INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT PROCUREMENT NOTICE

for <u>individual consultants</u> and <u>individual consultants</u> assigned by <u>consulting firms/institutions</u>



Country:	Viet Nam
Description of the assignment:	National Consultant to take stock of Policies related to Nature- based Solutions in Viet Nam
Period of assignment/services (if applicable):	From September 2021 - Jan 2022 (10 days)
Duty Station:	Hanoi
Tender reference:	P210804

1. Submissions should be sent by <u>email</u> to: <u>nguyen.ngoc.phuong@undp.org</u> no later than:

23.59 hrs., 27 September 2021 (Hanoi time)

With subject line:

P210804-NC to take stock of Policies related to Nature-based Solutions in Viet Nam

Submission received after that date or submission not in conformity with the requirements specified this document will not be considered.

Note:

- Any individual employed by a company or institution who would like to submit an offer in response to this Procurement Notice must do so in their individual capacity, even if they expect their employers to sign a contract with UNDP.
- Maximum size per email is 30 MB.
- Any request for clarification must be sent in writing, or by standard electronic communication to the address or e-mail indicated above. Procurement Unit – UNDP Viet Nam 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 inquiry, to all consultants.
- After submitting proposal, bidder should send notification by email (without attachment) to: <u>procurement.vn@undp.org</u> informing that the bidder has submitted proposal. UNDP will not be responsible for the missing of proposal if the bidder does not send notification email to above address.
- Female consultants are encouraged to bid for this required service. Preference will be given to equally technically qualified female consultants.

2. Please find attached the relevant documents:

•	Term of References	(Annex I)
	Individual Contract & General Conditions	• •
•	Reimbursable Loan Agreement (for a consultant assigned by a firm)	(Annex III)
•	Letter to UNDP Confirming Interest and Availability	(Annex IV)

3. Interested individual consultants must submit the following documents/information (in English, PDF Format) to demonstrate their qualifications:

a. Technical component:

- Detailed CV addressing the experience and work you have done.
- Financial offer
- At least 1 sample report in English on relevant topic to be submitted
- b. Financial proposal (with your signature):
- The financial proposal shall specify a total lump sum amount in <u>US dollar for</u> <u>International Consultant</u> including consultancy fees and all associated costs i.e. airfares, travel cost, meal, accommodation, tax, insurance etc. – see format of financial offer in Annex V.
- Please note that the cost of preparing a proposal and of negotiating a contract, including any related travel, is not reimbursable as a direct cost of the assignment.
- If quoted in other currency, prices shall be converted to the above currency at UN Exchange Rate at the submission deadline.

4. Evaluation

The technical component will be evaluated using the following criteria:

No.	Requirement	Points
1	University/postgraduate degree in environment, environment economics, biodiversity, ecosystem services, climate change adaptation, or other related fields providing suitable advanced knowledge.	200
2	At least 10 years' work experience on environment, biodiversity and ecosystem services evaluation with intensive understanding of this sector context and development in Viet Nam, including prior experience in assessing environment, biodiversity and ecosystem services potential, and development/deployment of environment, biodiversity and ecosystem services projects.	300
3	Proven experience in conducting qualitative and quantitative research in the field of climate change adaptation, Nature-based Solutions, natural resources, and environment	200
4	Proven experience in policy formulation and implementation; and excellent knowledge of UNFCCC frameworks	150
5	Fluency in English and Vietnamese in communication and writing	150
	Total	1,000

A two-stage procedure is utilized in evaluating the submissions, with evaluation of the technical components being completed prior to any price proposals being opened and compared.

The price proposal will be opened only for submissions that passed the minimum technical score of 70% of the obtainable score of 1000 points in the evaluation of the technical component. The technical component is evaluated on the basis of its responsiveness to the Term of Reference (TOR). Maximum 1000 points will be given to the lowest offer and the other financial proposals will receive the points inversely proportional to their financial offers. i.e. Sf = 1000 x Fm / F, in which Sf is the financial score, Fm is the lowest price and F the price of the submission under consideration.

The weight of technical points is 70% and financial points is 30%.

