



REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

NAME & ADDRESS OF FIRM	DATE: 19 March, 2019
	REFERENCE: RFP/FJI10-005-2019

Dear Sir / Madam:

We kindly request you to submit your Proposal for **Invasive Iguana Community Outreach in Northern Division**

Please be guided by the form attached hereto as Annex 2, in preparing your Proposal.

Proposals may be submitted on or before **Tuesday, April 2, 2019 (FJ Time)** and via email to the address below:

Etenderbox.pacific@undp.org

Your Proposal must be expressed in the English, and valid for a minimum period of 150 days

In the course of preparing your Proposal, it shall remain your responsibility to ensure that it reaches the address above on or before the deadline. Proposals that are received by UNDP after the deadline indicated above, for whatever reason, shall not be considered for evaluation. If you are submitting your Proposal by email, kindly ensure that they are signed and in the .pdf format, and free from any virus or corrupted files.

Services proposed shall be reviewed and evaluated based on completeness and compliance of the Proposal and responsiveness with the requirements of the RFP and all other annexes providing details of UNDP requirements.

The Proposal that complies with all of the requirements, meets all the evaluation criteria and offers the best value for money shall be selected and awarded the contract. Any offer that does not meet the requirements shall be rejected.

Any discrepancy between the unit price and the total price shall be re-computed by UNDP, and the unit price shall prevail and the total price shall be corrected. If the Service Provider does not accept the final price based on UNDP's re-computation and correction of errors, its Proposal will be rejected.

No price variation due to escalation, inflation, fluctuation in exchange rates, or any other market factors shall be accepted by UNDP after it has received the Proposal. At the time of Award of Contract or Purchase Order, UNDP reserves the right to vary (increase or decrease) the quantity of services and/or goods, by up to a maximum twenty five per cent (25%) of the total offer, without any change in the unit price or other terms and conditions.

Any Contract or Purchase Order that will be issued as a result of this RFP shall be subject to the General Terms and Conditions attached hereto. The mere act of submission of a Proposal implies that the Service Provider accepts without question the General Terms and Conditions of UNDP, herein attached as Annex 3.

Please be advised that UNDP is not bound to accept any Proposal, nor award a contract or Purchase Order, nor be responsible for any costs associated with a Service Providers preparation and submission of a Proposal, regardless of the outcome or the manner of conducting the selection process.

UNDP's vendor protest procedure is intended to afford an opportunity to appeal for persons or firms not awarded a Purchase Order or Contract in a competitive procurement process. In the event that you believe you have not been fairly treated, you can find detailed information about vendor protest procedures in the following link:

<http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/operations/procurement/protestandsanctions/>

UNDP encourages every prospective Service Provider to prevent and avoid conflicts of interest, by disclosing to UNDP if you, or any of your affiliates or personnel, were involved in the preparation of the requirements, design, cost estimates, and other information used in this RFP.

UNDP implements a zero tolerance on fraud and other proscribed practices, and is committed to preventing, identifying and addressing all such acts and practices against UNDP, as well as third parties involved in UNDP activities. UNDP expects its Service Providers to adhere to the UN Supplier Code of Conduct found in this link : http://www.un.org/depts/ptd/pdf/conduct_english.pdf

Thank you and we look forward to receiving your Proposal.

Sincerely yours,

Vimal Pillay
Procurement Associate

Description of Requirements

Context of the Requirement	Fiji Invasive Alien Species (IAS) Project Community Outreach
Implementing Partner of UNDP	Biosecurity Authority of Fiji (BAF)
Brief Description of the Required Services ¹	<p>Under the Fiji IAS Project (output 3.1) a <i>comprehensive public outreach program</i> will be established that will endeavor to reach every community on the target islands multiple times to enlist the help of as much of the population as possible in reporting new invasive species and maintain their continued sensitivity to the topic. The outreach strategy will be built upon the core message of “IAS and biosecurity is everyone’s responsibility” to broaden support for both the Giant Invasive Alien Species (GII) eradication and increase personal and stakeholder responsibility for strengthened IAS management more broadly.</p> <p>The status of GII on Taveuni remains unknown. Determining this status must be the highest priority for this position because it, in turn, determines the best options for managing and eradicating GII in Fiji. This project will assess whether GII have successfully become established on Taveuni through the implementation of two simultaneous strategies.</p> <p>Public outreach will be used to inform communities of the threat the GII poses to their livelihoods, but, more importantly, will seek from them all recent reports of iguana sightings and their cooperation in quickly reporting any further sightings. All credible sightings will then be followed up by project staff to assess whether GII inhabit the reported locality. Outreach will be continued at a high rate for a period of at least 1-2 years to ensure the best possible coverage of the island’s communities. Seeking reports of GII from island inhabitants is critical for evaluating whether any populations are established. Having the general population informed of the threat that GII pose, staying sensitive to possible sightings, and quickly reporting sightings to project staff will tremendously increase the chances of detecting GII when at the low population densities characteristic of an incipient population. Outreach activities will be targeted to all sectors of the population and project staff will include representatives from those same communities.</p> <p>Conduct a baseline survey of inhabitants of Qamea and Taveuni to determine their perceptions of damage to crops, structures, or other aspects of their livelihoods from the GII.</p> <p>UNDP is seeking for a service provider for a public outreach program</p>

¹ A detailed TOR may be attached if the information listed in this Annex is not sufficient to fully describe the nature of the work and other details of the requirements.

