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

Terms of References

to

Administer Management and Effectiveness Tracking Tool (METT) in the BBML TOU

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 United Nation's Environmental Programme (UNEP) and executed by the Global Environmental Facility (GEF), Ministry of Environment, Nature Protection & Sustainable Development (MINEPDED) in partnership with the University of Dschang, Environment and Rural Development Foundation and Chede Cooperative Union.

SUFACHAC is implemented in the South West Region - a biodiversity hotspot of global significance that supports a high diversity of animal and plant species, large numbers with restricted ranges, and many of which are threatened. The project area is part of the volcanic mountain chain that connects Mount Cameroon with the Adamaoua massif. The mountain chain protects a densely forested and undulating landscape that covers much of the South-West Region. This set of characteristics have made the South West the subject long-term investment in conservation and development efforts by several national and international actors 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 ESIAs according to the Cameroonian legal framework

Similarly, the history of conservation initiatives within SUFACHAC 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 gazettement 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.

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:

- Address the underlying causes of biodiversity loss by mainstreaming biodiversity across government and society;
- Reduce the direct pressures on biodiversity and promote sustainable use; and
- Improve the status of biodiversity by safeguarding ecosystems, species and genetic diversity, with relevance to Target.

The project has as vision that "By 2020, at the latest, 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 through "developing policies considering biodiversity and ecosystem service in environmental impact assessment and strategic environmental assessment"

Justification:

There is a growing concern amongst protected area professionals that many protected areas around the world are not achieving the objectives for which they were established. One response to this concern has been an emphasis on the need to increase the effectiveness of protected area management, and to help this process a number of assessment tools have been developed to assess management practices.

For the Monitoring and Evaluation Unit, simply measuring activity outputs has to justify activities to meet protected area management needs. There needs to be a growing emphasis on outcome measurement, the measurement of stakeholder behavior fluctuations and perceptions and also the need for change in strategy.

A measurement survey is the best way for the M & E unit to understand in real time how efforts such as natural resource management, wildlife protection, co-management and landscape approach are perceived

- Understand the METT and other institution (GEF, WWF, etc.) tracking tools for PA and their peripheries
- Proficient in English and Pidgin English

Main responsibilities

The following tasks should be executed by the consultant:

- Plan the METT implementation (about capacity and pre-assessment training needs, adaptation, timing, scope and scale, verification etc.)
- Adapt and translate METT in the Context of the SUFACHAC Project
- Consult and get consensus all wide range of rights holders and stakeholders
- Share METT results locally and regionally
- Submit end of assignment report

Deliverables

- SUFACHAC METT results + annexes
- Prepare a MS PowerPoint of the consultancy
- Induction and consultancy reports

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

Duration of consultancy: 20 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 Directorate of the SUFACHAC project
Located on the 6th floor of the Ministerial Building No. 2, Door 619.
Yaounde, Cameroon

Or At the SUFACHAC National Director Office/ Project Management Unit
Divisional Delegate of MINEPDED Fako, SONARA Road, Limbe, SWR

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