Submission obtaining the highest weighted points (technical points + financial points) will be selected subject to positive reference checks on the consultant's past performance.

Interview with the candidates may be held if deemed necessary.

5. Contract

"Lump-sum" Individual Contract will be applied for freelance consultant (Annex II) "Lump-sum" RLA will be applied for consultant assigned by firm/institution/organization (Annex III) III)

Documents required before contract signing:

- International consultant whose work involves travel is required to complete the courses on BSAFE which the new online security awareness training is and submit certificate to UNDP before contract issuance.
- <u>Note</u>: In order to access the courses, please go to the following link: <u>https://training.dss.un.org</u>

The training course takes around 3-4 hours to complete.

- Full medical examination and Statement of Fitness to work for consultants from and above 65 years of age and involve travel. (This is not a requirement for RLA contracts).
- Release letter in case the selected consultant is government official.

6. Payment

No.	Deliverables as indicated in Section IV	Due Date	Payment Amount
1	Inception Report including a detailed table of content, methodology, data collection methods	September 2021	30%
2	Finalized Reports in English submited and Presentation delivered during the consultation workshop organized in January 2022 Incorporate feedback, comments, main findings and observations from the workshop to the Reports	January 2022	70%

7. Your proposals are received on the basis that you fully understand and accept these terms and conditions.



TERMS OF REFERENCE

Ref#: Enter Ref #

Name of service:	National Consultant to take stock of Policies related to Nature-based Solutions in Viet Nam		
Project:	Nature Based Solutions Research		
Reporting to:	Programme Officer on Climate Change - UNDP Viet Nam		
Duty Station:	Home-based	Home-based Travel Required: No	
Duration of Assignment:	10 days	days	
Start Date:	9/13/2021 End Date: 1/31/2022		

BACKGROUND & PROJECT DESCRIPTION

At the Conference of Parties (COP) of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), countries have adopted the Paris Agreement and agreed to develop an action plan to keep global warming well below 2 degrees above pre-industrial levels, while pursuing efforts to limit it to 1.5°C. The Paris Agreement requested each nation to prepare and communicate their Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) in 2020 and update them every five years.

Climate change and biodiversity loss result in profound societal risks at all levels. The loss of biodiversity poses profound economic risks to national and global economies – at least half of global GDP is at risk from nature's loss.¹ Furthermore, nature underpins the ability of governments to achieve their development goals – half of the Sustainable Development Goal's 169 indicators are dependent upon, or indivisible from, health biodiversity and ecosystems.

If we want to succeed in holding global warming below 2° C, the current Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) emission reductions must be increased by three-fold; if we want to hold global warming below 1.5° C, they must be increased by at least five-fold. Nature-based Solutions (NbS) can provide at least one-third of our climate mitigation solution,² while also providing powerful solutions for climate adaptation. NbS have been identified as a proven, cost-effective opportunity to enhance climate ambition within Nationally Determined Contributions. Globally, 131 countries have included Nature-based Solutions in their NDCs.

A signatory of the Paris Agreement, Viet Nam submitted its revised Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) in September 2020, in which it committed to reducing its GHG emissions by 9%, a commitment that could be raised up to 27% with international support. Viet Nam is also advancing the formulation of its National Adaptation Plan (NAP). The Government of Viet Nam (GoV) has been active in mainstreaming climate change into national

¹ See for example: 2020, World Economic Forum. Nature Risk Rising: Why the Crisis Engulfing Nature Matters for Business and the Economy. Geneva: World Economic Forum. Available at: <u>http://www3.weforum.org/docs/WEF_New_Nature_Economy_Report_2020.pdf</u>.

² See 2017, Bronson et al.. Natural Climate Solutions. Proceedings of the National Academy of the United States. October 31, 2017, 114(44): 11645-11650. Available at <u>https://www.pnas.org/content/114/44/11645.abstract</u>.

policies, with the promulgation of the National Strategy on Climate Change in 2011, followed by the National Action Plan on Climate Change 2012-2020, in 2012.

