

INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT PROCUREMENT NOTICE



Date: 22 October 2018

Country: Bangkok, Thailand

Description of the assignment: Senior Advisor

Duty Station: Bangkok-based with travels to related project sites in Nong Khai and Songkla or other provinces in Thailand

Project name: Combatting Illegal Wildlife Trade, focusing on Ivory, Rhino Horn, Tiger and Pangolins in Thailand

Period of assignment/services (if applicable): 15 November 2018 to 30 November 2019 with total of 96 working days.

Proposal should be submitted no later than **5 November 2018**

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1. BACKGROUND

Illegal trade in wildlife and wildlife parts is an escalating driver of biodiversity loss. Unprecedented biological or commercial extinction of many life forms is now a critical reality throughout the world, jeopardizing the very foundations of biodiversity, including the future well-being of humans and requiring unprecedented political will, social sacrifice and law enforcement action to stem further losses. Progressively, through the advent of the Convention on Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) in 1976, together with a host of national legislative and regulatory instruments and mechanisms, the global community has moved to address the threat to thousands of species of wildlife poised by unfettered trade. Although the value of illegal trade remains uncertain, it has variously been estimated at between USD 5 – 20 billion per annum. These estimates suggest that wildlife crime is the fourth most lucrative type of transnational crime after illegal narcotics, humans and armaments.

In partnership with the Department of National Parks, Wildlife, and Plant Conservation (DNP) of Thailand, IUCN, TRAFFIC and TRACE, UNDP in Thailand has developed a Project Document on “Combatting Illegal Wildlife Trade, focusing on Ivory, Rhino Horn, tiger, and Pangolins in Thailand” with the support of USD 4.5 M from the Global Environment Facility (GEF) Cycle 6 under the

Biodiversity Focal Area (Program 3). This is a UNDP supported national child project under the ‘Global Partnership on Wildlife Conservation and Crime Prevention for Sustainable Development’ led by the World Bank.

The Project Objective is to reduce the trafficking of wildlife (focusing on elephant ivory, rhinoceros horn, tiger and pangolins) in Thailand through enhanced enforcement capacity and collaboration and targeted behavioral change campaigns. To achieve this objective, the project will utilize four strategies as follows

Component 1: Improved Cooperation, Coordination and Information Exchange. This will strengthen the collaboration mechanism and provide a platform for exchange of information among the responsible agencies for illegal wildlife trade (IWT) law enforcement.

Component 2: Enhanced Enforcement and Prosecution Capacity. This will increase the coherence and capacity of law enforcement agencies to address and deter illegal trafficking of wildlife (focusing on elephant ivory, rhinoceros horn, tigers and pangolins) through strengthening the cross-sectoral enforcement and prosecution framework.

Component 3: Reduced demand for illegal wildlife products and targeted awareness actions to support law enforcement. The project will work with partners to learn from existing efforts and achieve cumulative impact through a Steering Group and the Community of Practice on Demand Reduction. The activities will focus a well-defined systematic process for developing, implementing and evaluating SBCC initiatives. This component aims to increase awareness of prevailing laws and upcoming WARPA reforms and publicize convictions to strengthen deterrence of wildlife trafficking.

Component 4: Knowledge Management, Monitoring and Evaluation and Gender Mainstreaming. This component closely links with and underpins the other three, by supporting the sharing of knowledge, experiences and lessons learned through project implementation with project stakeholders the wider public in Thailand, and globally through the GEF-financed, World Bank-led Global Wildlife Program, of which this project is a part.

To support the implementation of the project and ensure effective implementation and timely delivery, UNDP Thailand Country Office is recruiting a Senior Advisor (SA) to work with the Department of National Parks, Wildlife and Plant Conservation (DNP) and UNDP to support Thailand in combatting illegal wildlife trade in Thailand.

2. OBJECTIVE, SCOPE OF WORK, RESPONSIBILITIES AND DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED ANALYTICAL WORK

Objective:

The objectives of the assignment are to:

- I. Advise the Project Board, Task Forces, Working Groups on strategic's project management and technical issues, including oversight of a day-to-day management, supervision over consultants and sub-contractors;
- II. Support the Project Director who will be responsible for meeting government obligations under the Project;
- III. Perform an advisory role with the government officials, local NGOs/CSOs, private sectors, universities, community leaders, with particular attention towards engagement of the Royal Thai Police and other Responsible Parties.

