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APPLICATION GUIDE

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Application Guide

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1. What is the Eeyou EcoFund?

Rooted in Cree values and supported through Nation-to-Nation agreements with the Gouvernement du Québec, the Eeyou EcoFund is a Cree Nation Government program supporting Cree-led environmental action across Eeyou Istchee.

The Fund brings together three funding streams under one application, review, and governance process:

- Biodiversity Conservation
- Water Protection and Management
- Climate Action and Resilience

All projects must be Cree-led and must benefit Cree people, lands, waters, wildlife, communities, culture, knowledge, or way of life. Projects must also align with at least one eligible target or objective under the selected funding stream.

One platform. Three funding streams.

A project must be submitted under one funding stream only. If a project could fit more than one stream, contact the Secretariat before applying so the strongest alignment can be confirmed.

2. Key Dates and Funding Cycle

Applications may be developed at any time. Formal review follows the intake cycle and committee schedule.

Application deadline	Review period	Estimated funding timing
June 15	Summer review cycle	Funding expected around September
September 15	Fall review cycle	Funding expected around December
January 15	Winter review cycle	Funding expected around April

Applicants should plan for approximately 90 days from the intake deadline to expected funding release. This timeline may vary depending on application completeness, clarifications, committee review, internal approvals, contribution agreement signature, and payment documentation.

3. Before You Apply

Before starting an application, confirm that:

1. The applicant is a Cree-led entity, community, organization, institution, or business.
2. The project is located in Eeyou Istchee, meaning in an eligible area and is connected to Cree rights, stewardship, or governance responsibilities.
3. The project aligns with one funding stream and at least one target or objective under that stream.
4. The project has a realistic budget, timeline, team, and deliverables.
5. Permits, authorizations, land access, and community approvals are understood and will be secured by the applicant where required (ideally before, otherwise the process is clearly outlined).
6. The project is not requesting duplicate Québec funding for the same activity or expense.

Secretariat support before submission

Applicants are strongly encouraged to contact the Secretariat before submitting, especially for projects involving shared jurisdiction, the Eeyou Marine Region, Category lands, infrastructure, renewable energy, permits, or multiple partners.

Quick application roadmap: Confirm eligibility and stream → prepare budget and documents → complete the online form → draw the project location → upload files → sign and submit.

4. Funding Streams

4.1 Biodiversity Conservation

This stream supports projects that protect, restore, conserve, study, monitor, or strengthen stewardship of biodiversity, species, habitats, ecosystems, protected areas, sustainable harvest, access to nature, Indigenous leadership, and conservation planning.

4.2 Water Protection and Management

This stream supports projects related to drinking water sources, water quality, aquatic habitats, species at risk, aquatic invasive species, water-related climate risks, water knowledge, sustainable water use, access to water bodies, and integrated water resource management.

4.3 Climate Action and Resilience

This stream supports projects related to climate transition, including greenhouse gas emissions reduction, energy transition, climate change adaptation, community resilience, mobilization, knowledge transfer, innovation, and climate-related capacity building.

4.4 Choosing the right stream

Applicants must select one primary stream per project. Where a project has several dimensions, choose the stream that matches the main objective, main expenses, and primary results. Stream targets can be found at the end of this document. The Secretariat can help applicants confirm the most suitable stream.

5. Who Can Apply?

Eligible applicants include:

- Cree Nation Government entities
- Cree First Nations and Cree community governments
- Cree organizations, associations, institutions, or corporations
- Cree businesses
- Recognized partners where the project is Cree-led and Cree majority-controlled

Businesses must have a NEQ and/or be listed in the Cree Business Registry. Individuals may not apply directly; they must apply through an eligible Cree-led organization, community, business, or entity.

Ineligible applicants

- Federal departments
- Québec ministries or agencies
- External organizations without Cree majority leadership or Cree-led governance
- Entities in default of prior Québec financial assistance obligations
- Entities unable to demonstrate authority to apply or deliver the project

6. Project Eligibility

A project is generally eligible if it:

- Is Cree-led and submitted by an eligible applicant
- Takes place in an eligible project area
- Aligns with one funding stream and at least one eligible target or objective
- Has a realistic workplan, budget, and timeline
- Includes eligible expenses only
- Demonstrates community relevance or Cree benefit
- Respects applicable permits, authorizations, land category considerations, governance processes
- Does not duplicate Québec funding already received for the same costs or under another program
- Can meet reporting requirements

Eligible project locations

Projects must generally take place in Eeyou Istchee, the Eeyou Istchee James Bay region, the Eeyou Marine Region, or another area connected to Cree rights, responsibilities, or stewardship interests, subject to Secretariat confirmation.

