Additional Information: Funding of Projects under the EU BestLife2030 Program 10.31.2023.

Who Funds and Who Supports the Program?
The BestLife program is funded by the EU. It supports nature and environmental projects in areas that are not part of the EU but are linked to the EU in various ways (so-called Overseas Countries and Territories). It is the EU that has set the framework for which projects the program can support and how.

Projects Eligible for Application
It is an eight-year program. There will be four application rounds spread evenly over the eight years. A total of DKK 160 million will be distributed over those eight years. Only a smaller part will go to Greenland. In Greenland, 3 to 5 projects of DKK 745,000 each would be able to get funded in **each** of the four application rounds. The first round of applications will open on November 1, 2023, and the first application deadline is January 8, 2024. Responses to the first round of applications will be given in July 2024, and projects can start in September 2024.

Through a competition, IUCN has been selected by the EU to manage the funds. IUCN has chosen to collaborate with various regional organizations around the world. They will help advise applicants and monitor the projects that are funded. In Greenland, IUCN has chosen to collaborate with the organization Nordeco, which, therefore, will assist in the process. Nordeco does not have final responsibility for which projects are selected. Nordeco does not have the opportunity to participate in the projects themselves.

What Can Be Supported?
BestLife is a program that supports new initiatives within sustainable nature management, increased sustainability of the use of living resources, promotion of local knowledge about nature and living resources, and adaptation to climate change. Projects of up to DKK 745,000 lasting 1.5 to 3 years will be supported. The projects must support concrete management measures. Pure research projects cannot be supported. Research can be supported as a sub-activity if it is necessary for specific management measures.

Who Can Apply for Funding?
In Greenland, the following can apply for funding: Associations, interest groups, NGOs and civil society organizations, small and medium-sized private companies, educational institutions, research institutions, municipal authorities, and national authorities. Applicants must be registered in Greenland and must have a bank account in their name. Projects may have multiple partners. Organizations not registered in Greenland may participate as partners if it is essential to the implementation of the project. Each applicant can submit a maximum of two applications.

What Expenses Can Be Included in the Application?
Applications can be submitted to cover salary costs, including all related costs, but not overhead on salaries. All other costs associated with the implementation of the projects can be covered. Travel costs can also be covered. All costs must be documented and directly linked to the implementation of the project.

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What Does It Take to Apply for Funding, and What Help Is Available?

Applicants must submit a concept note. This is a 6-page form that must be completed. If the concept note is approved, applicants must submit a project proposal. This is an 11-page form, a budget, and a CV. Assistance for the concept note and project proposal will, to some extent, be provided by Nordeco. Contact Nordeco at nordeco@nordeco.dk. Translation and interpretation services can also be organized to a certain extent. In addition, Nordeco is available to guide potential applicants.

What Are the Requirements for a BestLife Project?

It is a requirement that the organization applying for the funds is also the organization that is primarily responsible for the implementation of the project. Applicants must be able to carry out the agreed activities. They must also be able to provide an account of the funds spent. Applicants must be able to provide a simple form of reporting on the project's progress. All applications must be in English. Applications must be submitted via an online platform. Translation of the report into English and help with using the online platform must be included in the project proposals.