



CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST TO BE A MEMBER OF THE IUCN EXPERT ASSESSMENT GROUP FOR THE GREEN LIST (EAGL) FOR BHUTAN

Dear Colleagues,

The IUCN Green List of Protected and Conserved Areas Programme (**Green List** for short) was officially launched in 2014 at the World Parks Congress to recognise and promote successful protected and conserved areas around the world. The main objective of the Green List is to encourage protected and conserved areas to measure, improve and maintain their performance through globally consistent criteria on good governance, sound design and planning, effective management and, successful conservation outcomes. For more details on the IUCN Green List programme, please visit www.iucngreenlist.org

The Expert Assessment Group for the Green List (EAGL) is at the heart of Green List implementation and is established in every participating jurisdiction. The EAGL adapts the global Green List Standard to the jurisdictional context and evaluates and assesses protected and conserved areas that apply to be added to the Green List.

We are seeking **Expressions of Interest** in becoming an EAGL member for Bhutan. Benefits of being an EAGL member include advancing PA management effectiveness and fairly governed PAs in Bhutan, membership with the IUCN World Commission on Protected Areas, and an opportunity to become part of the global Green List community of PA practitioners and stakeholders in more than 50 countries to date. It is important to note that EAGL members are expected to work on a voluntary basis, in their personal capacity, and according to their expertise without representing any organisation.

Interested individuals are kindly requested to apply no later than **7 December 2020** via <http://iucn.force.com/EAGLapplication> or email to ulhendup@bhantrustfund.bt

The online form under this link asks for:

1. Your professional experience in a pre-defined table format.
2. A self-evaluation of your competency.
3. A short statement on why you are interested to join the EAGL.
4. An up-to-date CV (in English if available)
5. A declaration of your relevant interests to manage any Conflict of Interest
6. Confirmation of your commitment to dedicate up to 10 days of volunteer time per year (0.8 days per month) to the EAGL tasks, over at least two years. All travel and logistic expenditures will be covered.

The Annex below shows the application form and competency criteria for your information (or if you are unable to access the online form, the Annex can be used).

IUCN World Commission on Protected Areas (WCPA), Bhutan Trust Fund for Environmental Conservation (BTFEC), and an independent Reviewer will evaluate all applications and select a group typically of 5 to 15 individuals to form the EAGL. Appointed EAGL members will need to sign a 'Declaration of Engagement' (see below). All applicants will have an opportunity to join the WCPA as members¹, so long as they meet the WCPA membership criteria.

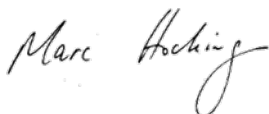
Please feel free to get in touch with Ugyen Lhendup at BTFEC should you wish to find out more about the IUCN Green List and the EAGL or if you have any other queries.

A short webinar jointly hosted by BTFEC and IUCN on **2nd December 2020 from 2.30 to 4.00 PM Thimpu Time** in order to introduce the IUCN Green List and the role of EAGL members. For information, contact Ugyen Lhendup in BTFEC office.

Yours sincerely,



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¹ <https://www.iucn.org/commissions/world-commission-protected-areas/get-involved>

ANNEX

This Annex is for your information only. Applications must be submitted online <http://iucn.force.com/EAGLapplication> (or by email using the template below and sending to ulhendup@bhutantrustfund.bt).

EAGL APPLICANT DETAILS

Jurisdiction		Salutation	
First Name		Last Name	
Phone Number		Email address	
Mailing Address			
Add a short motivation statement on why you want to join the EAGL and name the key experiences and skills you would bring to the EAGL (max. 10 sentences)			
Confirm that you are prepared to support the EAGL with up to 10 days of volunteer time per year (note that travel and logistics expenditures are covered)			

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Please add up to 5 of the most relevant stages of your professional experience. Note that we might ask you to submit a full CV later on.