Projects involving MoCreebec, the Eeyou Marine Region, coastal areas, islands, shared jurisdiction, or other complex governance settings should contact the Secretariat before applying.

7. Funding Amounts and Allocation Rules

Project type	Description	Current cap
Local project	One community, one trapline, one site, or one local area of work.	Up to $500,000 per project
Regional project	Multi-community, territory-wide, or broader regional relevance.	Up to $800,000 per project

- Funding caps apply per project, not per applicant.
- Each project must be submitted under one funding stream only and cannot be funded under multiple EcoFund streams for the same activities or expenses.
- The Secretariat and Committees may recommend a lower amount than requested where appropriate based on project scope, budget, readiness, annual funding availability, or stream-specific requirements.
- Some funding is organized by fiscal year and may not carry over automatically. Applicants should submit strong, complete, and ready-to-review applications before the posted intake deadlines.
- Additional stream-specific funding considerations are outlined in Section 11.

8. Project Types: Local, Regional, Phase, and Multiple Submissions

8.1 Local project

A local project is focused on one community, one trapline, one site, or one local area of work. Examples include a community water monitoring project, a trapline-based biodiversity mapping initiative, a local youth land camp, or a community trail stewardship project.

8.2 Regional project

A regional project benefits or involves more than one community, a broader territory, a regional institution, or a multi-community governance or knowledge process. Examples include a regional monitoring network, a multi-community climate risk mapping project, or a regional biodiversity data platform.

8.3 Project phase

Applicants may apply for a new phase of an existing project if the phase has clear new activities, deliverables, budget, and outcomes. A later phase is not automatically approved and must be reviewed on its own merits.

8.4 Multiple submissions

Applicants may submit more than one project at once. Each application must stand alone and demonstrate that the applicant has the staff, partners, time, and financial capacity to deliver all proposed projects if more than one is approved.

9. Eligible Expenses

Eligible expenses must be directly tied to the approved project. Common eligible expenses may include:

- Salaries and benefits for staff assigned to the project
- Interns, trainees, or youth participation support
- Professional fees, where justified and preferably designed to build Cree capacity
- Honoraria for Elders, Tallymen, Knowledge Holders, land users, youth, or community participants
- Opening and closing ceremonies linked to the project
- Workshops, meetings, training, and community engagement
- Travel, meals, and lodging connected to project activities
- Vehicle, boat, snowmobile, helicopter, or other transport rental where needed for project delivery
- Field equipment, tools, safety gear, monitoring equipment, tablets, software, or technical platforms
- Mapping, data acquisition, data management, monitoring, research, studies, and inventories
- Translation, interpretation, communications, signage, educational materials, and public information
- Permit or authorization costs connected to the approved project
- Administrative costs directly linked to the project, within applicable stream limits

Administrative costs are generally eligible up to 10% where directly tied to the project, subject to applicable stream rules. **Additional stream-specific expense nuances are outlined in Section 11.**

10. Ineligible Expenses

The following are generally ineligible:

- Costs incurred before project approval, unless written confirmation is provided by Secretariat
- General operations not directly tied to the project
- Activities outside eligible project areas
- Purchase of land or buildings
- Major construction or infrastructure as the main purpose of the project, unless specifically permitted under the relevant stream
- Greenhouse gas offset purchases or offset credits
- Legal proceedings, litigation, fines, or penalties
- Political lobbying
- General promotion of an organization unrelated to the project
- Membership fees or subscriptions not directly tied to the project
- Costs already funded by another program for the same activity or expense
- Equipment or assets intended mainly for unrelated projects

Additional stream-specific ineligible expenses and limitations are outlined in Section 11.

Combining funds is allowed. Applicants may combine EcoFund support with other funding sources, provided there is no double funding for the same expense.

