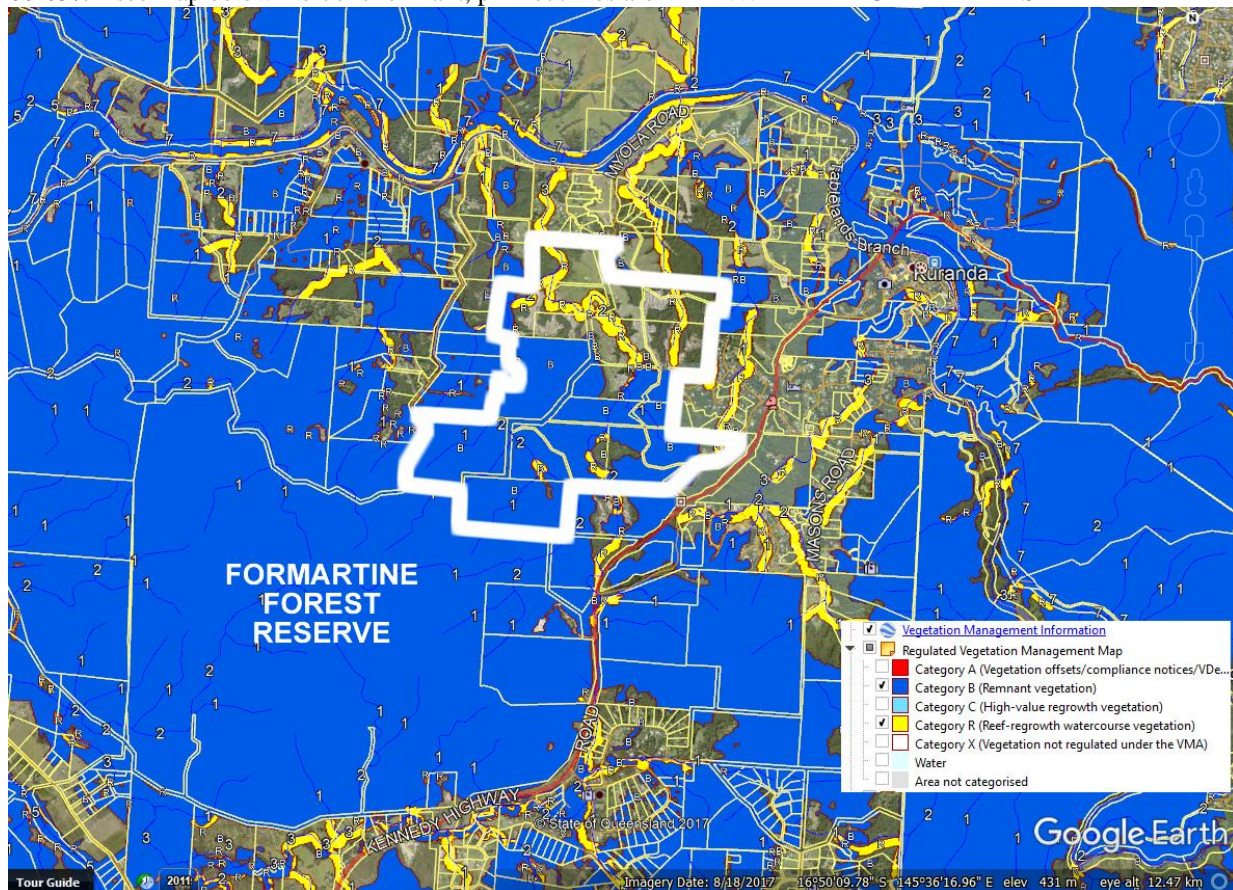
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