Scope of Work:

The SA will provide advice for the overall management and technical input to the Project, including day-to-day management, supervision of consultants and sub-contractors. The SA will report to the Project Director in close consultation with UNDP Programme Specialist for all of the Project's substantive and technical issues. Generally, the SA will support the PD who will be responsible for meeting government obligations under the Project, under the NIM execution modality. The SA will perform an advisory role with the government partners, INGOs and project partners, with particular attention towards engagement of the Royal Thai Police and IUCN, TRAFFIC and TRACE as Responsible Partner. The SA will work closely with and in support of the Project Manager and the Co-Manager.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Provide advice on overall management and technical issues of the project to the project director in close cooperation with the project manager
- Provide technical inputs with regards to the implementation of overall project to PMU on planned activities of the project to ensure that the project results are technically sound, coherent, and in accordance with the result framework.
- Provide technical inputs especially to Component 1 of the project, including leading and facilitating project inputs to Thailand WEN, and the development and operation of local inter-agency task forces for Sadao & Rattana Wapi District border regions led by the Royal Thai Police.
- Provide support for implementation of the overall project to PMU and monitor progress against the approved work-plan.
- Supervise the production of project outputs, as per the project document in a timely and high-quality fashion.
- Supervise the work of consultants and sub-contractors ensuring timing and quality of outputs.
- Liaise and coordinate with the Responsible Parties with regard to the deliverables of the project results and ensure that technical inputs from sub-contractors are integrated in the implementation of the project
- Liaise and coordinate with the Technical Advisory Consortium to ensure that their advice is taken into account during project planning and implementation processes
- Network with different stakeholders in the field

- Provide advice on the preparation, revision and submission of the project work plans, as required by Project Board and UNDP.
- Assist in the preparation of the ToRs for hiring consultants and provide quality assurance for the consultants' technical reports
- Supervise the management and monitor the project risks initially identified and submit new risks to the project board for consideration and decision on possible actions if required; update the status of these risks by maintaining the project risks log.

3. REQUIREMENTS FOR EXPERIENCE AND QUALIFICATIONS

- Thai national
- An advance university degree (MSc or PhD) in Wildlife conservation and management, forestry, natural resource management, environmental management, or related field.
- At least 10 years of experience in natural resource management, with senior responsibilities related to wildlife protection, wildlife law enforcement, CITES implementation and/or similar specializations;
- At least 5 years of demonstrable project/program management experience;
- At least 5 years of experience working with high ranking officials of ministries, national or provincial institutions that are concerned with natural resource and/or environmental management;
- Sound knowledge and understanding on illegal wildlife trade issues, biodiversity conservation and protected area land/seascape management would be preferable;
- Have experience in project implementation and result-based management;
- Have working networks with government institutions, non-governmental organisations and local practitioners related to illegal wildlife trade are a plus;
- Excellent communication (both oral and written) and partnership building skills with multi-dimension partners, people skill for conflict resolution and negotiation;
- Computer proficiency especially related to professional office software packages (Microsoft Office)
- Excellent language skills in English (writing, speaking and reading) and Thai with strong technical writing skills.

4. DURATION OF ASSIGNMENT, DUTY STATION AND EXPECTED PLACES OF TRAVEL

Duration of the Assignment

The consultant is expected to work 96 working days during the period from 15 November 2018 to 30 November 2019.

Duty Station

The consultant will work in Bangkok with travels to related project sites in Nong Khai and Songkla or other provinces in Thailand up to 4 trips. The travel will be up to 3 days for each trip.

5. FINAL PRODUCTS

Expected Outputs and Deliverables

The consultant is expected to deliver the followings:

Milestones	Target Date
1st deliverable: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Co-facilitation of the project planning workshop to support the development of a consolidated multi-year and annual workplans Advisement and provision of Technical input to Project Work plan and 1st year activity plan Advisement and provision of Technical input to Multi-year work plan and budget plan using the format provided by UNDP Facilitation of the Project Board (PB) establishment with instructions and proposed list of board members Advisement to support Thailand WEN reorganization with proposed list of committee during the 1st year of activity 	30 November 2018
2nd deliverable: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inputs for the preparation of the first Project Board Meeting and participation Minutes of the first Project Board Meeting (in Thai and English) prepared (together with the project manager) 	2 January 2019
3rd deliverable: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inputs for the preparation of Inception Workshop Participation in and provision of inputs during the Inception workshop Inception Report prepared (together with the project manager) TOR of IWT Information Management Specialist TORs for Operational task force under Thailand WEN and proposed membership 	31 January 2019