Nature-based Solutions (NbS) are defined as 'actions that protect, sustainably manage and/or restore ecosystems, while simultaneously achieve multiple societal goals, including national goals for climate, food security, water security, disaster risk reduction and livelihoods, among others. Although not new, the concept of NbS has gained prominence in the last decade, as an alternative to conventional engineering solutions (such as embankments) to adapt to the effects of climate change, while protecting natural ecosystems, enhancing biodiversity and improving local livelihoods.

Viet Nam's NDC already includes commitments for several nature-based solutions, including the protection and sustainable management of forests. In addition, Viet Nam's national commitments in both environment-related and development-related plans already contain recommendations for a number of nature-based solutions, including: forest protection and restoration; protection, sustainable management, and restoration of wetlands and peatlands; sustainable coastal systems management; and improved agricultural planning.

Viet Nam's National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAP) to 2020 vision to 2030, outlines the following objectives: control the conversion of natural forest land use and water surface area of conservation value, to minimize negative impacts on biodiversity; and limit impacts of environmental pollution to the ecosystems, species and genetic resources, particularly in watersheds and inland wetlands and coastal waters. Other supporting actions from Viet Nam's NBSAP include: to improve the management system for protected areas and to develop and improve regulations on the decentralization, ranking and classification of protected areas, and the procedure for establishing new protected areas.

Viet Nam has an estimated mitigation potential of 145.4 Mt CO2e/year through selected actions on Nature-based Solutions. The top three NbS for climate mitigation in Viet Nam are: avoided forest conversion, reforestation, and improved rice management, accounting for 106.9 Mt CO2e/year. This does not include the potential contributions of regenerative agriculture, which could be enormous.

The benefits of Nature-based Solutions for Viet Nam include, among others, enhanced water security (especially improved water quality and quantity for municipal water supplies); enhanced food security (especially through diversified crops, improved soil organic carbon and water retention, improved productivity and resilience), disaster risk reduction, and improved nature-based jobs and livelihoods. improved productivity and resilience), disaster risk reduction, and improved nature-based jobs and livelihoods. Seizing this opportunity would support Viet Nam's sustainable development aspiration and climate leadership in the ASEAN region.

There is a need to raise awareness of policymakers, development actors and the whole of society, of the potential of NbS so these can be systematically considered in decision making by the Government, local authorities, private sector and communities.

Prior to the workshop, UNDP Viet Nam, in collaboration with the Italian Embassy, will conduct a background research whose results will be presented during the event. The research will analyse the current policy frameworks, take stock of the development of Nature-based Solutions in Viet Nam and identify implementation gaps.

OBJECTIVES

In this context, UNDP Viet Nam is looking for 02 National Consultants to (i) conduct a policy review of NbS, and (ii) take stock of the best practices related to Nature-based Solutions in Viet Nam and identify implementation gaps. This ToR specifies the scope of work for 1 National Consultant to (i) conduct a policy review of NbS.

The results of this research will inform a policy dialogue co-organised by UNDP and the Italian Embassy (tentatively in January 22). The overall goal of this workshop is to raise awareness, as well as, accelerate the understanding and adoption of Nature-based Solutions that contribute to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals in Viet Nam. The workshop will provide an informal platform for exchanging experiences, taking stock of existing NbS and discussing the potential for future deployment of NbS in Viet Nam. This research is part of a series of dialogue organised by development partners to inform technical discussions before and after COP26.

Taken together, the preliminary research and the workshop aim to:

- 1. Increase knowledge of NbS, share national and international best practices, and foster dialogue among key stakeholders
- 2. Identify current implementation challenges to be unlocked and highlight opportunities for systematic deployment and scale-up of NbS in Viet Nam for mitigation, resilience, and adaptation

SCOPE OF WORK

The National Consultant is expected to deliver 1 report and to carry out the following tasks:

Conduct a policy review of NbS in Viet Nam (max 25 pages)