1. Years (from - to)	Name of Organisation (if relevant)	Your role in organisation
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3. Years (from - to)	Name of Organisation (if relevant)	Your role in organisation
4. Years (from - to)	Name of Organisation (if relevant)	Your role in organisation
5. Years (from - to)	Name of Organisation (if relevant)	Your role in organisation

SELF-EVALUATION OF COMPETENCY

EAGL members are required to have a total of at least 10 years of professional experience with public or private PAs. One member of the EAGL may be a 'young professional' with less than 10 years of experience.

Your experience in:	5 to 10 years	10 to 15 years	Over 15 years
PA management or PA governance			
Government ministry or PA agency			
Community or economic development			
Independent auditing or assessment of PAs			
Scientific research within or about PAs			

Other academic research within or about PAs, including social sciences			
Sustainable development or environmental issues at a management, operational, technical, policy or governance level			
Community or indigenous rights holder / stakeholder organisations			
Other, please add			

Mostly at the following types of organisations:

Community-based organisations	
Consultancies	
Funding Agencies	
Governments or Authorities	
Non-governmental organisations	
Private Sector	
Protected and Conserved Areas	
Scientific institutes	
Other	

Your other relevant skills:

	Basic	Medium	Strong
Knowledge of PAs in the jurisdiction			
Network of regional contacts			
Analytical skills			
Oral communication skills			
Written communication skills			
Command of local language(s)			
Command of written and spoken English			
Regionally recognised leadership in PA issues			
Skills in conflict resolution and negotiation			

Please email/attach an up-to-date CV (in English if available)
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EAGL APPLICANT DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Potential EAGL members are experts working with and on PAs in their jurisdictions. It is therefore likely that some of their direct or indirect relationships with PAs or their agencies or funders result in perceived or real Conflicts of Interest (COI). COIs occur when competing loyalties may affect an individual’s judgment or objectivity, or be perceived by others to potentially do so.

To maintain the credibility of the Green List and of the EAGL as a group, it is therefore important that all EAGL applicants declare relevant direct and indirect relationships and interests, so any potential COI can be managed and addressed in an appropriate manner.

Please list below the details of your interests and whether they apply to yourself or to a member of your immediate family or some other close personal connection. Consider real as well as potential conflicts of interest in doing so.

Current employment and any previous employment	
Contractual relationships with PAs, PA agencies or their subsidiaries	
Affiliations with entities that have a funding relationship with PAs of the jurisdiction	
PA-related research funding or personal education grants	
Relevant appointments such as trusteeship, directorship, local authority membership, etc. related to PAs in the jurisdiction	
Memberships in professional bodies, special interest groups or mutual support organisations related to PAs	
Other relationship or status which could, or be perceived to, influence your objectivity	

Declaration of Engagement

This Declaration confirms your commitment to independence and objectivity of decision-making in the context of the Green List programme. Signed Declarations are required from all appointed EAGL members.

I, [Name], support the mission and the objectives of the IUCN Green List Programme and aim to contribute to it as a member of the Expert Assessment group for the Green List (EAGL) in [jurisdiction] I confirm that I am willing and able to invest the time it needs to adequately meet the requirements of my role in the Green List Programme. I also confirm the following (*please mark with an 'x'*):

	I commit to reading and understanding the Green List Standard, its associated set of Indicators and the Green List User Manual (in English or, if available, in the translation of my working language) as part of the training for my role
	I will follow the rules and processes of the User Manual
	I will participate in training on the Green List Standard and the User Manual and the Green List's online platform COMPASS as requested
	I will treat all applicant PAs equally
	Any decisions or recommendations made by me in the context of the Green List will be based on informed considerations, objectivity and without bias
	I will not advise PAs and their Mentors on how to come into compliance with the Green List Standard to avoid Conflicts of Interest
	I will make known any arising real and perceived Conflicts of Interest so they can be effectively addressed, in line with the guidance in the User Manual
	I commit to uploading accurate information about my contact details and qualifications for this role when requested into COMPASS (not publicly accessible - only visible to Green List Reviewers, EAGL Members, and the Operations Team)

[Name]

[Signature]

[Place and Date]