## TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR CONSULTANTS

Title of Assignment	Analysis of the current situation in Marshes of Basra in South Iraq		
Location	South o Iraq		
Project name	Support the sustainable and inclusive socio-economic development in water-scarce regions of Marshes in South Iraq using the WEFE Nexus approach).		
Timeframe	From: Upon signature	To: 31st October 2023	

## Background

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membership union, established over 70 years ago and composed of over 1,400 member-based organisations of government and civil society organisations and more than 18,000 experts. The rity and diversity of nature and ensure that any use of natural resources is equitable and ecologically sustainable. Through its Regional Office for West Asia (ROWA) and related global programs, IUCN

such as floods and droughts. Hence, there is a giant gap in knowledge about the nexus, particularly in the Marshes area.

IUCN ROWA aims to contribute to bridging this gap by applying data-driven methods to detect interlinkages among four nexus components in the Marshes area and to discover patterns and potential feedback mechanisms based on a comprehensive data set of environmental, hydroclimatic, and socio-economic data. The results will provide a solid ground for developing coherent policies and designing future programs for optimal resource management in a changing climate in Sothern of Iraq.

address climate-induced irrigation and drinking water shortages by improving the resilience of farms and land management practices and climate-proofing the underlying ecosystems in the Marshes of Southern Iraq. Phase one of the program aims to understand the water shortage and climate change in Marshes fully Iraq, as a first step toward effectively addressing its deep social and economic impacts and promoting sustainable green solutions.

## Scope of Work

IUCN ROWA seeks a qualified consultant company or individuals to support in developing a

D 1	Inception report and updated work plan. It aims to illustrate and present clearly and timely all methodologies and approaches that will be applied. The work plan has a clear timeframe for implementing the assigned deliverable.	25 <sup>th</sup> August 2023
D 2	Desk review: conduct a desk review of all available reports, studies, and secondary data from key ministries and agencies.	3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2023
D 3	Field data collection: conduct field data collection through KII and FGDs with key stakeholders as agreed in the inception report	10 <sup>th</sup> September
D 4	Prepare Workshop and one-to-one meetings: support in organizing a field visit for the IUCN team to do meetings with key stakeholders at the national and local levels. Prepare a workshop with stakeholders at the local level in Basra.	20 <sup>th</sup> September 2023
D 5	Proposal Submission: submit the draft proposal report to the IUCN team for comments and feedback	30 <sup>th</sup> September 2023

Final Project Proposal: A comprehensive final proposal report that includes:

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## Monitoring, control, and validation of the work

The consultant will work collaboratively with the IUCN ROWA- water and climate change program to successfully deliver the assignment deliverables. Provisional approval of submitted deliverables shall occur at each defined milestone in the deliverables section. The consultant shall account for a minimum period of two weeks when delivering the reports for IUCN to review and accept the deliverables. The consultant is expected to hand in the final version of the deliverables

Nature of penalty clause in the contract