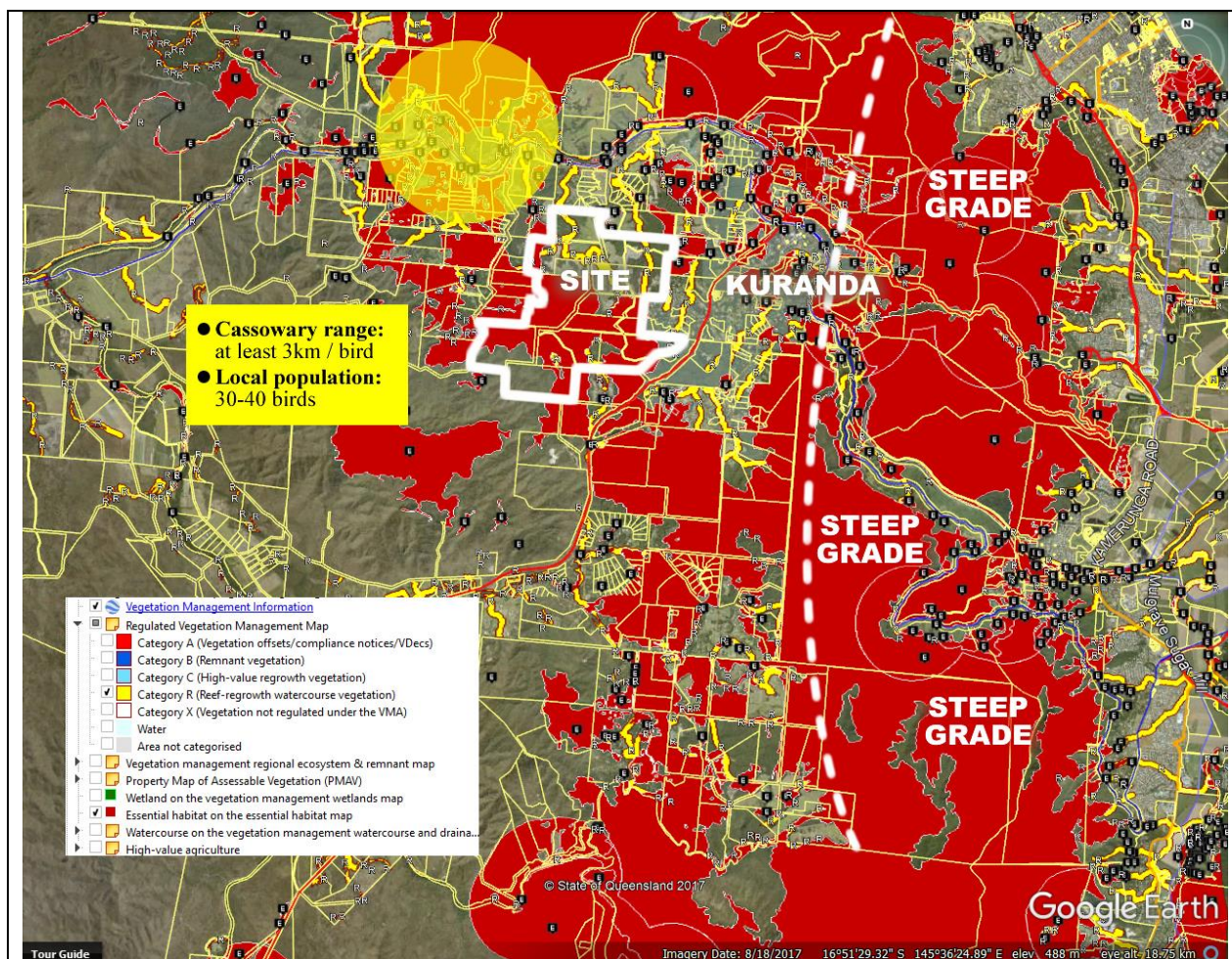
IUCN Red List of Threatened Species

