



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

Terms of Reference:

Produce a participatory map and micro-zoning relating to forest management within and outside Protected Areas within the BBML Landscape

Context of the assignment:

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 goal of the SUFACHAC project: "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:

In recent years, there has been a growing effort to promote community engagement in decision-making processes concerning natural resource management. The SUFACHAC Project recently launched seeks using an integrated approach to its intervention (such as securing the gazettelement and long-term management of proposed PAs). The creation and management of corridors or buffers between and/or around protected areas (like Manegoumba Integral Ecological Reserve, Mak Bechou Wildlife Sanctuary, Mt Kupe Integral Ecological Reserve and Tofala Hill) or high conservation value areas to ensure biological connectivity is not yet adequately addressed in the project area and can only be tackled through participatory land use planning approach. Until recently, the Ministry of Economy, Planning and Territorial Management (MINEPAT) had not yet developed a framework or process for participatory land use planning, focusing instead on developing sector-by-sector strategies, and promoting large scale agricultural development before completing any integrated cross-sectoral land use plans.

The 2011 Law on Sustainable Land Management provides a new framework to address Land Use Planning at National, Regional and Local levels, and various partners have offered to support MINEPAT to develop Regional Schemas to guide future land management and allocation. A rural development strategy is also in preparation led by MINEPAT (e.g. Ngutti) that attempts to coordinate the actions of the agriculture, livestock, forestry and environment sub-sectors, and to make more effective use of limited budgets and manpower for sustainable rural development in the context of climate change.

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.

Hereafter, the project need to hire the service of a consultant (individual) to support to the preparation of local land use plans in priority areas through participatory characterization of the land use around existing or proposed Protected Areas in the future BBLM TOU.

Goal:

Hence, the consultant assignment is to conduct a study to produce participatory map and micro-zoning in the future BBML TOU.

Objectives:

National level

- Review Protected Areas (PAs) and participatory micro-zoning and land use systems management in Cameroon, and in particular in the BBML Proposed TOU



- Present responses to challenges and opportunities (SWOT) to REDD, PES, etc. to linking community land rights, Micro-zoning and participatory land use planning with local and international business development.

BBML level

- Characterize existing land use systems within and around existing or proposed PAs in the future BBML TOU.
- Present participatory maps micro-zoning and land use systems identified within and around existing or proposed PAs in the future BBML TOU
- Analyse (SWOT) activities relating to the PAs Management supported by PSMNR or WWF or not.
- Design a local multi-actors institutional framework and its roadmap that will enable a more rights-based approach for communities engaging in forest resources management deserves all support
- Draft MoU between PA and locals to collaborate in PAs management and the BBML TOU future operationalization
- Elaborate monitoring and evaluation tools to check potential land use conflicts and effectiveness implementation of Management plan activities.

Outputs:

- Checklist of land use systems within and around existing or proposed PAs in the future BBML TOU
- Maps micro-zoning and land use systems maps within and around existing or proposed PAs in the future BBML TOU.
- The MoU outlines a vision to better protect land and property rights for communities
- Report of consultancy process

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 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/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 Natural Resource and Land Use management, Geomatics, Social Sciences with reference to rural development and protected areas management or any related discipline.



- At least 5 years' experience working in the field of Natural Resource and Land Use management, Environmental and protected areas management.
- Have a good mastery of Natural Resource and Land Use management principles as well as legal, policy and institutional framework relating to forestry, environment, conservation and community development.
- Proficient in English and French, Pidgin English will be an advantage.

Main responsibilities

The following tasks should be executed by the consultant:

- Review Protected Areas (PAs) and participatory micro-zoning and land use systems management in Cameroon.
- Elaborate checklist of, and rank land use system within and around existing or proposed PAs in the future BBML TOU.
- Develop draft MoU to collaborate in PAs management and the BBML TOU future operationalization.
- Design a local multi-actor platform that will enable a more rights-based approach for communities engaging in forest resources management deserves all support.
- Submit Consultancy reports

Deliverables (all in English)

- Micro-zoning- local participatory land use planning and maps.
- Draft Memorandum of Understanding.
- Prepare a MS PowerPoint of the consultancy
- Inception 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 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



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