



CIC MARKHOR AWARD 2022 - Eligibility Criteria and Conditions -

The *CIC Markhor Award* honours a conservation project of multinational relevance that links the conservation of biodiversity and human livelihoods through application of *sustainable use* principles. The Markhor Award is granted every two years at the occasion of the Conference of Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), highlighting sustainable use as the second pillar of the Convention.

Eligibility Criteria

1. Activities of the applicant have provable, substantial and long-lasting benefits for the conservation status of one or more wildlife species and its habitat. The focus is on the conservation or reintroduction of natural biodiversity - on the basis of hunting - as part of sustainable game/wildlife/habitat management. Of importance is adherence and implementation of the *Addis Ababa Principles and Guidelines* as an integral part of the management of eligible projects.
2. Conservation leadership, practical conservation relevance and long-term benefits of previous, current and future work of the project or the candidate as example of “best practices” of conservation of biodiversity through sustainable hunting.
3. Activities of the applicant secure genetic exchange between subpopulations of wildlife species and migratory movements supporting the re-establishment where it has gone extinct and facilitating adaptation processes being essential due to habitat alteration in the course of global warming.
4. Revenue from sustainable hunting supports wildlife conservation, the livelihoods of people living in or near to the wildlife areas or rural development initiatives such as health care, education and food supply.
5. Special consideration is given to those projects that have multinational relevance, particularly projects that involve cross-border cooperation and innovative partnerships for conservation and community-based natural resources management.

Eligible Applicants

- businesses (forestry, hunting, tourism, agriculture, manufacturing, etc.)
- educational institutions
- non-profit organisations
- local, state and federal government
- individuals

Please present nominations in the form of a description (max. 2 pages) on how it relates to the criteria. Include relevant articles (if applicable) and a minimum of two references from national authorities, a CIC National Delegation or another international organisation.

Deadline for submissions is **31 October, 2022**. Please send to the CIC Administrative Office (k.hecker@cic-wildlife.org).

Previous Markhor Award Winners

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| CBD COP 9, Bonn, Germany, 2008 | Selous-Niassa Wildlife Corridor, Niassa Game Reserve |
| CBD COP 10, Nagoya, Japan, 2010 | Torghar Conservation Program |
| CBD COP 11, Hyderabad, India, 2012 | The Namibia Communal Conservancy Movement |
| CBD COP 12, Pyeongchang, Republic of Korea, 2014 | Tajikistan Mountain Ungulate Project |
| CBD COP 13, Cancun, Mexico, 2016 | Savé Valley Conservancy |
| CBD COP 14, Sharm-el-Sheikh, Egypt, 2018 | Return of Rural Wetlands LIFE+ Project |