



**INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR BEAR
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Grant Acceptance Form

28 March 2019

The IBA Research & Conservation Grants Committee has awarded a grant in the amount of **\$3,923 (USD)** to **Neelu Soni** for use as specified in the proposal submitted for review in the 2018-2019 process (Study of Genetic Variation with respect to Geographical Location in Indian Sloth Bears *Melursus ursinus* using Single Nucleotide Polymorphic (SNPs) markers). Unless the grantee is notified otherwise, this will be the full grant made by IBA to this investigator on the basis of the received proposal.

IBA Grant recipients are expected to adhere to the following directions. **(1)** Funds should be used as described in the proposal or approved modifications thereof. **(2)** The work should be conducted in accordance with all applicable laws and requirements for animal welfare. **(3)** Prior approval from the Grants Committee needs to be obtained if substantial changes from the proposal work, schedule, or costs are required. **(4)** Any equipment purchased with an IBA grant should be kept in good condition. The IBA may request return of such equipment at the end of the project. For purposes of this grant, "equipment" is defined as non-expendable items that cost \$500 (USD) or more. **(5)** Grant recipients should submit a report, illustrated if possible, on the progress and findings of the work conducted with the IBA grant: (a) before the end of each calendar year until the project is complete, and (b) a final report at the end of the project. The reports should be sent to the current IBA Research & Conservation Grants Committee (RCGC) Chairperson and submitted as electronic files. **(6)** At least one brief article on the project should be submitted to the Editor, International Bear News, with a copy to the RCGC (we will assume that all material sent to the RCGC may be used in IBA publications and on the Website unless we are instructed otherwise). **(7)** The RCGC Chairperson should be kept informed of current, accurate contact information. **(8)** IBA grant (and the Homer's Fund, where applicable) support should always be acknowledged in presentations and publications. **(9)** Funds not used for the specified work should be returned to IBA. **(10)** IBA grant recipients should recognize that failure to submit reports or meet other conditions may count against grantees in future dealings with IBA or others.

I agree to the grant conditions stated above and to IBA's non-commercial use of my reports and images in IBA publications and on the IBA Website

Signature Neelu Soni Date 29/03/2019

Name (Typed or printed) NEELU SONI

PLEASE SIGN THIS FORM AND RETURN ONE COPY TO THE COMMITTEE CHAIR.

(NOTE: scanned signed forms or those with electronic signatures may be returned by e-mail.)



<https://www.bearbiology.org>

International Association for Bear Research and Management (IBA) Grant Acceptance Form

17 March 2020

The IBA Research and Conservations Grant Committee (R&CGC) has awarded a grant in the amount of \$ **4,123.28** (USD) to **Neelu Soni** for use as specified in the proposal submitted for review in the 2019-2020 grant cycle process (**Study of Genetic Variation with respect to Geographical Location in Indian Sloth Bears *Melursus ursinus* using Single Nucleotide Polymorphic SNPs Markers**). Unless the grantee is notified otherwise, this will be the full grant made by IBA to this investigator based on the received proposal.

For US and Canadian recipients, funds can be disbursed with a check. For all other countries, the recipient must contact the IBA Treasurer (jennifer.fortinnoreus@bearbiology.org) to arrange for wire transfer or PayPal. Wire transfers will be made on pre-scheduled dates. For a grant to be disbursed on one of the scheduled dates, recipients are required to provide all necessary information to the IBA Treasurer at least two days prior to the scheduled wire transfer day, by 15:00 Mountain Daylight Time. We understand things come up, but please do not ask for exceptions to these dates. The IBA Treasurer is a volunteer position and with a full-time regular job, setting up individual trip for wire transfers is quite challenging.

With COVID-19 developments changing daily, if opening bank hours should change, we will contact you ASAP. Wire transfer dates:

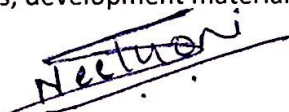
1. Friday, 27 March 2020: (Information required by Wednesday, 25 March 2020, 15:00 US Mountain Daylight Time)
2. Friday, 03 April 2020: (Information required by Wednesday, 01 April 2020, 15:00 US Mountain Daylight Time)
3. Friday, 10 April 2020: (Information required by Wednesday, 08 April 2020, 15:00 US Mountain Daylight Time)
4. Friday, 17 April 2020: (Information required by Wednesday, 15 April 2020, 15:00 US Mountain Daylight Time)

IBA grant recipients are expected to adhere to the following directions.

1. Funds should be used as described in the proposal or approved modifications thereof.
2. The work should be conducted in accordance with all applicable laws and requirements for animal welfare.
3. Prior approval from the Grants Committee needs to be obtained if substantial changes from the proposal work, schedule, or costs are required.
4. Any equipment purchased with an IBA grant should be kept in good condition. The IBA may request return of such equipment at the end of the project. For the purpose of this grant, "equipment" is defined as non-expendable items that cost \$500 (USD) or more.
5. Grant recipients should submit a report, illustrated if possible, on the progress and findings of the work conducted with the IBA grant:
 - a. before the end of each calendar year until the project is complete, and
 - b. a final report at the end of the project. The reports should be submitted as electronic files to the current IBA Research and Conservations Grant (R&CGC Chairperson, Paolo Ciucci (paolo.ciucci@bearbiology.org)).
6. Grant recipients should submit a summary of their project for the IBA website and describe how receiving the IBA grant helped the project and the benefit to bears. The summary should be submitted to IBA Director of Transition (jennapher.teunissenvanmanen@bearbiology.org), copying the R&CGC Chairperson.
7. At least one article on the project should be submitted to the Managing Editor, Mark Edwards (mark.edwards@bearbiology.org) of the IBA Newsletter with a copy to the R&CGC Chair. The article should follow the guidelines for submission which can be found here with deadlines for each issue: <https://www.bearbiology.org/iba-publications/iba-newsletter/>. We will assume that all materials may be used in IBA publications and on the website unless we are instructed otherwise.
8. The R&CGC Chairperson should be kept informed of current and accurate contact information.
9. IBA grant support should always be acknowledged in presentations and publications. A copy of the official IBA logo can be requested from IBA Director of Transition, Jennapher Teunissen van Manen (jennapher.teunissenvanmanen@bearbiology.org).
10. Funds not used for the specified work must be returned to IBA.
11. IBA grant recipients should recognize that failure to submit reports or meet other conditions may count against grantees in future dealing with IBA or others.

I agree to the grant condition stated above and to IBA's non-commercial use of my reports and images in IBA publications, development material, and on the IBA website.

Signature:



Date: 20/03/2020

Name (typed or printed): **NEELU SONI**

Please return this form to:

Research and Conservation Grants Committee Chair (paolo.ciucci@bearbiology.org).

IBA Treasurer (jennifer.fortinnoreus@bearbiology.org)

IBA Director of Transition (jennapher.teunissenvanmanen@bearbiology.org)