List and Description of Expected Outputs to be Delivered	<p>Service provider will be expected to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Develop a multi-year public outreach program/strategy to ensure widespread awareness of the impacts of GII amongst resource-owning communities in Qamea, Laucala, Matagi, Taveuni, Vuibani, Vanua Levu and private sectors, including resorts/hotels 2. Implement the public-outreach program in collaboration with BAF and key government stakeholders to create awareness for communities in Taveuni, Qamea, Matagi, Vuibani, Laucala, Vanua Levu and private sectors, including resorts/hotels. 3. Consultant is expected to continue supporting on-going outreach. 4. Provide technical training and awareness with BAF officers, including the Temporary Biosecurity Officers 5. Develop awareness materials in close collaboration with BAF and UNDP 6. Draft 4 articles on eradication efforts in Qamea, Laucala, Matagi, Taveuni. Finalized copy to be submitted to media through UNDP and BAF 7. Participation and support for at least two consultations aimed at discussing progress and seeking stakeholder reviews of strategy. 8. Report the findings of the stakeholder survey of perceived impacts from GII on crops, structures, or other aspects of their livelihoods.
Person to Supervise the Work/Performance of the Service Provider	The service provider will be monitored, overseen and supervised by the Biosecurity Authority of Fiji, through the IAS Project Manager, in close cooperation with UNDP - Pacific Office Fiji
Frequency of Reporting	Deliverables and schedules are specified as per payment schedule on page 22
Progress Reporting Requirements	The consultant will be monitored, overseen and supervised by the UNDP Pacific Office in Fiji in close cooperation with the Biosecurity Authority of Fiji.
Location of work	Fiji Based
Expected duration of work	150 days
Target start date	22 April 2019
Latest completion date	31 January 2020
Travels Expected	Consultant expected to conduct at least 4 field missions to communities in Taveuni, Qamea, Matagi, Vuibani, Laucala Vanua Levu and private sector including resorts/hotels.
Special Security Requirements	N/A
Facilities to be Provided by UNDP (i.e., must be excluded from Price Proposal)	<p>N/A</p> <p>NOTE:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Service provider to arrange Office space and facilities including Laptop etc.</p>

Implementation Schedule indicating breakdown and timing of activities/sub-activities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Required		
Names and curriculum vitae of individuals who will be involved in completing the services	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Required		
Currency of Proposal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local Currency FJD		
Value Added Tax on Price Proposal ²	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> must be inclusive of VAT and other applicable indirect taxes		
Validity Period of Proposals (Counting for the last day of submission of quotes)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 150 days In exceptional circumstances, UNDP may request the Proposer to extend the validity of the Proposal beyond what has been initially indicated in this RFP. The Proposal shall then confirm the extension in writing, without any modification whatsoever on the Proposal.		
Partial Quotes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not permitted		
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Person(s) to review/inspect/ approve outputs/completed services and authorize the disbursement of payment	UNDP Resilience and Sustainable Development Team and BAF		
Type of Contract to be Signed	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Institutional Contract		

² VAT exemption status varies from one country to another. Pls. check whatever is applicable to the UNDP CO/BU requiring the service.

³ UNDP preference is not to pay any amount in advance upon signing of contract. If the Service Provider strictly requires payment in advance, it will be limited only up to 20% of the total price quoted. For any higher percentage, or any amount advanced exceeding \$30,000, UNDP shall require the Service Provider to submit a bank guarantee or bank cheque payable to UNDP, in the same amount as the payment advanced by UNDP to the Service Provider.

<p>Criteria for Contract Award</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Highest Combined Score (based on the 70% technical offer and 30% price weight distribution)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Full acceptance of the UNDP Contract General Terms and Conditions (GTC). This is a mandatory criteria and cannot be deleted regardless of the nature of services required. Non acceptance of the GTC may be grounds for the rejection of the Proposal.</p>
<p>Criteria for the Assessment of Proposal</p>	<p><u>Technical Proposal (70%)</u></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Expertise of the Firm 30%</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Methodology, Its Appropriateness to the Condition and Timeliness of the Implementation Plan 50%</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Management Structure and Qualification of Key Personnel 20%</p> <p>Expertise of the firm / organization: (30%)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Valid business registration(2%) • Company Profile (4%) • Have at least 5 -years of relevant experience in biodiversity conservation, protected area management and safeguarding of unique/threatened species to Fiji;(6%) • At least 5 years of experience in supporting/empowering communities to make informed decisions about for community led conservation efforts. Experience in facilitating community participatory efforts is advantageous. (4%) • Possess a solid understanding of management of invasive alien species including the Giant Invasive and biosecurity(6%) • Experience in compiling technical reports and publications(4% • Experience in developing and supporting communications plans/educational programs with communities. Experience with schools is advantageous(4%) <p>Proposed Methodology, Approach and Implementation Plan (50%)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan and Capacity to conduct the Assignment including surveys and community awareness raising efforts. <p>Personnel (20%)</p> <p>Qualification and experience of the Team Member(s)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Team Leader to have Master’s degree in Biology/Conservation and/or a related field (5%) ▪ Team leader to have at least 5 years in the relevant field (5%) ▪ Team members to have Bachelor’s Degree in Science including Biology, Geography, Communications, Development studies and/or related areas with solid understanding of the various environmental issues in Fiji. A Post-graduate degree would be an added advantage;(5%) ▪ Members to have at least 3 years’ experience in related field (5%)