4th deliverable: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitation of Technical Advisory Consortium (TAC) establishment • Review of the first draft agreement and information-sharing protocol for Thailand WEN agencies • Meeting organized with Responsible Parties and selected consultant(s) to review and coordinate workplans. 	28 February 2019
5th deliverable: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of the operational organizational structure of Thailand WEN to deliver the strategy and action plan, • Review and facilitate membership extension of Thailand WEN to include anti-money laundering, anti-corruption and other agencies to strengthen the multi-donor approach to IWT prosecutions. • Facilitation of the establishment of Thailand WEN taskforce 	29 March 2019
6th deliverable: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TOR, proposed membership and Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) of the local inter-agency task forces established for Sadao & Rattana Wapi District border region led by Royal Thai Police Thailand WEN taskforce meetings convened, and activities documented. 	30 April 2019
7th deliverable: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategy and action plan for Thailand WEN, including budget for planned activities and responsibilities together with Project Manager • TOR of IWT Information Management Specialist (1.1.5) 	31 May 2019
8th deliverable: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local inter-agency taskforce meeting convened and activities documented 	28 June 2019
9th deliverable: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitation of a dialogue and information exchange meeting with source countries linked with legal and illegal wildlife trade in Thailand under the new “non-native species” WARPA coverage 	31 July 2019

10th deliverable: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review and guidance provided to the activities regarding to Thailand WEN reorganization. Guidance provided to Responsible Party to support the establishment of the Steering Group on IWT Demand Reduction 	30 August 2019
11th deliverable: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting with the selected Responsible Parties and consultant(s) conducted to review and coordinate 2nd year workplan. 2nd year Project Work plan and detailed activity plan prepared (together with the project manager) Submission of project new risks to the project board for consideration and decision on possible actions. 	28 September 2019
12th deliverable: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inputs provided to support the preparation of the 2nd Project Board Meeting and participation TOR of Wildlife Law Enforcement Specialist developed and submitted to UNDP Designation of specified staff from relevant agencies as Competent Officers under WARPA, or official wildlife officer facilitated 	31 October 2019

FINAL PRODUCTS:

- Project 1st Year Project Work Plan and Activity Plan for consideration of Project Board
- Inception Report
- ToR for operational task forces under Thailand WEN
- Organisational structure and revised membership of Thailand WEN
- Draft TORs of project consultants (see above)
- Workplans of responsible parties engaged by UNDP
- Agreement for an information-sharing protocol for Thailand WEN agencies
- List of the designation of specified staff of relevant agencies as Competent Officers under WARPA, or official wildlife officer
- Project Work Plan and 2nd year Activity Plan for consideration of Project Board
- Updated Project risk log
- Monthly progress report must be submitted at the end of each month, detailing the outputs, key observations, and work plan for the following months.

6. PROVISION OF MONITORING AND PROGRESS CONTROLS

Institutional Arrangement

The consultant will report to the Project Director and UNDP Programme Specialist, IGSD Unit, UNDP Thailand.

7. DOCUMENTS TO BE INCLUDED WHEN SUBMITTING THE PROPOSALS.

Interested individual consultants must submit the following documents/information to demonstrate their qualifications. Please group them into **one (1) single PDF document** as the application only allows to upload maximum one document:

- **Personal CV**, indicating all past experience from similar projects, as well as the contact details (email and telephone number) of the Candidate and at least three (3) professional references.
- **A cover letter indicating brief description** of a) why the individual considers him/herself as the most suitable for the assignment; and b) how he/she will approach and complete the assignment.
- **Letter of Confirmation of Interest and Availability and financial proposal**, as per template provided in Annex III. Note: National consultants must quote prices in Thai Baht.

