**Blue Center application form**

**for the development of a reef conservation programme in partnership with Coral Guardian.**

Coral Guardian is a French non-profit that was founded in 2012 to protect and restore coral ecosystems by working hand in hand with local communities. The nonprofit’s work focuses on 3 main pillars: participatory marine conservation, raising awareness and science. Coral Guardian's vocation is to share its knowledge acquired over its 11 years of experience to project leaders who want to act for the protection of coral ecosystems.

**The Blue Center** is a **training and support program** created by Coral Guardian, addressed to project leaders from local non-profit structures who want to **develop their own project to protect or restore coral ecosystems** by involving local communities.

**The candidate projects must:**

* Be proposed by a non-profit structure recognised by the local government
* Respond to an environmental issue concerning coral reefs
* Involve local communities in the development of the project
* Have a motivated project manager

**Additional documents to provide:**

* Official status of the local structure (mandatory)
* Summary table of project’s total budget (mandatory)
* Photos of project, team (optional)
* Organisation chart of the local structure (optional)
* CV of the project manager (optional)
* Communication materials if developed (optional)
* Any other documents relating to the project that are considered important

Use this version of the Word document to complete your answers, and when you have finished, **complete this Google Form** with your answers and submit your application through the Google Form directly.

**Applications are open until midnight on 18th June 2023 (23:59 CET). You will be contacted by Tuesday 18th July at the latest with a reply to your application.**

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact **Florina Jacob** at **bluecenter@coralguardian.org.**

**(\*required questions)**

## General information

1. **Name of the project**:
2. **Country \***:
3. **Full name of the project leader** \*:
4. **E-mail address of the project leader \*:**
5. **Summary of the project \*** *(500 characters):*

## Detailed information

1. **Name of the local structure**: \*
2. **Nature of the local structure (NGO, association, foundation,...)**: \*
3. **Short mission of the local structure (limited to 300 characters)** \*
4. **Number of employees and/or volunteers in the local structure**: \*
5. **Address of the local structure**: \*
6. **Date of creation of the local structure**: \*
7. **What is the website of the local structure, if any?**
8. **Upload a logo or image that illustrates the structure or project**:
9. **GPS location of the project**: \*
10. **Size of the area concerned**:
11. **What are the detailed objectives of the project** *(e.g. return of biodiversity, community involvement,...)* \*
12. **What kind of help would you like to receive?** *(pick one)*
* Punctual and short term (1 year minimum)
* Regular and long-term (minimum 3 years)
1. **What do you hope to find and bring to Coral Guardian? What are your goals in joining our support program? \***
2. **What is the local context of the project area (social, environmental and political)? \***
3. **Tell us about the history of the project:** *(how did you conceive or start the project?)* \*
4. **Who are your partners on this project (and their roles)?** \*

## Field aspect

1. **Your project aims to** *(tick one or more boxes)***:** \*
* Protect marine biodiversity
* Restore marine biodiversity
* Raise awareness on marine biodiversity
1. **What technical means do you plan to use? \*** *(What methods do you plan to use? How did you choose them?)*
2. **What are the desired results in the short, medium and long term? With what key indicators do you plan to measure the impact of the project? \***

## Social aspect

1. **How are local people involved? \*** *(How do you interact with local people in the project? Who are your main contacts in the project?)*
2. **Who are the direct beneficiaries of the project? \****(who are they, how do you interact with them?*)
3. **Who are the indirect beneficiaries of the project? \*** *(who are they, how do you interact with them)*?
4. **What is the reaction of local people to the project?** \*

## Financial aspect

1. **What is the total budget required per year and for the entire duration of the project?** \*
2. **What is the minimum wage in the country? What is the average wage in the country?** \*
3. **What would be the cost of the launching phase of the project?**
4. **Do you receive any other financial support for this project? If so, which ones?**

## Additional information

1. **Sometimes it’s just easier to voice an explanation of your project or to describe it with pictures.**

*We would love to see you pitch your project in a video of less than 2 minutes! Although not mandatory for your application, this is a great opportunity for us to dive into your world. Feel free to tell us about your story, your solution, your team or anything else you think is important. Attach a Youtube link, make sure your video is in public mode. The quality of the video is not essential. NB: Coral Guardian commits itself not to broadcast it.*

1. **Remarks:** any additional information and motivation for the project.

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