Introduction to the WCS Climate Adaptation Fund

Virtual NAF M&E Session

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Fund Background

Over 10 years of funding conservation nonprofits to help wildlife, ecosystems—and the people who depend on them—adapt to the impacts of climate change.

Fund Statistics

Since 2011, we have invested $24 million in over 120 projects

Grant Strategies

Increase Innovation

Accelerate Learning

Mainstream Demonstrated Approaches

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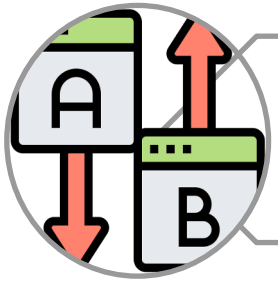
Monitoring Plan

Monitoring plans must be designed to:

Inform adaptive management during implementation



Assess effectiveness of outcomes (or progress towards outcomes)

Monitoring Technical Assistance Opportunity

WCS-funded M&E coaching

- 1:1 M&E coaching available to applicants who are invited to submit a full proposal and meet eligibility requirements.

Are you an M&E expert? Want to work with the WCS Climate Adaptation Fund to support M&E coaching? Contact Liz Tully etully@wcs.org to learn more!