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Support for Young Researchers in Viet Nam

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Mission Statement

IFS shall contribute towards strengthening the capacity of developing countries to conduct relevant and high quality research on the sustainable management of biological and water resources.



Strategy

- Identify, through competitive grants and careful screening, young promising researchers;
- Support them in their early careers to enable them to get established and recognised as researchers;
- Support them in their home institutions.





The IFS Research Grant

- Maximum grant amount is USD 12,000
- Research project has a 1-3 year duration
- Grantees are eligible to apply for two grant renewals
- Grant can be used to purchase equipment, supplies, literature, local travel, extra manpower and arrange field activities.
- Grants may not be used for the salary or honorarium to the grantee.



Eligible Research

Researchers working in natural science and social science disciplines are welcome to apply.

Research proposals should focus on 'the biological and water resource base.'

Research may address a wide range of topics including agriculture, animals, soils, forestry, biodiversity, natural products, food, aquaculture, and water resources.



Applicant Eligibility Criteria

- Citizen of a developing country
- Usually less than 40 years of age
- At the beginning of a research career
- At least a Masters degree
- Attached to a national university, research institution, or NGO in a developing country
- Carrying out a research project in a developing country



Evaluation Criteria

- Applicant's training and experience
- Available and requested resources
- Realistic goals and time plan
- Scientific quality of the project
- Well-formulated hypothesis and/or research question
- up-to-date knowledge of the field
- Sound experimental design/ research methods
- Relevant to local and regional priorities and needs
- Likely to produce new knowledge



Peer Review Process

- Prescreening at the IFS Secretariat
- Evaluation by IFS Advisers and other experts and specialists.
- Recommendation made by a Scientific Advisory Committee
- The IFS Director approves funding for recommended applications (approx 300 in 2007)





Recently supported research projects in Viet Nam

- ◆ The role of the natural resource base in adapting to climate change in the coastal zone of Vietnam
- ◆ The impact of the renovation policies on sustainable forest and forest land management in the Northern Mountain Region Vietnam
- ◆ The impact of timber and non timber forest products (NTFP) harvesting on plant diversity in Ben En National Park, Central Vietnam
- ◆ Dioxin residue and Isolating dioxin-degrading bacteria in dioxin-polluted soil by Agent Orange sprayed in Thua Thien Hue province, Vietnam
- ◆ Assessment of risk factors for faecally contaminated drinking water at the household level in Cu Jut, Daknong, Vietnam
- ◆ Local Ecological Knowledge, Livelihoods and Coastal Wetland in Thua Thien Hue Vietnam: local responses to global changes.
- ◆ Study on the importance of non-pathogenic *Fusarium oxysporum* for bio-control of parasitic nematodes *Meloidogyne graminicola* and *Hirschmanniella spp.* In rice
- ◆₆ Modeling the effect of human activities on the nutrient transfers in the Red River basin (Vietnam)



Total IFS Grants Awarded: 6,068

Top recipient countries per region/total grants per region:

Asia & the Pacific

- 412 China
- 226 Philippines
- 206 India
- 170 Indonesia
- 169 Thailand
- 155 Viet Nam

Sub-Saharan Africa

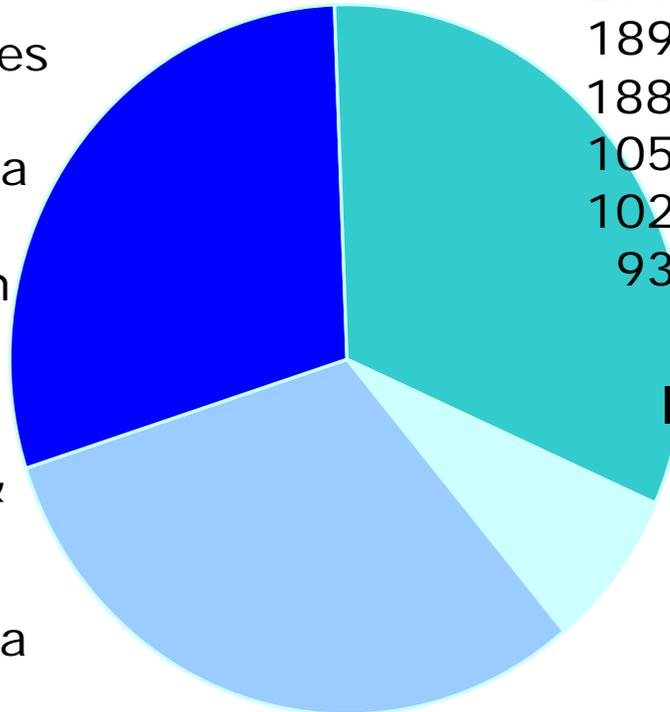
- 288 Nigeria
- 189 Cameroon
- 188 Kenya
- 105 Tanzania
- 102 Burkina Faso
- 93 Uganda