- Identify and map all the existing policies, laws and regulations in Viet Nam and categorize them to reflect the inclusion of NbS
- Determine the policies to be reviewed though the analysis in consultation with UNDP
- Conduct a review/analysis of all relevant documentations including, but not limited to the following policy frameworks: National Climate Change Strategy, National Adaptation Plan, long-term greenhouse gas emissions development strategies, Green Growth Strategy, Viet Nam's National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAP), Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC), Forestry Law and Coastal Protection and Development Plan, Revised Law on Environmental Protection, new Decree on Forest Seedling Management (#27/2021/NĐ-CP), Law on Disaster Managament
- Highlight preliminary findings in the draft Report, consult with UNDP, and identify the specific policies and sectors to focus on in the finalized reports
- Based on this prioritization, identify the gaps, coherence, opportunities, inclusiveness of the policy frameworks
- Identify the challenges in policy formulation, implementation, M&E related to NbS in Viet Nam
- Outline the status and contribution to GDP of Nature-based Solutions in Viet Nam
- Analyze and interpret the results, and discuss initial results with UNDP
- Develop a short analysis of the policy frameworks related to NbS in Viet Nam
- Select 1 or 2 ASEAN member countries that are relevant to the Vietnamese context and draft a brief policy review, including recommendations to enhance the Vietnamese policy framework
- Provide an initial analysis of the potential financial benefits, and potential losses if NbS are or are not implemented
- Based on the analysis above mentioned, provide a brief set of initial recommendations for the deployment and acceleration of the implementation of NBS
- Assess the contribution of NbS to advancing cross-cutting themes and the linkages between NbS, the NDC, and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
- Coordinate with the other NC working conducting the mapping of best practices on NbS in Viet Nam
- Participate in any related meetings and workshops as required

• Join the workshop in Jan 2022 to present the findings of the research.

Deliverables & Implementation Timeline

No.	Deliverable	Estimated days to complete	Target due date
1	Detailed workplan, including the methodology and approach, timeline, and activities	1	9/30/2021

2	Draft Reports covering policy review and best practices for review by UNDP	7	11/30/2021
3	Finalised Reports and presentation during the consultation workshop organized in January 2022	1	1/31/2022
4	Revised Reports, including all amendments and feedbacks	1	1/31/2022

DURATION OF ASSIGNMENT, DUTY STATION & EXPECTED PLACES OF TRAVEL

Estimated number of working days: 10 working days

Duty station: home based

Expected places of travel: no

PROVISION OF MONITORING & PROGRESS CONTROL

Insert text here.

The PO on Climate Change and DRR will supervise this assignment. The National Consultant is expected to report on a bi-weekly basis on his/her work plan, deadlines and verification activities. The NC will also coordinate with, and seek peer-review from, the Scientific Attaché of the Italian Embassy in Viet Nam, and Technical Advisors and CC Officers at UNDP.

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT & REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

Administrative Support

none

Reference Documents

Reference documents if required and available will be provided to the selected consultant

DEGREE OF EXPERTISE & QUALIFICATIONS

- University/postgraduate degree in environment, environmental economics, biodiversity, ecosystem services, climate change adaptation, or other related fields providing suitable advanced knowledge
- At least 10 years work experience on environment, biodiversity and ecosystem services evaluation with an intensive understanding of this sector context and development in Viet Nam, including prior experience in assessing environment, biodiversity and ecosystem services potential, and development/deployment of environment, biodiversity and ecosystem services projects
- Proven experience in conducting qualitative and quantitative research in the field of climate change adaptation, Nature-based Solutions, natural resources, and environment
- Proven experience in policy formulation and implementation; and excellent knowledge of UNFCCC frameworks
- Fluency in English and Vietnamese in communication, writing, and discussion (at least 1 reports in English must be provided).

PAYMENT TERMS

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CONSULTANT PRESENCE REQUIRED ON DUTY STATION

⊠ NONE

PARTIAL

□ INTERMITTENT

□ FULL-TIME

EVALUATION CRITERIA

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	Total	1,000

Criteria for Evaluation of Proposal

Offers will be evaluated according to the Combined Scoring method – where the educational background and experience on similar assignments will be weighted at 70% and the financial proposal will weigh at 30% of the total scoring.

The applicant receiving the Highest Combined Score and meeting other requirements in the Procurement Notice will be awarded the contract.

