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NEW FUNDING OPPORTUNITY - Science for Nature and People Partnership

SNAPP 2016 Request for Proposals

SNAPP (Science for Nature and People Partnership), a groundbreaking collaboration aimed at solving the world's most pressing conservation, economic development and human well-being challenges, announces the 2016 Request for Proposals [https://www.nceas.ucsb.edu/content/snapp-call-proposals-2016]

Proposals are due no later than 9:00am PDT on Monday, April 25, 2016.

SNAPP is designed to find practical, knowledge-based ways in which the conservation of nature can help provide food, clean water, energy, and security to Earth's fast-growing population. The RFP selection process will prioritize projects which tackle high-profile problems where the solution has a clear pathway to implementation.

SNAPP utilizes the NCEAS working groups model to gather experts from a wide range of disciplines, sectors and organizations to synthesize and analyze existing data, and develop solutions to global challenges over a two year period. The program invites scientists and specialists from around the globe to submit proposals for new working groups. In each case the goal is to fill knowledge gaps and advance solutions to some of the world's biggest challenges by identifying ways to create a net benefit for people and nature.

With <u>23 SNAPP working groups</u> that collectively include over 400 participants, representing 200 institutions from more than 30 countries, SNAPP is providing an opportunity for conservation and development partners to be inclusive, flexible, and innovative. SNAPP is rapidly converting research into action by generating the type of applied science that today's complex problems demand.

In 2013, the Science for Nature and People Partnership (SNAPP) was created by The Nature Conservancy (TNC), the Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) and the National Center for Ecological Analysis and Synthesis (NCEAS) at the University of California, Santa Barbara. SNAPP funds, convenes and supports expert Working Groups addressing challenges in four focus areas: Food Security and Nature, Water Security and Nature, Community Resilience and Climate Change, and Ecosystem Services and Biodiversity Benefits.

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