	<p>Expression of interest to be accompanied by financial proposal and methodology in achieving the deliverables identified. Copies of work should be submitted.</p> <p>Financial Proposal (30%) To be computed as a ratio of the Proposal's offer to the lowest price among the proposals received by UNDP.</p>
UNDP will award the contract to:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> One and only one Service Provider
Annexes to this RFP ⁴	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form for Submission of Proposal (Annex 2) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General Terms and Conditions / Special Conditions (Annex 3) ⁵ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Detailed TOR
Contact Person for Inquiries (Written inquiries only) ⁶	<p><i>Vimal Pillay</i> <i>Procurement Associate</i> Procurement.fj@undp.org</p> <p>Any delay in UNDP's response shall be not used as a reason for extending the deadline for submission, unless UNDP determines that such an extension is necessary and communicates a new deadline to the Proposers.</p>
Other Information [pls. specify]	

⁴ Where the information is available in the web, a URL for the information may simply be provided.

⁵ Service Providers are alerted that non-acceptance of the terms of the General Terms and Conditions (GTC) may be grounds for disqualification from this procurement process.

⁶ This contact person and address is officially designated by UNDP. If inquiries are sent to other person/s or address/es, even if they are UNDP staff, UNDP shall have no obligation to respond nor can UNDP confirm that the query was received.

FORM FOR SUBMITTING SERVICE PROVIDER'S PROPOSAL⁷

(This Form must be submitted only using the Service Provider's Official Letterhead/Stationery⁸)

[insert: Location].

[insert: Date]

To: [insert: Name and Address of UNDP focal point]

Dear Sir/Madam:

We, the undersigned, hereby offer to render the following services to UNDP in conformity with the requirements defined in the RFP dated [specify date] , and all of its attachments, as well as the provisions of the UNDP General Contract Terms and Conditions :

A. Qualifications of the Service Provider

The Service Provider must describe and explain how and why they are the best entity that can deliver the requirements of UNDP by indicating the following:

- a) Profile – describing the nature of business, field of expertise, licenses, certifications, accreditations;*
- b) Business Licenses – Registration Papers, Tax Payment Certification, etc.*
- c) Track Record – list of clients for similar services as those required by UNDP, indicating description of contract scope, contract duration, contract value, contact references;*
- d) Certificates and Accreditation – including Quality Certificates, Patent Registrations, Environmental Sustainability Certificates, etc. (If Any)*
- e) Written Self-Declaration that the company is not in the UN Security Council 1267/1989 List, UN Procurement Division List or Other UN Ineligibility List.*

B. Proposed Methodology for the Completion of Services

The Service Provider must describe how it will address/deliver the demands of the RFP; providing a detailed description of the essential performance characteristics, reporting conditions and quality assurance mechanisms that will be put in place, while demonstrating that the proposed methodology will be appropriate to the local conditions and context of the work.

⁷ This serves as a guide to the Service Provider in preparing the Proposal.

⁸ Official Letterhead/Stationery must indicate contact details – addresses, email, phone and fax numbers – for verification purposes

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C. Qualifications of Key Personnel

If required by the RFP, the Service Provider must provide:

- a) *Names and qualifications of the key personnel that will perform the services indicating who is Team Leader, who are supporting, etc.;*
- b) *CVs demonstrating qualifications must be submitted if required by the RFP; and*
- c) *Written confirmation from each personnel that they are available for the entire duration of the contract.*

D. Cost Breakdown per Deliverable*

	Deliverables <i>[list them as referred to in the RFP]</i>	Percentage of Total Price <i>(Weight for payment)</i>	Price <i>(Lump Sum, All Inclusive)</i>
1			
2			
3		
	Total	100%	

**This shall be the basis of the payment tranches*

E. Cost Breakdown by Cost Component [This is only an Example]:

Description of Activity	Remuneration per Unit of Time	Total Period of Engagement	No. of Personnel	Total Rate
I. Personnel Services				
Professional fee for staff				
Senior Staff				
Support Staff				
II. Related Costs				
Travel for each destination				
Living allowance				
III. Administrative costs				

[Name and Signature of the Service Provider's Authorized Person]
[Designation]
[Date]

General Terms and Conditions for Services

1.0 LEGAL STATUS:

The Contractor shall be considered as having the legal status of an independent contractor vis-à-vis the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). The Contractor's personnel and sub-contractors shall not be considered in any respect as being the employees or agents of UNDP or the United Nations.

2.0 SOURCE OF INSTRUCTIONS:

The Contractor shall neither seek nor accept instructions from any authority external to UNDP in connection with the performance of its services under this Contract. The Contractor shall refrain from any action that may adversely affect UNDP or the United Nations and shall fulfill its commitments with the fullest regard to the interests of UNDP.

