

TERMS OF REFERENCE (“T oR”)

Reasonable Assurance Engagement in accordance with ISAE 3000 (Revised)
for Funds disbursed under the Disposition Fund Procedure

Name of project/programme: ITHCP Phase IV Tranche 2

Background

The ITHCP programme was set up in 2014, funded by the German Government through KfW and implemented by IUCN. This project is its fourth phase, based on the success of phase II, and III. The fourth phase runs from 2022 until 2027. The programme is aligned with the objectives of the Global Tiger Recovery Programme and its objectives are a subset of those, with a focus on improving three main areas:

- The protection of tigers through anti-poaching, and monitoring of tigers and prey;
- The management of protected areas, corridors and buffer zones;
- The livelihoods of communities living in and around tiger habitats to reduce poaching, over-exploitation of forest resources and human wildlife conflicts.

The ITHCP Phase IV Tranche 2 has grant-making as its main purpose.

The programme consists of two components: (1) the project management component implemented by IUCN HQ and its regional offices, “ITHCP Secretariat” and (6) projects carried

ITHCP Secretariat in Switzerland shall be audited every calendar year (2022 - 2027). In order to avoid the time lag between field audits and their inclusion into ITHCP consolidated audit, the field audits will not be based on calendar year periods. They will follow a July-June period, so that IUCN has the time to include it in the books before the fiscal years closing. The audit will therefore be aligned with grantees reporting period (2 reports per year, January-June & July to December).

Projects worth one million EUR or lower are to be audited every two years. It is foreseen that this will be the case for potentially 2 projects.

notably the Loan/Financing Agreement(s) including the corresponding Separate Agreement as well as other agreements channelling Funds to third parties on a grant or loan basis (together the “Relevant Agreements”).

Scope

4. This engagement is a reasonable assurance engagement in accordance with the International Standard on Assurance Engagements ISAE 3000 (Revised) as published by the International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board of the International Federation of Accountants. This standard requires that the auditor/ practitioner will plan and perform procedures considered necessary to obtain reasonable assurance about the Subject Matter information (including on-site visits).

Please note: We do not accept a limited assurance engagement.

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- These Terms of Reference (ToR)

Management Letter / Statement on Internal Control

10. If considered pertinent, the auditor/ practitioner shall prepare a "Management Letter" or "Statement on Internal Control" in which he will:

- a) Give comments, observations, and recommendations on the accounting records systems and controls examined during the course of the engagement (with special focus on the account(s) under this disposition

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Annex A (to be attached to every Report as integral part)

SUMMARY

Name of Project: ...

KfW Ref. No. ...

Subject Matter: Disposition Fund (all Project Accounts stated in Annex B)

Reporting Period : ...

[Only if applicable:] The Funds were (partially) channelled through the Entity to the following Project Partner(s) for final use:

Within the scope of our reasonable assurance engagement under the above mentioned Project / Programme, performed in accordance with International Standard on Assurance Engagements ISAE 3000 (Revised), we express our conclusion on the following criteria:

Applied Criteria	**Conclusion (YES/ Yes, except for .../ NO)
a) The payments out of the Disposition Fund have been made in accordance with the conditions of the Relevant Agreements. Where ineligible expenditures are identified, these should be noted separately in the Report.	
(b) The Disposition Fund has been maintained in accordance with the provisions of the Relevant Agreements. This also comprises cash flows to and from accounts opened in connection with this Disposition Fund as mentioned under paragraph 1 in the Terms of	

[Issued on the auditor's/ practitioner's letterhead]

Annex B

(to be attached to every Report)

KfW Ref. No.		Special account no.	Local Special account 1 **)	Local Special account 2 **)	Petty Cash Box		Total/ Summary
Reporting period from ... to ...		Unified Currency (preferably EUR) **) for accounts in local currency, please add currency and exchange rate used					
a) account balance at the beginning of the reporting period							
b) inflow of funds from KfW (special account)	plus						