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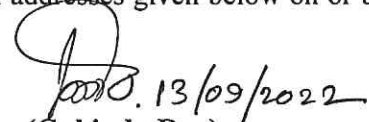
**Subject: SUFAL Innovation Grant-3<sup>rd</sup> Call for Research Proposal**

SUFAL Innovation Grant (SIG) Program is a funding window for applied research on forest and biodiversity of IDA financed Sustainable Forests & Livelihoods (SUFAL) Project of Bangladesh Forest Department under the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change. SUFAL project now invites eligible individual(s)/institution(s) to submit preliminary research proposal for awarding grants on thematic research areas as outlined in the SUFAL Innovation Grant Manual (IGM), which is accessible at [www.bforest.gov.bd](http://www.bforest.gov.bd). A workshop will be organized for initial applicants with preliminary research proposal to facilitate detail proposal development. We highly encourage female researcher to apply for SIG and expect to award at least 30% SIG to female researcher. Duration of research under from) SIG would be up to project period only.

Prioritized thematic research areas includes climate change impact on forest and biodiversity conservation and livelihood diversification leading to reduced dependency on forest ecosystems. Besides, potential thematic research areas may include, but not limited to the following broader themes: Collaborative forest management, forest restoration and biodiversity conservation; Forest governance and institutions; Impact of climate change on forest, forest species, and biodiversity; Choice of species for future adaptation and mitigation through tree improvement, stand improvement and ecosystem resilience; Infrastructure optimization, assessment and monitoring through digital monitoring system, habitat restoration /conservation: Improved collaborative, conservation, management and protection, ANR & NTFP conservation; Wildlife habitat conservation and restoration including wildlife ecology and habitat, Integration of digital database for decision support and e-service delivery; Public private partnership in context of forest biodiversity conservation, CFM and AIGAs with appropriate business model developing market linkage and value chain to strengthen access to market for local community, resilience (absorptive, adoptive and transformative capacity) of local communities specially women and youth to prevent negative impact on hazards for restore or create new system; Ecotourism development, Ecosystem service valuation, Coastal ecosystem afforestation in the newly acerated land with multiple species; Livelihood diversification to improve the capacity in resilient to reducing dependency on forest ecosystem and climate resilience performance through plantation and restoration activities; Effectiveness of the site specific planning for site-intervention matching, interventions application for reducing anthropogenic pressure; Institutional development in different socio-ecological contexts by CFM, conservation-friendly livelihoods enterprises etc.


The project will strictly follow IGM to offer SIG award and administration. Eligible and interested Bangladeshi individual(s)/institution(s) should provide information on prescribed Innovation Grant Application Form as detailed in annex I of IGM. Institutional proposal should be represented by one lead researcher.

Research Proposal must be delivered in PDF copies to the e-mail addresses given below on or before **11 October, 2022 within office hours (15:00 hours)**.

  
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