



UNDP Thailand
TERMS OF REFERENCE

Title: Technical Consultant for Development of Thailand's Protected Area System Plan

Type of Contract: Individual Contract

Duration : 1 year contract with a maximum of 144 working days

Duty Station: Bangkok, Thailand

Background

In line with the UN Partnership Assistance Framework with the Royal Thai Government (2007-2011), the project document of 'Catalyzing Sustainability of Thailand's Protected Area System (CATSPA)' was developed by the Department of National Parks, Plants and Wildlife Conservation (DNP), under the Ministry of Natural Resource and Environment (MONRE) in close collaboration with UNDP, for the funding support from the Global Environment Facilities (GEF).

The four-year, 3.36 M project aims to overcome barriers to sustainability of Thailand's protected area (PA) system, by looking into effective management and sustainable financing of protected areas. The project will also build the confidence and capacities of the PA management authorities and provide them with resources to test innovative PA management and financing schemes. In addition, it will support development of appropriate incentives, establishment of an effective monitoring system, and community participation in conservation efforts.

Systemic barriers will be addressed at the national level, while demonstrations of strengthened PA management on the ground through sustainable financing will be done at demonstration sites. These demonstrations will include, for example, developing novel models of PA management, increased participation by local communities and other stakeholders, and mobilization of diversified revenue sources, supported by improved knowledge-based planning and accounting systems.

Financial management capacity weaknesses and systemic barriers to effective management and budgeting will be addressed at the national level, while demonstrations of strengthened PA management, design of new financing mechanisms, and the increased use of improved models.

PA management and co-management will be pursued at the four pilot cases: (1) Doi Inthanon National Park, (2) Eastern Forest Complex consisting of 8 PAs (3) Tarutao Marine National Park, and (4) Klong Lan National Park + Mae Wong National Park + Huay Kha Kaeng Wildlife Sanctuary as part of the Western Forest Complex (WEFCOM Sub-complex).

To be able to tackle with problems on protected area management e.g. land use, encroachment, enhancing community participation and being more flexible in management aspects. Development of Thailand's Protected Area System Plan is likely a key factor paving the way to accomplish project's goal.

This TOR is for technical consultant to support project management unit in implementation of project outcome 1, 2 and 3:

- 1) Improved governance supports and enabling environment for long term PA system sustainability.
- 2) Institutional and Individual Capacities Enhanced
- 3) Revenue Generation Mechanisms and Management Approaches are Assessed and Tested at Pilot Units leading to Increased Effectiveness and Funding Levels of the PA sites and system

Objectives of the Assignment

- To improve overall management aspects of protected area that enabling management effectiveness
- To identify optional management approaches for Thailand's protected areas and their policy and legal requirements to be realistically applied
- To develop data system for effective planning and monitoring based on newly developed protected area categories

Scope of Work

Consultant is required to work closely in collaboration with project management unit with specific tasks on:

Task # 1: Improvement of the Current PA System

- 1.1 Review current PA System : to identify strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and risks
- 1.2 Identify innovative management approaches to address the risks and enhance opportunities for better protected area management, including
 - Budgetary and financing
 - Planning and budgeting framework
 - Economics instruments for revenue raising
 - Participation and Partnership
 - GIS and data system for effective planning and monitoring
 - Ecosystem complex management approach
- 1.3 Facilitate and provide technical advice on the planning, piloting, and capturing results of the innovative approaches

Task # 2: Proposed New Category of PA System Plan

- 2.1 Develop an options paper on a new category of PA System Plan along with their cost/benefit analysis, based on the review of the current system and perspectives from the pilot sites. The options paper will serve as a discussion paper to engage policy makers
- 2.2 Serve as a resource person to facilitate discussion among policy makers and other key stakeholders to
- 2.3 Provide recommendations on regulatory and legislative adjustments as well as changes in the existing management practices required to operationalize the new system

Task # 3: GIS and Data System for Effective Planning and Monitoring

- 3.1 Identify gaps in the current system and provide models of what such a system could include (based on that information is readily available, what information will need to be regularly collected by PA staff, what are the reporting requirements) – built on METT scorecard
- 3.2 Facilitate training, testing, further development / modification of the data system
- 3.3 Develop final GIS structure along with the recommendations on the new PA System Plan

Duration of Assignment, Duty Station and Expected Place of Travel

April 2013 – March 2014, Bangkok-based with travel to project's pilot sites

Deliverables/Output

1. Review Paper on strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and risks of Thailand's Protected Area System

2. CATSPA Activity Plan at Pilot Site Level reviewed incorporating innovative management approaches
3. Identification report of additional consultancy required
4. Recommendation report on implementation of Project's Activity Plans with key milestones met in the first year
5. Options paper on potentially new protected area categories with their cost/benefit analysis
6. Policy dialogues/ policy advocacy forum organized
7. Models on GIS and Data System for Protected Area Management
8. At least 2 Trainings and 2 manuals

Provision of Monitoring and Progress Control

The consultant will report to DNP Technical Review Committee as representative of Project Management Unit. Substantive guidance to the consultant will be provided by CATSPA project manager/director.

Degree of Expertise and Qualifications

The consultant is required to have these qualifications;

- At least 20 years of experiences as technical expert on protected area management both in Thailand and abroad
- Strong knowledge and background in protected area management, especially in the context of Thailand;
- Experience in working with government agencies in Thailand and Inter-government agencies
- Broad spectrum of publications showing protected area and biodiversity-related experience
- Good communication and facilitation skills;
- Good command of English;
- Ability to produce and publish documents as required

Scope of Price Proposal and Schedule of Payments

The consultant is to submit his/her financial proposal in daily rate. Payment will be made based on timesheet payable against work progress and delivered output duly approved by the Project Manager.

Criteria for Selection of the Best Offer

The Combined Scoring method is used for evaluation and selection. Qualification and methodology will be weighted at 70% whereas price offer will be weighted at 30%.

Please visit <http://www.th.undp.org/content/thailand/en/home/operations/procurement/> to see full job descriptions. Interested persons should submit a detailed resume, and UN Personal History Form (P11) and Price Proposal by **17 February 2013**. Women candidates are encouraged to apply. Kindly send the application to:

Procurement Unit

G.P.O Box 618, Bangkok 10501 or email to: rcb.procurement.th@undp.org

Only shortlisted candidates will be notified

Note: The closing date has been postponed to 10 March 2013