**Expression of Interest (EOI) for targeted projects that provide information that contributes to SARA listing and recovery planning activities**

**SARA Consultation, Cooperation, and Accommodation Project**

**Purpose of Funding**

Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) has heard from many Indigenous communities and organizations that they wish to undertake targeted short-term activities that will help with terrestrial species at risk (SAR) recovery actions, address immediate threats to SAR, and provide information that will fill knowledge gaps in listing considerations and recovery document development for specific species. This EOI process will help ECCC to provide federal funding, administered by CIER, to support as many projects of this type as possible.

Note: For those interested in learning about ECCC funding that supports larger species at risk projects (e.g., multi-species, multi-year), visit the ECCC website or contact: Marie-Hélène Dickey at marie-helene.dickey@ec.gc.ca.

**Overview**

* The purpose is to fund targeted short-term projects that directly support Indigenous peoples’ and organizations’ meaningful participation in listing, recovery planning and/or recovery actions for terrestrial species at risk (see appendix A&B for details).
* Projects can include any SARA listed terrestrial species at risk however, priority will be given to proposals focusing on the species undergoing listing consultation and recovery planning within the next two years. See appendix C for the list of species.
* Applicants may submit more than one expression of interest per intake.
* Should funds allow, there will be additional calls for expressions of interest.

**Requirements**

* Expressions of Interest must be received by March 11th, 2022 midnight local time.
* Please use the subject line “SARA Expression of Interest” when making your submission.
* Inquiries and submissions can be made to Anita Murdock, Research Associate at the Centre for Indigenous Environmental Resources (amurdock@yourcier.org) who is working in partnership with ECCC to distribute these federal funds.
* Project amounts should be between $5,000 - $15,000 and use federal funding rates where applicable (see example and federal rates below)
* All applicants will be notified of their application status in March 2022.
* A brief final report that includes a table of expenses and description of project outcomes will be due by February 15th, 2023.

**Primary Contact Details for Indigenous Community or Organization**

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| Name of Community or Organization |  |
| Contact Name |  |
| Contact Title |  |
| Contact Email |  |
| Contact Phone Number |  |
| Street Address, City, Province/Territory & Postal Code |  |

\*Contact identified will be the primary contact for all EOI correspondence

**Project Title**

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**Project Timeframe** (approximate start date & end date):

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**What Species at risk is/are the focus of project activities? If other species are focused on in this work, please list.**

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**Project Purpose** (approx. 4 – 5 sentences):

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**Funding Request**

Please include a list of any partners and other financial contributions. At least 20% matching funds is required. It can include in-kind contribution (e.g., staff time, administration, venues, catering). As this is ECCC funding, other federal government funding cannot be used as match.

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| **CIER Cash** | **Other Cash** | **In-Kind** |
| $ | $ | $ |

**Past ECCC Funding**: If you have received funding from ECCC related to species at risk in the past three years, please provide the project title(s) and brief description: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Project Activities**

We need to understand how each activity will directly contribute to listing consultation and/or recovery planning (see appendices for details). While it is not required, we encourage recipients to explain how they anticipate their project activities and timeframes would align with ECCC’s recovery planning goals for the specific species (see appendix C for details). Categories and example activities for this funding include the following:

* Data collection to provide to ECCC for use in recovery documents: surveying, monitoring, mapping (Note, if those collecting and sharing appropriate information wish to formalize how this is done, ECCC is open to exploring approaches that can work for everyone (e.g., MOUs, protocol agreements, data sharing agreements).
* SAR specific activities: community identified activities that align with recovery goals, address known knowledge gaps, and/or activities identified in the schedule of studies found in recovery documents.
* Building capacity (e.g., establish a species at risk leadership committee).
* Education and outreach to increase awareness and involvement in species at risk conservation and recovery.
* Training in and/or development of methods and tools (e.g., species at risk database, guidance) that support the activities listed above.
* Direct actions that reduce threats to species and their habitats (e.g., signage, fencing, traditional burning, planting native species).

