



## Terms of reference

### Review of GEF, UNEP, regional, global and partners project experience with sustainable financing of PAs & Associated Biodiversity in the region

#### (Activity 2.6.1)

#### 1. Overview

The Ministry of Environment, Nature Protection & Sustainable Development (MINEPDED), with the support from international partners namely the UN Environment and the Global Environment Facility and national partners The Environment and Rural Development Foundation (ERuDeF) and CHEDE COOPERATIVE UNION (CHEDE) are implementing a project that aims at strengthening and expanding the Protected Areas network and integrate biodiversity conservation into the South-West region of Cameroon. The targeted areas for the project is the proposed Bakossi-Banyang-Mbo landscape (BBML). The project objective and outcomes include:

Primary objective: *To strengthen and expand the PA network of, and mainstream biodiversity conservation in, the Bakossi Banyang Mbo landscape.*

Outcome (1) A fully completed, strengthen and effectively managed BBML Technical Operation Unit (TOU) and its and strengthened and well managed PA network.

Outcome (2) Strengthened regulatory framework and coordinated investments mitigate environmental and social impacts of development projects and PA management

Outcome (3) Improved knowledge and monitoring of the socio economic & environmental values of BBML landscape

A key pillar of the project is the elaboration of a common sustainable Financial Mechanism (SFIM) for South-west PAs, especially in the BBML TOU.

#### 2. Context and justification

The history of conservation initiatives within the Project Area has been typified by a series of short term projects that have come and gone, often closing before achieving their stated objectives (such as securing the gazettelement and long-term management of proposed PAs), and not leaving behind improved livelihood initiatives that will be sustained in the absence of a continued subsidy.

Without GEF, public investment by government, supported by the wide range of small scale, externally funded investments of the type listed above, will likely continue to be implemented in isolated, sector-specific ways. The uncoordinated and poorly planned development will accelerate biodiversity loss due to habitat destruction and fragmentation particularly in the absence of adequate mitigation measures to address possible impacts of expanding large and small-scale agriculture. Likewise, inadequate mitigation of the social impacts of Protected Area creation and management risks alienating local communities towards efforts to protect biodiversity

As can be seen from the baseline scenario, there has been a long-term investment in conservation efforts in the region, but the Ministry of Environment has been largely absent from this process. The result is that the quality of Environment and Social Impact Assessments for nearby development projects has been weak, and non-existent for management of Protected Areas, even though both require ESIA's according to the Cameroonian legal framework.



It is within this framework that the SUFACHAC project is seeking, in accordance with the framework of the PRODOC and AWP 2018-2019, a national consultant who will support the project management team based in Limbe to review of GEF, UNEP, regional, global and partners project experience with sustainable financing of PAs & Associated Biodiversity. He/she will have expertise in environmental finance, law, economics and planning with experience working in the protected areas.

## 2. Responsibilities of the consultant:

Within the project annual work plan 2018-19, the Consultant is expected to ensure the development of specific deliverables, but not limited to the following:

- Identify best practice for sustainable financing of Protected Areas & Associated Biodiversity based on GEF, UNEP, regional/ similar sites elsewhere and global experience, with a focus on case studies with significant contributions from the private sector.
- Identify shortcomings of GEF, UNEP, regional, global and partners' project experience with sustainable financing of Protected Areas & Associated Biodiversity.
- Outlines sustainable financing mechanisms to meet the needs laid out in the PAS management plan (case studies) led by MINFOF and MINEPDED for REDD+ at the national level, and PSMNR partners at the local level (both increasing MPA revenues and to offset relevant costs).
- Present sustainable financing mechanism lessons learned that can best complement the BBML TOU-SUFACHAC Project implementation, in a practical and constructive manner.

## 3. Expected Deliverables

The consultant will be expected to:

- Submit a timeline for the deliverables for the consultancy period (Inception report).
- Produce MS PowerPoint of most presentation materials.
- Report summarizing best practice and experiences of sustainable financing mechanisms.

## 4. Methodology:

The implementation of this assignment will involve a series of sub-activities including:

- **Inception meeting with SUFACHAC:** After a consultant has been engaged, he or she will prior to work meet with SUFACHAC team for briefing and draft detailed operational work plan and sketch a table of content for the period of consultancy.
- **Desktop research and field observations:** The consultant will be expected to use some literature provided by SUFACHAC project and other sources identified by him/her to execute the assignment.
- **Presentation of the draft and final documentation:** Following a detailed work plan, the consultant will meet with SUFACHAC team and some key participants, VFMCs, etc. to pre-



sent draft document and subsequently with the “SUFACHAC Ad Hoc Technical Working Group” and will be expected to make an adjustment to the document if the need arise and before penultimate /ultimately submit the final document and report of consultancy.

## **5. Profile of Consultant (individual): Required Skills and Experience**

### **Education:**

Postgraduate degree (Masters or PhD) in Environmental Science, Natural Resources Management, Social - Economic /Finance with specific expertise in Protected Areas’ Integrated financing mechanism with a good understanding of conservation, sustainable use and management of Protected areas and terrestrial biodiversity; PhD is desirable but not a requirement.

### **Experience:**

- At least 7 years of professional experience in conservation, sustainable use and management of terrestrial Protected Areas (PAs) & biodiversity associated;
- Minimum 3 years specific experience in Integrated mechanisms for PA’s sustainable financing & management planning;
- Experience in terrestrial Sustainable Development Protected Areas management and planning will be an advantage;

### **Skills:**

- Strong working knowledge of best practice in relation to Protected Areas Financing and Management Effectiveness.
- Strong drafting/writing, presentation and reporting skills, excellent written communication skills;
- Fluency in both written and spoken English & French is required.

### **Composition of file:**

- Signed cover letter indicating interest and availability to take up this assignment.
- Curriculum vitae (CV) and photocopies of diploma obtained alongside related certificates or contracts if any.
- A technical proposal which should express the consultant understanding of the task alongside the methodology and work plan for the consultancy.
- A financial offer indicating the unit price.

## **6. Duration of the individual consultancy: 25 days**

**How to apply:** Interested persons can obtain further information and or drop file every working day from 7:30 am to 3:30 pm local time at the address below:

Hard copy (one original and three photocopies)

**National Direction of the SUFACHAC project**

**Located on the 6<sup>th</sup> floor of the Ministerial Building No. 2, Door 619.**

**Or At the SUFACHAC Project Management Unit**

**Divisional Delegate of MINEPDED Fako, Limbe**



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