

INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT PROCUREMENT NOTICE

Title of consultancy: Individual Consultant (IC) Consultancy for preparation of ecosystem services valuation within ng41

COUNTRY: Botswana

DESCRIPTION OF ASSIGNMENT: The overall objective of this consultancy is to deliver an Ecosystems Services Valuation (ESV) for the Okavango Mababe Concession also known as NG41. This ESV will establish biodiversity and ecosystem services information on the economic value of aquatic and terrestrial ecosystems. These should include mechanisms for assessing and valuing ecosystem performance, as well as documenting results to build on work at the national level..

PROJECT NAME: Environment and Climate Change Response

PERIOD OF ASSIGNMENT/SERVICES: Not to exceed October 2020

1. BACKGROUND

The Government of Botswana herein and represented by the Ministry of Environment Natural Resources Conservation and Tourism (MENT) supported by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) seeks the services of a consultant to conduct an Ecosystem Services Valuation (ESV) for the Okavango Mababe Concession also known as NG41. At 1600 square kilometres, Okavango Mababe Concession, is a Wildlife Management Area (WMA) to the northeast of the Okavango Delta, designated for extractive Wildlife Utilization. The vast majority of the area is dry mopane woodland and also features the Mababe Marshes and the termination of the Khwai River. The Mababe community adopted the Community Based Natural Resources Management (CBNRM) process by forming the Mababe-Zokotsama Community Development Trust, which oversees the villages' CBNRM activities. The MENT seeks to facilitate deeper integration of an ecosystems approach into the national policy and legislative framework for development planning, with a primary focus on land use both (terrestrial and aquatic resources), using the NG41 as a platform. The process should also facilitate capacity building for land use planning through enhancement to the policy and

regulatory frameworks to consider and value ecosystem services and important biodiversity in future development planning processes. The primary tasks involve development of a framework to promote the integration of ecological considerations into planning policies, and regulations and guidelines for development categories

DETAILED TERMS OF REFERENCE and instructions to bidders should be obtained from: https://www.bw.undp.org/content/botswana/en/home/procurement.html

2. SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Proposals should be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly labelled:

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and be submitted to:

The Resident Representative United Nations Development Programme P.O. Box 54 Gaborone, Botswana

OR by email to procurement.bw@undp.org

- 3. **SUBMISSION DATE:** Proposals should be submitted to the address above no later than **12.00 Noon Botswana Time** on the **15**th **June 2020**
- **4. REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION:** Any request for clarification must be sent in writing, or by standard electronic communication to enquiries.bw@undp.org UNDP Botswana will respond in writing or by standard electronic mail and will send written copies of the response, including an explanation of the query without identifying the source of the inquiry to all prospective candidates.

NOTE: Consultancy firms/companies interested in applying for this assignment are free to do so provided they submit a CV of only one qualified consultant and present its bid in a manner that would allow for evaluation of the bid in accordance with the evaluation criteria specified in these solicitation documents. That is, the experience required is that of the individual whose CV would have been submitted by the company rather than that of the company. In this regard, the company by submitting a CV is bidding as an individual bidder rather than a company/firm. Further, if the submitted bid wins, the ensuing contract will be between the UNDP and the company/firm, not the individual.