



## PROJECT GOLDEN FROG/ATELOPUS CONSERVATION TRUST GRANT

### MISSION:

All montane populations of Panamanian golden frogs have become infected with amphibian chytrid fungus now and have drastically declined, with some already seemingly extirpated. *Project Golden Frog/Atelopus Conservation Trust* (PGF/ACT) wants to continue to support the research and conservation of these and other harlequin frogs, via funding. The Panamanian golden frog can continue to be significant as a flagship species since what has happened to them will continue happening to other *Atelopus*.

The PGF/ACT Grant, established in 2007, supports conservation programs that seek to increase our basis of knowledge or continue to protect the endangered Panamanian golden frog and other *Atelopus* species throughout their range and in captivity.

Field studies and other projects that demonstrate a multidisciplinary approach to *Atelopus zeteki* receive highest funding priority, although projects involving conservation of other *Atelopus* species will be considered and have received funding. Research and projects that involve range-country collaborators are encouraged. Environmental education programs, development of techniques that can be used in a natural environment and captive propagation programs that stress an integrative approach to conservation are also appropriate. Projects must directly affect biological conservation.

VALUE: Maximum annual request not to exceed US\$5,000, although smaller value awards may be given to multiple projects annually. Award monies can be sent via electronic fund transfer, if abroad only.

### SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

ELIGIBILITY: Applicants must be associated with a recognized organization (e.g. zoo/aquarium, NGO, university, etc.) through which s/he can receive funding. Funding checks are provided to organizations, not individuals. There are no eligibility restrictions on the nationality of the applicant. Students are encouraged to apply.

Projects that have been funded by the PGF/ACT Grant are eligible for a second year of funding. A second application must be submitted according to the application guidelines, along with a progress report from the first year of PGF/ACT Grant funding.

### DATES:

- **July 1:** All components of the application (narrative, CV, and letters of recommendation) must be received. Components that arrive after this date will not be accepted, and incomplete applications will not be reviewed.
- **September 1:** Grants awarded and funds distributed.
- **September 1, Year following grant award received:** Progress report due - must include an update on the status of the project and budgetary expenditures to date.
- **Four months after project completed:** Final report due – must include a summary of project objectives or methods used, conclusions, recommendations and a statement of expenses.

**ANY PROPOSALS THAT DO NOT FOLLOW THE GUIDELINES WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.** All of the following application materials should be submitted at one time from the applicant (i.e., do not submit CVs, letters of support, photos, etc. from separate sources; however multiple emails sent separately from the applicant within the same day due to file size is acceptable). To ensure a timely turn-around, kindly submit the applications in English (due to limitations of the reviewers). Reviewers will not be judging based on

grammar and spelling, but rather on merit of project submitted. Unless otherwise specified, all of the following components must be included:

**COVER SHEET** (Single page with 10-point type minimum)

1. Project Title:
2. Abstract: (Project Summary - not to exceed 100 words):
3. Principal Investigator(s):
4. Amount requested (in US\$):
5. Total project budget (in US\$):
6. Contact Person for Grant Application: (Must be a Principal Investigator)
7. Address for communication:
  - a. Organization:
  - b. Address (include state, zip/postal code and country):
  - c. Title:
  - d. Telephone:
  - e. Fax:
  - f. E-mail:
8. Proposed Project Period:
9. Project Location:
10. Is this project new or part of an on-going project?

**PROPOSAL NARRATIVE** (Maximum of three pages with 10-point type minimum)

- **INTRODUCTION TO THE PROJECT** explaining the rationale for the project, specific conservation goals and objectives, and hypotheses to be tested. Clearly describe the applied conservation goals. Include sufficient information such that reviewers who may not be familiar with the subject matter will be able to understand and evaluate the project request. You must clearly state the goals and objectives of the project. Identify any required permits that have been obtained or are in process of being obtained (add copies under PERMITS).
- **METHODS/PLAN OF ACTION** describing data collection methods, sample size, and detailed timetable including project's start and completion dates and dissemination plan. If appropriate, include an experimental design. Education based projects should include a description of the evaluation component.
- **IMPLEMENTATION PLAN** detailing how the project results will be used in conservation action or policy.
- **PROCESS OF EVALUATING THE PROJECT'S OUTCOME** explaining how the project's impact(s) on conservation will be assessed.
- **DETAILED, ITEMIZED BUDGET** for the project. Include a budget justification with a description of how the PGF/ACT grant money will be used. Be sure to clearly indicate the amount being requested from the PGF/ACT Grant. If requesting partial funding, a complete project budget must be submitted. List amount and sources of in-kind support where applicable as well as support from other sources that has been obtained or is being sought. **NOTE:** Salaries will not be considered for funding, however reasonable stipends for field technicians may be considered.

**PERMITS**

Include copies of all permits necessary to perform the activities in the project. Include copy of institutional IACUC approval if available.

**CURRICULUM VITAE**

All Principal Investigators must include Curriculum Vitae (two page maximum each with a 10-point minimum).

**LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION**

A letter of support from the lead Principal Investigator's sponsoring institution is required.

**LITERATURE CITED** (Optional)

Literature cited in the proposal narrative may be listed on a separate page with a 10-point minimum.

**ATTACHMENTS** (Optional)

Additional information may be included as attachment(s) but are not required. These may include photos, brochures, etc.

SEND YOUR COMPLETED ELECTRONIC APPLICATION TO: [vpooles@aquas.org](mailto:vpooles@aquas.org)

- Please put "**PGF/ACT Grant Submission**" in the email subject line.
- **NOTE:** Postal mail or faxed applications will not be accepted.

CONDITIONS OF ACCEPTANCE INCLUDE:

- Information gained from the project must be made available to the public.
- PGF/ACT must receive a summary or final report by the dates indicated. Include a summary of project objectives or methods used, conclusions, recommendations and a statement of expenses.

- PGF/ACT will be acknowledged as a sponsor in any printed materials produced as a result of the project (copy of the PGF/ACT logo is available)
- All research involving live animals must adhere to regulations listed under the USDA Animal Welfare Act and any appropriate sections of professional ethics or mandatory standards of the *Association of Zoos and Aquariums* (AZA).