11. Fund-Specific Nuances

11.1 Biodiversity Stream

The Biodiversity Stream supports Cree-led projects related to biodiversity conservation, restoration, stewardship, monitoring, access to nature, sustainable harvest, protected areas, species protection, Indigenous leadership, and conservation planning.

Major construction is not supported as the main purpose of a Biodiversity project. However, minor site improvements, habitat enhancement works, signage, access measures, temporary structures, field equipment, or small-scale works may be considered where they are secondary to the project and directly support conservation, restoration, monitoring, stewardship, sustainable harvest, or access-to-nature objectives.

Examples may include restoration work, monitoring equipment, trail or access measures linked to stewardship, interpretive signage, temporary field structures, or tools required for biodiversity-related activities.

11.2 Water Stream

The Water Stream supports Cree-led projects related to drinking water sources, water quality, aquatic habitats, species at risk, aquatic invasive species, water-related climate risks, water knowledge, sustainable water use, access to water bodies, and integrated water resource management.

The Water Stream does not support major collective drinking water or wastewater infrastructure as the main purpose of a project. However, it may support planning, mapping, source water protection, water monitoring, studies, risk assessments, community engagement, training, knowledge tools, field equipment, minor site improvements, access measures, or temporary structures where directly linked to eligible water protection, restoration, risk management, or knowledge objectives.

Projects involving water infrastructure, shoreline work, aquatic habitat work, water access, or shared jurisdiction should contact the Secretariat before submitting.

11.3 Climate Stream

The Climate Stream supports Cree-led projects related to climate adaptation, greenhouse gas emissions reduction, energy transition, climate risk reduction, mobilization, knowledge transfer, planning, capacity building, and implementation.

The Climate Stream may allow minor site improvements, facilities, or small-scale installations where they directly support climate or energy transition action and are intended for community use or public benefit. Examples may include energy efficiency measures, monitoring stations, adaptation measures, or small-scale renewable energy installations. These costs must be reasonable, directly related to the approved project, and subject to Steering Committee review. Applicants should contact the Secretariat

before submitting projects involving solar panels, small-scale hydroelectric generation, energy systems, facilities, or other installations.

Climate mitigation implementation projects are eligible; however, total funding for mitigation implementation projects may not exceed 50% of the Climate Stream envelope (this is not a limit on your actual project but total Climate fund envelope).

Climate Stream projects may complement ongoing work, but they cannot fund recurring activities or regular organizational operations. Projects may also not receive support from another program or action funded or supported by the Québec's Fonds d'électrification et de changements climatiques for the same project.

12. Examples of Eligible Projects

Biodiversity	Water	Climate
Habitat restoration; species protection; biodiversity inventories; protected area planning; sustainable harvest; stewardship and access to nature.	Source water protection; water quality monitoring; aquatic habitat restoration; aquatic invasive species; watershed planning; water risk mapping.	Climate risk assessments; Cree community climate plans; GHG inventories and reduction targets; adaptation planning; mitigation planning; climate monitoring.
Youth, Elder, Tallyman, and land-user knowledge transfer projects; conservation finance or Indigenous leadership initiatives.	Community water knowledge, research, monitoring, reporting, training, and integrated water management tools.	Community-based adaptation or mitigation projects; energy efficiency; small-scale renewable energy; resilience measures; outreach, training, and knowledge transfer.

13. Secretariat Support Before Submission

The Secretariat can support applicants before submission by helping them:

- Identify the most appropriate funding stream
- Confirm whether the applicant appears eligible
- Review whether the project idea aligns with EcoFund targets
- Explain the application form and budget template
- Clarify supporting documents
- Identify whether permits, land access, letters, resolutions, or maps may be needed
- Provide early feedback on project scope, timeline, and deliverables
- Suggest whether a project should be submitted now, revised, or developed for a later intake

Secretariat support does not guarantee funding. All eligible applications must still be reviewed through the formal committee process.

