

# APPLICATIONS FOR BCG CONSERVATION GRANTS

1. Applications are welcomed from organisations and individuals engaged in the work of conservation of chelonia, such as zoos, universities, zoologists, students, researchers etc. in this country or overseas.
2. Applications are sent to the Conservation Officer to investigate the validity of applications and make recommendations to the BCG Board, who make the final decision at one of their quarterly meetings.
3. Where a project is ongoing over a number of years the BCG will consider applications in the second or subsequent years.
4. Applicants do not have to be experienced zoologists to benefit from BCG grants. We also like to consider applications from students who are engaged in research projects concerned with the conservation of chelonia.
5. You do not have to be a member of the BCG to qualify, but membership certainly helps.

## How to make an application

1. Ideally applications should be received at least three months before the date when the funds are required.
2. Applicants should state clearly how their project is going to further the cause of chelonian care and conservation. It could be that their work involves research on or protection of endangered species. We particularly favour projects where the BCG receives public acknowledgement of our support.
3. There must be a detailed budget justifying the need for funds. It may be that the BCG can help with part of the expenses such as one or more items of equipment.
4. We like to know which other organisations, charities etc. are supporting you or to whom you have made applications.
5. If you are a student then a CV is necessary and we like to see two references both as to character and academic standing.
6. If you have been engaged in chelonia conservation or research previously, then please provide the details of such work.

## Reporting on your project

1. Normally we ask for a report at some agreed date on the results of the project or activity. This could take the form of a short paper, preferably with photos, for *Testudo* where the author must meet the editorial guidelines.
2. For small projects, an article for the BCG Newsletter may be an appropriate alternative.
3. Recipients of BCG funds may be invited to talk about their project at one of our two annual symposia, held at Cambridge University, in spring and at Chester Zoo in the autumn.

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