- 1 CRITICALLY ENDANGERED, ENDEMIC
- 1 VULNERABLE, ENDEMIC
- 2 ENDANGERED
- 1 VULNERABLE

Please approximate how much of the proposed PA is old growth (primary) forest or undisturbed habitat?
60-65% - see map below – blue is remnant, pink outlines are BARNWELL 12 RURAL TITLES



World Heritage Wet Tropics Bioregion North / South Ecological Corridor – Kuranda Region. Red indicates essential cassowary habitat on map below.



Please list IUCN Critically Endangered (CR), Endangered (EN), and Vulnerable (VU) species that will be protected. Please check the Red List (www.iucnredlist.org) for the latest conservation status (e.g. CR) and state the status here. Please include estimates (even if very approximate) of the population sizes of the most important species inside the proposed PA. **The proposal will not be considered if IUCN Critically Endangered (CR) or Endangered (EN) species are not confirmed to be present in the proposed PA.**

<p>Southern Cassowary <i>Casuarius casuarius johnsonii</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wet Tropics Keystone Species 25% Wet Tropics habitat remaining, mass deforestation < 60 years Australia's Threatened Species Strategy: 20 birds by 2020 (DEE) <p>IUCN Red List of Threatened Species: VULNERABLE <i>Decreasing</i></p>	<p>Kuranda tree frog <i>Litoria myola</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Endemic 3 rainforest creeks on site 50% total habitat downstream of site <p>IUCN Red List of Threatened Species: CRITICALLY ENDANGERED <i>Decreasing</i></p>
<p>Australian Lace-lid <i>Litoria dayi</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 rainforest creeks on site 50% total habitat downstream of site <p>IUCN Red List of Threatened Species: ENDANGERED <i>Decreasing</i></p>	<p>Myola Palm <i>Archontophoenix myolensis</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Endemic 3 locations identified on site Myola Palm Nature Refuge downstream from site <p>IUCN Red List of Threatened Species: VULNERABLE 400-500 mature trees, remains unprotected</p>
<p>Northern Quoll <i>Dasyurus hallucatus</i></p>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adequate surveys not attempted, <i>see Hoskin report</i> • Record within 1km of site <p>IUCN Red List of Threatened Species: ENDANGERED <i>Decreasing</i></p>	
<p>[SEE ATTACHMENTS] http://kurandaregion.org/kuranda-conservation-rainforest-trust-application/</p>	
<p>Describe the most important threats to the area. Detail the need and urgency for the new PA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The integrity of the WTWHA due to incursions from threat of high-density residential development in critical ecological corridor. • Pollution and devastation of natural rainforest creek habitats. • +4000 people, their pets, sewerage, traffic, introduction of invasive species too close to the WTWHA • Development precedent for continued deforestation in the Wet Tropics Bioregion 	
<p>Project Stakeholders (List the stakeholder groups and describe how they are involved in the project, e.g. environmental agencies, government officials, local communities, other NGOs, land owners, etc.):</p> <p><u>Experts</u> Dr Conrad Hoskin – Biologist/Botanist/Ecologist at JCU Distinguished Professor Bill Laurance – JCU TESS Birdlife Australia</p> <p><u>Environmental community organisations</u> Australian Conservation Foundation Cairns & Far North Environment Centre Environmental Defenders Office NQ Kuranda Conservation Friends of the Earth FNQ Kuranda Envirocare KUR-Alert Inc. Cassowary Recovery Team Cassowary Keystone Conservation</p> <p><u>Government Agencies and officials</u> Endangered Species Commissioner Office of the Coordinator General Wet Tropics Management Authority Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service UNESCO World Heritage Mareeba Shire Council</p>	
<p>Are national/local environmental agencies, government officials, and other non-governmental organizations supportive of this proposal? Please provide letters of support if available. Pending</p>	
<p>Do people live inside the proposed PA? If so, where, and how many people? Have they been contacted, what is their position and how will this be addressed in the project? Yes, the staff of the KUR-world developer, Ken Lee, Reeve and Ocean (Developments) Pty Ltd. If the KUR-World project is approved, we, the community, will mount a Court objection. If we win, the project to purchase the holding will proceed.</p>	
<p>Please provide background information on any local communities involved in the project (e.g., livelihoods, ethnicity). Are they indigenous? How are they participating in the project? How will you obtain their Free, Prior, and Informed Consent to establish the PA? What are the challenges in gaining support for this proposal from local communities? Willie Brim – Djabugai leader. Willy claims the land has a long cultural history for his people and it is our</p>	

