

**MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT  
VIETNAM ENVIRONMENT ADMINISTRATION**

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**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST**

**Consulting Services: International Consultant to provide technical support to  
project implementation**

**Under the project “Strengthen partnerships to protect endangered wildlife in  
Vietnam”**

*(Attached with Decision No. 699/QĐ-TCMT dated 15 July 2021  
of the Vietnam Environment Administration)*

**Reference No.: 02**

**Bid Number: CS6(1)**

**Project Owner: Vietnam Environment Administration**

**Country: Vietnam**

**Issue Date: 2021**

## **REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (CONSULTING SERVICES SELECTION- CQS)**

Country: Socialist Republic of Vietnam

Name of Project: Strengthen partnerships to protect endangered wildlife in Vietnam (WLP project)

Grant No.: TFA9935

Assignment Title: International Consultant to provide technical support to project implementation

Reference No.: 02

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The Socialist Republic of Vietnam has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of Strengthen partnership to protect endangered species in Vietnam (WLP project), and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services “International Consultant to provide technical support to project implementation” of the WLP project.

The consulting services (the “Services”) include information below:

✓ Main objective:

- The international consultant shall provide technical consultancy during project implementation and support the achievement of the outcomes of the “Strengthening partnerships to protect endangered wildlife in Vietnam” project, including ODA fund (sponsored by GEF/WB) and counterpart fund (provided by MONRE) as well as promote activities under co-financing sources.

✓ Duration of assignment: 15 months

✓ Main products:

1. Comment, prepare reports and inputs for the project deliverables and documents during the project implementation as mentioned above.

2. A strategy to develop the partnership forum, including: approach, cooperation mechanism, partnership strategy, mobilizing resources to carry out cooperation activities with domestic and international partners in species and biodiversity conservation.

3. Training materials on techniques for conservation of endangered species and on general knowledge of biodiversity used in training and capacity building for relevant agencies.

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment is attached to this request for expressions of interest.

The Project Management Unit now invites eligible consulting firms (“Consultants”) to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services.

The shortlisting criteria are:

- Minimum 10 years of experience in species sustainable development conservation, natural resources management in Vietnam.
- Experience in developing and implementing at least 10 assignments, projects in wildlife conservation;
- Have staffs including international and national experts in species conservation;
- Experience in providing consultancy in policy, law, training, communication and awareness raising on endangered species in Vietnam;
- Proven experiences and ability to connect and establish cooperation with regional and international organizations in wildlife conservation activities;
- Experience in implementing foreign-funded contracts/ projects.

Key Experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" July 2016 ("Procurement Regulations"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

Consultants may associate with other firms to enhance their qualifications, but should indicate clearly whether the association is in the form of a joint venture and/or a sub-consultancy. In the case of a joint venture, all the partners in the joint venture shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire contract, if selected. The qualifications of the bidder will not count the qualification of the sub-contractor.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Consultant's Qualification Based Selection (CQS) method set out in the Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers (goods, construction, installation, non-consulting and consulting services) July 2016 of the World Bank.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours (08h00-17h00, Monday - Friday).

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by fax, or by e-mail) **by August, 20, 2021** to:

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**WLP MANAGEMENT UNIT**

(signed)

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## ANEX: TERM OF REFERENCE

### ***Assignment 02: “International Consultant to provide technical support to project implementation”***

#### **Under the project “Strengthening partnerships to protect endangered wildlife in Vietnam Project”**

*(Attached with Request for Expression of Interest of WLP Management Unit)*

Assignment Title:	International Consultant to provide technical support to project implementation
Bid Number	CS6(1)
Reference No.	02
Selection method	Consultants Qualification Selection Method (CQS)
Assignment duration	15 months (tentatively from Sep 2021 to Nov 2022)
Contract	Lump-sum
Project ID and title:	P162792/ Strengthening partnerships to protect endangered wildlife in Vietnam Project

#### **I. Background:**

The Vietnam Environmental Administration, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MONRE) is implementing WB- GEF funded project entitled **“Strengthening partnerships to protect endangered wildlife in Vietnam Project”** over a period from 2019 to 2022.

The project aims to strengthen the legal and regulatory framework, and the related implementation capacity for the protection of threatened wildlife. The objective would be achieved through four components, namely: (i) Strengthening the legal and regulatory framework; (ii) Enhancing capacity to effectively implement and enforce policies and regulations related to wildlife protection; (iii) Promoting knowledge sharing and awareness raising; and (iv) Project Management and Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E).

The project is looking for an international consultant to provide technical support and assist the PMU under VEA, MONRE in project implementation, focusing on strengthening the legal framework to protect endangered species, improving the capacity of law enforcement and endangered species conservation and communication activities, raising awareness on endangered species protection.

