

Call for projects 2018

Who are we?

Created by David Sussmann, Pure Ocean is a Fund under the aegis of the King Baudouin Foundation, which aims to raise funds to support innovative projects for the preservation of fragile marine ecosystems and biodiversity. Based in Marseille in Southern France, it was launched in October 2017 and aims to fund its first projects by the end of 2018.

Priority themes

- Monitoring changes in ocean life (productivity, biodiversity, distribution or ranges) and characteristics (temperature, currents or chemical cycles) and therefore their impact on global systems.
- Achieving sustainability of any marine resource exploitation (algae, energy, minerals, or pharmaceuticals).
- Identifying techniques/methods that restore and/or increase the resilience of the environment whether local or global, and stabilise and/or increase natural biodiversity.

Scientific Committee

About 30 projects will be preselected by the Pure Ocean team before being judged according to specific selection criteria by our scientific committee composed of:

Gilles Bœuf (President of the Scientific Board of the French Agency for Biodiversity)

Abdelmalek Faraj (Director of National Institute for Halieutic Research, Morocco)

Françoise Gaill (Scientific committee coordinator for Ocean and Climate Platform, France)

Fabien Gilot (Olympic Champion President of the French National Sport Council)

Kartik Shanker (Faculty member of Indian Institute of Science, India)

Anna Zivian (Senior Research Fellow at Ocean Conservancy, USA)

Eligibility and selection criteria

Pure Ocean is looking for projects in five major areas of the world: Atlantic Ocean, Pacific Ocean, Indian Ocean, Mediterranean Sea and polar regions.

There is no age limit or status restriction for the applicant but rather specific selection criteria:

- **Co-construction** – Reflects inter- or transdisciplinary, collaboration and knowledge-sharing among a variety of stakeholders (e.g., research institutes, government agencies, non-governmental organisations, public or private sector).
- **Engagement** – Demonstrates passion and determination along with the gathering of all relevant and realistic resources to reach effective global change.
- **Innovation** – Improves our current way of interacting with the planet by developing new visions, techniques and methods, 3 axes of innovation will be considered: technological, social and ecological (inspired by nature).
- **Impact** – Corresponds to one or more of the priority themes described above with clearly-defined short, medium, and long term deliverables and outputs as well as measurable, lasting impacts.

How much?

The selected projects can be funded for up to two years and up to 100k€, partially or in full at the discretion of the Scientific Committee.

How to apply and key dates

The call for projects will open on Monday 9th of April 2018. Please apply by filling in the application form on our website <https://www.pure-ocean.org/en/projects/> **before Sunday 20th of May 2018 by midnight GMT**. Incomplete forms will be disqualified.

Results will be announced to selected participants, by mid July 2018. If you don't hear from us, please try again next year!

For any questions contact deborah@pure-ocean.org.