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<p>mission to restore the property to his people if at all possible. There are no barriers to obtaining the local aboriginal people's support for this project.</p>
<p>What is the proposed PA classification following IUCN's Protected Areas Categories System? 2018 – 2028: IV Habitat/Species Management Area (Northern 6 Rural Titles – revegetation projects) 2018 – 2028: II National Park (Southern 6 Rural Titles - remnant) 2028: II National Park (All) https://www.iucn.org/theme/protected-areas/about/protected-area-categories * Note: many Large Rural Titles in the region that adjoin conservation areas have been removed from Freehold</p>
<p>Please provide a summary of the methods you will use to carry out each project component (e.g. biodiversity surveys, consultations with communities and traditional authorities, meetings with local, regional, and national government officials).</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Community consultations will be undertaken regularly and workloads assigned as appropriate 2) Local community nurseries will supply all the plants required and plant them 3) We will call on local experts and the WTMA for advice as required
<p>Will you mark the boundary? If so, how (e.g. fencing, posts, etc.)? Certainly not with fences. The area is already part of a wildlife corridor. Boundaries can be sign posted.</p>
<p>Is the area currently being patrolled? If so, how? How many guards conduct how many patrols per month? No</p>
<p>How will the new PA be protected once established (e.g. patrols, forest guards)? Will patrol teams be armed? How will they enforce the law? No patrols will be necessary.</p>
<p>Describe if patrol teams (forest guards) will be made up of government staff, non-governmental organization staff, or a mix of these. How many guards make up a patrol team? Who will be in charge of patrols? Indigenous Rangers</p>
<p>Will the proposed PA be integrated with the government's PA system? Our aim is for the land to be annexed into the WTWHA.</p>
<p>What potential risks are present that may influence the long term success of the new PA? None</p>
<p>Please detail if the proposed PA connects with other PAs or landscape-scale conservation initiatives?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed PA connects directly with Formartine Forest Reserve in the south. • WHWTA – 3km East of BARNWELL • WHWTA – 3km North of BARNWELL • Land is centrally located in the Black Mountain Ecological corridor bottleneck – critical Wet Tropics Bioregion corridor joining northern Daintree with southern Mission Beach WHWTA rainforests. • Land spans 3km East-West of the 4.5km available rainforest passage through the North/South corridor above the Barron Falls.
<p>For how many years have people been working on the creation of the proposed PA? One year, that is, since the land was proposed for subdivision by the developer.</p>
<p>Approximately how much money has been spent on the proposed PA to date (very approximate numbers are acceptable)? Approximately how much of this money went through your organization? Nil</p>
<p>Please estimate the total cost of declaring the new PA, including past, present, and future costs. This estimate should not include costs for after the area is formally declared. TBA</p>

<p>Please list the references cited in your proposal, if applicable. ATTACHMENTS - TBA</p>	
<p>2. PARTNER BACKGROUND</p>	
<p>Name of NGO Applying: Kuranda Conservation Community Nursery Inc</p>	<p>Institutional Website: http://www.kurandaconservation.org</p>
<p>Date Established: 1997</p>	<p>Legal Status: Incorporated</p>
<p>List of major financial supporters including name and email address of contact who is familiar with your work (max. 5): TBA</p>	
<p>Is your organization a member of IUCN? YES / NO. If NO, have you considered becoming a member? No</p>	
<p>Mailing Address including postal code: 1 Pademelon Lane, Kuranda Queensland 4881</p>	
<p>Executive Director Name and Contact Information: Dianne Daniels, ph: 074093 8834</p>	
<p>Project Coordinator Name and Contact Information: Jax Bergersen, ph: 074093 8834</p>	
<p>Mission statement: KCons supports the Wet Tropics Management Authority and Barron Catchment Care Association and the regional natural resources management body, Terrain, and networks with other like-minded community groups. We also foster volunteers and facilitate regional educational and research entities and individuals.</p> <p>Our community native nursery of around 6000 local species, provides plants for our ongoing projects and activities which include revegetation/improvement projects from very small to very large. When we are not in the Nursery on Saturdays we will be out collecting cassowary scats or checking motion-activated cameras for the Save the Cassowary Project.</p>	
<p>Qualification of Organization (Provide details about why your organization is best qualified to implement this project and list relevant experience (i.e. have you created PAs in the past?): Kuranda Conservation is a well-established operator in the region where the land is located and has been involved in the reforestation / regeneration of the Kuranda Region for over 25 years, and is caretaker of the local cassowary population of approximately 30 birds.</p>	
<p>Please list the website link for the following (if unavailable on your website – please submit documents as attachments together with this form): <i>*will be submitted separately</i></p> <p>Most Recent Annual Report: http://www. List of Board Members: http://www. List of Staff: http://www. History & Accomplishments: http://www.</p>	
<p>What was the prior year's organizational budget?</p>	
<p>Has the organization ever been audited (YES or NO, and how often)?</p>	
<p>Does your organization use an automated accounting system (e.g. Quick Books)?</p>	
<p>Does the accounting system have the capacity to identify the receipt and expenditures of funds separately for each grant?</p>	
<p>Can you accept wire transfers in the country where the project is located? YES</p>	
<p>From where else are you seeking funding? List the source, the amount requested, and if the funds are pending or have been granted. Will these funds be used on the same project or different projects? TBA</p>	