3.0 CONTRACTOR'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR EMPLOYEES:

The Contractor shall be responsible for the professional and technical competence of its employees and will select, for work under this Contract, reliable individuals who will perform effectively in the implementation of this Contract, respect the local customs, and conform to a high standard of moral and ethical conduct.

4.0 ASSIGNMENT:

The Contractor shall not assign, transfer, pledge or make other disposition of this Contract or any part thereof, or any of the Contractor's rights, claims or obligations under this Contract except with the prior written consent of UNDP.

5.0 SUB-CONTRACTING:

In the event the Contractor requires the services of sub-contractors, the Contractor shall obtain the prior written approval and clearance of UNDP for all sub-contractors. The approval of UNDP of a sub-contractor shall not relieve the Contractor of any of its obligations under this Contract. The terms of any sub-contract shall be subject to and conform to the provisions of this Contract.

6.0 OFFICIALS NOT TO BENEFIT:

The Contractor warrants that no official of UNDP or the United Nations has received or will be offered by the Contractor any direct or indirect benefit arising from this Contract or the award thereof. The Contractor agrees that breach of this provision is a breach of an essential term of this Contract.

7.0 INDEMNIFICATION:

The Contractor shall indemnify, hold and save harmless, and defend, at its own expense, UNDP, its officials, agents, servants and employees from and against all suits, claims, demands, and liability of any nature or kind, including their costs and expenses, arising out of acts or omissions of the Contractor, or the Contractor's employees, officers, agents or sub-contractors, in the performance of this Contract. This provision shall extend, inter alia, to claims and liability in the nature of workmen's compensation, products liability and liability arising out of the use of patented inventions or devices, copyrighted material or other intellectual property by the Contractor, its employees, officers, agents, servants or sub-contractors. The obligations under this Article do not lapse upon termination of this Contract.

8.0 INSURANCE AND LIABILITIES TO THIRD PARTIES:

8.1 The Contractor shall provide and thereafter maintain insurance against all risks in respect of its property and any equipment used for the execution of this Contract.

8.2 The Contractor shall provide and thereafter maintain all appropriate workmen's compensation insurance, or the equivalent, with respect to its employees to cover claims for personal injury or death in connection with this Contract.

8.3 The Contractor shall also provide and thereafter maintain liability insurance in an adequate amount to cover third party claims for death or bodily injury, or loss of or damage to property, arising from or in connection with the provision of services under this Contract or the operation of any vehicles, boats, airplanes or other equipment owned or leased by the Contractor or its agents, servants, employees or sub-contractors performing work or services in connection with this Contract.

8.4 Except for the workmen's compensation insurance, the insurance policies under this Article shall:

8.4.1 Name UNDP as additional insured;

8.4.2 Include a waiver of subrogation of the Contractor's rights to the insurance carrier against the UNDP;

8.4.3 Provide that the UNDP shall receive thirty (30) days written notice from the insurers prior to any cancellation or change of coverage.

8.5 The Contractor shall, upon request, provide the UNDP with satisfactory evidence of the insurance required under this Article.

9.0 ENCUMBRANCES/LIENS:

The Contractor shall not cause or permit any lien, attachment or other encumbrance by any person to be placed on file or to remain on file in any public office or on file with the UNDP against any monies due or to become due for any work done or materials furnished under this Contract, or by reason of any other claim or demand against the Contractor.

10.0 TITLE TO EQUIPMENT:

Title to any equipment and supplies that may be furnished by UNDP shall rest with UNDP and any such equipment shall be returned to UNDP at the conclusion of this Contract or when no longer needed by the Contractor. Such equipment, when returned to UNDP, shall be in the same condition as when delivered to the Contractor, subject to normal wear and tear. The Contractor shall be liable to compensate UNDP for equipment determined to be damaged or degraded beyond normal wear and tear.

11.0 COPYRIGHT, PATENTS AND OTHER PROPRIETARY RIGHTS:

11.1 Except as is otherwise expressly provided in writing in the Contract, the UNDP shall be entitled to all intellectual property and other proprietary rights including, but not limited to, patents, copyrights, and trademarks, with regard to products, processes, inventions, ideas, know-how, or documents and other materials which the Contractor has developed for the UNDP under the Contract and which bear a direct relation to or are produced or prepared or collected in consequence of, or during the course of, the performance of the Contract, and the Contractor acknowledges and agrees that such products, documents and other materials constitute works made for hire for the UNDP.

11.2 To the extent that any such intellectual property or other proprietary rights consist of any intellectual property or other proprietary rights of the Contractor: (i) that pre-existed the performance by the Contractor of its obligations under the Contract, or (ii) that the Contractor may develop or acquire, or may have developed or acquired, independently of the performance of its obligations under the Contract, the UNDP does not and shall not claim any ownership interest thereto, and the Contractor grants to the UNDP a perpetual license to use such intellectual property or other proprietary right solely for the purposes of and in accordance with the requirements of the Contract.

11.3 At the request of the UNDP; the Contractor shall take all necessary steps, execute all necessary documents and generally assist in securing such proprietary rights and transferring or licensing them to the UNDP in compliance with the requirements of the applicable law and of the Contract.

