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ASPIRE Grant Writing Workshop

Video 7: Beneficiaries, Preliminary Results, Figures & Tables, References

In this video we will



- Review expectations and requirements for the “Who will benefit,” Preliminary results,” “Figures and tables,” and “References” sections
- Learn how to connect these sections to the rest of your grant clearly and concisely
- So that you are able to
 1. Ground your proposal in existing relationships or research
 2. Demonstrate that you are well prepared to successfully execute your proposed project

PROJECT PROPOSAL

Please provide a detailed description of the proposed project as described below.

Background and Rationale* – Up to 250 words. Introduce your project and the question you plan to address. Be sure to support your statements with appropriate references. If the work is part of a larger project, please explain how

Goal and objectives* - Up to 150 words. Describe the main goals and objectives of the project

Methods* - Up to 400 words. What methods will you use to achieve the project goals and objectives? Be thorough and specific. If using a questionnaire, please provide enough details about the questionnaire to allow a reviewer to assess its effectiveness. If educating or raising awareness among communities is your goal, be specific about how that will be done and what will be taught. Remember, the reviewers may not be experts in your field. Describe what data will be collected and what statistics you will use to analyze it. Justify your methods (i.e., why are you using them, how do they address the problem or fill the knowledge gap you have identified, and provide any references).

Indicators and Outputs* - Up to 250 words. What will be the tangible outputs of the project (peer-reviewed papers, reports, evidence of changed attitudes, improved sustainability or protection). What will provide evidence of project success?

Who will benefit? * Up to 150 words. Who (individuals/communities/agencies) will benefit from this work and how? If your output includes recommendations, to whom will those recommendations be presented? Do you know they are receptive to your recommendations?

Preliminary results* - Up to 100 words. If you have some preliminary results, please describe them briefly. Otherwise, please indicate "none."

Timeline* Provide a brief timeline with deliverables.

Figure and Table This is optional - you may attach up to two Figures and two Tables. Make sure they are referenced in the text of the proposal

References*

Who will benefit (150 words max)

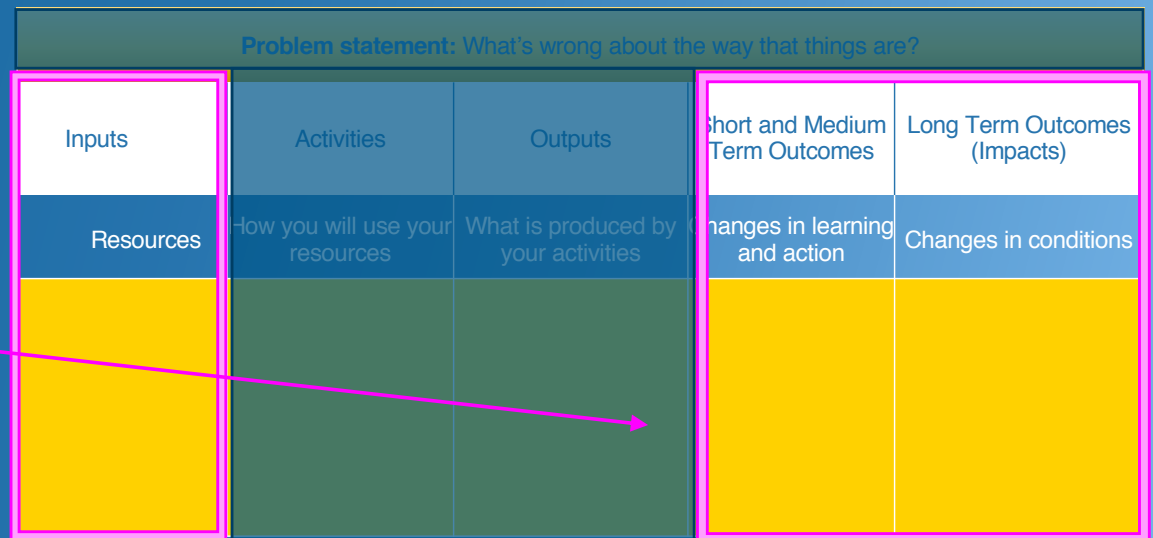


- Who specifically is going to benefit from your work (agencies, individuals, communities)?
- How will your work benefit them?
- How will you communicate your recommendations (if any)?
- What groundwork have you done to cultivate relevant relationships?

Who will benefit?

- ● ● What existing relationships are in place to help this happen (if any)?

Who will benefit from your work and how?



Problem statement: Over half of central Africa's sea turtles are considered threatened or endangered, yet their biggest threats are unclear. These species are important food sources for locals.

Inputs	Activities	Outputs	Short and Medium Term Outcomes	Long Term Outcomes (Impacts)
Resources <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ASPIRE grant financing Connections with WWF and Cameroon's Ministry of Forestry & Wildlife 	How you will use your resources <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interviews with over 100 fishermen in 8 communities Daily reporting of turtle bycatch numbers Community training program planning 	What is produced by your activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Written report outlining main threats to sea turtle health (bycatch) Fisherman reporting network Sensitization campaign presented to 200 people 	Changes in learning and action <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased community awareness New community skills for removing turtles stuck in nets Better guidance for policy design protecting turtles 	Changes in conditions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fewer turtle bycatch deaths Turtle decline slows or stops More available food for locals

**Example:
Who Will
Benefit**

*Adapted from 2016 awardee Ursula Bénédite Koumbo Tabacum's CARN ASPIRE research <https://www.conservationactionresearch.net/articles/a-sheros-journey-to-saving-sea-turtles>

Who Will Benefit - Written Example



Beneficiaries will include cocoa farmers in the region. From our previous research, we have existing relationships with 10 cocoa farms in the west region of Cameroon (these are the same locations at which we will conduct the research for this project). These farmers see the value of preserving bird species as a means of biological pest control for their cocoa crops and have thus indicated their interest in participating in the conservation effort. Additionally, they have existing positive relationships with other farmers not directly included in our study, and have indicated willingness to share their learnings and/or connect us in the future.

Inspired by 2022 awardee Mélanie Adèle Tchoumbou's project: <https://www.conservationactionresearch.net/projects/which-native-shade-trees-will-attract-pest-eating-birds-to-cameroonian-cocoa-farms>

Preliminary Results (100 Words Max)



- Is this project supporting or continuing work you have already done?
- If **yes**, briefly describe the results of your previous work.
- If **no**, write “none” for this section

Preliminary Results



Gaps in knowledge / problems that you have identified in previous work that you hope to address

And/Or

Initial results that you hope to bolster with your proposed project

Problem statement: What's wrong about the way that things are?				
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Preliminary results
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Preliminary Results – Written Example



From our previous research using fecal metabarcoding, we identified many species of insectivorous bird that eat brown capsids (Africa's #1 cocoa pest), and other pests in Cameroonian cocoa farms. These species are important both biologically and economically—by identifying the birds' role as biological pest control, our work emphasizes that they are of conservation priority. However, the status of these species as connected to common global avian pathogens remains unknown, thus limiting possible conservation initiatives. The CARN funding would help address this important gap.

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Figures and Tables



- Include if you wish, but this is not a requirement
- Make sure you reference and expand upon any figures/tables in the text of your proposal
- You may attach a maximum of two figures and two tables

References



- Be sure to cite your sources and include a full reference list as part of your grant proposal
- Citation style and formatting should be consistent throughout your reference list
- Organize your references in alphabetical order by first author last name

Who Will Benefit (150 Words Max)



Preliminary Results (100 Words Max)

