

Terms of reference for a short-term consultancy to foster delivery of the OECM project in DRC

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Project: The 30x30 target as a catalyst for inclusive biodiversity conservation in the Democratic Republic of Congo

Introduction

The project will help advance the 'IUCN 30x30 Challenge' aimed at securing country commitments to achieving fair and effective systems of protected and conserved areas that benefit people and nature. This would follow a 'who counts – what counts' approach to working with all DRC stakeholders to decide on the right approach to conserve the right places under an expanded, equitable and effective PCA-OECMs system.

Through tangible result, the project will demonstrate the local and global benefits of recognizing OECMs and other conserved areas, including the "territories and areas conserved by indigenous peoples and local communities" or "territories of life" (ICCAs) and their contribution to the 30x30 challenge through the implementation of the OECMs guidance drawn from 'IUCN Green List of Protected and Conserved Areas' and related capacity development.

The consultant will support the launch and implementation of the project that is supporting the delivery of the IUCN's '30x30 Challenge' led by the protected and conserved areas team. This will include support to project and programme management and delivery, including organisation of and contribution to events, contribution to IUCN's technical outputs, and support for increasing communications and awareness on IUCN action.

Overall objectives

Support the protected and conserved areas team in launching the project and accelerating delivery of the IUCN's '30x30 Challenge' led by the protected and conserved areas team.

Expected results

1. SUPPORT THE LAUNCH OF THE PROJECT AND COORDINATION WITH LOCAL PARTNERS

- Support activity planning and reporting.
- Assist in delivery of assigned project activities and tasks (including consultant recruitment and events).
- Support the preparation and the implementation of necessary launch meetings and workshops.

2. SUPPORT OECMs PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

- Conduct administrative functions necessary for the development of the OECMs project activities (e.g. setting up conference calls, taking minutes, maintaining distribution lists, creating surveys, processing contracts, booking venues, managing invitee lists, assisting with travel logistics).
- Contribute to meetings for strategy development and support alignment of project activities and other tasks with project goals (e.g. through reporting and communication)
- Support the alignment and technical framing of activities and outputs, including drafting Terms of Reference, studies and communications

3. SUPPORT EVENTS ORGANIZATION

- Support administrative organization of events (e.g. invitations, contracts, booking venues, managing invitee lists, assisting with travel logistics....)
- Support events' implementation (logistic preparation, IT support, outreach and communication...)

Tasks

Task

	M1	M2	M3	M4	M5	M6
Support launch of OECMs project						
Support programme implementation						
Support events organization						

Consultancy qualifications and experiences

A consultant with experience in following areas will conduct the work:

1. Postgraduate qualification in social sciences, Natural resource management, Environmental Science, or related field;
2. **Must have the right to leave and work in DRC Congo and based there;**
3. At least 2 years' experience and background in projects related to natural resource management or indigenous people's rights;
4. Proven knowledge and understanding of effective management of protected and conserved areas for terrestrial biodiversity;
5. Proven communications skills both French and English, and in drafting reports;

APPLICATION

Interested candidate are invited to submit the following by email to the following two emails addresses: aissa.traore@iucn.org and jennifer.kelleher@iucn.org

1. A detailed curriculum vitae highlighting specific experience in relation to the subject of this consultancy.
2. A written motivation regarding their suitability for the job
3. A financial proposition in USD for completion of the required tasks, including the daily rate.

EVALUATION OF APPLICATIONS

Applications will be evaluated on the basis of the following criteria: (i) profile and experience in relation to subject of the consultancy, (ii) the methodology proposed for the conduction of the mission, and (iii) the financial offer.