



### Concept Note Application

Thank you for successfully completing Rainforest Trust's eligibility questionnaire. We invite you to send a completed concept note to [zolas@pngbcf.org](mailto:zolas@pngbcf.org). The concept note should be not more than 8 pages in length (excluding graphics) and must answer the questions below. **Your concept note must be accompanied by a GIS shapefile** (.shp, .dbf, .prj, and .shx) **or Google Earth file** (.kmz) showing the proposed project area as described in question 14. Please visit the [Rainforest Trust website](http://www.rainforesttrust.org) to view our project selection criteria or you may view our [priority setting app](#) to see the areas of greatest priority to Rainforest Trust and do not hesitate to contact us at [zolas@pngbcf.org](mailto:zolas@pngbcf.org) if you have any questions. We look forward to learning more about your project.

Name of the lead organization that would implement the project:	Name, title and email address of primary contact:
Lead organization website and social media accounts:	Project site (Country, Province, District):
<p>Is the lead organization nationally registered and authorized to work within the country of the proposed project?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes                      <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>	<p>Type of proposal (please see the <a href="http://www.rainforesttrust.org">Rainforest Trust website</a> for a description of our awards):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Protected Area Full Award</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Protected Area Rapid Feasibility Award</p>
Please provide a name for the proposed area:	<p>Which of the following will the project safeguard (select all that apply)?:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Critically Endangered, Endangered, or Vulnerable species (see question 4)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A High Integrity Forest (see criteria listed on the <a href="http://www.rainforesttrust.org">Rainforest Trust website</a> and question 5)</p>
What is the proposed <a href="#">IUCN category</a> of the protected area?	
<p>Funding requested (in US Dollars):</p> <p>If applicable, what is the cost of land to be purchased (in US Dollars):</p> <p>Project Duration:</p>	<p>Type of protection:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Governmental Designation</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Land Purchase or Long-term Lease</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other _____</p>
If you have previously been in touch with Rainforest Trust staff about this project, please list their name(s):	Total size of the area(s) to be protected, in acres:

**1. Please describe the main goal of your proposed project briefly (200-word limit).**

**2. Provide a list of the principal objectives and activities you would implement toward the goal**

**Objective 1**

**Activity 1.1:**

**Start Date:**

**End Date:**

**Activity 1.2:**

**Start Date:**

**End Date:**

**Activity 1.3:**

**Start Date:**

**End Date:**

**Objective 2**

**Activity 2.1:**

**Start Date:**

**End Date:**

**Activity 2.2:**

**Start Date:**

**End Date:**

**Objective 3.....**

**Objective 4.....**

**3. Describe the conservation importance and urgency of your proposed project (200-word limit).**

**4. What is the current ownership and management status of the land of the proposed project (50-word limit)?**

**5. Are there any active or inactive extractive concessions (oil, gas, timber, mineral, etc) within the proposed protected area and if so, how will they impact protected area creation and management (200-word limit)?**

**6. Please list up to five species that are globally threatened (IUCN Red List status of Critically Endangered, Endangered, or Vulnerable) that occur in your proposed protected area and indicate if the project will protect >0.05% of the species' global population. Please refer to the Red List ([www.iucnredlist.org](http://www.iucnredlist.org)) for nomenclature and threat status.**

Common Name	Scientific Name ( <i>Species genus</i> )	Taxonomic Class	Conservation Status (CR, EN, or VU)	Project will protect >0.05% of its range (yes or no)	Notes

**7. ONLY answer this question if your site qualifies under the High Integrity Forest criteria listed [here](#). Please justify why your proposed site qualifies as representing a High Integrity Forest (200-word limit).**

**8. Provide an overview of the biodiversity surveys conducted to date, whether by your organization or published in the general scientific literature.**

<p><b>9. Please describe any experience the lead organization has in securing governmental designations, land purchases or long-term leases, or other forms of protected area creation, and whether the lead organization has experience working at the proposed project site. If none, please describe your proposed strategy and/or any confirmed partners and their experience in securing new protected areas (100-word limit).</b></p>
<p><b>10. Have you conducted a Free, Prior, and Informed Consent or community consultation process with the community living inside and surrounding the proposed Protected Area? Please describe the process you have or will use to obtain FPIC and detail the status and any progress to date.</b></p>
<p><b>11. Has the organization received all necessary permits, licenses, concessions, and regulatory approvals to undertake the proposed project and for what time period are the permits valid? If not, will these be secured in time?</b></p>
<p><b>12. Have you started the process of getting the Protected Area declaration or establishment (or the submission of documents) as required by the law? Please describe the status. At what stage is the proposed Protected Area currently in?</b></p>
<p><b>13. Please provide a <u>simple</u> map (pasted below or as an attached file), showing your proposed area and relevant contextual information (e.g., existing protected areas, planned future purchases, roads, etc.).</b></p>

**14. Please provide a GIS shapefile (.shp, .dbf, .prj, and .shx) or Google Earth file (.kmz) (as an attached file) showing the boundary of the proposed protected area(s). Shapefiles or .kmz files should only include the proposed protected area(s) and no other features. If you send a shapefile, please send in the GCS WGS 1984 geographic coordinate system with Decimal Degree units.**

**15. Please provide contact information for three professional references who are familiar with your organization and your proposed project (full name, organization, job title, and email address):**

**Attachments:**

- 1. Please provide a brief introduction of your organization (organizational registration, organization's Mission Statement, organization's history, organizational chart, etc.).**
- 2. Does the organization prepare an annual report for donors or stakeholders? If yes, please provide copies of the last three years annual reports in one document.**
- 3. Please provide audited financial statements for the last three fiscal years.**
- 4. Have the relevant local, regional or national government agencies involved in the establishment or management of the protected area already expressed support for the project, if so, how? Please provide any relevant letters of support.**