Latin America & Caribbean

- 332 Argentina
- 290 Mexico
- 284 Brazil
- 184 Chile

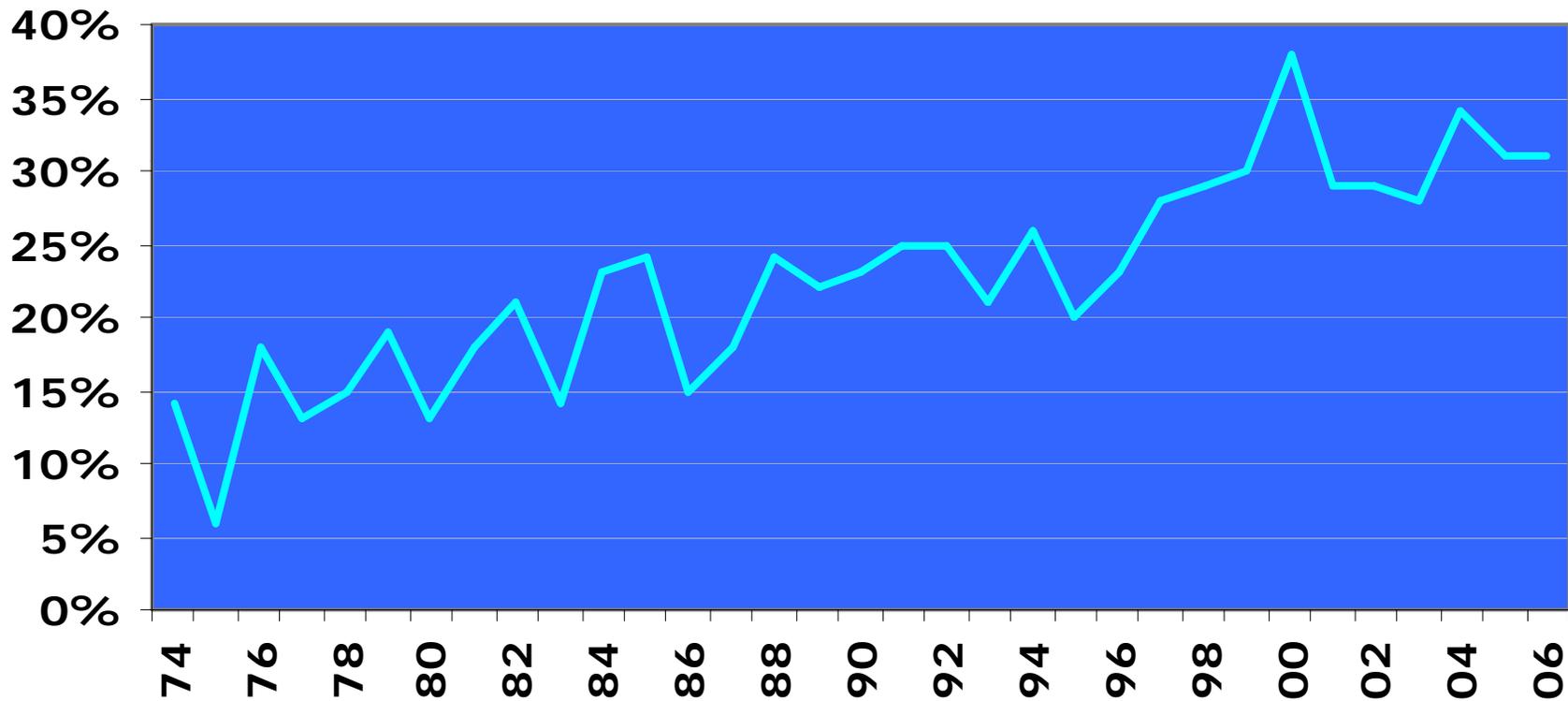
Middle East & North Africa

- 258 Morocco
- 83 Tunisia
- 45 Egypt
- 17 Iran
- 10 Algeria





Grants to Women (worldwide)





Purchasing Services:
Ordering & Delivery of
Laboratory Equipment
Supplies, Literature

Scientific Contacts:
Travel Grants
Workshops
Training Courses
Networking

**GRANTEE
Research
Grant**

Recognition:
IFS Awards: IFS/Danida, IFS Jubilee &
Sven Brohult Awards
Invitation to become IFS Scientific Adviser



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**The deadlines for applications are:
June 30
December 31**

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