

The Carnivorous Plant Society



1. Mission Statement

1.1 The objective of The Carnivorous Plant Society is to advance the education of the public in the study of carnivorous plants and to promote the conservation of such plants. The Conservation Fund aims to support projects involving carnivorous plant species, which directly or indirectly contribute to their protection and survival in the wild. These projects may involve research, habitat restoration or simply engage the public by increasing awareness through education. Though the Society believes that *in situ* conservation is preferable, it recognises that this is not always possible – and welcomes schemes that focus upon *ex situ* conservation which would provide a legacy of living material (seed or plant) for future generations to access. A fund of up to £500 per application (subject to annual review) is to be made available for such causes.

2. Origins of the Fund

2.1 The Conservation Fund is sourced from a mixture of donations, fundraising initiatives and plant sale proceeds from CPS stalls. The generosity of Society members, and the general public, means that there is a responsibility to ensure that all monies are invested wisely in the best interests of carnivorous plant conservation and in keeping with the Society's core objectives.

3. Key Criteria

3.1 The Carnivorous Plant Society will consider all projects based upon merit, taking into account the advantages both to CPS members and to the wider community. These guidelines have been formulated to assist persons in making applications and also in the resulting decision making processes.

3.2 Rationale for project funding:

3.2.1 To support research that will further knowledge that is of benefit to the entire Community.

3.2.2 To promote public awareness about the plight of wild carnivorous plant populations.

3.2.3 Contributing to the protection of threatened and vulnerable carnivorous plant species around the world.

3.2.4 Protecting CP habitats against destruction, damage and degradation.

3.2.5 Supporting restoration and reintroduction projects that will allow CPs to return to historical sites.

3.2.6 Helping with the establishment of botanical collections or seedbanks to preserve viable material, accessible to future generations.

3.2.7 Assisting carnivorous plant growers to use sustainable cultivation methods.

4. Priorities for Project Funding

4.1 Priority will be given to projects deemed to have most value to the conservation aims at the core of The Carnivorous Plant Society. Ideally, highest priority should be given to the projects that will have the biggest effect upon a carnivorous plant species' survival. Example categories:

4.1.1 Particular UK interest involving UK nationals and/or UK species and habitats.

4.1.2 Any International initiatives where species protection, research or habitat restoration is undertaken that will have significant impact upon conservation.

4.1.3 Educational Projects which raise the profile of carnivorous plants and/or equip the local people with the ability to manage the landscapes effectively to preserve biodiversity.

4.1.4 Exceptional circumstances not covered by the previous categories but which still fulfil the CPS' conservation objectives.

5. How to Apply

5.1 To be considered for funding, applicants must complete the online form or contact the Conservation Officer by letter, providing information about the project; why the project is deserving of CPS funding; how much money will be required and for what purposes will it be used for.

5.2 The application will be considered by the Conservation Officer in accordance with the guideline criteria before a recommendation is submitted to the Committee for approval.

5.3 Monies will be released if the Committee is in agreement with the recommendation. It may be requested that applicants contribute progress reports and/or an article for the Society's Journal once the project is completed.

5.4 Organisations/individuals must be able to provide evidence that all monies will be used solely for conservation and not diverted into other areas e.g. administration. In the event of misuse of funds, the Society may consider legal action to recover its expenditures.

6. Contact Information:

6.1 For any other conservation-related enquiries, please contact the Conservation Officer:

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