11.4 Subject to the foregoing provisions, all maps, drawings, photographs, mosaics, plans, reports, estimates, recommendations, documents, and all other data compiled by or received by the Contractor under the Contract shall be the property of the UNDP, shall be made available for use or inspection by the UNDP at reasonable times and in

reasonable places, shall be treated as confidential, and shall be delivered only to UNDP authorized officials on completion of work under the Contract.

12.0 USE OF NAME, EMBLEM OR OFFICIAL SEAL OF UNDP OR THE UNITED NATIONS:

The Contractor shall not advertise or otherwise make public the fact that it is a Contractor with UNDP, nor shall the Contractor, in any manner whatsoever use the name, emblem or official seal of UNDP or THE United Nations, or any abbreviation of the name of UNDP or United Nations in connection with its business or otherwise.

13.0 CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF DOCUMENTS AND INFORMATION:

Information and data that is considered proprietary by either Party and that is delivered or disclosed by one Party ("Discloser") to the other Party ("Recipient") during the course of performance of the Contract, and that is designated as confidential ("Information"), shall be held in confidence by that Party and shall be handled as follows:

13.1 The recipient ("Recipient") of such information shall:

13.1.1 use the same care and discretion to avoid disclosure, publication or dissemination of the Discloser's Information as it uses with its own similar information that it does not wish to disclose, publish or disseminate; and,

13.1.2 use the Discloser's Information solely for the purpose for which it was disclosed.

13.2 Provided that the Recipient has a written agreement with the following persons or entities requiring them to treat the Information confidential in accordance with the Contract and this Article 13, the Recipient may disclose Information to:

13.2.1 any other party with the Discloser's prior written consent; and,

13.2.2 the Recipient's employees, officials, representatives and agents who have a need to know such Information for purposes of performing obligations under the Contract, and employees officials, representatives and agents of any legal entity that it controls controls it, or with which it is under common control, who have a need to know such Information for purposes of performing obligations under the Contract, provided that, for these purposes a controlled legal entity means:

13.2.2.1 a corporate entity in which the Party owns or otherwise controls, whether directly or indirectly, over fifty percent (50%) of voting shares thereof; or,

13.2.2.2 any entity over which the Party exercises effective managerial control; or,

13.2.2.3 for the UNDP, an affiliated Fund such as UNCDF, UNIFEM and UNV.

13.3 The Contractor may disclose Information to the extent required by law, provided that, subject to and without any waiver of the privileges and immunities of the United Nations, the Contractor will give the UNDP sufficient prior notice of a request for the disclosure of Information in order to allow the UNDP to have a reasonable opportunity

to take protective measures or such other action as may be appropriate before any such disclosure is made.

- 13.4** The UNDP may disclose Information to the extent as required pursuant to the Charter of the UN, resolutions or regulations of the General Assembly, or rules promulgated by the Secretary-General.
- 13.5** The Recipient shall not be precluded from disclosing Information that is obtained by the Recipient from a third party without restriction, is disclosed by the Discloser to a third party without any obligation of confidentiality, is previously known by the Recipient, or at any time is developed by the Recipient completely independently of any disclosures hereunder.
- 13.6** These obligations and restrictions of confidentiality shall be effective during the term of the Contract, including any extension thereof, and, unless otherwise provided in the Contract, shall remain effective following any termination of the Contract.

14.0 FORCE MAJEURE; OTHER CHANGES IN CONDITIONS

- 14.1** In the event of and as soon as possible after the occurrence of any cause constituting force majeure, the Contractor shall give notice and full particulars in writing to the UNDP, of such occurrence or change if the Contractor is thereby rendered unable, wholly or in part, to perform its obligations and meet its responsibilities under this Contract. The Contractor shall also notify the UNDP of any other changes in conditions or the occurrence of any event that interferes or threatens to interfere with its performance of this Contract. On receipt of the notice required under this Article, the UNDP shall take such action as, in its sole discretion; it considers to be appropriate or necessary in the circumstances, including the granting to the Contractor of a reasonable extension of time in which to perform its obligations under this Contract.
- 14.2** If the Contractor is rendered permanently unable, wholly, or in part, by reason of force majeure to perform its obligations and meet its responsibilities under this Contract, the UNDP shall have the right to suspend or terminate this Contract on the same terms and conditions as are provided for in Article 15, "Termination", except that the period of notice shall be seven (7) days instead of thirty (30) days.
- 14.3** Force majeure as used in this Article means acts of God, war (whether declared or not), invasion, revolution, insurrection, or other acts of a similar nature or force.
- 14.4** The Contractor acknowledges and agrees that, with respect to any obligations under the Contract that the Contractor must perform in or for any areas in which the UNDP is engaged in, preparing to engage in, or disengaging from any peacekeeping, humanitarian or similar operations, any delays or failure to perform such obligations arising from or relating to harsh conditions within such areas or to any incidents of civil unrest occurring in such areas shall not, in and of itself, constitute force majeure under the Contract..

