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<th>Criteria Definition</th>
<th>EXCELLENT (Maximum of 15 points)</th>
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| **Inspiration (33%)** | Team clearly communicates a proposed solution to *preserve, protect, or repair* biodiversity - AND meets all of the following criteria:  
  - Connects with a local issue in the students’ community  
  - Provides rationale for threat/issue selection grounded in personal experience or relationship to stakeholders  
  - Proposes a unique and/or creative solution | Team clearly communicates a proposed solution to *preserve, protect, or repair* biodiversity - AND meets 2 of the following criteria:  
  - Connects with a local issue in the students’ community  
  - Provides rationale for threat/issue selection grounded in personal experience or relationship to stakeholders  
  - Proposes a unique and/or creative solution | Team is somewhat clear and addresses biodiversity AND meets at least 1 of the following criteria:  
  - Connects with a local issue in the students’ community  
  - Provides rationale for threat/issue selection grounded in personal experience or relationship to stakeholders  
  - Proposes a unique and/or creative solution | Does not meet the minimum criteria to qualify as “emerging.” |
| **Scientific Rigor (33%)** | Meets all of the following criteria:  
  - The problem identified is supported by research (either gathered by the team, from a mentor, or publicly available but clearly referenced)  
  - Student(s) communicate step-by-step how they used one of the following processes to develop their proposed solution - a) The Scientific Method or b) The Engineering Design process  
  - Clearly demonstrates how student(s) will measure success through data collection | Meets 2 of the following criteria:  
  - The problem identified is supported by research statistics (either gathered by the team, from a mentor, or publicly available but clearly referenced)  
  - Student(s) communicated step-by-step how they used one of the following processes to develop their proposed solution - a) The Scientific Method or b) The Engineering Design process  
  - Clearly demonstrates how student(s) will measure success through data collection | Meets 1 of the following criteria:  
  - The problem identified is supported by research statistics (either gathered by the team, from a mentor, or publicly available but clearly referenced)  
  - Student(s) clearly communicated how they used one of the following processes to develop their proposed solution - a) The Scientific Method or b) The Engineering Design process  
  - Clearly demonstrates how student(s) will measure success through data collection | Does not meet the minimum criteria to qualify as “emerging.” |
| **Feasibility (34%)** | Team has demonstrated clear communication and consideration of 3 or more of the following:  
  - Time required to develop a “proof of concept” or full implementation  
  - Materials needed to develop a “proof of concept” or full implementation  
  - Costs associated with developing a “proof of concept” or full implementation  
  - Plan for implementing their solution in the community  
  - Long-term scalability of their proposed solution | Team has demonstrated clear communication and consideration of 2 of the following:  
  - Time required to develop a “proof of concept” or full implementation  
  - Materials needed to develop a “proof of concept” or full implementation  
  - Costs associated with developing a “proof of concept” or full implementation  
  - Plan for implementing their solution in the community  
  - Long-term scalability of their proposed solution | Team has demonstrated clear communication and consideration of 1 or 2 of the following:  
  - Time required to develop a “proof of concept” or full implementation  
  - Materials needed to develop a “proof of concept” or full implementation  
  - Costs associated with developing a “proof of concept” or full implementation  
  - Plan for implementing their solution in the community  
  - Long-term scalability of their proposed solution | Does not meet the minimum criteria to qualify as “emerging.” |