

ATTACHMENT 1 – TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. Introduction

The International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) seeks a consultant or consulting
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- To analyse projects in CAFI partner countries which can potentially be invested by the Nature+ Accelerator Fund;
- To inform stakeholders including TAF and CAFI on recommended actions to address these barriers; and
- To foster enabling environment for conservation finance in CAFI partner countries by disseminating the main findings of the analysis among global, regional and local stakeholders.

4. Scope of work

The consultant will undertake following activities in close collaboration with the TAF for Nature+ Accelerator Fund, led by IUCN Enterprise and Investment Team.

The task is expected to be completed through consultations with key actors of conservation finance, such as project developers, national authorities, partner institutions of the Nature+ Accelerator Fund, and similar investment initiatives.

- 1) Review project documents, regional and national strategies and initiatives, and other relevant materials, and analyse the trends of conservation finance in the six CAFI partner countries.
- 2) Identify project developers, investors, SMEs, NGOs, key international and local organizations, and communities of practice relevant to scaling up conservation finance in the Central Africa region, including organizations potentially eligible for TA support or investment by the Nature+ Accelerator Fund.
- 3) Organize and conduct interviews and consultations with the key stakeholders identified above to analyse the following:
 - potential projects with high conservation impacts and replicability, aligned with CAFI strategies,

- short-term supports which can be provided through TA to accelerate project pipeline development for Nature+ Accelerator Fund (such as capacity building of stakeholders);
 - other types of supports to be provided beyond TA (e.g. additional financial solutions, policy and regulatory reforms).
- 6) Produce and present the final report describing the main findings of the assignment, including the in-depth analysis of CAFI countries' project profiles and of investment barriers at both micro and macro level.
 - 7) Conduct at least one external presentation session on the main findings of the assignment to the stakeholders of the Central African region (location to be determined later, travel cost will be covered by the IUCN in case of involvement of travels).

5. Duration of the assignment

The assignment is expected to be completed within 3 months from the signing of contract.

6. Language

The final report should be delivered in both English and French.

English will be the main working language during consultation meetings. Additional language, namely French, can be used in meetings depending on the preference of participants.