15.0 TERMINATION

- 15.1** Either party may terminate this Contract for cause, in whole or in part, upon thirty (30) days notice, in writing, to the other party. The initiation of arbitral proceedings in accordance with Article 16.2 (“Arbitration”), below, shall not be deemed a termination of this Contract.
- 15.2** UNDP reserves the right to terminate without cause this Contract at any time upon 15 days prior written notice to the Contractor, in which case UNDP shall reimburse the Contractor for all reasonable costs incurred by the Contractor prior to receipt of the notice of termination.
- 15.3** In the event of any termination by UNDP under this Article, no payment shall be due from UNDP to the Contractor except for work and services satisfactorily performed in conformity with the express terms of this Contract.
- 15.4** Should the Contractor be adjudged bankrupt, or be liquidated or become insolvent, or should the Contractor make an assignment for the benefit of its creditors, or should a Receiver be appointed on account of the insolvency of the Contractor, the UNDP may, without prejudice to any other right or remedy it may have under the terms of these conditions, terminate this Contract forthwith. The Contractor shall immediately inform the UNDP of the occurrence of any of the above events.

16.0 SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES

- 16.1 Amicable Settlement:** The Parties shall use their best efforts to settle amicably any dispute, controversy or claim arising out of this Contract or the breach, termination or invalidity thereof. Where the parties wish to seek such an amicable settlement through conciliation, the conciliation shall take place in accordance with the UNCITRAL Conciliation Rules then obtaining, or according to such other procedure as may be agreed between the parties.
- 16.2 Arbitration:** Any dispute, controversy, or claim between the Parties arising out of the Contract or the breach, termination, or invalidity thereof, unless settled amicably under Article 16.1, above, within sixty (60) days after receipt by one Party of the other Party’s written request for such amicable settlement, shall be referred by either Party to arbitration in accordance with the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules then obtaining. The decisions of the arbitral tribunal shall be based on general principles of international commercial law. For all evidentiary questions, the arbitral tribunal shall be guided by the Supplementary Rules Governing the Presentation and Reception of Evidence in International Commercial Arbitration of the International Bar Association, 28 May 1983 edition. The arbitral tribunal shall be empowered to order the return or destruction of goods or any property, whether tangible or intangible, or of any confidential information provided under the Contract, order the termination of the Contract, or order that any other protective measures be taken with respect to the goods, services or any other property, whether tangible or intangible, or of any confidential information provided under the Contract, as appropriate, all in accordance with the authority of the arbitral tribunal pursuant to Article 26 (“Interim Measures of Protection”) and Article 32 (“Form and Effect of the Award”) of the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules. The arbitral

tribunal shall have no authority to award punitive damages. In addition, unless otherwise expressly provided in the Contract, the arbitral tribunal shall have no authority to award interest in excess of the London Inter-Bank Offered Rate ("LIBOR") then prevailing, and any such interest shall be simple interest only. The Parties shall be bound by any arbitration award rendered as a result of such arbitration as the final adjudication of any such dispute, controversy, or claim.

17.0 PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES:

Nothing in or relating to this Contract shall be deemed a waiver, express or implied, of any of the privileges and immunities of the United Nations, including its subsidiary organs.

18.0 TAX EXEMPTION

18.1 Section 7 of the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations provides, inter-alia that the United Nations, including its subsidiary organs, is exempt from all direct taxes, except charges for public utility services, and is exempt from customs duties and charges of a similar nature in respect of articles imported or exported for its official use. In the event any governmental authority refuses to recognize the United Nations exemption from such taxes, duties or charges, the Contractor shall immediately consult with the UNDP to determine a mutually acceptable procedure.

18.2 Accordingly, the Contractor authorizes UNDP to deduct from the Contractor's invoice any amount representing such taxes, duties or charges, unless the Contractor has consulted with the UNDP before the payment thereof and the UNDP has, in each instance, specifically authorized the Contractor to pay such taxes, duties or charges under protest. In that event, the Contractor shall provide the UNDP with written evidence that payment of such taxes, duties or charges has been made and appropriately authorized.

19.0 CHILD LABOUR

19.1 The Contractor represents and warrants that neither it, nor any of its suppliers is engaged in any practice inconsistent with the rights set forth in the Convention on the Rights of the Child, including Article 32 thereof, which, inter alia, requires that a child shall be protected from performing any work that is likely to be hazardous or to interfere with the child's education, or to be harmful to the child's health or physical mental, spiritual, moral or social development.

19.2 Any breach of this representation and warranty shall entitle UNDP to terminate this Contract immediately upon notice to the Contractor, at no cost to UNDP.

20.0 MINES:

20.1 The Contractor represents and warrants that neither it nor any of its suppliers is actively and directly engaged in patent activities, development, assembly, production, trade or

manufacture of mines or in such activities in respect of components primarily utilized in the manufacture of Mines. The term "Mines" means those devices defined in Article 2, Paragraphs 1, 4 and 5 of Protocol II annexed to the Convention on Prohibitions and Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects of 1980.

20.2 Any breach of this representation and warranty shall entitle UNDP to terminate this Contract immediately upon notice to the Contractor, without any liability for termination charges or any other liability of any kind of UNDP.

21.0 OBSERVANCE OF THE LAW:

The Contractor shall comply with all laws, ordinances, rules, and regulations bearing upon the performance of its obligations under the terms of this Contract.

