



Sustainable farming and critical habitat conservation to achieve biodiversity mainstreaming and protected areas management effectiveness in Western Cameroon – SUFACHAC

Terms of Reference:

Identify local stakeholders whose activities impact the PA management within the BBML Landscape

Context:

The Project **Sustainable Farming and Critical Habitat Conservation to achieve Biodiversity Mainstreaming and Protected Areas Management Effectiveness in Western Cameroon (SUFACHAC)** is a biodiversity conservation and Development project of the Republic of Cameroon funded by the Global Environmental Facility (GEF), executed United Nation's Environmental Programme (UNEP), and the Ministry of Environment, Nature Protection & Sustainable Development (MINEPDED), budget holder, in partnership with the University of Dschang, Environment and Rural Development Foundation and CHEDE Cooperative Union.

SUFACHAC is implemented in the South West Region in particular in the "Bakossi Banyang Mbo Lebialem Landscape (BBML)", a biodiversity hotspot of global significance that supports a high diversity of animal and plant species, many of which are threatened. The project area is part of the Cameroon mountain chain. These set of characteristics have made the region to be subjected to long-term investment in conservation and development efforts by several actors some time with divergent but antagonistic and or conflicting interest. Similarly, the history of conservation initiatives within in the BBML has been typified by a series of short term projects that have come and gone, often closing before achieving their stated objectives. Most, do not leave behind improved livelihood initiatives that will sustained in the absence of a continued subsidy.

SUFACHAC makes explicit reference to the 9th Conference of the Parties to the Convention of Biological Diversity (CBD) which requested all parties to ensure PAs contribute to the eradication of poverty and sustainable development and to the Revised Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 including the Aichi Targets which were adopted at the 10th COP, and Decision No. UNEP/CBD/COP/DEC/XI/3 of 5 December 2012 adopted at the 11th COP on "Monitoring progress in implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the Aichi Biodiversity Targets".

The overall goal of SUFACHAC is to support progress towards many Aichi targets and indicators. Specifically, the project aims to: (1) Address the underlying causes of biodiversity loss by mainstreaming biodiversity across government and society; (2) Reduce the direct pressures on biodiversity and promote sustainable use; and (3) Improve the status of biodiversity by safeguarding ecosystems, species and genetic diversity, with relevance to Target.



Overarching vision with SUFACHAC: "By 2020, biodiversity values have been integrated into national and local development and poverty reduction strategies and planning processes and are being incorporated into national accounting, as appropriate, and reporting systems.

Justification:

The project effort is support the development of sustainable farming practices and promote a pro-poor approach to value chain development where a range of actors, activities and steps from production of a good/service to its consumption is analyzed. Rural dwellers such as those found adjacent to Protected Areas are often the most vulnerable in this chain due to lack of market access, and particularly due to a lack of proper linkages to other actors along the chain. To facilitate cooperation between the various actors, the project is about to create various types of platforms to bring relevant actors, institutions and stakeholders together, namely multi-stakeholders platforms which bring farmer groups together with buyers, certifiers, finance institutions and other service providers.

The project is developing a M&E of socioeconomic & environmental performance of conservation & development initiatives in the BBML Landscape, which will be tested and adopted by all stakeholders.

It is in this light, the SUFACHAC project seeks the services of a consultant (individual) proceed in a stepwise approach first and foremost to know the local stakeholders and who activities have in a way impacts in the BBML.

Goal:

Hence, the goal of this consultancy is to identify local stakeholders whose activities impact the PA and its periphery management in BBML Landscape

Objectives:

- Identify local stakeholders whose activities impact PAs and its periphery to prepare a real institutional map of the players to be involve in the Annual forums of BBML TOU,
- Identify key programs / projects strengths and weakness currently underway on conservation and development sector in general and PAs management, in particular;
- Conduct inventory of local entities and propose structure that can serve as a multi-actor value chain platforms and practical method to increase cooperation and information exchange
- Present financing gaps for effective collaborative PAs management,
- Identify and prioritize activities for co-financing to be negotiated for PAs management and/or profitable & sustainable,
- Identify livelihood activities that are supportive of PA management in BBML Landscape,
- Identify local stakeholders needs linked clearly to present or future PAs Management Plans, and,
- Elaborate monitoring and evaluation tools to check increase collaboration and information exchange about viable livelihood options alongside PA management.



Outputs:

- Checklist of local stakeholders whose activities impact at least two PAs in the BBML
- Identification of local stakeholders needs linked clearly to PAs management and prioritized them
- List monitoring and evaluation tools and possible indicators
- Report of consultancy process and its MS PowerPoint presentation

Methodology:

The consultant selected for the assignment will be required to propose a methodology for attaining the above stated objectives. Nevertheless, the implementation 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 management for briefing and develop a draft detailed operational work plan.
- **Desktop research and field observations:** The consultant will be expected to use literature provided by SUFACHAC and other sources identified by him or her to execute assignment.
- **Presentation of draft and final documentation:** Following detailed work plan, the consultant will meet with SUFACHAC team to present draft document and subsequently with the "SUFACHAC Ad Hoc Technical Working Group" and will be expected to make adjustment to the document if need arise and ultimately submit the final document and report of consultancy.

Profile of Consultant (individual):

Required qualification and experience:

- At least a post graduate degree in Land use planning and protected areas management, public relations and institutional analysis, rural development, social sciences or any related discipline.
- At least 5 years' experience working in the field of Natural Resource management, or rural development with a proven track record.
- Have a good mastery of forestry and rural development principles as well as legal, policy and institutional framework relating to forestry, environment, conservation and community development.
- Understand the use of Landscape Outcome Assessment Method (LOAM) developed by IUCN/WWF in Cameroon among other places
- Proficient in English and French, Pidgin English will be an advantage.

Main responsibilities

The following tasks should be executed by the consultant:

- Identify local stakeholders and their needs around the PA
- Conduct interviews, consultations and meetings with local stakeholders, association, relevant NGOs/ CSOs in proposed BBML landscape.
- Clearly map out the local stakeholders participation in conservation and development related issues
- Prepare and present draft report of findings at the SUFACHAC team



- Prepare and submit final report, incorporating the various feedback.

Deliverables (all in English)

- BBML landscape local stakeholders and their needs
- Outlines Indicators to monitor local stakeholders impacts within the BBML
- Consultancy report and its MS PowerPoint presentation

Duration of individual consultancy: 20 days

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 consist of methodology and work plan for the consultancy
 - A financial offer indicating the unit price

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 6th 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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