

**ANNEX A - Suggested Sponsorship Solicitation Letter for YP Participation in IMPAC5**

Dear (Potential Sponsor):

I am reaching out to you as a young professional seeking support to attend the [Fifth International Marine Protected Areas Congress](#) (IMPAC5), which will take place in Vancouver, Canada, from February 3-9, 2023. Held at most once every four years, IMPAC congresses present extraordinary learning opportunities for those of us in the marine conservation field to exchange knowledge, experience, and best practices to strengthen the conservation of marine biodiversity and to protect the natural and cultural heritage of the ocean.

**Why IMPAC5?**

Meaningful participation and contributions from young professionals are key priorities of IMPAC5. Young people from all nations and backgrounds play increasingly important leadership, stewardship, and decision-making roles in MPAs and ocean conservation broadly. For young professionals, participating in IMPAC5 will mean creating strong connections with peers and developing an international support system that will dramatically enhance their capacity to learn and contribute when they return home. These Young Professionals will build lasting relationships with each other and develop networks that will expand their effectiveness throughout their careers.

Activities that young professionals will be involved in at IMPAC5 include experiential learning, a comprehensive Congress experience, an intergenerational knowledge sharing program, a youth-led Youth Pavilion, cultural programming and much more.

**Support Requested**

Your support is essential to my participation at IMPAC5. As a young professional entering the field of marine conservation, I have limited resources to attend and participate in conferences. As such, I am requesting your support to assisting to reduce the following costs (e.g. registration, travel, accommodation):

_____	\$
_____	\$
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_____	\$

Total amount requested: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Five reasons why you should support me to attend IMPAC5:**

*Candidates should explain why they are interested in attending IMPAC5 and why they should be supported by this organization (one page maximum).*

Thank you for your kind consideration of my request.

Yours sincerely,

*Name*