22.0 SEXUAL EXPLOITATION:

22.1 The Contractor shall take all appropriate measures to prevent sexual exploitation or abuse of anyone by it or by any of its employees or any other persons who may be engaged by the Contractor to perform any services under the Contract. For these purposes, sexual activity with any person less than eighteen years of age, regardless of any laws relating to consent, shall constitute the sexual exploitation and abuse of such person. In addition, the Contractor shall refrain from, and shall take all appropriate measures to prohibit its employees or other persons engaged by it from, exchanging any money, goods, services, offers of employment or other things of value, for sexual favors or activities, or from engaging in any sexual activities that are exploitive or degrading to any person. The Contractor acknowledges and agrees that the provisions hereof constitute an essential term of the Contract and that any breach of this representation and warranty shall entitle UNDP to terminate the Contract immediately upon notice to the Contractor, without any liability for termination charges or any other liability of any kind.

22.2 The UNDP shall not apply the foregoing standard relating to age in any case in which the Contractor's personnel or any other person who may be engaged by the Contractor to perform any services under the Contract is married to the person less than the age of eighteen years with whom sexual activity has occurred and in which such marriage is recognized as valid under the laws of the country of citizenship of such Contractor's personnel or such other person who may be engaged by the Contractor to perform any services under the Contract.

23.0 AUTHORITY TO MODIFY:

Pursuant to the Financial Regulations and Rules of UNDP, only the UNDP Authorized Official possesses the authority to agree on behalf of UNDP to any modification of or change in this Contract, to a waiver of any of its provisions or to any additional contractual relationship of any kind with the Contractor. Accordingly, no modification or change in this Contract shall be valid and enforceable against UNDP unless provided by an amendment to this Contract signed by the Contractor and jointly by the UNDP Authorized Official.

Terms of Reference

Consultancy Title: Invasive Iguana Community Outreach in Northern Division
Project Name: Fiji Invasive Alien Species Project
Duty Station: Suva, Fiji
Duration of the Contract: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Contract period: April 2019 – January 2020. ▪ Number of working days: 150 working days ▪ Commencement and ends dates of assignment: 22 April, 2019 – January 31st, 2020.

<p>Objectives: Statement (s) outlining clearly the anticipated results of the consultancy.</p> <p>The service provider will be expected to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Develop a mutli-year public outreach program/strategy to ensure widespread awareness of the impacts of GII amongst resource owning communities in Qamea, Laucala, Matagi, Taveuni, Vuibani, Vanua Levu and private sector including resorts/hotels ▪ Facilitate execution of mutli-year public outreach program/strategy ▪ Submit 4 articles for submission to media ▪ Provide technical training and awareness with BAF officers including the Temporary Biosecurity Officers ▪ Develop awareness materials in close collaboration with BAF and UNDP ▪ Draft 4 articles on eradication efforts in Qamea, Laucala, Matagi, Taveuni. Finalized copy to be submitted to media through UNDP and BAF ▪ Participation and support for at least two consultations aimed at discussing progress and seeking stakeholder reviews of strategy ▪ Conduct a baseline survey of inhabitants of Qamea and Taveuni to determine their perceptions of damage to crops, structures, or other aspects of their livelihoods from the GII
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Background

Brief project description: Invasive alien species (IAS) are the greatest threat to biodiversity in the Pacific Islands. Numerous IAS have been introduced to Fiji, with significant impacts on natural landscapes and biodiversity, as well as impacting human health, economics, trade, sustainability, quality of life, etc. Preventing the establishment of additional IAS, preventing the further spread of already established IAS and improved management of existing pests are all key elements which need to be further addressed. Protecting Fiji through improved pre-border, border and post-border systems for the prevention of IAS establishment is necessary. Additionally, improving similar biosecurity protections within Fiji at various levels including divisions, islands and island groups is also important. Reducing threats from IAS arrival and establishment as well as spread are all key elements to be addressed by this project. As a key part of the project, a four-island group in the northern division will be the focus for developing specific internal biosecurity and IAS management activities, which can then be (as needed) used as a model for improving biosecurity and management activities in other areas within the country. The introduction of Giant Invasive Iguana – GII (*Iguana iguana*) – to this four-island area within Fiji represents the first established population of this species in the Pacific and is a potential bridgehead to some of the world's most isolated island ecosystems. GII have already caused harm throughout the Caribbean where they are spreading fast and have significant detrimental effects, including on native biodiversity, agriculture and tourism. Management and possibly eradication of this species from its current established range in Fiji is a high priority to prevent the types of impacts seen in the Caribbean from occurring within the Pacific region. Although there are several national and local-level initiatives to address IAS in Fiji, these efforts, lack adequate capacity and an overall comprehensive strategy to ensure a systematic and effective protection of biodiversity-rich and important areas. An effective, systematic and comprehensive eradication effort against GII, before populations grow beyond the point where they can be controlled is currently lacking and urgently needed.

