

Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks: Species at Risk Stewardship Program 2023-24

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Program

Species at Risk Stewardship Program (SARSP)

Description

The Species at Risk Stewardship Program (SARSP) supports strong environmental stewardship by funding a diversity of projects that help protect and recover Ontario's species at risk. These projects are led by individuals, communities and groups across the province.

For the 2023-2024 SARSP, the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks is accepting multi-year applications (spanning 1-3 years). For the purposes of the SARSP, a "year" is considered April 1st to March 31st. All project activities must begin no earlier than April 1, 2023 and finish no later than March 1 of the final year of the project. The objectives of the SARSP are to:

- Improve the status of species at risk and their habitats by supporting stewardship and recovery actions;
- Support stewardship and multi-partner approaches to species at risk protection and recovery;
- Support community outreach, and the provision of related tools and techniques to inspire and enable people to become involved in species at risk stewardship; and,
- Address important needs and knowledge gaps related to the protection, recovery and management of species at risk and their habitats in Ontario by supporting scientific research

In Ontario, the status of species are assessed by a team of independent experts known as the Committee on the Status of Species at Risk in Ontario ("COSSARO") and, when assessed as at-risk, are placed on the Species at Risk in Ontario List.

The [Species at Risk in Ontario List](#) [1] is contained in a regulation ("O. Reg. 230/08") made under the Endangered Species Act, 2007 ("ESA"). O. Reg. 230/08 (including species lists and status) is available on the [Province of Ontario's E-laws website](#) [2] and on [ontario.ca](#) [3]. It is important that all SARSP project applicants consider the most current and relevant provincial recovery documents. Government response statements (GRS) are species-specific

policies, authored by the Ministry, that identify provincial recovery goals as well as actions the government intends to take or support to help protect and recover each species. Generally, after five years of publishing the GRS, the Ministry releases a review of progress that summarizes the progress made towards the protection and recovery of a species. If a species has an Ontario GRS, it is important the application addresses the actions identified in the GRS (not in the recovery strategy or management plan). Also, if a review of progress exists for the target species, applicants may find additional information and advice on actions that have already been accomplished or could use more attention. It is important that applicants review and reference the most current provincial recovery documents (see attached program guidelines for more information). For information on species specific priorities, stewardship projects that address the threats and knowledge gaps for species at risk, and ecosystem priorities, please see the attached SARSP program guidelines.

Eligibility

Successful applicants must be legal entities who are in good standing with tax, labour and environmental laws. For example, applicants may be:

- Academic institutions
- Corporations
- Indigenous communities/organizations
- Individuals
- Municipal and local governments
- Non-government organizations

Indirect Costs

10%

Project Duration

1-3 years

Deadlines

If College-level review is required, your College will communicate its earlier internal deadlines.

Type	Date	Notes
Internal Deadline	Thursday, October 13, 2022 - 4:30pm	Please submit your proposal, along with an OR-5 Form to research.services@uoguelph.ca [4].
External Deadline	Thursday, October 20, 2022 -	See "How to Apply" note below.

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	3:00pm	Applications must be submitted electronically through the Transfer Payment Ontario ("TPON") portal by 3:00pm (ET) on Thursday, October 20, 2022. Applications submitted after the deadline or not fully completed will not be accepted.

How to Apply

Please contact Kristin Gibson (kristin5@uoguelph.ca [5]) if you intend to apply, as there are specific requirements for creating an application using the TPON system that need to be discussed.

Attachment(s)

Attachment	Size
 2023-24 SARSP Guidelines [6]	204.08 KB

For Questions, please contact **SARSP** For questions regarding the Species at Risk Stewardship Program (SARSP), please contact: The SARSP Team Telephone: 705-313-2585 Email: SAR.stewardship@ontario.ca [7] For questions or technical support with the online Transfer Payment Ontario platform, please contact: Transfer Payment Ontario Client Care Telephone: 1-855-216-3090 Email: TPONCC@ontario.ca [8]

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Links

[1] <https://www.ontario.ca/page/species-risk-ontario>

[2] <https://www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/080230>

[3] <https://www.ontario.ca/>

[4] <mailto:research.services@uoguelph.ca>

[5] <mailto:kristin5@uoguelph.ca>

[6] <https://www.uoguelph.ca/research/alerts/sites/default/files/attachments/2023-24%20SARSP%20Guidelines.pdf>

[7] <mailto:SAR.stewardship@ontario.ca>

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