Documents for Submission

Applicants will be expected to include the following along with their application:

1. Core Documents

Letter of Confirmation of Interest and Availability using the template provided by UNDP;

Current and complete CV in English;

01 similar sample report in English

Financial offer using the standard UNDP template.

ANNEX IV

OFFEROR'S LETTER TO UNDP

CONFIRMING INTEREST AND AVAILABILITY FOR THE INDIVIDUAL CONTRACTOR (IC) ASSIGNMENT

Date _____

(Name of Resident Representative/Bureau Director) United Nations Development Programme (Specify complete office address)

Dear Sir/Madam:

I hereby declare that:

- A) I have read, understood and hereby accept the Terms of Reference describing the duties and responsibilities of [*indicate title of assignment*] under the [*state project title*];
- B) I have also read, understood and hereby accept UNDP's General Conditions of Contract for the Services of the Individual Contractors;
- C) I hereby propose my services and I confirm my interest in performing the assignment through the submission of my CV which I have duly signed and attached hereto as Annex 1;
- D) In compliance with the requirements of the Terms of Reference, I hereby confirm that I am available for the entire duration of the assignment, and I shall perform the services in the manner described in my proposed approach/methodology which I have attached hereto as Annex 3 [delete this item if the TOR does not require submission of this document];
- E) I hereby propose to complete the services based on the following payment rate: [please check the box corresponding to the preferred option]:



An all-inclusive daily fee of [state amount in words and in numbers indicating currency]

A total lump sum of [*state amount in words and in numbers, indicating exact currency*], payable in the manner described in the Terms of Reference.

- F) For your evaluation, the breakdown of the abovementioned all-inclusive amount is attached hereto as Annex V;
- G) I recognize that the payment of the abovementioned amounts due to me shall be based on my delivery of outputs within the timeframe specified in the TOR, which shall be subject to UNDP's review, acceptance and payment certification procedures;
- H) This offer shall remain valid for a total period of _____ days [*minimum of 90 days*] after the submission deadline;

- I confirm that I have no first degree relative (mother, father, son, daughter, spouse/partner, brother or sister) currently employed with any UN agency or office [disclose the name of the relative, the UN office employing the relative, and the relationship if, any such relationship exists];
- J) If I am selected for this assignment, I shall [please check the appropriate box]:



Sign an Individual Contract with UNDP;

Request my employer [state name of company/organization/institution] to sign with UNDP a Reimbursable Loan Agreement (RLA), for and on my behalf. The contact person and details of my employer for this purpose are as follows:

K) I hereby confirm that [check all that applies]:

At the time of this submission, I have no active Individual Contract or any form of engagement with any Business Unit of UNDP;

I am currently engaged with UNDP and/or other entities for the following work:

Assignment	Contract Type	UNDP Business Unit / Name of Institution/Company	Contract Duration	Contract Amount

I am also anticipating conclusion of the following work from UNDP and/or other entities for which I have submitted a proposal:

Assignment	Contract Type	Name of Institution/ Company	Contract Duration	Contract Amount

- L) I fully understand and recognize that UNDP is not bound to accept this proposal, and I also understand and accept that I shall bear all costs associated with its preparation and submission and that UNDP will in no case be responsible or liable for those costs, regardless of the conduct or outcome of the selection process.
- M) If you are a former staff member of the United Nations recently separated, please add this section to your letter: I hereby confirm that I have complied with the minimum break in service required before I can be eligible for an Individual Contract.
- N) I also fully understand that, if I am engaged as an Individual Contractor, I have no expectations nor entitlements whatsoever to be re-instated or re-employed as a staff member.
- O) Are any of your relatives employed by UNDP, any other UN organization or any other public international organization?

YES NC If the answer is "yes", give the following information:

Name	Relationship	Name of International Organization

- P) Do you have any objections to our making enquiries of your present employer? YES NO
- Q) Are you now, or have you ever been a permanent civil servant in your government's employ? _____

YES NO If answer is "yes", WHEN?

R) REFERENCES: List three persons, not related to you, who are familiar with your character and qualifications.