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| **Project Activity** | **Activity Description****(what)** | **Activity Timeframe****(approximate start date & end date)** | **Description of Expected Results****(goal)** | **Amount of ECCC funding requested** |
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| *Example 1:**Immediate threat reduction* | *Example 1:**Install fencing and signage to help protect nest sites* | *Example 1:**April 1st – May 31st*  | *Example 1:**People will learn about x species and will stay out of its nesting sites improving the survival and recovery of the species* | *Example 1:****Total request: $x*** *$x for fencing materials**$x at $x/hour for workers to install fencing and signage**$x for graphic design and printing of signage**$x for engaging community on signage design and promoting awareness through: social media, newsletters, press release* |
| *Example 2:**Community engagement* | *Example 2:**Online workshop/community meeting, newsletter, and social media posts to enhance community support and understanding of x and y species recovery in the territory.*  | *Example 2:**April 1st – June 15th*  | *Example 2:**Community will be well informed and supportive of recovery planning for x and y species. Community members will be identified to participate in recovery planning for these species in future.*  | *Example 2:****Total request: $x****Staff time at $x/hour* *Prizes for workshop participants - $x* |
| *Example 3:**Monitoring* | *Example 3:**Purchase and installation of monitors for x species and associated training*  | *Example 3:**May 1st – July 15th* | *Example 3:**Information and understanding of x species is increased and data will be shared with ECCC to inform recovery planning. Increased knowledge and skills within community to conduct monitoring* | *Example 3:****Total request: $x*** *X cameras at $x/per camera**Technician at $x/hour for x hours for camera installation, training and data analysis*  |

**Information Sharing Details (If applicable for those collecting and sharing appropriate data)**

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| Anticipated month that information will be shared | e.g., June |
| Anticipated format for sharing information | e.g., email summary, written report, spatial data |
| Request for formalized information sharing agreement and format if known | If yes, e.g., Community’s existing information sharing agreement template is attached, Community wishes to co-develop agreement with ECCC |

**Federal Funding Rates**

Funding to support a person’s time to participate:

We understand that communities’ policies and protocols pertaining to honoraria may differ and they may be higher or lower than the maximum amounts identified by the federal treasury board as listed below or they may take other forms (e.g., appreciation gifts). Please include in your budget request what is appropriate for your community. If you would like to discuss please contact Anita Murdock, Research Associate at the Centre for Indigenous Environmental Resources (amurdock@yourcier.org).

Elders and Knowledge Holders - $500/day, $250/half day
All other participants - $350/day, $175/half day

Travel and hospitality for in person meetings:

***Kilometric Rates***

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| **Province/Territory** | **Cents/km****(taxes included)** | **Province/Territory** | **Cents/km****(taxes included)** |
| Alberta | 51.0 | Nunavut | 60.5 |
| British Columbia | 56.0 | Ontario | 57.5 |
| Manitoba | 52.0 | Prince Edward Island | 53 |
| New Brunswick | 54.5 | Quebec | 55 |
| Newfoundland and Labrador | 58 | Saskatchewan | 51.5 |
| Northwest Territories | 64.5 | Yukon | 63 |
| Nova Scotia | 55 |  |  |

***Allowances***

| **Canadian $ (taxes included)** | **Canada** **& USA** | **Yukon** **& Alaska** | **N.W.T.** | **Nunavut** |
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| **Private non-commercial accommodation allowance** |
| Day 1–120 | 50.00 | 50.00 | 50.00 | 50.00 |
| *Day 121 onward* | *25.00* | *25.00* | *25.00* | *25.00* |
| **Meal allowances** |
| *breakfast - 100% (up to 30th day)* | *21.35\** | *22.90* | *24.80* | *28.25* |
| *lunch - 100% (up to 30th day)* | *21.60\** | *21.05\** | *30.05\** | *34.30\** |
| *dinner - 100% (up to 30th day)* | *53.00\** | *60.65* | *64.35* | *91.35* |
| **Incidental allowance** |
| *Incidental allowance – 100% (up to 30th day)* | *17.30\** | *17.30* | *17.30* | *17.30* |

For complete travel directive (e.g., includes hotel rates) visit: <https://www.njc-cnm.gc.ca/directive/d10/en>

**Appendix A – Examples of information considered in the Minister’s decision to list a species under SARA**

* Do the species support livelihoods, for example, through harvesting, subsistence or medicine?
* Would listing the species have an impact on people’s activities with the species?
* Would listing the species result in cultural, social, or economic costs or benefits to individuals, communities or organizations?
* Do current or planned activities overlap with any of the species ranges or occurrences (i.e., where individuals of the species have been seen)?
* Are there any current or planned activities that may harm the species and/or destroy any part of its habitat?

**Appendix B – Examples of information included in a recovery document**

* Where the species and its habitat have been found.
* What the species needs to survive and/or recover.
* Threats (current and historical) to the species and which activities might destroy their habitat.
* What could be done to recover/manage the species and what actions are already underway.
* Population and distribution objectives for recovery/management.
* Indigenous Knowledge that knowledge holders would like to see included in a recovery document.
* Anything else that may aid in the survival and recovery of the species.

