

# CALL FOR PROPOSALS

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## KONAWE EXPEDITION 2018



Naturevolution, an environmental conservation organization, will set off in late 2018 on a large, multidisciplinary scientific expedition to the Indonesian island of Sulawesi (formerly Celebes), to explore remote karstic mountain ranges and coastal coral reefs in the northern part of the Sulawesi Tenggara province (Konawe).

The primary objective of the mission is to collect scientific evidence in order to foster the protection of this highly valuable territory facing a number of environmental threats: deforestation due to mining and agriculture, pollution by heavy metals and plastics, etc.

### ❖ 2018 SCHEDULE

JUL 15 <sup>th</sup>	Deadline for research proposals
AUG 15 <sup>th</sup>	Release of selected research projects
OCT 21 <sup>th</sup> – NOV 5 <sup>th</sup>	Preparation phase
NOV 5 <sup>th</sup> – DEC 22 <sup>th</sup>	Expedition

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### ❖ WEBSITES

Naturevolution <https://www.naturevolution.org>  
Lost Worlds Project <http://www.lost-worlds.org>



# RESEARCH PROPOSALS

## I Eligibility

Research proposals can be submitted by academic researchers, PhD students or independent researchers with an expertise in: alpha systematics, environmental DNA, hypogean fauna, conservation biology, tropical forests ecology, coral reefs ecology.

Particular attention will be paid to proposals effectively supporting conservation work by providing strong elements of understanding of either the value of the local species and ecosystems and/or the threats facing them.

Proposals must be submitted by teams of collaborative scientists.

Teams must include at least one Indonesian scientist or work through a strong partnership with an Indonesian institution.

Samples must be duplicated since one sample of each species will stay in Indonesia. An APA convention will be signed between Naturevolution and the Indonesian government to ensure the fair distribution and sharing of all the benefits of the expedition.

In order to limit the environmental impact of the expedition, the number of scientists in the field will be kept to a strict minimum. However large teams will be accepted if necessary.

Particular attention will be paid to teams who guarantee post-expedition analysis of samples and data.

For logistic reason, we recommend a minimum duration of three weeks' work in the field.

## II What is provided by Naturevolution

Selected proposals will be invited to join the Konawe expedition. Naturevolution will then pay for the logistics, including :

- Team of specialists (cavers, climbers, divers, boat pilots, etc.) providing access to all types of terrain (canopy, caves, etc.)
- Specific equipment and facilities for scientific research, such as a canopy balloon, a boat fitted with an air compressor, etc.
- Transportation starting from Kendari to the different basecamps (boat, bus, 4wd, helicopter, porters, etc.)
- A working environment in the field (base camps, tables, generators, etc.)

Naturevolution will not pay for :

- International or domestic flights
- Personal equipment (tent, sleeping bag, dry wear, etc.)
- Scientific equipment (tubes, microscopes, etc.)
- Perdiems
- Salaries
- Food and accommodation (Naturevolution will take care of the organization and charge teams for the corresponding amount)
- Post-expedition expenditures (e.g. laboratory data analyses)

### **III What is expected from the selected proposals ?**

For exportation purpose, a first phase of sorting samples and processing data must be done in the field during the expedition. Naturevolution will provide help for this task.

A preliminary report must be submitted 1 month after the expedition as a synthesis of the main results.

A full report must be provided 6 months after the expedition, along with a database, a full list of species, etc. Further and detailed indications will be provided later.

### **IV How to submit your proposals**

Please send your research proposal and any related question you may have to [gaetan@naturevolution.org](mailto:gaetan@naturevolution.org) by July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Selected projects will be released by August 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **V Proposal format**

#### Title page

- Descriptive title
- Summary (250 words max.)
- Keywords (6 max.)

#### Participants information *(for each of the team members)*

- First name
- Last name
- Laboratory/ Institution
- Position
- Field of research
- Email
- Participation to the fieldwork (yes/no)
- Available funding (yes/no)

#### Project description (3 pages max. including references)

The description of your project must include:

- (1) The presentation of the taxonomic group and/or biotope of study, and its importance in terms of conservation
- (2) The identification of knowledge gaps
- (3) The novelty and significance of your work for ecological research and conservation
- (4) Expected results (publications, public outreach, training, popularization of science...)