

## REFEREE EVALUATION REPORT ACA GRANTS IN BIODIVERSITY

Applicant: AppLN-App#

Reviewer Name:

- I. We use a numerical score system (combined with comments when you feel that you must qualify the numerical score) for evaluating proposals. Please underline/highlight the number and please be candid (this sheet is not seen by the applicant).

**Key:**

- 10 points = very strongly agree**
- 8 points = agree**
- 5 points = neither agree nor disagree**
- 2 points = disagree**
- 0 points = very strongly disagree**

The "SUMMARY RATING" at the bottom of this page is critical.

- 1) Research makes significant contribution to fields of Biodiversity-Conservation-Biology-Ecology (see *Scientific merit* in attached letter). (Proposal needs more than "this has never been done" approach.)

10    9    8    7    6    5    4    3    2    1    0

- 2) Questions, hypotheses, objectives are clearly formulated.

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- 3) Methods are clear (i.e., applicant provided enough details that you could conduct the research by following methods outlined). Methods and experimental design appropriate to achieve stated objectives.

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**OVERALL SCORE (Based on 30 points total from above)** \_\_\_\_\_

- II. Are the budget and time frame realistic for completion of research proposed? Please provide brief general approval or disapproval comment. Please specify any budget items that seem low or high or inappropriate.

[Your comments]

**III. SUMMARY RATING (Underline/highlight one):**

1. Outstanding proposal. Must fund. Highest priority for support.
2. Very good proposal. Should be supported.
3. Good proposal. Worthy of support. Do your best to fund.
4. Fair or poor proposal. Possibly worthy of support.
5. Poor proposal. Do not fund.

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**IV. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS THAT WILL HELP IN EVALUATING THE RELATIVE MERITS OF THIS PROPOSAL:**

(Please comment in Sections A and/or B below, particularly if your *overall* rating does not agree in general with your *summary* score, for whatever reason.)

**A. Comments that can be shared with the applicant and their supervisor:**

(These will be electronically copied and pasted into the decision letter from reports returned electronically, or re-typed if a paper report is submitted. Comments will be edited only as outlined in the *Information for Reviewers* document):

[Type your comments here]

**B. Comments intended solely for the Adjudication Committee members:**

[Type your comments here]