



Mano River Union Ecosystem Conservation and International Water Resources Management Project

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TITLE: RECRUITMENT OF A CONSULTANT TO CARRY OUT THE MID-TERM EVALUATION OF THE PROJECT

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The member states of the Mano River Union (Sierra Leone, Guinea, Liberia and Côte d'Ivoire) have obtained funding from the Global Environment Facility (GEF) for the implementation of the "Conservation" project. of ecosystems and management of international water resources of the Mano River Union". The MRU Secretariat, the Regional Project Management Agency intends to use part of the funding to carry out the Mid-Term Evaluation.

The project has two components:

- (i) component 1 “ integrated Forest Ecosystem Management
- (ii) component 2 “ sustainable management of transboundary waters”

Project intervention sites:

For component 1

- **Site 1:** Trans-boundary block of forest including protected area complex of National Forest of Diéké (GN), Integrated Forest Reserves of the Nimba Highland (GN/CI) and National Park of the East Nimba (LB);
- **Site 2:** Trans-boundary block of forest including the National Forest Protected Area Complex of the National Park of Wonegisi-Ziam (LB/GN);
- **Site 3:** Trans-boundary block and corridor including the protected area complex of the National Park of Gola Forest (SL) and the National Forest of Gola (LB);
- **Site 4:** Trans-boundary Block of Forest and Corridor including the National Park Protected Area Complex of Sapo (LB), the National Forest of Grebo (LB) and the National Park of Tai (CI).

For Component 2

- **Trans-boundary Basin Target 1:** Moa / Makona River Basin shared by Guinea 44%, Liberia 8.5% and Sierra Leone 47.5% (additionally based on initial BRIDGE activities) and Mano River Basin;
- **Trans-boundary Basin Target 2:** Cavally River Basin shared by Côte d'Ivoire 54%, Guinea 5%, and Liberia 41%;–
- **Trans-boundary Basin Target 3:** Great and Little Scarcies/ Kolenté-kaba basins shared by Guinea 66% and Sierra Leone 34%.

The objective of this consultation is:

The mid-term evaluation is meant to determine the pertinence, efficiency, effectiveness, impact and the sustainability of the project.

It will also determine the direction of the implementation in relation to the set objectives. It eventually determines the realization of the project in relation to its set objectives.

More specifically, it will focus on the following key points:

- Relevance
- Effectiveness
- Efficiency
- Timeliness of the project in terms of the economic, institutional and current environmental conditions of the 4 project landscapes, the 3 transboundary basins and their adjacent communities.
- Capture the initial lessons learnt from the implementation.
- Contribution of the programme to Goal 12 of the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals sub section 12.2: *By 2030, achieve the sustainable management and efficient use of natural resources.*
- The mid-term evaluation will examine the proposed activities of the project and will provide comments and recommendations of their appropriateness.

The mid-term evaluation will be carried out on the 4 transboundary block sites and the 3 transboundary basins indicated in the project document and some selected adjacent communities. The evaluation team will try to map out specific areas visited and they will provide information in and around the areas visited in relation to the objective of the mission
Pour plus de détails et les termes de référence pour cette consultation, prière de bien vouloir vous adresser à l'une des responsables cités ci-dessous :

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Qualification of the consultant

- A Specialist in the management of natural resources trained (at least BAC +5) with at least 10 years' experience in environment, Forestry, agriculture, water resources or similar domain.. The consultant should have experience related to land degradation and in Forest Landscape Restoration processes and vast experience in project evaluation techniques particularly GEF / IUCN projects.
- The consultant should be an Agro-economics or an Agronomist or a socio-economist trained (Bac +5) with at least 10 years' experience in rural development and in developmental project analysis.
- The consultant should have on knowledge on the operational procedures and disbursement of GEF /IUCN projects.
- The Specialist should have an understanding of the Mano River Union region. The consultant is not expected to be directly involved in the implementation of the project.
- Ability to communicate and write in French and English

Submission of applications

The qualified candidate meeting the criteria of this call must send their application in electronic or paper version to the Secretariat of the Mano River Union (Regional Project Execution Agency), including the Curriculum Vitae and a cover letter.

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