

Terms of Reference

Consultancy – Scoping Study on Ecosystem Services and their role in Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation

Environmental degradation reduces the capacity of ecosystems to provide important services, such as clean water, air or resources, and increasingly impacts their role in reducing risk from disasters. The environment in whole South-Eastern Europe, including Serbia, has suffered from activities related to urbanization, agriculture, industry, energy, transport have led to detrimental effects on ecosystems,

1. Introduction

- Background
- Scope of the study
- Definition of ecosystems, ecosystem services and their roles
- Main stakeholders in field of nature con

Indicative Plan of delivery:

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8
Initial consultations with IUCN ECARO; Desk research	Preparation for country visit and consultations with stakeholders (list of questions, initial ideas for discussion)	Visit to Serbia, meeting main stakeholders, gathering necessary data, working on the draft of the Study	Consolidating the draft, sending to IUCN ECARO for comments	Review by IUCN ECARO and main stakeholders	Addressing the comments and preparing the final version of the study	Final version of the study sent to IUCN ECARO	Any remaining issues to address, adoption of the report by IUCN ECARO

Location:

Consultant will be home-based, with visit to Serbia (minimum 4 working days)

Deliverables:

Draft Scoping Study in electronic form delivered to IUCN office 20 working days after the signature of the contract.

Final Scoping Study in electronic form delivered to IUCN 35 working days after the signature of the contract, at latest.

Payment:

First instalment of Euro 5,000.00 upon receipt of the signed and initialled contract and invoice by IUCN ECARO

Second instalment of Euro 7,500.00 upon receipt of the Final Scoping Study and its acceptance by IUCN ECARO

Timeframe:

The assignment will last for 8 weeks, between 23 January and 17 March 2017.

Criteria

No.	Summary of Criteria	Weight (%)
1	Education Advanced university degree (Masters or higher) in natural resources management, environment studies, development studies, forestry, geography, environment economics or other relevant discipline	20
2	Experience and knowledge Minimum of 7 years professional experience in the field. Demonstrated experience in assignments relevant for the Scoping Study. Demonstrated knowledge of advanced concepts in natural resources management, such as Nature-based solutions, in particular Ecosystem-based Disaster Risk Reduction, Climate Change Adaptation and/or Mitigation, Ecosystem-based Restoration, or other related concepts. Experience in conducting policy and legislative ana	

3	Experience and knowledge of the region Experience in projects/assignments in Serbia, or demonstrated knowledge of main issues in nature conservation in the country/region	15
	Total	100