**AZE Initiative Submission Template**

In addition to the template below, please also include **a GIS shapefile** (.shp, .dbf, .prj, and .shx) **or Google Earth file** (.kmz) showing the proposed project area as described in question 8.

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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 Research Award |
| **Name of AZE site at which the work will occur::** | **Type of protection:**▢ Governmental Designation▢ Land Purchase or Long-term Lease▢ Other \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| **Funding requested (in US Dollars):****If applicable, what is the cost of land to be purchased (in US Dollars):**  | **Total size of the area(s) to be protected, in acres:** |

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| 1. **Please describe the main goal of your proposed project in one sentence. Provide a list of the principal objectives and activities you would implement toward the goal (200-word limit).**
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| 1. **Describe the conservation importance and urgency of your 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 all AZE species and up to five other species that are globally threatened (IUCN Red List status of Critically Endangered, Endangered, or Vulnerable) that occur in your proposed protected area and indicate if the project will protect >0.05% of the species’ global population.** Please refer to the Red List ([www.iucnredlist.org](http://www.iucnredlist.org/)) for nomenclature and threat status.

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| **Scientific Name (***Species genus)* | **Taxonomic Class** | **Conservation Status (CR, EN, or VU)** | **Project will protect >0.05% of its range (yes or no)** | **Notes** |
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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 protected area creation, and 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 protected areas (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 GIS 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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