#### **II. Scope of work:**

##### **2.1 Work objective**

The international consultant shall provide technical consultancy during project implementation and support the achievement of the outcomes of the project “Strengthening partnerships to protect endangered wildlife in Vietnam” project,

including ODA fund (sponsored by GEF/WB) and counterpart fund (provided by MONRE) as well as promote activities under co-financing sources

## **2.2 Detailed tasks**

1. The international consultant is responsible for working closely with the WLP Management Unit and Project Office to provide technical support (providing information, suggestions, preparing reports) for the development of the regulations, policies, laws, and technical guidelines on the conservation of endangered precious and rare species prioritized for protection as below:

- a) Policy on biodiversity conservation for the next 8 years (to 2030);
- b) Proposing amendments to the Law on Biodiversity on contents related to conservation, development and sustainable use of organisms; identification and analysis of environmental and social impacts related to the development of documents and policies on the protection of endangered species under the Law on Biodiversity;
- c) Proposing amendments to Decree No. 160/2013/ND-CP on criteria for species identification and the management regime of endangered precious and rare species prioritized for protection;
- d) Contents of the document on management of endangered species conservation facilities;
- e) Draft conservation program/plan for endangered precious and rare species prioritized for protection;
- f) Draft training program to strengthen capacity for management and enforcement agencies on species protection;
- g) Draft communication program for conservation of endangered species submitted to competent authorities for promulgation;
- h) Technical manuals on care, rescue, re-release and conservation of wild animals;
- i) Species identification documents under Decree 64/2019/ND-CP, manuals for using the Spatial Monitoring and Reporting Tool (SMART) for NPs/NRs.

2. The international consultant is responsible for attending technical consultation meetings during the finalization of proposed amendments and adjustments, and for presentations on international technical inputs or peer-review under the requirements of the WLP Project Office.

3. The consultant is responsible for providing technical support for the implementation of capacity building activities, including participating in the development and inputs to the training materials on conservation of endangered species and lectures on general knowledge on biodiversity used in training activities to improve knowledge and capacity for relevant agencies.

4. Technical consultation to develop the partnership with national and international organizations and agencies in endangered species conservation:

- a) Propose an approach and cooperation mechanism with domestic and international partners, especially international partners in the field of species conservation;

b) Consulting, connecting cooperation activities with domestic and international partners on species conservation and biodiversity.

### **III. Report and working time:**

#### *3.1. Working time*

Total contract duration is 15 months, tentatively start working from September 2021 to November 2022.

#### *3.2. Required deliverables*

Consultant is responsible for completing the following deliverables in both English and Vietnamese.

<b>No</b>	<b>Documents</b>	<b>Tentatively deadline</b>
1	Comment, prepare reports and inputs for the project deliverables and documents during the project implementation as mentioned above.	Depends on Project Schedule September 2021- November 2022
2	Propose a strategy to develop the partnership forum, including: approach, cooperation mechanism, partnership strategy, mobilizing resources to carry out cooperation activities with domestic and international partners in species and biodiversity conservation.	December 2021
3	Trainign materials on techniques for conservation of endangered species and on general knowledge of biodiversity used in training and capacity building for relevant agencies.	December 2021

### **IV. Experience và personel of the consultant:**

#### **4.1 Qualifications and experience requirements**

- Minimum 10 years of experience in species sustainable development conservation, natural resouces management in Vietnam.
- Experience in developing and implementing at least 10 assignments, projects in wildlife conservation;
- Have staffs including international and nationl experts in specices conservation;
- Experience in providing consultancy in policy, law, training, communication and awareness raising on endangered specices in Vietnam;
- Proven experiences and ability to connect and establish cooperation with regional and international organizations in wildlife conservation activities;
- Experience in implementing foreign-funded contracts/ projects.

#### **4.2 Requirements for key experts**

- The key expert team include international experts with qualification in: policy/law; species conservation and communication/awareness raising.

- Team leader has at least 10 years of experience in species/biodiversity conservation; Fluent English; Experience as a technical consultant in at least 3 related tasks and projects in Vietnam; Profound understanding of wildlife conservation in Vietnam; Experience and knowledge in species conservation in countries other than Vietnam; Ability to communicate in Vietnamese is an advantage.

- The key team members has at least 5 years of experience in species/biodiversity conservation; Fluent English; Good knowledge of endangered species conservation in Vietnam; Experience in performing similar tasks; Ability to communicate in Vietnamese is an advantage.

#### **V. Responsibilities of bid solicitor:**

The PMU is responsible in controlling progress, quality of the products, ensuring that resources are provided according to the contract schedule.