

European Section of the Society for Conservation Biology (SCB-ES)

Call for tender

“Reducing the ecological footprint of ECCB 2009”

By studying the needs of biodiversity, deepening our dialogue with stakeholders and all citizens, and looking beyond the countdown 2010, the 2nd **European Congress of Conservation Biology** “Conservation biology and beyond – from science to practice” will welcome more than 1,000 biologists, practitioners, consultants, policy makers, social scientists, teachers and students to discuss, design and disseminate new guidelines, tools and strategies in an attempt to win the race to significantly reduce the loss of biodiversity.

The ECCB2009 is organized by the **European Section of the Society for Conservation Biology**; The Society for Conservation Biology (SCB) is an international professional organization dedicated to promoting the scientific study of the phenomena that affect the maintenance, loss, and restoration of biological diversity. The Society's membership comprises a wide range of people interested in the conservation and study of biological diversity: resource managers, educators, government and private conservation workers, and students make up the more than 10,000 members world-wide. The European congress will bring together the full range of conservation professionals not only to report on latest results, but also to explore the role of conservation science in policy formation and effective practice. The congress will take place on the campus of the Czech University of Life Sciences in Prague and will provide unique opportunities for exchange and networking.

The meeting will stimulate conservation science and hopefully improve conservation action. However, like any large meeting it will also cause environmental harm (travelling as a major factor). The congress organizers seek an eco-friendly meeting and will try to minimize environmental impact (recycled materials, food from local sources, energy savings) and we encourage participants to arrive by train or bus where possible.

In addition, translating the slogan “Conservation biology and beyond – **from science to practice**” into action, **the European Section of the Society for Conservation Biology has decided to use the congress to support a conservation project implemented in Europe.** This project shall contribute to biodiversity conservation and, at the same time,

contribute to the offsetting of greenhouse gas emission caused by the travel activities and energy consumption of the participants.

We call for project proposals that meet our objective to contribute as much as possible to both biodiversity conservation and sustainable climate protection. Deadline for submission of proposals is June 30th.

Eligibility Criteria:

Eligible are projects implemented in Europe that make a relevant contribution to biodiversity conservation and climate protection (e.g. peat bog regeneration, reforestation, deforestation avoidance). Funding will be granted for one or several existing projects or new initiatives that can demonstrate a significant impact. The project shall be carried out by a registered non-governmental or governmental organization.

Financial component:

The registration fee to the ECCB2009 will include 10 € per participant to be devoted for selected projects. The minimum amount allocated from conference revenues will be 10.000 €. Projects submitted should include a description of activities, targets, involvement of public actors and a detailed description of the expected budget.

Selection criteria:

Selection will be based on technical and scientific approaches, allocation of resources, including budget, with emphasis on demonstrated experience in the field of work specified. Demonstration sites with larger areas to be restored and planted will be preferred. In-kind or direct financial contribution towards the achievements of the outcomes would be considered an advantage.

Each proposal will be reviewed according to the following criteria:

- General description
- Expected impacts in terms of conservation and reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, technical feasibility and quality
- Sustainability aspects
- Financial components

Submission:

The European Section of the Society for Conservation Biology invites interested parties to submit a full proposals of no more than 4 pages in a sealed envelope inscribed with "Do not Open: Tender for the ECCB2009 footprint project".

Note that full proposals must be written in **English only** and addressed to:

Vendula Ludvíková
Congress Secretariat
conference@eccb2009.org

Proposals must arrive before **June 30th, 2009**.

The selected project will be presented at the ECCB 2009 in Prague (September 1st – 5th, 2009).

Footprint reduction project, ECCB 2009

(Maximum 4 pages)

Applicant (name, address, e-mail, affiliation/organisation)

Project title

Justification

- brief description of project
- expected outcome (conservation and climate protection)

Experience (if applicable, describe previous involvement in similar projects)

Budget