**Concept Note v2.3**

Thank you for your interest in working with Rainforest Trust and the EDGE Alliance to help protect the most threatened tropical ecosystems. We invite you to send a completed concept note to info@edgeofexistence.org. The completed note should be not more than six pages long (excluding graphics) and accompanied by a shapefile or Google Earth file showing the proposed project area. Please visit the [EDGE of Existence website](https://www.edgeofexistence.org/edge-protected-and-conserved-area-fund/) to view the project selection criteria and view our [priority setting app](https://rainforesttrust.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=1a9c053c54064baf8e2c2b1038ce7296) to see the areas of greatest priority. Lastly, please do not hesitate to contact us at info@edgeofexistence.org if you have any questions.

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| **Name of the lead organization that would implement the project:** | **Name, title and email address of primary contact:** |
| **Lead organization website:** | **Country where the proposed project would occur:** |
| **Is the lead organization nationally registered and authorized to work within the country of the proposed project?** ▢ Yes ▢ No | **Type of proposal:**▢ Protected Area Full Award▢ Protected Area Rapid Feasibility Award |
| **Please provide a name for the proposed area:** | **Which of the following would the project seek to conserve? Please select all that apply:**▢ Critically Endangered, Endangered, or Vulnerable species (see question 5)▢ High Integrity Forest (see question 6) |
| **What is the proposed** [**IUCN category**](https://portals.iucn.org/library/sites/library/files/documents/pag-021.pdf) **of the protected area?** |
| **Funding requested (in USD):****If applicable, what is the cost of land to be purchased (in USD):** | **Type of protection:**▢ Governmental Designation▢ Land Purchase or Long-term Lease▢ Other \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| **If you have 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:** |

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| 1. **Please describe the primary goal of the proposed project in one sentence. Provide a list of the principal objectives and activities you would implement towards this. (200-word limit)**
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| 1. **Describe the conservation importance and urgency of the proposed project. (200-word limit)**
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| 1. **What is the current ownership and management status of the land of the proposed project? (50-word limit)**
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| 1. **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)**
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| 1. **Please list up to five species that are globally threatened (IUCN Red List status of CR, EN, or VU) that occur in the proposed protected area and indicate if the project will protect >0.05% of the species’ global population.** Please refer to the [IUCN Red List](http://www.iucnredlist.org/) for nomenclature and threat status.

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| **Common Name** | **Scientific Name (***Genus species)* | **Taxonomic Class** | **Conservation Status (CR, EN, or VU)** | **Project will protect >0.05% of species range (Y/N)** | **Notes** |
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| 1. **IF your site qualifies under the High Integrity Forest criteria listed** [**here**](https://www.rainforesttrust.org/intact-landscape-project-criteria/)**, please provide detail on how the site represents this type of landscape. (200-word limit)**
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| 1. **Please describe any experience the lead organization has in securing governmental designations, land purchases or long-term leases, or other forms of protection. Also please detail 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 protection. (100-word limit)**
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| 1. **Please provide a simple 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.).**
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| 1. **Please provide a 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.
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| 1. **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).**
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