14. Online Application Form

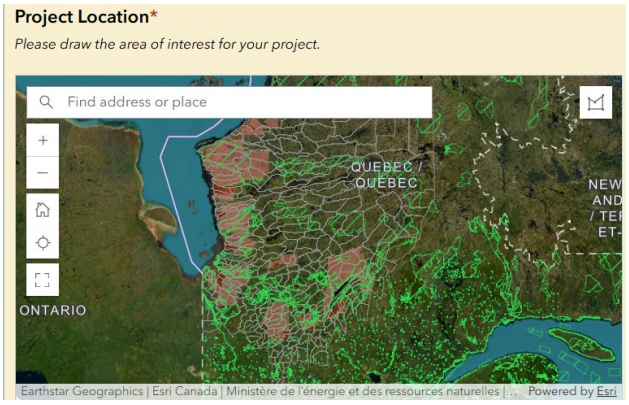
Applications are officially received through the online Eeyou EcoFund Application Form at **www.cngov.ca/ecofund/apply**. Applicants may also access the form directly here.

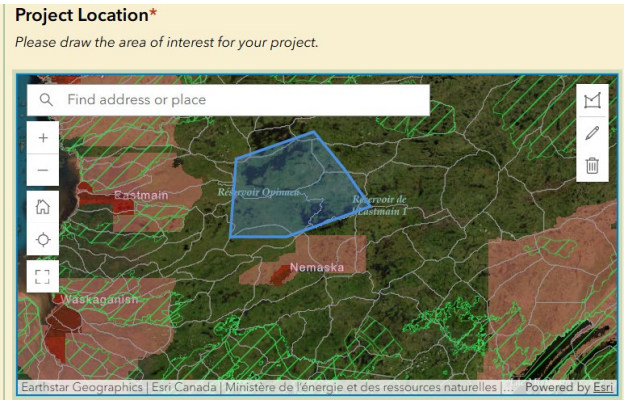
The form may be filled in partially and resumed later depending on browser settings, provided browser cookies are not deleted. However, applicants are encouraged to complete the online form in one session once the budget template and supporting documents are ready. Applicants may request an offline form from the Secretariat to draft answers before copying them into the online form.
At the end of the form, the authorized signatory must sign using a computer mouse, touchscreen, or trackpad.

15. Mapping the Project Location

In the online Application Form, under *Section B - Project Overview*, Applicants must identify the project location in the online form by drawing the area of interest on the map. Use the search bar to find an address, community, lake, river, camp, or other place name, if helpful.

- Select the polygon / area drawing tool on the upper right side of the map.
- Click points around the project area to draw a shape. Close the polygon or use the tool's completion option to finish.
- If the project is broader or the exact location is not known, draw the best available area of interest and explain the location in the written application.





Creating Maps : Applicants may also prepare and print maps or layers using this mapping tool, if needed (link here) to integrate in Supporting Documents a more precise map of location(s) and activities. This is recommended where possible.

16. Finance and Budget Template

Applicants must complete the Eeyou EcoFund budget template and upload it with the online application. The template should be prepared before starting the final online submission.

Budget template tab	Purpose
Guidance	Explains how to use the workbook, expense categories, administrative cost rules, and examples.
Application	Captures basic project and contact information, funding stream, budget type, and whether the project crosses March 31.
Budget	Used for the initial application. Applicants enter planned expenses and, for multi-year projects, break down requested EcoFund amounts by fiscal year.
Actuals	Used during reporting to enter real expenses and compare them against the approved budget.
Dashboard	Summarizes total project costs and the amount requested from the Eeyou EcoFund.

Budget rules and reminders:

- Administrative costs are generally capped at 10% where directly tied to the project and subject to applicable stream rules.
- Professional fees should be reasonable and should not exceed salaries unless clearly justified by the nature of the project.
- Honoraria for Elders, Tallymen, Knowledge Holders, land users, youth, or community participants should follow applicable CTA guidelines, currently set at $250 per day.
- Budget assumptions should be clear, such as number of participants, days, rates, travel, equipment, workshops, or professional services.

The **budget justification** question in the online application is additional information and does not replace the budget template. Use it to explain major costs and how they were calculated, for example: one consultation session, five Tallymen, three days, at the applicable daily rate. In addition in the **Budget template**, please detail where/how expenses are used under **column B "Description"**.

17. Supporting Documents and Uploads

Supporting documents help demonstrate readiness, community support, and feasibility. They are reviewed case by case and are not a fixed list of documents that every applicant must provide.

