



## Statement of Terms & Expectations

Congratulations on receiving a grant from Cameras4Conservation! And welcome to this new partnership with Emerging Wildlife Conservation Leaders (EWCL), and S.P.E.C.I.E.S. (The Society for the Preservation of Endangered Carnivores & their International Ecological Study) ([www.carnivores.org](http://www.carnivores.org)).

In order to ensure that Cameras4Conservation (C4C) continue to work with a large diverse group of partners and sponsors, as well as assure the implementation of projects is in alignment with the mission of S.P.E.C.I.E.S., we require that all projects receiving grants from the C4C program adhere to the guidelines and meet the expectations set forth herein. By agreeing to receive cameras from C4C, you are in effect agreeing to these guidelines and expectations. If at anytime now or at some point during your project you believe or feel your project cannot meet these established expectations or guidelines, please contact the C4C program as soon as possible to discuss possible changes, amendments, and/or alternatives.

### Guidelines and Expectations from C4C at SPECIES:

1. Cameras are always to be used in a ethical fashion. This means that:
  - a. Camera-traps cannot be used to identify animals for hunting, poaching, trade, or other commercial and/or illicit purposes.
  - b. Camera-traps cannot be used to target people or human movements. This excludes the accidental capture of people using trails including hunters, tourists, community members, etc.; however, the camera's primary purpose cannot be for monitoring people.
    - i. Steps should be taken to ensure that when people are using the trails, their faces are not photographed (e.g., keeping the camera aimed low or hung low).
  - c. Camera-traps are not used for security-related purposes.
  - d. Camera-traps are to be used lawfully and thus in accordance with federal, regional, and municipal/ local regulations and laws in the areas where they will be deployed and operating. It is the responsibility of the project recipient to know these regulations and obtain official permission as or if it is necessary. Any project found to be using the cameras in an unlawful way will have to return the cameras and will be not be eligible for future grants.
  - e. C4C and SPECIES are not responsible for any unlawful or inappropriate use of the cameras-traps used; each project recipient bears these responsibilities and by accepting this statement, agree to absolve SPECIES and C4C of all liability relating to the use of these cameras.
2. Camera-traps will be well-maintained and regularly serviced so as to extend their longevity and the likelihood they can be used to support a future project. Upon the project's completion or once beyond the project's proposed timeline, SPECIES reserves the right to re-task all functional camera-traps to another project. We recognize that climate and local weather conditions may play a role in disrupting camera-trap functioning; however, we expect recipients to take all reasonable precautions to maintain and service units.
3. Camera-traps will be deployed, serviced and data retrieved in a manner that minimizes disruption to local wildlife behavior and ecology, including potentially sensitive or endangered

species that fall outside the project's scope and focus (e.g., birds, primates, reptiles and amphibians, small mammals, etc.).

4. The recipient will provide the following deliverables to C4C in a timely fashion either quarterly, bi-annually, annually, and/or upon the project's completion, as specified:

a. The recipient must provide 4-5 clear photos (when possible) of all species detected/recorded on a quarterly basis. This allows us to update C4C program supporters and donors, and encourage their continued support into the future.

b. A bi-annual, annual, (and final report, if more than one year) summarizing your (1) activities, (2) accomplishments, (3) discoveries, (4) challenges, (5) plans moving forward, or next steps. This report should also include:

- i. A complete checklist list of all species identified using the cameras.
- ii. A map depicting study area and camera-locations for the project. This map should be relative and need not depict actual camera locations
- iii. A description of the performance and reliability of the cameras you were provided (we will provide a short standardized form). This information will enable us to greatly improve our services in the future.

*\*In the rare event that no or few photos were taken, cameras malfunctioned or most photos aren't clear, or other deliverables cannot be provided for whatever reason, please contact Cameras4Conservation as soon as you can. In most cases we will ask you to prepare a short report explaining why the project did not work, and arrange to re-task the photos.*

c. A general map or location information of the cameras for public relations and press releases. The locations should NOT indicate the exact location of each cameras for the safety of your project and the welfare of animals in the area. The location information will also be used to see where our cameras are going, and to try and avoid overlap between current projects, past, and future.

5. The recipient will work with 1-2 staff and/or associates from SPECIES assigned to your project to publish findings and discoveries in the form of a technical note or short communication, or scientific publication(s). SPECIES is committed to the realization of scientific publications originating from field scientists and authors in developing nations around the world, and will work with our partners to develop meaningful products. We invest time in seeing these products materialize because we know it is the best way for emerging and established conservation professionals to become recognized as local authorities on the conservation of species, ecosystems, and biodiversity in general.

6. Upon or in advance of publication, or in the event a project doesn't have a major scientific/ research goal, the recipient is required to provide copies of all camera-trap location and sampling data collected for the project, in an Excel, notepad, folder, or other format to be determined by S.P.E.C.I.E.S. (including photos). This is to ensure the data collected can: be examined or analyzed in larger regional and/or global contexts; be used in conservation planning and strategy development; help identify high and changing priority conservation regions; be shared with managing authorities for management, and other uses. *Any conservation or scientific publications arising from the use of this data beyond the stated initial project goals and objectives, and beyond collaborative publications produced from the results of this project, will always include our all relevant project staff.*

7. Upon completion of the project, the recipient(s) is/are willing to work with C4C to ensure cameras will continue to help support conservation research, government-sponsored population monitoring, and/or community conservation efforts, through one of the following options:

a. The project continues in some other form, such as new objectives, or cameras are moved to another study site. In this case, the recipient may retain the cameras at the discretion of C4C and SPECIES.

b. The recipient works with C4C and SPECIES to identify another worthy project meeting our goals and aligning with our mission, and can help transport the cameras to this new project's leaders to achieve this end. New recipients may have to fill out the application form and approval is at the discretion of C4C and SPECIES.

c. The camera-traps are returned to C4C so that they can be used in another project in another geographical location. This is also at the discretion of C4C and SPECIES and may reflect changing priorities through time.

8. C4C and SPECIES can request an update of how the cameras are functioning, and/or how the project is progressing, at anytime. This will allow us to possibly assist recipients in addressing any challenges or other issues the project may need to overcome, or otherwise help improve the efficiency of the project.

***I hereby acknowledge that my signature indicates I have read, understand, and will comply with these guidelines and terms of the grant. I also understand that it is my responsibility to ask to alert C4C and SPECIES if program objectives or goals change or become infeasible.***

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Signature

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Date

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Printed Name

Cameras4Conservation is dedicated to helping to conserve clouded leopards, small felids, and other small carnivores in south and southeast Asia. By making available camera technology to help survey, monitor, research, and address threats to them in the wild. We understand these situations change over time, and so we try to work with projects to personalize all grants to best fit the situation so that we can both achieve goals. Please do not hesitate to contact the Cameras4Conservation team at anytime for assistance.

Finally, please follow the directions in the email that accompany this letter. Thank you for your dedication and contribution to cat research and conservation, and welcome to this new partnership!.

Most Sincerely,

**The Cameras4Conservation Program Team & SPECIES**