1. Background

Chobe National Park, which covers an area of around 10 590 SQ KM is located in the Northern part of Botswana within the Chobe District. The CNP was gazetted on the 08th March 1968 (GN No.4 of 1968). The Park operates with three draft plans being the CNP management plan of 2002, CNP management plan of 2008 and the CNP River Front Management plan of 2008. In order to promote management efficiency and effectiveness of the Chobe National Park it needs an approved management plan. Management plans provide direction for the management and development of the park in a manner that enhances recreational opportunities, protects park resources, and provide for public input and protection of the environment. The plans also serve as a basis for continuity and consistency when staff is transferred. They assists park management to allocate scarce resources and when deficiencies become apparent it provides a powerful argument for outside assistance or for co-operative efforts between government departments.

There is also a requirement for constant review of management plans to align with emerging challenges, policies and to meet changing needs for parks to succeed or achieve their overall objectives. To this end, the National Parks and Game Reserves Regulations require the review of protected area management plans every five years. It is for this reason that the review of Chobe National Park (CNP) Management Plan is of paramount importance at this moment.

The purpose of the review of the management plan is therefore to reconcile all previous planning efforts into a single, easy-to-read and implementable document for the day-to-day use of the Park Managers in fulfilment of the requirements of the National Park and Game Reserve Regulations of 2000 (see Moremi and Makgadikgadi Nxai Pans National Parks Plans).

Therefore, the Department of Wildlife and National Parks (DWNP) has proposed for the review of the Chobe National Park Management Plan. In light of this, UNDP is seeking to engage the services of a team of specialists led by an ecologist with extensive experience in protected area management and natural resources management to review the management plan of the Chobe National Park and ensure that the overall management plan reconciles all the previous and current planning efforts in to an implementable document.

2. Submission Requirements

Detailed terms of reference (TOR), submission requirements and terms and conditions for the assignment can be obtained from the Reception Desk on the Ground Floor, UN Building, and Government Enclave, Corner Khama Crescent and President’s Drive Or at http://procurement-notices.undp.org

3. General enquiries

Enquiries regarding any part of the RFP may be addressed to either: enquiries.bw@undp.org OR FAX: 3956093

4. Five (5) copies (1 original and 4 copies of the original) shall be submitted in sealed envelopes, and clearly marked: “RFP: Review of Management Plan for Chobe National Park”
5. Proposals shall be addressed to and delivered to the following address:
   The UNDP Resident Representative
   P.O. Box 54
   UN Building, Ground Floor Reception Desk
   Government Enclave,
   Corner Khama Crescent and Presidents’ Drive
   Gaborone, Botswana

6. Email submission are permissible and can be emailed to: procurement.bw@undp.org

7. Bids should reach the address specified above no later than 30th June 2017, 16:00 PM Botswana Time

8. The selection process will be free, fair and very transparent.