

2023 FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENT

GLOBAL FUND FOR MARINE MAMMAL BYCATCH SOLUTIONS



Ocean Associates, Inc., in collaboration with the Consortium for Wildlife Bycatch Reduction and with funding from the National Marine Fisheries Service Office of International Affairs and Seafood Inspection, is pleased to announce the availability of grants to support capacity building for reducing marine mammal bycatch.

The kinds of projects eligible for support can include:

- 1) Evaluation of potential marine mammal bycatch reduction techniques;
- 2) Establishing estimates of bycatch and calculating bycatch limits in fisheries that interact with marine mammals; and
- 3) Advancing measures to prohibit intentional killing or serious injury to marine mammals associated with fishing operations.

For 2022, US\$175,000 is available to support projects. We anticipate granting between three to five awards. We will consider a maximum request of \$75,000, and a minimum of \$10,000. Priority will be given to applications from developing countries, which can focus on national initiatives or projects within particular fisheries that export seafood to the United States, or are planning to expand market access to the US. All applicants must be willing to accommodate and fund a graduate student or post-Doc to assist with the project methodology, implementation, and writing of report results. The Bycatch Consortium can help identify a student, if needed. For projects not in developing countries, proposals should outline how the results would have application in developing country fisheries. There is no matching fund requirement. Proposals will be accepted up to June 30, 2023, and should end by June 1, 2024. Proposals of longer duration will be eligible for support, though not encouraged. A rationale for project timing should be submitted for all applications.

For more information and to apply, please visit the Global Bycatch Exchange at www.bycatch.org.

Application form:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScDdJghbBMCNfO4LziKwLitFya_QPTpRyMUbME4go2cSRsd7A/viewform