**Appendix C – List of Species and associated information**

*Ongoing consultation and* ***expected*** *coming consultations for Quebec region in 2021-2023.*

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| **Species Included in Listing Consultations\*** |
| **Species** | **Scientific Name** | **Current Status (SARA)** | **COSEWIC Assessment** |
| [Black Ash](https://species-registry.canada.ca/index-en.html#/species/1445-1032) | *Fraxinus nigra* | Not listed | Threatened |
| [Short-eared Owl](https://species-registry.canada.ca/index-en.html#/species/60-395) | *Asio flammeus* | Special Concern  | Threatened |
| [Lesser Yellowlegs](https://species-registry.canada.ca/index-en.html#/species/1495-1077) | *Tringa flavipes* | Not listed | Threatened |
| [Leach’s Storm-Petrel (Atlantic population)](https://species-registry.canada.ca/index-en.html#/species/1496-1084) | *Oceanodroma leucorhoa* | Not listed | Threatened |
| [Canada Warbler](https://species-registry.canada.ca/index-en.html#/species/1008-699) | *Cardellina canadensis* | Threatened  | Special Concern |
| [Barn Swallow](https://species-registry.canada.ca/index-en.html#/species/1147-790) | *Hirundo rustica* | Threatened  | Special Concern |
| [Red Knot rufa subspecies, Southeastern USA / Gulf of Mexico / Caribbean wintering population](https://species-registry.canada.ca/index-en.html%22%20%5Cl%20%22/species/1513-1089)[(New Designatable Unit)](https://species-registry.canada.ca/index-en.html%22%20%5Cl%20%22/species/1513-1089) | *Calidris canutus rufa* | Not listed(previously threatened under the Red Knot *roselaari*) | Endangered  |
| [Red Knot rufa subspecies, Northeastern South America wintering population](https://species-registry.canada.ca/index-en.html#/species/1512-1090) | *Calidris canutus rufa* | Not listed(previously threatened under the Red Knot *roselaari*) | Special Concern |

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| **Species with recovery documents in development\*** |
| **Species** | **Scientific Name** | **SARA Status** | **Document Type** |
| [Monarch](https://species-registry.canada.ca/index-en.html#/species/294-90) | *Danaus* *plexippus* | Special Concern (under consideration for uplisting to Endangered) | Recovery Strategy (if uplisted) |
| [Wolverine](https://species-registry.canada.ca/index-en.html#/species/618-563) | *Gulo gulo* | Special Concern | Management Plan |
| [Chimney Swift](https://species-registry.canada.ca/index-en.html#/species/951-650)  | *Chaetura pelagica* | Threatened | Recovery Strategy  |
| [Louisiana Waterthrush](https://species-registry.canada.ca/index-en.html#/species/53-402)  | *Parkesia motacilla* | Threatened | Recovery Strategy |
| [Spring Salamander, Adirondack / Appalachian population](https://species-registry.canada.ca/index-en.html#/species/1160-787) | *Gyrinophilus porphyriticus* | Threatened | Recovery Strategy  |
| [Bobolink](https://species-registry.canada.ca/index-en.html#/species/1087-746)  | *Dolichonyx oryzivorus* | Threatened | Recovery Strategy  |
| [Eastern Meadowlark](https://species-registry.canada.ca/index-en.html#/species/1144-798)  | *Sturnella magna* | Threatened | Recovery Strategy  |
| [Eastern Wood-pewee](https://species-registry.canada.ca/index-en.html#/species/1198-877) | *Contopus virens* | Special Concern | Management Plan |
| [Quebec Rockcress](https://species-registry.canada.ca/index-en.html#/species/1366-998)  | *Boechera quebecensis* | Endangered | Recovery Strategy |
| [Red-necked Phalarope](https://species-registry.canada.ca/index-en.html#/species/1278-929)  | *Phalaropus lobatus* | Special Concern | Management Plan |
| [Buff-breasted Sandpiper](https://species-registry.canada.ca/index-en.html#/species/1178-852)  | *Tryngites subruficollis* | Special Concern | Management Plan |
| [Yellow-banded Bumble Bee](https://species-registry.canada.ca/index-en.html#/species/1288-939)  | *Bombus terricola* | Special Concern | Management Plan |
| [Eastern Musk Turtle](https://species-registry.canada.ca/index-en.html#/species/706-74)  | *Sternotherus odoratus* | Special Concern | Management Plan |
| [Evening Grosbeak](https://species-registry.canada.ca/index-en.html#/species/1327-966)  | *Coccothraustes vespertinus* | Special Concern | Management Plan |
| [Gypsy Cuckoo Bumble Bee](https://species-registry.canada.ca/index-en.html#/species/1232-915) | *Bombus bohemicus* | Endangered | Recovery Strategy  |