Full Name	Full Address	Business or Occupation	

S) Have you been arrested, indicted, or summoned into court as a defendant in a criminal proceeding, or convicted, fined or imprisoned for the violation of any law (excluding minor traffic violations)?

YES NO If "yes", give full particulars of each case in an attached statement.

I certify that the statements made by me in answer to the foregoing questions are true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that any misrepresentation or material omission made on a Personal History form or other document requested by the Organization may result in the termination of the service contract or special services agreement without notice.

DATE: _____

SIGNATURE:

NB. You will be requested to supply documentary evidence which support the statements you have made above. Do not, however, send any documentary evidence until you have been asked to do so and, in any event, do not submit the original texts of references or testimonials unless they have been obtained for the sole use of UNDP.

Annexes [please check all that applies]:

CV shall include Education/Qualification, Processional Certification, Employment Records /Experience

Breakdown of Costs Supporting the Final All-Inclusive Price as per Template

GUIDELINES FOR CV PREPARATION

WE REQUEST THAT YOU USE THE FOLLOWING CHECKLIST WHEN PREPARING Your CV: Limit the CV to 3 or 4 pages NAME (First, Middle Initial, Family Name) Address: City, Region/State, Province, Postal Code Country: Telephone, Facsimile and other numbers Internet Address: Sex, Date of Birth, Nationality, Other Citizenship, Marital Status Company associated with (if applicable, include company name, contact person and phone number)

SUMMARY OF EXPERTISE

Field(s) of expertise (be as specific as possible) Particular development competencies-thematic (e.g. Women in Development, NGOs, Privatization, Sustainable Development) or technical (e.g. project design/evaluation) Credentials/education/training, relevant to the expertise

LANGUAGES

Mother Tongue: Indicate written and verbal proficiency of your English:

SUMMARY OF RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE

Provide an overview of work history in reverse chronological order. Provide dates, your function/title, the area of work and the major accomplishments include honorarium/salary. References (name and contact email address) must be provided for each assignment undertaken by the consultant that UNDP may contact.

UN SYSTEM EXPERIENCE

If applicable, provide details of work done for the UN System including WB. Provide names and email address of UN staff who were your main contacts. Include honorarium/salary.

UNIVERSITY DEGREES

List the degree(s) and major area of study. Indicate the date (in reverse chronological order) and the name of the institution where the degree was obtained.

PUBLICATIONS

Provide total number of Publications and list the titles of 5 major publications (if any)

MISCELLANEOUS

Indicate the minimum and maximum time you would be available for consultancies and any other factors, including impediments or restrictions that should be taken into account in connection with your work with this assignment.

<u>Annex V</u>

FINANCIAL OFFER

Having examined the Solicitation Documents, I, the undersigned, offer to provide all the services in the TOR for the sum ofUS\$

This is a lump sum offer covering all associated costs for the required service (fee, meal, accommodation, travel, taxes etc).

Cost breakdown:

No.	Description	Quantity	Unit Rate (US\$)	Total
1	Consultancy fee (daily rate)			
2	Out of pocket expenses			
2.1	Travel			
2.2	Per diem			
2.3	Full medical examination and Statement of Fitness to work for consultants from and above 65 years of age and involve travel – (required before issuing contract). *			
2.5	Others (pls. specify)			
2.6	VAT** if applicable (in case your company signs the contract)			
	TOTAL			

* Individual Consultants/Contractors who are over 62 years of age with assignments that require travel and are required, <u>at their own cost</u>, to undergo a full medical examination including x-rays and obtaining medical clearance from <u>an UN-approved doctor</u> prior to taking up their assignment.

** Individual Consultants/Contractors who request their employer to sign a Reimbursable Loan Agreement (RLA) with UNDP for their behalves are reminded to add the Value Added Tax into the total lump sum of the Financial Offer if applicable.

I undertake, if my proposal is accepted, to commence and complete delivery of all services specified in the contract within the time frame stipulated.

I agree to abide by this proposal for a period of 120 days from the submission deadline of the proposals.

Dated this day /month

of year

Signature

(The costs should only cover the requirements identified in the Terms of Reference (TOR)

Travel expenses are not required if the consultant will be working from home).