



# Request for Proposals (RfP) Hydrological engineer International Consultant Albania

**IUCN Regional Office for Eastern Europe and Central Asia  
ADAPT: Nature-based solutions for resilient communities in the Western Balkans**

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## **PART 1 – INSTRUCTIONS TO PROPOSERS AND PROPOSAL CONDITIONS**

### **1.1. About IUCN**

IUCN is a membership Union uniquely composed of both government and civil society organisations. It provides public, private and non-governmental organisations with the knowledge and tools that enable human progress, economic development and nature conservation to take place together.

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#### **1.4. Conditions**

## PART 2 – THE REQUIREMENT

### Background information

Climate change is increasing the frequency, intensity and magnitude of disasters, leading to a higher number of casualties as well as property and economic losses. Nature can provide cost-effective, no-regret solutions, which help increase community resilience beyond their capacity to absorb and recover from a single disaster, such as a flood or drought. The Western Balkan economies are among the most vulnerable with respect to climate change impacts affecting numerous sectors and domains. Yet, the value derived from deploying Nature-based Solutions in response to societal challenges remains underexplored and the application of approaches that integrate natural infrastructure remain insufficient and fragmented. Beyond the positive impact on societies and improved management of disaster risks, Nature-based Solutions benefit habitats and biodiversity as well as support climate change mitigation and adaptation.

ADAPT: Nature-based Solutions for resilient societies in the Western Balkans is a project funded by the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida) and implemented by IUCN. It aims to increase ecosystem and community resilience to climate change and environmental degradation in the Western Balkans. This regional umbrella initiative works with the six Western Balkan economies, regional and local partners.

The project will be implemented through the following three strategies:

1. Enhance knowledge and awareness of nature-based disaster risk reduction solutions among decision makers, natural resource managers and local communities with a specific focus on gender;
2. Integration of Nature-based Solutions and equitable climate-smart planning into adaptation and disaster reduction policy; and
3. Implementation of Nature-based Solutions for disaster risk reduction and their scale-up.

Albania is a country situated in Southeastern Europe, in the western part of the Balkan Peninsula. It is classified as a country with high disaster risk, ranking 40 out of 170 countries (World Risk Report, 2016). Meteorological events such as rain, storms and heat waves are the m(i)5(g)-95ems and the (d)- 842.04 reW\*nBT/F1 -5(es)0 g0 TJE3(s)-5(torm

increased risk of floods due to persistent air, water and soil pollution, degraded forests and erosion which may lead to landslides as well as outdated sewage systems. The pilot project will be implemented in close cooperation with local authorities

This consultancy will coordinate a series of NbS baseline assessments in Albania to restore and sustainably manage degraded lands by **identifying areas that are suitable for restoration** (prioritise areas particularly for mitigating floods and landslides, for erosion control) **and recommend interventions** that are tailored to the needs of local communities, businesses, and land management actors. A key element of this consultancy, besides providing technical advice on hydrology matters, will be **effective interdisciplinary coordination**, working with experts supporting the GIS, socio-economic and, biodiversity and/or urban planning, gender analyses, and field data collection and analysis as inputs of

5. **Development of NbS baseline assessments final report and recommendations**
  - Combine all outputs and analysis as per tasks 1-4 above to build a NbS baseline assessments final report for the Municipality of Elbasan with key recommendations emerging for the design of the pilot project.
  - Early Draft/considerations for the future Monitoring and Evaluation Framework building on **NbS baseline assessments** outputs.
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		- Facilitate validation workshop (Power point presentations)	
6	Pilot project design	- Final NbS baseline assessments report in the Municipality of Elbasan - Finalised recommendations for the pilot project design, including potential pathways for local and external financiers, as well as potential constraints.	15 May 2022

The tasks, deliverables and timelines presented above have been prepared in accordance with the current project work plan and logframe. Tasks, deliverables and timeframes may be adjusted in accordance with adaptive project management and updated yearly work plan and logframe. This will be done in consultation between the hydrological engineer consultant and the ADAPT project management team.