Upload	Status	Notes
Completed budget template	Required	Upload the completed Eeyou EcoFund budget template with the application.
Project location/map	Required	Draw the project area in the online form. Additional maps may be uploaded where useful.
Band Council or Board resolution	As applicable	Include where required by the applicant organization or project governance.
Proof of incorporation, NEQ, or Cree Business Registry information	As applicable	Useful for organizations or businesses where eligibility needs to be confirmed.
Letters of support, maps, photos, permits, quotes, workplans, technical notes, or partner confirmations	Optional / case by case	Attach what helps demonstrate readiness, support, feasibility, or authorization.

Each upload category in the online form generally accepts one document. If you have multiple files in the same category, combine them into one PDF before uploading. For example, combine all letters of support into one PDF, or combine all maps into one PDF.

If a document is pending or not applicable, explain this in the application. The Secretariat may request clarification or additional documents during the review process.

18. How Applications Are Reviewed

Step 1: Secretariat support

Applicants may contact the Secretariat before submission for guidance.

Step 2: Secretariat eligibility review

The Secretariat reviews applicant eligibility, project completeness, budget and supporting documents, target alignment, feasibility, land category and permitting considerations, and compliance with program and Québec requirements. Applications may be classified as eligible, incomplete, or ineligible. The Secretariat may return an application for clarification if eligibility is unclear, documents are missing, the budget requires adjustment, or the project should be redirected to another stream.

Step 3: Selection Committee evaluation

Eligible projects are evaluated by the Selection Committee using approved criteria and scoring tools. *For Climate Stream applications, reviewers may consider whether the project clearly identifies the climate issue being addressed and whether it relates to adaptation, mitigation, mobilization, knowledge transfer, outreach, or a combination of these. Adaptation projects should consider observed and anticipated climate impacts. Mitigation projects should explain the expected greenhouse gas or energy reduction potential where possible, based on available local information and capacity.

Step 4: Steering Committee decision

The Steering Committee reviews recommendations and may approve, approve with conditions, defer, request clarification, or reject a project.

Step 5: Contribution Agreement and funding

Approved applicants receive a Contribution Agreement through CNG Management Committee approval. Funding is released after required approvals, signatures, and payment documents are complete.

19. Evaluation Criteria

Projects are assessed on the strength and clarity of the application and attachments. Evaluation considers:

- Alignment with Québec initiatives and funding stream objectives
- Alignment with Cree values and stewardship priorities
- Community relevance and benefits
- Technical feasibility
- Methodology and workplan quality
- Budget justification
- Environmental, social, cultural, and long-term impact
- Capacity and risk management
- Partnerships and collaboration
- Supporting documents and regulatory readiness
- Community-led design and outcomes
- Ability to complete the project within the proposed timeframe and budget
- Applicant capacity

Bonus points

During the evaluation, bonus consideration may be given for synergies with other projects, policies, or regional priorities, and for innovation or pilot value. You may describe how your project meets such criteria in your application form under Pilot Value or Additional notes.

Possible decisions

Decision	Meaning
Recommended	The project is recommended for funding.
Conditional	The project may proceed subject to required clarifications, revisions, documents, permits, or budget changes.
Resubmit	The project may have potential, but substantial revisions are required before reconsideration.
Rejected	The project does not meet eligibility requirements, program criteria, available priorities, or funding conditions.

20. Payment Schedule

The standard payment schedule is:

- 50% upon signature of the Contribution Agreement
- 25% upon approval of a progress report or mid-project update
- 25% upon approval of the final report

Payment schedules may be adjusted based on project size, risk, duration, fiscal year requirements, or reporting obligations.

Funding is only released after the project is approved, a Contribution Agreement is signed, required banking information is provided, and internal Cree Nation Government approval steps are completed.

21. Reporting and Accountability

Progress report

Projects over $50,000 generally require a progress report or mid-project update. A progress report may include activities completed, deliverables produced, budget spent to date, changes or delays, photos or maps, and next steps.

Final report

All projects must submit a final report within 45 days of project completion. A final report may include a summary of activities, results, deliverables, participants and partners, Cree knowledge and cultural components, budget summary, photos, maps, tools, lessons learned, and consent for public sharing where applicable.

Extensions and delays

Applicants must contact the Secretariat as early as possible if the project is delayed or if the scope, budget, timeline, or deliverables need to change. Extension or carry-over requests should be submitted in

writing before the project end date. Approval is not automatic and depends on the funding stream, fiscal year requirements, and project circumstances.

