

Summary of External Funding Programs for Conservation and Recovery of Species at Risk
(last updated October 2003)

	HSP Habitat Stewardship Program	IRF Interdepartmental Recovery Fund	ESRF Endangered Species Recovery Fund
Website Address	http://www.cws-scf.ec.gc.ca/hsp-pih/default_e.cfm	http://www.cws-scf.ec.gc.ca/irf-fir/	http://www.speciesatrisk.gc.ca/support/esrf_frep/default_e.cfm
Call for Proposals	End of September	September 22	By October 10
Deadline for Submissions	**Varies by region** November 14 - PYR	December 15	December 19
Timeline for Rankings & Recommendations	November-January	Early March	February-March
Notification	March	March	March 15
Official Length of Program	April 1-March 31	April 1-March 31	April 1-March 31
Agencies Involved in Program Administration	Environment Canada (lead), DFO and Parks Canada	Environment Canada (lead), DFO and Parks Canada	World Wildlife Fund (WWF) and Environment Canada
Eligible Recipients	Not-for-profit organizations, aboriginal organizations, local community organizations, lease-holders on federal or provincial crown lands, as well as provincial, territorial, municipal, and local governments/agencies. Federal government agencies NOT eligible to lead.	Only federal departments or departmental corporations including PC, EC, DFO, AAFC, NRCan, DND, and PWGSC. Federal Department must sign a MOU to access IRF funds	Colleges, universities, registered charities, registered non-profit or for-profit organizations. Federal and provincial government agencies NOT eligible to lead.
Eligible Areas/Sites	All non-federal lands and waters (exceptions: First Nations' Lands, most Crown land in Yukon, NWT and Nunavut)	All federal lands and waters, and, for species under federal jurisdiction, all lands	All lands
PCA participation	Opportunity to work with partners in greater park ecosystem, but cannot lead	Opportunity to demonstrate leadership and develop partnerships with other government departments	Opportunity to develop partnerships with the academic community, but cannot lead

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Matching Funding (cash or in-kind)	Required from non-federal source. Minimum 1:1	Rewarded (If not 1:1 project goes in lower priority pool)	Minimum 1:1
Multi-year projects	Yes: must report and apply each year	Yes: subject to performance report	Yes: must report and apply each year
Program Goal	To involve Canadians in protecting habitat, especially critical habitat, and contributing to the recovery of listed species at risk	To implement priority recovery activities identified in recovery strategies or action plans, and to support surveys of E, E, and T species on federal lands.	To assist in the recovery of extirpated, endangered and threatened Canadian species and prevent other species from becoming so classified through research and education projects
Program Priorities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Projects that secure or protect known habitat for SAR • Protection of designated Critical Habitat • Habitat improvement; restoration; land management • Threat mitigation by direct action or by encouraging changes in behaviour (education and outreach) • Priority activities identified in recovery strategies, action plans • Partnerships with Aboriginal Peoples 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Priority activities identified in recovery strategies, action plans: can cover all activities except habitat acquisition and program planning, development, and coordination. • Enhanced ability of federal land managers to protect SAR on their land • Enhancement of cooperation and collaboration among federal organizations and other stakeholders 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initiatives that contribute to the development of recovery strategies, and priority activities identified in recovery strategies, action plans • Applied research focus • Fosters third party activities for SAR • Supports small scale projects (limited \$)
Species Priorities	SARA Endangered and Threatened species as a priority over Special Concern spp. Then COSEWIC E and T spp over SC spp—while projects may also contain provincially listed species, projects that contain only prov. or unlisted species will not be funded.	COSEWIC listed endangered, threatened, or extirpated species (in decreasing priority), and species or ecosystem must have a recovery strategy at a sufficiently advanced stage (IRF Secretariat provides list of eligible species, ecosystems).	Species, subspecies, or distinct populations designated by COSEWIC as extirpated, endangered threatened, or special concern; COSEWIC-listed candidate species; species listed by provinces or territories

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Some Eligible Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Securement of habitat (esp. conservation covenants, stewardship agreements) • Enhancement of habitat • Restoration • Improved resource management • Outreach, education, extension and technology transfer • Developing/modifying technology • Program planning and development • Project evaluation • Surveys, monitoring, and inventory work in direct support of planned future stewardship 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Population and habitat surveys (surveys on fed land can be for SAR with no recovery strategy) • Studies of threats and limiting factors • Studies of biology and ecological requirements of species • Defining, locating, enhancing, creating, and protecting critical habitat • Developing management guidelines for landowners and land managers • Education and outreach (this one not accessible to EC, DFO, or PCA for use on federal lands) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research initiatives that contribute to development of recovery strategies (will not fund actual preparation or updating of recovery plans) • Collection of baseline information about threats to a species • Identification of the critical habitat of a species and what is needed to ensure it is conserved • Research that will fill other gaps of information
Review Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some variation by region in initial review process • Recovery teams, if they exist, may be consulted regarding project priorities • Regional HSP working groups and Regional Implementation Boards (RIB) review and recommend projects to the National Steering Committee (NSC)) • Final approval by the ADM's Committee in Ottawa 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IRF Secretariat screens proposals to determine their eligibility • IRC (Interdepartmental Review Committee) ranks all acceptable proposals and makes recommendations to ADM's committee • ADM's committee bases decisions on project approvals on these recommendations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicant requests a proposal evaluation through the recovery team chair (if team exists) • Recovery team reviews proposal and sends comments to the Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) • SAC evaluates eligible proposals, then finalizes funding recommendations • Chief Scientific Advisor of the Board of WWF-Canada makes final approval