<p>Can any funds from other donors be sent through Rainforest Trust? If so these funds may trigger the SAVES Challenge 1:1 match for your project.</p> <p>TBA</p>
<p>How do you plan to raise additional funds to manage the new PA, once established?</p> <p>TBA</p>
<p>Rainforest Trust subjects each potential PA project to peer review to verify the importance and feasibility of the project. All application materials are considered confidential but we will need to share your proposal with a small group of experts. May we have your permission to send your proposal to peer reviewers, as long as the reviewers keep your proposal confidential?</p> <p>YES</p>
<p>Please provide the names and email addresses of 3 professional references.</p> <p>1) 2) 3)</p> <p>Are there any elements of your proposal that we cannot share with peer reviewers (e.g. locations of sensitive species, maps)?</p> <p>Nil</p>

3. ADDITIONAL FILES: (Please tick the boxes below and send files as attachments together with this form)

- ☐ **REQUIRED:** Map files(s) of the proposed PA in KMZ (Google Earth) OR shapefile (ArcGIS) format. The KMZ or ArcGIS shapefile must be a polygon of the proposed PA, not points. If the polygon is sent in ArcGIS format, all of the following files are required: (.shp, .shx, .dbf, .prj) and the following additional files are preferred: (.sbn, .sbx, .cpg). The files should be labeled, clearly indicating which file is of the proposed PA. Instructions on how to create a Google Earth polygon file are [here](#).
- ☐ **REQUIRED:** Detailed quarterly budget in a Microsoft Excel file that shows expenses in local currency and US dollars.
- ☐ **REQUIRED:** High resolution photos to promote fundraising. Photographers will be credited. The programs we recommend for transferring photos or videos are WeTransfer or DropBox. We request images for each of the following categories:
 1. Biodiversity (endemic and endangered species found in the project area)
 2. Challenges (large scale environmental destruction, logging, agriculture, plantations, oil palm monocultures, erosion, etc.)
 3. Communities (villages, indigenous people, smiling kids)
 4. Landscapes (pristine forests, habitats, mountains, rivers, etc.)
 5. Solutions (researchers in the field, conservationists, communities working together, charismatic wildlife, positive and hopeful).
- ☐ Letter(s) from relevant government officials/agencies that show the government approves of the project. Such letters are **REQUIRED** for proposed designations of new government PAs.
- ☐ Map(s) of the proposed PA in JPEG or similar file type (optional).
- ☐ Biodiversity reports from the project site (if available). For example, maps showing points where threatened species occur within proposed PAs strengthen applications.
- ☐ Most recent Income Statement and Balance Sheet (Profit and Loss Statements)
- ☐ If the following information is not available online, please detail the information below:

<input type="checkbox"/> Most recent Annual Report	<input type="checkbox"/> List of Board Members
<input type="checkbox"/> List of Staff	<input type="checkbox"/> History & Accomplishments
- ☐ Lists of species (various taxonomic groups; not only threatened species) found in the proposed protected area.

4. BUDGET. Please include a summary budget in this document that follows the format below. Please also include a detailed quarterly budget in Microsoft Excel format that follows the same format. The Excel budget should show how much money will be spent each quarter (every three months) for each year of the grant. Please break down expenses so that each budget line is ≤\$10,000 and give details on how the money will be used on each line (e.g. hourly rates, number of staff).

Itemized Expenses	Request to Rainforest Trust (local currency)	Request to Rainforest Trust (USD)	Other donors (local currency)	Other Donors (USD)	Total budget (local currency)	Total Budget (USD)
TOTAL:						