

## Partnerships for Enhanced Engagement in Research (PEER) Special Call for Proposals: Vietnamese Biodiversity

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PEER not only catalyzes collaborative research and elevates the use of science and technology to further USAID's development objectives, but also establishes long-lasting research relationships that build scientific research capacity, strengthen the research ecosystem in developing countries, and enable collaborators to become better partners in development. Since PEER's launch in 2011, it has supported more than 200 projects in over 45 countries with an investment of about \$45 million.



On October 8, 2015, PEER announced its new call for research proposals. Among other special focus areas, this cycle includes a special call for proposals addressing biodiversity in Vietnam. While Vietnam is the priority, in cases where the research involves transboundary considerations, research teams are encouraged to look for collaborators in neighboring countries. Projects should also ensure that programmed activities involve and benefit both women and men and, when feasible, address the underlying, gender-based constraints present in biodiversity conservation.

**Eligible Country:** Vietnam

**Goal:** PEER is seeking to support biodiversity conservation research proposals in Vietnam. Proposed areas of research should inform applied measures related to terrestrial biodiversity conservation, protected area management, wildlife conservation, and/or prevention of trafficking of wildlife.

### **Areas of Research:**

Projects must have explicit biodiversity conservation objectives with anticipated outcomes that positively affect biodiversity and ecosystem management in Vietnam. Projects should respond to identified threats to biodiversity and consider conservation solutions that could lead to improved ecosystem health or improved natural resource management and thus to improved ecosystem health. Applicants are encouraged to focus on important biodiversity areas (e.g., central/southern Annamites), internationally or nationally recognized species of concern, and/or species important for monitoring ecosystem health.

### **Application Timeline:**

**October 8, 2015:** Call for pre-proposals announced

**January 15, 2016:** Pre-proposals due

**February 29, 2016:** Selected applicants are invited to submit a full proposal, all others are notified of declination

**April 15, 2016:** Full proposals due

**Late July 2016:** Cycle 5 PEER awardees announced

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Further information and instructions about this call for proposals can be found on the National Academies PEER website: [nationalacademies.org/PEER](http://nationalacademies.org/PEER)