

**RFP 019/17 - Revision of Forest Management Plans (FMPs) of Artsvaberd forest enterprise (Tavush marz) with integrated consideration of biodiversity, ecosystem services, climate mitigation and community resource use; Updating of mapping information on accurate boundaries of Artsvaberd FE and surrounding community lands and protected areas, becoming a part of respective governmental decision on approval of the clarified boundaries**

Q1: Could you clarify the role and tasks of Geodesy Expert as we understand that the scope in RFP is much focused on Forestry/FMPs.

A1: Right. RFP is much focused on FMPs of Artsvaberd FE, but unfortunately the boundaries between FE and surrounding communities are unclear due to non-appropriate cadastral mapping.

That's why the winner company should conduct boundary correction activities on the base of cadastral and existing FE maps, as well as if required project may purchase high resolution satellite image over certain area. Besides, these boundaries should be negotiated with local community councils and agreed acceptable boundaries for all land-users.

Q2: Could you confirm the availability of local Bench Mark Geographical Coordinates within the study area (Artsvaberd FE).

A2: We use WGS 84 Datum and Armenian Projected coordinate system (PCS).

Q3: We understand that the total area for FMP is 42007.8 ha. Please confirm that the predefined degraded forest lands (800 ha) and pasture lands of Artsvaberd FE are included in this total area of 42007.8 ha. Please clarify and elaborate. Also could you let us know the area for pasture lands of Artsvaberd FE.

A3: We confirm that degraded forest lands (800ha) are within 42007.8 ha. The area of pasture lands for Artsvaberd FE is 266.6 ha according to existing FE.

Q4: Please let us know the expected mapping output scale such as 1:20000

A4: The expected mapping output scale for FEs is 1:25000, as all basic forestry maps are on that scale, but cadastral maps have larger scales, including 1:10000.

Q5: Please confirm that the satellite imagery would be provided by UNDP and at what resolution

A5: We used to purchase Pleiades images with 0.5m panchromatic and 2m multispectral spatial resolutions. Please consider that project does not have enough resources to cover all FE area, but some disputable areas might be covered.

Q6: Could you extend the submission deadline by 1 week as that would help us submit more response proposal

A6: Yes, the deadline is extended until **21 April 2017**.