The Building Capacities to Address Invasive Alien Species to Enhance the Chances of Long-term Survival of Terrestrial Endemic and Threatened Species on Taveuni Island, Surrounding Islets and Throughout Fiji project is a 5-year initiative executed in Fiji by the Biosecurity Authority of Fiji (BAF). It aims to improve the chances of the long-term survival of terrestrial endemic and threatened species on Taveuni Island, the surrounding islets and throughout Fiji by building national and local capacity to reduce the risk of new IAS establishment and to improve the management of existing IAS. Improving IAS prevent and management in Fiji will require a suite of preventative measures that will be introduced by this project, including: (i) Strengthened IAS policy, institutions and coordination at the national level to reduce the risk of IAS entering Fiji, including a comprehensive multi-sectorial coordination mechanism to ensure the best possible use of resources and capacities for prevention, management, eradication, awareness and engagement, restoration, and capacity building; (ii) Improved IAS prevention and surveillance operations at the island level on Taveuni, Qamea, Matagi and Laucala to reduce potential for pest species to enter and establish within the four-island group and move between these islands; (iii) Implementation of a comprehensive eradication plan for GII based on detailed survey work and public outreach on Taveuni and an increase in removal effort of GII on the islands of Qamea, Matagi, and Laucala (and other islands, such as Taveuni if they are found to be established); and (iv) Strengthened knowledge management and awareness raising that targets the general public, tour operations and visitors, so as to safeguard the nation from IAS.

Scope of work/Expected Output

Key responsibilities include:

- Develop a multi-year public outreach program/strategy to ensure widespread awareness of the impacts of GII amongst resource owning communities in Qamea, Laucala, Matagi, Taveuni, Vuibani, Vanua Levu and private sector including resorts/hotel
- Implement the public outreach program in collaboration with BAF and key government stakeholders to create awareness for communities in Taveuni, Qamea, Matagi, Vuibani, Laucala Vanua Levu and private sector including resorts/hotels.
- Consultant is expected to continue supporting on-going outreach.
- Provide technical training and awareness with BAF officers including the Temporary Biosecurity Officers
- Develop awareness materials in close collaboration with BAF and UNDP

- Review current and past eradication efforts and develop recommendations for future initiatives under the IAS Project
- Draft 4 articles on eradication efforts in Qamea, Laucala, Matagi, Taveuni. Finalized copy to be submitted to media through UNDP and BAF
- Participation and support for at least two consultations aimed at discussing progress and seeking stakeholder reviews of strategy

Deliverables (150 working days)	Working Days
1. Signing of contract after submission and acceptance of work plan.	7 days
2. Preparation and finalization of pre-mission report	5 days
3. Field Visits. At least two visits (each at least 7 days) including first mission and follow up mission to present outreach strategy (inclusive of travelling to and from sites as well as preparation from base/office)	25 days
4. Facilitate a 2-day Workshop to developing and submit a first draft within strategy with 10 days of the workshop.	15 days
5. Facilitate a consultation workshop for the review of the first draft of the outreach strategy	6 days
6. Submission of the final version of the strategy	10 days
7. Submission of progress 4 reports	20 days
8. Submission of 4 articles	5 days
9. Implementation of outreach (at least 4 trips/missions including awareness with communities and BAF officers)	30 days
10. Submission of final report	10 days
11. Office/Desk based support for consultancy	17 days

Resources Provided

- The service provider will be expected to arrange for their own office space and computer, software, etc

Supervision/Reporting

- The consultant will be monitored, overseen and supervised by the UNDP Pacific Office in Fiji in close cooperation with the Biosecurity Authority of Fiji.
- The consultant is expected to produce a final report upon successful completion of activities according to the agreed schedules.
- The consultant is expected to provide his/her own computer.

Requirement for Qualifications & Experience**Experience/Expertise of the Service provider**

- At least 5 years of relevant professional experience in addressing Invasive Alien Species.
- Experience working with government institutions, as well as, civil society/private organizations and consultants/field biologists.
- At least 5 years of relevant experience working with communities on community-based eradication and conservation is essential.
- Previous experience in managing/addressing Giant Invasive Iguana is essential.
- Experience in developing and / or implementing GEF, UNDP project and/or other development agency supported projects.
- Proven track record of project management and project team experience working with government, NGOs, and other key stakeholders.
- Work experience in the Northern Division is advantageous.

Competencies

- Demonstrated integrity and commitment to UN principles, values and ethical standards.
- Strong interpersonal and communication skills.
- Ability to work well as part of a multi-cultural team.
- Computer Literacy (Microsoft Word, Excel and Power point) is a prerequisite.
- Results oriented.
- Analytical and strategic thinking/results orientation;
- Ability to engage various partners and stakeholders and builds strong relationships with clients and other stakeholders;
- Demonstrates strong commitment and patience to deal with competing deadlines, demands, and interests.

Payment Schedule (if required):

- Twenty percent (20%) of the consultancy fee will be paid following signing of this Agreement and submission of a work plan by May 6;
- Ten percent (10%) of the consultancy fee will be paid following submission and acceptance of a pre-mission report by May 20
- Ten percent (10%) of the consultancy fee will be paid following submission and acceptance of a progress report by June 30
- Ten percent (10%) of the consultancy fee will be paid following submission and acceptance of a draft strategy report by July 25;
- Ten percent (10%) of the consultancy fee will be paid following submission and acceptance of a final strategy by August 20
- Ten percent (10%) of the consultancy fee will be paid following submission and acceptance of a progress report on implementation of strategy by October 10
- Ten percent (10%) of the consultancy fee will be paid following submission and acceptance of four feature articles by October 30
- Ten percent (10%) of the consultancy fee will be paid following submission and acceptance of a progress report by November 20
- Ten percent (10%) of the consultancy fee will be paid following submission and acceptance of a final report by January 30, 2020