**Anglo American**

**Nature Positive Grant 2021**

## Request for Proposals

Due date: 31 July 2021, 23:59 Central African Time

**Background**

Since 2020, the concept of a Nature Positive future has been gaining rapid traction amongst business and civil society and being promoted to governments. Collaborative partnerships of conservation nonprofit organisations (NPOs), United Nations organisations and businesses are motivating for the Global Goal for Nature: Nature Positive by 2030[[1]](#footnote-2) to be adopted internationally at the upcoming Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD CoP15) in October 2021.

Adopting a nature positive approach means halting and reversing nature loss measured from a baseline of 2020, through increasing the health, abundance, diversity and resilience of species, populations and ecosystems so that by 2030 nature is visibly and measurably on the path of recovery.

By 2050, nature must recover so that thriving ecosystems and nature-based solutions continue to support future generations, the diversity of life and play a critical role in halting runaway climate change.

This is achieved by retaining and restoring natural ecosystems and halting the decline of biodiversity, transitioning towards a nature-positive economy reflecting the real costs and benefits of nature and reducing production and consumption footprints, ensuring a healthy environment for healthy societies through the use of nature-based solutions that conserve and sustainably use biodiversity to meet society’s needs and recognise and support the rights and stewardship of indigenous people and local communities in biodiversity conservation and decision-making.

Anglo American is taking a leadership role in delivering a Nature Positive future in line with the Global Goal for Nature. Achieving positive impact, demonstrating and sharing outcomes in the wider landscape/seascape, countries and regions in which we operate, are fundamental to our way of working.

**Request for Proposals**

Anglo American, through the Anglo American Foundation, is inviting suitably qualified nonprofit organisations[[2]](#footnote-3) (NPOs) or academic institutions to submit proposals that support a nature positive future.

Applicants may submit more than 1 proposal but only 1 per organisation/institute will be awarded,

Eligibility criteria:

Through this grant, Anglo American is looking to support projects that:

1. Focus on at least three of the following core activities:
	1. conservation of priority species (vertebrates and/or plants) which are listed as Data Deficient (DD), Critically Endangered (CR), Endangered (EN); or Vulnerable (VU) in terms of the IUCN Red List (Global status is preferred but not essential),
	2. conservation of priority habitats,
	3. restoration of priority habitat,
	4. priority species recovery,
	5. improvement of ecosystem services,
	6. sustainable livelihood programmes,
	7. collaboration and support to institutions and conservation authorities,
	8. contribute to national and/or regional conservation plans and targets,
	9. contribute to scientific knowledge, and/or
	10. build local in-country capacity and resources.
2. Are located in South Africa, Botswana, Namibia or Zimbabwe.
3. Span between ten and thirty-six months.

Additionally, to be eligible for consideration, organisations must:

* Have a solid track record of delivering similar projects and can clearly demonstrate past successes.
* Must have a regional presence in Southern Africa.
* Have been in existence for a period of at least three years.
* Are legally registered not-for-profit entities in the country of operation and/or implementation.
* Have proven capacity to monitor and report on the effective project implementation.

Anglo American expects to award grants from a total budget of US$500 000. The ideal project should commence in the last quarter of 2021, requiring a grant of between US$50 000 and US$250 000 to achieve demonstrable outcomes within a defined time period.

Anglo American does not fund projects that are:

* Capital in nature, i.e. building infrastructure. Where project vehicles are required, this should be well motivated.
* From for-profit organisations.
* Of a political or religious nature. (NB developmental initiatives by faith-based organisations would be eligible, as long as the benefits of this work are not exclusive to people of a particular faith or denomination).
* Purely for academic research and do not have clear conservation outcomes. Attending workshops or conferences will also not be considered.
* Sponsorships for events and/or functions.
* Direct donations or grants to individuals.
* Student fees.

**Grant application process:**

Submission requirements:

* Complete the online proposal submission form and attach all the required supporting documents online, using the following link:

<https://www.cognitoforms.com/TshikululuSocialInvestments/AngloAmericanNaturePositiveGrant2021>

* The online application form will prompt the user to submit the following information, together with relevant and necessary supporting documentation:
	+ Details on the project;
	+ An outline of the core Nature Positive activity in focus and what work has already taken place;
	+ Detailed, itemised budget. Please note that grants between $50 000 and $250 000 will be considered;
	+ Results framework for impact measurement, monitoring and reporting; and
	+ Detailed organisational information such as where and how registration, details of the board and key contact person’s contact details.

Proposals must be submitted together with the following documents by 23:59 Central African Time on 31 July 2021. All of these supporting documents are required, and non-submission could jeopardise your proposal:

* Organisational registration certificate.
* Organisation’s founding documents, for example:
	+ Constitution,
	+ Trust Deed,
	+ Memorandum of Incorporation,
	+ Articles of Association.
* Audited annual financial statement from previous financial year (ideally not older than 18 months at the time of submission).
* Management accounts for the current financial year, to date.
* Tax clearance certificate or letter of good standing, from the local receiver of revenue in the country where registered.
* Proof of organisation’s physical address (in the form of a utility bill or a letter from the municipality).
* List of the organisation’s full board (governance structure), written-up on the organisation’s or institution’s own letterhead.

Where the following documents are available, please also submit:

* Proof of legal registration as a tax-exempt public benefit/nonprofit/non-governmental organisation or academic institution.
* A formal letter from key project partner(s) on their letterhead confirming their participation (where applicable).

Additional notes:

* Proposals must be submitted in English.
* Organisations that do not hear back from us within twelve weeks should assume they are unsuccessful.

The proposal submission and vetting processes will be managed for Anglo American by Tshikululu Social Investments NPC (Tshikululu) who will be assisting a Selection Committee comprising representatives from a range of Anglo American divisions and operations.

* Proposals will undergo initial screening and vetting and if successful will be forwarded to the Selection Committee who will make a shortlist.
* Shortlisted candidates will be required to submit additional documents which will be vetted, including and not limited to:
	+ Proof of ID and address for all governance body members; and
	+ CVs of key project staff (max 2 pages each)
* Organisations that are shortlisted, and approached for additional information and certain compliance documentation, should expect to return these documents by 17 September 2021.
* Shortlisted candidates will then be submitted to the Selection Committee for final decision making.

Tshikululu has made a helpdesk available for any queries or assistance required with the proposal submission process for this grant.

* Queries can be submitted via email to Nature.positive@tshikululu.org.za or addressed telephonically via +27 11 544-0300 (Mon – Fri 08:00 – 16:30 CAT). Tshikululu’s Anglo American Nature Positive Grant Helpdesk service is only available for the month of July 2021.
* For more information about how Tshikululu manages private information, please refer to the Privacy page on Tshikululu’s website <https://tshikululu.org.za/privacy/>
* By continuing with this application, you also agree to Tshikululu’s Terms of Use, which can be viewed on Tshikululu’s website <https://tshikululu.org.za/terms-of-use/>
* As part of Tshikululu’s zero tolerance approach to fraud, corruption and unethical behaviour, we have implemented the independently-managed Vuvuzela hotline, enabling stakeholders to anonymously report suspicions of unethical conduct, using the following link <http://thehotline.co.za/reports/contact-report.php>

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1. A Global Goal for Nature: Nature Positive. Available [here](https://www.naturepositive.org/) [accessed 10 May 2021]. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
2. The term “nonprofit organisation (NPO)” in this document can also refer to “non-government organisations (NGOs)”. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)