



**EUROPEAN NEIGHBORHOOD AND PARTNERSHIP INSTRUMENT EAST  
COUNTRIES FOREST LAW ENFORCEMENT AND GOVERNANCE II PROGRAM  
(ENPI EAST COUNTRIES FLEG II PROGRAM)**

**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST**

**Assignment Title: CONSULTANT FOR AN ANALYTICAL STUDY ON THE VALUE OF FOREST FUNCTIONS FOR LOCAL  
POPULATION**

The International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) is implementing an agreement with World Bank and intends to apply part of the funding for supporting this position in Georgia.

**THE RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDE:**

- Analyze all existing information (including data, statistics, reports etc.) dealing with forest ecosystem functionality and/or provision of forest services and goods in Georgia;
- Participate in developing of joint methodology for conducting Analytical Study on the Value of Forest Functions for Local Population in ENPI FLEG program countries;
- Participate in the training and working meetings with national consultants in other 6 participating countries, responsible for conducting studies in their respective countries;
- Conduct survey and gather information on forest functionality in pilot regions of Georgia;
- Input collected data into the developed database and analyze results;
- Prepare county specific analytical study on the Value of Forest Functions for Local Population in Georgia (in Georgian and English languages);
- Participate in the regional conference on forest functionality and present results of the Study to wide range of stakeholders;
- Participate in the preparation of the publications of the results of the Study and making results available on national level (through websites, publications, media, radio/TV), and
- Provide assistance in developing of the regional peer reviewed article.

An individual with proven research capabilities and at least 5 years of relevant professional experience is required. The following are minimum qualifications:

- Master or higher degree in environmental economy, forest and natural resource management or other related subject;
- Prior experience in conducting surveys and research on economic valuation of the forest and environmental services or in other related fields;
- Extensive knowledge and understanding of the current issues of forest management and governance in Georgia as well as knowledge and acquaintance with governmental structures and other stakeholders;
- Knowledge and understanding of and working experience with IUCN regulations and guidelines as well as strong interpersonal skills and ability to work in different cultural contexts;
- Proven ability to prepare and write high quality reports in economic valuation of the forest and ecosystem services or in other related fields;
- Fluency in written and spoken Georgian and English;
- Computer literacy, including the use of MS Excel, PowerPoint, and Word or similar office applications, acquaintance with the principles of statistical analysis, as well as proficiency in performing internet research to support documents that may be required for program implementation.

The IUCN now invites eligible individual experts to indicate their interest in providing their services. Interested consultants must provide their CVs with information demonstrating that they are qualified to perform the Services.

A consultant will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the World Bank's [\*Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants by World Bank Borrowers\*](#) (January 2011)

Interested candidates may obtain further information at the address below during office hours, from 10:00 to 18:00 local time. CVs must be delivered to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by e-mail) by February 24, 2014.