22. Communications and Visibility

Funded projects may be required to acknowledge the Eeyou EcoFund, the Cree Nation Government, and the relevant Québec funding support in public communications. Public communications may include posters, reports, social media, websites, signage, presentations, media releases, videos, and educational materials.

Photos, testimonials, names, faces, community stories, site locations, or Cree knowledge should only be shared publicly with proper consent. Applicants should identify any sensitive information that must remain confidential.

23. Applicant Checklist

☐ Confirmed that the project is Cree-led	☐ Completed the budget template
☐ Identified and selected Local or Regional project type	☐ Prepared the budget justification, including key assumptions and major cost breakdowns
☐ Selected the correct funding stream	☐ Gathered relevant supporting documents
☐ Selected the primary target or objective	☐ Combined multiple files into one PDF per supporting document category, where applicable
☐ Selected a secondary target or objective, if applicable	☐ Explained any pending permits, resolutions, confirmations, or authorizations
☐ Prepared a clear project summary, activities, methodology, timeline, and deliverables	☐ Completed all required sections of the online Application Form
☐ Identified the project team and partners	☐ Uploaded the completed budget template
☐ Explained community involvement and Cree knowledge, where applicable	☐ Uploaded relevant supporting documents
☐ Identified risks and mitigation measures	☐ Confirmed the declaration is complete and the authorized signatory has signed the online form
☐ Prepared the project location information and map	☐ Submitted the completed online Application Form through www.cngov.ca/ecofund/apply
☐ Drew the project area using the online map tool, or prepared clear map/location information	

24. Target Alignment

Applicants must select a primary target or objective under the selected funding stream. Applicants may also select a secondary target or objective where relevant. Alignment should be explained in plain language: which target the project supports, what activities contribute to that target, and what result the project is expected to produce.

The Eeyou EcoFund's Nature / Biodiversity, Water, and Climate funding streams are made possible through the financial support of the Gouvernement du Québec. As the Cree Nation Government's

flagship environmental funding platform, the Eeyou EcoFund administers these funds in collaboration with Québec to support Cree-led projects, Cree priorities, and Cree values, while also contributing to Québec's related strategic environmental objectives.

For more information on the Québec targets and objectives linked to each stream, applicants may consult the 2030 Nature Plan for the Biodiversity stream, the Plan national de l'eau for the Water stream, and the 2030 Plan for a Green Economy for the Climate stream*.

* For the Climate Stream, climate transition means shifting toward communities and systems whose normal functioning no longer contributes to climate change and that are resilient to an evolving climate. Climate Stream projects may relate to adaptation, mitigation, mobilization, knowledge transfer, outreach, or capacity building. Adaptation projects should consider observed and anticipated climate impacts. Mitigation projects should identify, where possible, how the project may reduce greenhouse gas emissions or energy consumption.

Climate Stream projects should contribute to one or more of the following sub-objectives: increasing resilience to climate impacts and supporting mitigation planning; building human resource capacity in mitigation and adaptation; and developing Cree expertise and know-how in climate change.

The following pages provide the target and objective tables for each funding stream.

