



**The CLEAR REEF Social Fund for Marine Research and Conservation
CHART**

1. Who is CLEAR REEF?

- Private company specialized in international operations and portfolio ownership of public aquariums and oceanariums (www.clear-reef.com)

2. Objective of the Fund

- The Fund is meant to be at the crossroads of individuals' social/self-development needs, marine research and conservation issues.
- It is intended to promote local initiatives being brought forward by regular citizens (students, researchers, unemployed, retirees, or any person of good will) seeking a financial help to run a project directly or indirectly related to marine research and/or conservation.
- Improve the personal situation of an individual and promote marine research/conservation at the same time.
- The fund is totally philanthropic.

3. Examples of possible applications

- An eco-citizen wishing to promote a local conservation action.
- A researcher needing to finance a trip to attend a specific congress.
- A student seeking some help for his/her studies in marine biology.
- An unemployed person wishing to bounce back through a specific training linked to an environmental program.
- Etc.

4. Who can apply?

- Any individual - physical person - of any country provided that he/she is not acting on behalf of an organization (company, NGO, state organization, university etc...).

5. How is the Fund financed?

- The Fund is exclusively financed by **CLEAR REEF's** income. No additional contribution is requested from other partners.

Application Reference:

Full name of applicant

Signature

6. How does it work?

- *CLEAR REEF* allocates a yearly Fund (The Fund's basket).
- *CLEAR REEF* receives all the applications till March 15th of each year.
- *CLEAR REEF* pre-selects the applications which fulfill the administrative conditions. (Refer to the document "How to apply to the *CLEAR REEF* Fund")
- The allocation of funds, amongst the pre-selected applicants is decided by the "*CLEAR REEF* Fund Steering Committee", gathering renowned volunteer professionals in Marine Centers, Research and/or Conservation Institutes representative of the five continents. The Coordinator of the committee shall be Philippe de Lacaze, CEO of *CLEAR REEF*.
- Each member of the Steering Committee assigns a score to each project (ranging from zero to ten; ten being the highest score). *CLEAR REEF* ranks all the projects as per the total punctuation allocated by the committee members. The project with the highest total score shall be n°1, the second one, n°2 etc. Projects whose average score is less than 5/10 will be rejected. *CLEAR REEF* will allocate 100% of the requested money to the projects by ranking till reaching the limit of the Funds basket value. If two projects obtain the same score, the priority will be given to the one requesting the lowest amount. In case those two projects have requested the same amount, the priority will be given to the application received first.
- There is no obligation to allocate 100% of the semi-annual Fund for the considered semester. If the sum of the projects whose average score is more than 5/10 does not reach the annual Fund basket, the balance will be forwarded to the next semester's Fund.
- The allocations proposed by the Steering Committee members remain confidential. Any applicant making contact with a committee member after having submitted his/her application and during the selection timeframe will be excluded.

7. Other conditions

- The maximum amount which an applicant can apply for is 2,000 USD per project.
- An applicant can only submit one project per session.
- An applicant being awarded funds at a given session cannot submit an application at the very next session (but can re-apply at any further one).
- The applicant shall be the potential beneficiary. Applicants have to be major of age as per the law of their country of residence and in no case below 18 years old.
- Successful applicants will receive the money on their own private bank account (or any bank account that they will indicate, provided that it is a private bank account of a reputable bank). Transfers shall be in USD. Applicants should bear their own bank charges, if any.

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- The decision making process is kept confidential. No explanation on the reasons for acceptance or refusal will be provided. In case they are not awarded the requested amount, for whatever reason, the applicants commit not to sue **CLEAR REEF**.
- Any financial cost (direct or indirect) related to submitting an application form (i.e.: expenses related to the appendices of the application Form, time to complete the application, studies to price the project etc.) shall be borne by the applicant.
- Successful applicants shall deal, when appropriate, with the destination country tax authorities. **CLEAR REEF** cannot be liable for tax payments related to the donated money in the country of destination.
- The applicant certifies, on his honor, that all information submitted by himself/herself is accurate and the money will be totally utilized for the project as described in his/her application. He/she agrees to use the funds within six months of receiving them, unless written approval to exceed the time limit is received from **CLEAR REEF**. Successful applicants accept, if so required by **CLEAR REEF**, to send copies of all invoices and bank statements proving the utilization of the funds for the project. Any money not spent for the project shall be returned to **CLEAR REEF** immediately upon written request.
- Successful applicants accept to keep **CLEAR REEF** apprised of the progress/termination of their project at reasonably frequent intervals as proposed in their application Form.
- Successful applicants shall send to **CLEAR REEF** by internet a minimum of 3 pictures of themselves and with any other person when performing the project: One at the reception of the confirmation of the award, the second, by half-term of their project, the last one upon completion of the project. Pictures shall be of good quality (300 dpi – 1678 x 1119 pixels) and be considered rights-free in order to be used by **CLEAR REEF**. At the end of the project, the laureate has to send to **CLEAR REEF** a one-page report as well as a video in English of around 2 minutes' length to explain the project.
- Successful applicants authorize **CLEAR REEF** to store any of the information (photos, reports, videos) related to this application and to disclose that information freely as decided by **CLEAR REEF** (i.e.: **CLEAR REEF** web page, social Medias, any **CLEAR REEF** communication tool etc.)
- The money donated by **CLEAR REEF** shall not be considered in any way as an employment link between **CLEAR REEF** and the successful applicant.
- The successful applicant remains responsible at all times of his/her actions related to the project and by signing this chart he/she will exempt **CLEAR REEF** from any liability.
- **The applicant is requested to handwrite at bottom of this page the following text "By the present I fully accept all the terms of the present **CLEAR REEF** Social Fund for Marine Research and Conservation Chart comprising 3 pages, all of them signed by myself. I declare that the information provided in my application is accurate to the best of my knowledge"**

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