Incomplete proposals may not be considered. The short listed candidates may be contacted and the successful candidate will be notified

8. FINANCIAL PROPOSAL

Price Proposal and Schedule of Payment :

Consultant must send a financial proposal based on **Lump Sum Amount**. The total amount quoted shall be all-inclusive and include all costs components required to perform the deliverables identified in the TOR, including professional fee, travel costs, living allowance (if any work is to be done outside the IC's duty station) and any other applicable cost to be incurred by the IC in completing the assignment. The contract price will be fixed output-based price regardless of extension of the herein specified duration. Payments will be done upon completion of the deliverables/outputs and as per below percentages:

Deliverable	Weight for payment
1 st payment upon submission of draft project workplan and first year activity plan (November 2018)	8.33%
2 nd payment upon submission of the report of the first project Board meeting in Thai and English (early January 2019)	8.33%
3 rd payment (end of January 2019) upon submission of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inception Report • TOR of IWT Information Management Specialist • TORs for Operational task force under Thailand-WEN and proposed membership 	8.33%
4 th payment (February 2019) upon submission of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TOR of Technical Advisory Consortium (TAC) • First draft agreement and information-sharing protocol for Thailand WEN agencies • Report on the meeting with Responsible Parties and selected consultant(s) to review and coordinate workplans. 	8.33%
5 th payment (March 2019) upon submission of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A review on the operational organizational structure of Thailand WEN to deliver the strategy and action plan and extension of the membership of Thailand WEN to include anti-money laundering, anti-corruption and other agencies to strengthen the multi-door approach to IWT prosecutions. 	8.33%
6 th payment (April 2019) upon submission of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TOR and list of the proposed membership and SOP of the local inter-agency task forces established for Sadao & Rattana-wapi District border region led by Royal Thai Police • Report of Thailand WEN taskforce meetings 	8.33%
7 th payment (May 2019) upon submission of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TOR of IWT Information Management Specialist (1.1.5) • Strategy and action plan for Thailand WEN, including budget for planned activities and responsibilities 	8.33%
8 th payment (June 2019) upon submission of:	8.33%

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report of local inter-agency taskforce meeting and activities. 	
9 th payment (July 2019) upon submission of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report on the dialogue and information exchange with source countries linked with legal and illegal wildlife trade in Thailand under the new “non-native species” WARPA coverage 	8.33%
10 th payment (August 2019) upon submission of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report on Guidance provided to Responsible Party to support the establishment of Steering Group on IWT Demand Reduction 	8.33%
11 th payment (September 2019) upon submission of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report on the meeting with the selected Responsible Parties and consultant(s) to review and coordinate workplans. Draft 2nd year Project Work plan and detailed activity plan Updated project risk log 	8.33%
12 th payment (October 2019) upon submission of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Summary of inputs provided to support the preparation of the 2nd Project Board Meeting and participation. TOR of Wildlife Law Enforcement Specialist developed and submitted to UNDP Designation of specified staff of relevant agencies as Competent Officers under WARPA, or official wildlife officer 	8.33%

In general, UNDP shall not accept travel costs exceeding those of an economy class ticket. Should the IC wish to travel on a higher class he/she should do so using their own resources

In the event of unforeseeable travel not anticipated in this TOR, payment of travel costs including tickets, lodging and terminal expenses should be agreed upon, between the respective business unit and the Individual Consultant, prior to travel and will be reimbursed.

Travel costs shall be reimbursed at actual but not exceeding the quotation from UNDP approved travel agent. The provided living allowance will not be exceeding UNDP DSA rates. Repatriation travel cost from home to duty station in Bangkok and return shall not be covered by UNDP.

9. EVALUATION

Criteria for Selection of the Best Offer

Individual consultants will be evaluated based on the **cumulative analysis**. The award of the contract shall be made to the individual consultant whose offer has been evaluated and determined as a) responsive/compliant/acceptable; and b) having received the highest score out of set of weighted technical criteria (70%) and financial criteria (30%). Financial score shall be computed as a ratio of the proposal being evaluated and the lowest priced proposal received by UNDP for the assignment.

Technical Criteria for Evaluation (Maximum 70 points)

1. **Relevance of Education** – Max 10 points
2. **Special skills** (e.g. writing, presentation and facilitation etc.) - Max 10 Points
3. **Relevance of experience in area of specialisation** (e.g. wildlife conservation and management, environmental management, development study, issues in developing countries, institutional capacity development etc) - Max 15 points
4. **Relevance of experience in key areas** (e.g. project development and/or programme management) – Max 20 points
5. **Assessment of a cover letter** – Max 15 Points

Only candidates obtaining a minimum of 49 points (70% of the total technical points) would be considered for the Financial Evaluation.

ANNEXES

Annex I - TOR_Senior Advisor

Annex II- General Condition of Contract

Annex III - Offeror's Letter to UNDP Confirming Interest and Availability for the Individual IC, including Financial Proposal Template

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