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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

FOR

ASSESSING THE STATUS OF COMPLIANCE WITH ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL SAFEGUARDS BY LAPSSET PROGRAMME

RFP NO. WWF K/NRB/023

To be received on or before 5.00 P.M.

On Friday 26th February 2021,

E mail tenders@wwfkenya.org
Letter of invitation

WWF Kenya is in the process of sourcing for proposals for a consultancy services for assessing the status of compliance with environmental and social safeguards by LAPSSET programme.

Prices quoted should be net inclusive of all costs and taxes, must be expressed in Kenya shillings and shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the closing date of the tender.

Interested eligible candidates should submit completed Proposal Documents marked with the Tender Name and Number addressed to the procurement officer and sent by e mail to tenders@wwfkenya.org to be received on or before 5 pm on 26th February 2021

For any clarifications, please send your queries to kenya.procurement@wwfkenya.org no later than 2 days before the closing date.
1.0. Project background

WWF Kenya in collaboration with the National Environment Management Authority (NEMA) and LAPSSET Corridor Development Authority (LCDA) have received financial support from the Western Indian Ocean Marine Science Association (WIOMSA) towards implementation of a joint research project aimed at assessing the impact of large scale infrastructure developments on coastal biodiversity with specific focus on the LAPSSET Infrastructure Project in Lamu. The project, which covers a period of 3 years, is in its first year of implementation. The goal of the project is to provide data and information that will contribute in safeguarding and maintaining the integrity of critical coastal ecosystems (marine and terrestrial) within the LAPSSET Program area for people, economy and nature.

The research project will be confined within the LAPSSET project core area in Hindi and Basuba Wards of Lamu County. The project is focused on assessing the impacts of the LAPSSET Program in the following key areas:

i) **Biodiversity:** The project seeks to establish the trend and extent of loss of the natural capital (mangroves, coral reefs, sea grass beds, terrestrial forests, grasslands, wetlands etc.) in the study area

ii) **Community livelihoods:** A socio economic assessment by the project is important to establish the status of Project Affected Persons (PAPs) especially on their livelihoods

iii) **Physical and Land Use Planning:** The project will assess the land use and land tenure trends since the launch (2012) of the LAPSSET project High cost of LAPSSET

iv) **Environmental Management:** The project seeks to assess the status of compliance with Environmental and Social safeguards

v) **Climate mainstreaming:** The project aims to establish the climate variability/risk and adaptation considerations necessary in the design and implementation of LAPSSET programme

vi) **Institutional frameworks:** The project aims to document the capacity needs for environmental governance institutions in the LAPSSET area

2.0 Rationale for the consultancy

The LAPSSET Programme is desirous to ensure all programme related environmental and social impacts are adequately identified and managed in all its components. It is for this reason that an Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) was done in 2011 prior to the start of implementation of the programme. As part of the ESIA, an Environmental Management Plan (EMP) was put in place to guide environmental and social safeguard activities for the programme. The EMP has been the road map guiding the project to ensure compliance with appropriate safeguard measures to minimize negative impacts on the environment. The main objective of the consultancy is to review and assess the implementation and adherence by the programme activities to the safeguard measures described in the EMP as well as compliance with the EMCA CAP 387. It will also recommend areas for improvement to enhance compliance.
3.0 Consultancy objectives

i. Review environmental and social management performance of LAPSET Programme activities;
ii. Assess the progress in implementation of Environmental Management Plan (i.e. are the recommended mitigation and management measures followed?)
iii. Assess the overall effectiveness of the EMP in ensuring environmental and social safeguards by the LAPSET Programme
iv. Document lessons learnt and recommend best practices that the activities should embrace to improve compliance with safeguard measures

4.0 Scope of the consultancy

The audit’s scope will cover LAPSET Programme activities such as construction of the port; roads; jetties; offices; roads; and oil pipeline among others within the study site. The number of activities to be audited under each area will be agreed upon during negotiations with the client. The consultant will undertake the following activities in delivering the environmental and social review report:

   i. Review the EIA and EMP documents for the LAPSET Programme;
   ii. Discuss the list of activities to be reviewed with NEMA;
   iii. Review each activity approval process and assess whether it has been done in accordance with the procedures prescribed in EMP and Environmental (Impact Assessment and Audit) Regulations 2003;
   iv. Review the EMPs for selected programme activities under implementation;
   v. Assess compliance levels by the activities and the adequacy of the EMPs;
   vi. Give recommendations for improvements where necessary on the EMPs for on-going programme activities;
   vii. Assess the overall effectiveness of LAPSET Programme EMP and safeguards practices

5.0 Methodology

The methodology for undertaking the work will include:
(i) Review of relevant LAPSET programme documents including the EIA; EMP and other relevant projects reports
(ii) Undertake consultations with stakeholders involved in implementation of various LAPSET Programme activities to gather information on the sampled activities; approval process; their location and performance on safeguards
(iii) Undertake field visits specifically to the identified activity sites to assess implementation of the activity Environmental Management Plans
(iv) Undertake interviews with the project affected persons to assess social impact of the activities

Throughout the work the consultant will regularly communicate and work closely with WWF Kenya and NEMA to seek clarifications or further guidance as and when required during the course of the consultancy.

6.0 Consultancy deliverables

The main deliverables include:
i) Inception report – describing the methodology and timelines for undertaking the review
ii) Draft Environmental and Social Review Report;
iii) Presentation of draft review report to stakeholders for review and input;
iv) Submit Final Environmental and Social Review Report. The consultant will submit five hard copies and a soft copy to NEMA for review and approval
v) Dissemination of findings of final review report to stakeholders in a workshop to be organised by the client

7.0 Consultant qualifications

A consultant with relevant experience in environmental assessment and management is being sought. The consultant should have the following qualifications:

1. A Master’s Degree in any of the following fields: Environmental Sciences; Natural Resource Management; Community development, or any other relevant qualification from a recognized institution;
2. At least ten (10) years of experience in environmental assessment and management, preferably in the coastal zone;
3. Knowledge on relevant environmental legislation and project planning cycle;
4. Evidence of strong analytical and communication skills;
5. Strong understanding of the natural resources and social economic issues in the coast region;

8.0 Consultant supervision

The consultant shall report to WWF Kenya for all administrative matters while NEMA will provide overall technical supervision of the consultancy.

9.0 Consultancy duration

The consultancy is for 30 days, within a 2 months’ period. Prior to signing of the contract the consultant will present to WWF a work plan with clear timelines for delivery of the assignment for approval as well as a budget for delivering the works (as a daily professional fee since WWF Kenya shall provide logistical facilitation for undertaking the assignment).

Instructions for Submission of proposals

Interested parties are invited to submit a technical proposal outlining

(i) their understanding of these terms of references;
(ii) a proposed methodology/approach and completion period;
(iii) a capacity statement with short CVs of individuals to be involved in this assignment;
(iv) Proof of prior experience in undertaking similar consultancies- 3 letters of recommendation;
(v) a high-level workplan;
(vi) a separate financial proposal with a complete cost breakdown