24.1 Biodiversity Stream Targets

TARGET	TITLE	ORIENTATION
Target 1	**Land Use Planning**	To curb the loss of biodiversity through participatory planning and integrated development that respects the biodiversity of the entire territory of Québec, with a view to fighting climate change and improving access to nature.
Target 2	**Ecosystems Restoration**	Undertake the restoration of 30% of priority degraded ecosystems to promote biodiversity and access to nature, in collaboration with local and Indigenous communities.
Target 3	**Protected & Conserved Areas**	Conserve 30% of Québec's terrestrial and 30% of marine environments by 2030 through effective management, ecological representativeness and connectivity of conserved sites, while improving access to nature.
Target 4	**Threatened & Vulnerable Species**	Protect threatened and vulnerable species in Quebec and advance their recovery through conservation and habitat protection measures.
Target 5	**Invasive Species**	Prevent the introduction of invasive alien species and pathogenic organisms associated with human activity, slow the spread of those already present, and limit impacts through control actions on priority sites.
Target 6	**Agriculture & Aquaculture**	Ensure sustainable agriculture and aquaculture practices through biodiversity-friendly approaches, including reducing nutrient loads and biodiversity risks associated with pesticide use.
Target 7	**Forestry**	Maintain sustainable forest management practices through responsible resource use and the preservation of ecosystem services for all people, including Indigenous and local communities.
Target 8	**Access to Nature & Sustainable Harvest**	Strengthen sustainable management and responsible use of harvested species and natural environments to maintain ecosystem integrity, sustain wildlife and plant populations, and improve access to nature.
Target 9	**Governance**	Strengthen the integration of biodiversity considerations and the multiple values of nature into government interventions and decision-making processes.
Target 10	**Businesses & Investors**	Support and encourage businesses and investors to take concrete action toward biodiversity conservation and sustainable practices.
Target 11	**Sustainable Consumption**	Strengthen Quebecers' ability to make sustainable consumption choices and encourage a greater contribution of economic activities to biodiversity conservation.
Target 12	**Biodiversity Financing**	Increase financial resources and investment mechanisms dedicated to biodiversity conservation and ecosystem resilience.
Target 13	**Indigenous Leadership**	Support Indigenous leadership, governance, knowledge systems, and initiatives in biodiversity conservation and stewardship.
Target 14	**Mobilization**	Mobilize stakeholders around biodiversity conservation and access-to-nature issues while supporting Quebec-wide and international cooperation initiatives in the area.

24.2 Water Stream Targets

TARGET	TITLE	ORIENTATION
Target 1	**Ensure quality water for the population**	**1.1** Protect drinking water sources for communities.
		1.2 Ensure access to sufficient quality water.
		1.3 Pursue compliance with infrastructure standards and improve practices across the territory.
		1.4 Pursue agro-environmental stewardship and industrial eco-responsibility.
Target 2	**Protect and restore aquatic environments**	**2.1** Conserve and restore aquatic habitats.
		2.2 Protect species at risk.
		2.3 Increase the area of the protected aquatic network.
		2.4 Promote control of invasive exotic species.
Target 3	**Better prevent and manage water-related risks**	**3.1** Strengthen the integration of climate change in water-related risk management.
		3.2 Improve water-related risk forecasting tools.
		3.3 Modernize dam management.
Target 4	**Leverage the economic potential of water**	**4.1** Develop sustainable economic sectors related to water.
		4.2 Encourage the application of best environmental standards in commercial maritime transport.
		4.3 Support the development of water-related technologies.
		4.4 Promote access to water bodies and watercourses.
Target 5	**Promote sustainable water use**	**5.1** Encourage the development and adoption of practices targeting water economy and sustainable use.
		5.2 Promote the reduction of use and the rejection of single-use plastics.
Target 6	**Acquire and share better knowledge**	**6.1** Pursue and consolidate the acquisition of essential knowledge for the protection and management of water and aquatic environments, including for intergovernmental and international cooperation.
		6.2 Develop tools adapted to integrated water resource management and favorable knowledge sharing and dissemination.
		6.3 Consider research and expertise sharing in the field of water.
Target 7	**Ensure & strengthen integrated water resource management**	**7.1** Consider integrated water resource management in Quebec.
		7.2 Pursue and strengthen intergovernmental and international cooperation to promote Quebec's interests and support integrated water management.
		7.3 Promote land use planning from a perspective of integrated regional and watershed-based water management.

24.3 Climate Stream Targets

TARGET	OBJECTIVE	ORIENTATION
Target 1	**Reduce GHG emissions & accelerate the energy transition**	Reduce GHG emissions and accelerate the energy transition, including through electrification, renewable energy, and energy sobriety and efficiency.
Target 2	**Adapt to the impacts of climate change**	Adapt to the impacts of climate change to strengthen the resilience of Québec society and limit the effects of climate change on the population, infrastructure, economy and environment.
Target 3	**Support the transformation of society and the economy**	Support the transformation of society and the economy to foster an inclusive transition based on collaboration, innovation and the commitment of all stakeholders.

25. Contact

Eeyou EcoFund Secretariat
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Website: www.cngov.ca/ecofund

Applicants are encouraged to contact the Secretariat before submitting where eligibility, project location, stream selection, budget rules, permits, or supporting documents are unclear.