### Resources

Read more about the guidelines and tools used during application of ecological restoration principles and approaches:

1. [Conservation tools | IUCN](#)
2. [Ecological restoration for protected areas: principles, guidelines and best practices | IUCN](#)
3. [Restoration Opportunities Assessment Methodology \(ROAM\) | IUCN](#)
4. Gender-responsive restoration guidelines - <https://portals.iucn.org/library/node/46693>
5. Biodiversity guidelines for forest landscape restoration opportunities assessments - <https://portals.iucn.org/library/node/47713>

The maximum available budget for this consultancy is estimated at **E**



### **PART 3 – THE EVALUATION MODEL**

The selection criteria will consist of a technical and financial component. A weighting will be provided to each component as follows: Technical Weighting Factor 85%, Financial Weighting Factor 15%, with the total score a combination of these two percentages.

The evaluation of proposals shall be carried out exclusively with regards to the evaluation criteria and their relative weights specified in the table below:

<b>Evaluation criteria</b>	<b>Maximum attainable points</b>
1. Qualifications of the expert in civil engineering, hydrology and/or hydrological engineering, natural resource management, climate change adaptation and/or disaster risk reduction.	40
2. Quality of the project methodology and work plan.	30
3. Qualifications of the expert related to local understanding, practical solution orientated experience and understanding of relevant legal context and governance arrangements in Albania.	







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5.4 Funds that remain unused at the Expiration Date or termination date of this Agreement must be returned to IUCN within sixty (60) days following either of such dates, as applicable.

## **6. TRAVEL EXPENSES**

6.1 Travel expenses in connection with this Agreement shall not exceed [currency/amount in numbers] [(currency and amount in words)]. All travel has to be approved by the Contact before any reservation is made.

6.2 The IUCN Travel Policy (April 2019) shall apply to all travel expenses and is available at <https://www.iucn.org/corporate/finance/procurement/iucn-travel-policy>.

8.3 The Consultant agrees to immediately notify IUCN in writing if he/she becomes aware of any disclosure in breach of the obligations of this clause 8. At the request of IUCN, the Consultant will take all steps necessary to prevent further disclosure.

## **9. PROPERTY OF RESULTS**

All notes, memoranda, correspondence, records, documents and other tangible items made by the Consultant in the course of providing the Services will be and remain at all times the property of IUCN. At any time, even after the termination of this Agreement, the Consultant shall, upon request, promptly deliver to IUCN all such tangible items which are in his/her possession or under his/her control and relate to IUCN, its business affairs and clients and/or the Services and he/she may not make or retain copies.

## **10. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY**

10.1 Intellectual Property rights are any and all rights and prerogatives, registered or not, arising from the Swiss and international legislation on the protection of notably patents, design, trademark, as well as know-how and trade secrets.

10.2 All Intellectual Property rights conceived or made by the Consultant in the course of providing the Services will belong to IUCN and the Consultant hereby agrees to assign to IUCN or its nominee, with full title guarantee, all rights in and to any Intellectual Property resulting from the provision of the Services for the full duration of such rights, wherever in the world enforceable.

10.3 The Consultant confirms that IUCN shall have all rights of development, manufacture, promotion, distribution and exploitation in relation to the projects undertaken and products developed in the course of the acture, pron







## **PART 6 – DEFINITIONS**

For the purposes of this Request for Proposal (RfP) the following definitions apply:

Contract	Means any contract or other legal commitment that results from this Request for Proposals.
Contractor	Means the entity that forms a Contract with IUCN for provision of the Requirement.
Instructions	Means the instructions and conditions set out in Part 1 of this Request for Proposals.
IUCN	Means IUCN, International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources.
IUCN Contact	Means the person IUCN has nominated to be used exclusively for contact regarding this Request for Proposals and the Contract.
Proposal	Means a written offer submitted in response to this Request for Proposals.
Proposer	Means an entity that submits, or is invited to submit, a Proposal in response to this Request for Proposals.
Requirement	Means the supply to be made by the Contractor to IUCN in accordance with Part 2 of the RfP.
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