



Request for Proposals (RfP) Socio-Economic Consultant to support ROAM in Serbia

Scope of work

The [Forest Landscape Restoration \(FLR\)](#) approach aims to regain ecological integrity and enhance human well-being in deforested and degraded forest landscapes through a variety of place-based interventions, involving trees and other woody plants, including for example tree planting, managed natural regeneration, erosion control, riparian restoration, or improved land management. FLR relies on active stakeholder engagement and can accommodate a mosaic of different land uses, including agriculture, agroforestry, regenerated forests, managed plantations, riverside plantings to protect waterways, etc.

The Restoration Opportunities Assessment Methodology (ROAM)¹ makes the principles of FLR actionable, and is the framework around which stakeholders will convene to develop their Theory of Change for degraded landscapes in the Municipality of Kraljevo. Given the strong focus on the identification of the highest opportunities in the pilot site for flood mitigation and disaster risk reduction, and to design suitable Nature-based Solutions (NbS) interventions such as landscape restoration, a landscape opportunities assessment using the [ROAM](#) framework will be carried out. Design of the pilot project for NbS implementation will then build on the results and outputs of the ROAM process. Therefore, activities under this assignment will mainly focus on *identifying and assessing restoration opportunities in the Municipality of Kraljevo for flood mitigation and disaster risk reduction*. This will provide key inputs to the Municipality of Kraljevo seeking to accelerate and implement restoration as part of the NbS and to scale climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction, while facilitating the achievement of local objectives and goals, such as water security, diversifying livelihood options, preserving key biodiversity, inclusive planning, etc.

In order to achieve this goal, IUCN is seeking a qualified socio-economic consultant to provide technical support in carrying out a socio-economic analysis as part of the FLR opportunities assessment process and ROAM team in Serbia².

This consultancy will coordinate the socio-economic component of the ROAM analysis in Serbia. The ROAM assessment aims to enable restoration and sustainable management of degraded and deforested lands by identifying areas that are suitable for restoration, prioritise areas particularly for mitigating flooding and landslides, erosion control, and recommend interventions that are tailored to the needs of local communities, businesses, and land management actors.

The consultant will carry out desk-based research to generate an economic overview of livelihoods and potential impacts from restoration in the Municipality of Kraljevo, which is the foundation for the cost-benefit analysis (CBA). The CBA should include sensitivity analysis, assessing, comparing, and optimising the NPVs of different restoration transitions, and identifying those restoration transitions that provide the largest benefit-cost ratios and rates of return. The consultant will develop cost-benefit models for the implementation of a series of FLR actions in contrast to the cost-benefit models of the business-as-usual scenario³

Responsibilities and communication

The consultant is mandated by IUCN for all the tasks and deliverables mentioned in above sections. All

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:

Evaluation criteria	Maximum attainable points
1. Qualifications of the expert in economics and related sciences, 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 Serbia.	15
4. Price score.	15
Total Score	100

A Price Score (PS) is assigned to all Proposals applying the following formula:

$$PS = 15 \times LP/PP$$

Where:

PS is the Price Score of the offer under evaluation;

15- is the maximum score in points obtainable in the Price evaluation;

LP is the value of the lowest Budget (a sum of the Staff Input Budget and the Expenses Budget) offered by all Proposals in the Price evaluation;

PART 5 – PROPOSED CONTRACT

Below is the proposed Contract for the Nature-based solutions field expert in Albania. IUCN reserves the right to amend the proposed Contract prior to signature but, in submitting a Proposal, Proposers acknowledge that this is a standard IUCN contract template and will only be amended at IUCN s discretion.

CONSULTANCY AGREEMENT (the “Agreement”)

between

IUCN, International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources , an international association established under the laws of Switzerland, with its World Headquarters located at Rue Mauverney 28, 1196 Gland, Switzerland operating in Serbia through its Regional Office for Eastern Europe and Central Asia IUCN ECARO (hereafter IUCN),

and

[name of other party], domiciled at [address], [country] (hereafter Consultant”)

IUCN and the Consultant shall be referred to herein individually as a Party and together as the Parties .

PREAMBLE

Whereas the mission of IUCN is to influence, encourage and assist societies throughout the world to conserve the integrity and diversity of nature and to ensure that any use of natural resources is equitable and ecologicT22(d ec)]T(l)3.1
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2. TERM

This Agreement comes into effect on [date] [or] [upon its signature by both Parties] (the Effective Date) and will expire on [date] (the Expiration Date).

3. INDEPENDENT STATUS

3.1 The Consultant acknowledges that he/she is engaged as an independent contractor and shall perform under his/her sole responsibility. Nothing in this Agreement shall render the Consultant an employee, agent or partner of IUCN and the Consultant will not hold himself/herself out as such.

3.2 The Consultant shall have no authority to enter into contracts or to incur any other legally binding commitment on behalf of IUCN.

3.3 The Consultant shall not hold himself/herself out or permit himself/herself to be held out as having authority to do or say anything on behalf of or in the name of IUCN.

4. OBLIGATIONS

1.1 The Consultant shall carry out his/her duties in an expert and diligent manner and to the best of his ability; he/she shall promptly and faithfully comply with all lawful and reasonable requests which may be made by the IUCN Contact Person.

Bank address: [xxx]
Account No.: [xxx]
SWIFT Code or other bank routing code: [xxx]
IBAN No: [xxx]

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>.

6.3 A financial report with receipts (e.g. transportation, accommodation, meals and incidentals) must be submitted in the currency of the Agreement to the IUCN Contact Person in order for reimbursement to be made.

7. CONSULTANT'S WARRANTIES AND UNDERTAKINGS

7.1 The Consultant undertakes to IUCN that he/she will duly pay the tax and national insurance contributions

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13 FRAUD, CORRUPTION AND ETHICS

13.1 The Consultant shall comply with the terms of the IUCN s Code of Conduct and Professional Ethics for the Secretariat, available at http://cmsdata.iucn.org/downloads/code_of_conduct_and_professional_ethics.pdf, which by signing this Agreement, the Consultant confirms he/she has reviewed and accepted.

13.2 The Consultant shall comply with the standards of conduct set forth in IUCN's Anti-fraud Policy, available at http://cmsdata.iucn.org/downloads/anti_fraud_policy.pdf, which by signing this Agreement, the Consultant confirms he/she has reviewed and accepted.

14 TERMINATION

14.1 Termination for cause

14.1.1 IUCN reserves the right to terminate this Agreement in whole or in part, upon written notice with immediate effect in the event that the Consultant:

- i. has falsified or provided inaccurate, incomplete or misleading information in any documentation provided to IUCN;
- ii. defaults in carrying out any of its obligations under this Agreement;
- iii.

15 APPLICABLE LAW AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION

15.1 The performance and interpretation of this Agreement will be subject exclusively to the laws of Switzerland, excluding its conflict of laws principles.

15.2 Any dispute arising out of or in relation with this Agreement that cannot be resolved amicably by the Parties or by way of mediation shall be submitted to the competent courts of Lausanne, Switzerland.

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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