



The International Union for the Conservation of Nature
Regional Office for West Asia countries
(IUCN-ROWA)
TERMS OF REFERENCE (ToRs)

Title of Assignment	Review and update the Rangeland strategy for Jordan (2013\2014)	
Project	Healthy Ecosystems for Rangeland Development (HERD); sustainable rangelands management practices and strategies	
Duration	10 working days	
	From: upon its signature	To: 15 th of July, 2022

ABOUT IUCN-ROWA

The IUCN Regional Office for West Asia (IUCN ROWA) aims to be active in 13 countries of West Asia region in various conservation and sustainable development activities. The IUCN-ROWA's role is to coordinate activities within four major themes in the overall region, namely; water and climate change, protected areas and biodiversity, drylands, Livelihoods, and gender, and marine and coastal zone management. Other cross cutting issues that also include gender mainstreaming and natural resource management are also major issues IUCN ROWA work on. This consultancy assignment fills in into the Dry land, Livelihood and Gender Program-HERD project of the IUCN-ROWA.

OVERVIEW

Land degradation is one of the world's most pressing environmental challenges, and rangelands, which represent almost 52% of global territory, characterize as a one of the most degraded biomes worldwide. It has been estimated that approximately 73% of world's rangelands are degraded, which represents almost 20% of global pasture. Rangelands that are subject to land degradation are the object of management interventions under the Healthy Ecosystems for Rangelands Development project (HERD). The concept of HERD is being consolidated through numerous projects, programs, initiatives, studies, scientific articles and policy papers. HERD project is a four-year regional project implemented by UN Environment and executed by IUCN Regional Office for West Asia (ROWA), in

cooperation with national partners including, and not limited to, the Hashemite Fund for the Development of Jordan Badia (HFDJB), the Royal Botanic Garden (RBG) in Jordan, the Desert Research Center (DRC) and the Center For Environment and Development for the Arab Region and Europe (CEDARE) in Egypt. The project aims to strengthening restoration and sustainable management of pastoral rangelands for the provision of ecosystem services and protection of biodiversity in Egypt and Jordan and catalyzing scale up regionally and globally.

SCOPE OF THE ASSIGNMENT

Under the direction of the Drylands Program Manager IUCN ROWA and in close collaboration with experts from key stakeholders such as Ministry of Agriculture MoA, the consultant will conduct the following tasks:

- Revise rangeland strategy and identify strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threat (SWOT), and improvement needs in collaboration with relevant stakeholders;
- Conduct an up to date overview on the current state of the rangeland sector, it's economic, ecological and social importance, main management challenges, land uses, and land tenure;
- Review existing policies, strategies key national documents relevant to rangelands in the context of the socioeconomic and environmental principles and policies of the country's development programmes, as well as in relation to international initiatives on the sustainable management of renewable natural resources;
- Review and analyze the current public institutions and institutional capacities and skills, and rangelands governance and provide recommendations for their strengthening in the context of current and expected rangeland strategy and practices in the country;
- Review and analyze the current finance mechanisms and budget allocations, and their shortcomings, and provide recommendations for their strengthening;
- Update/ develop rangeland strategy based the consultations processes in collaboration with IUCN's experts;
- Provide any other relevant contributions in connection with development of rangeland strategy;
- Prepare a report containing findings, conclusions and recommendations for rangeland strategy development process.

DELIVERABLES

- Inception report showing how the assignment will be conducted and any necessary modifications to the time frame;
- Prepare and deliver a first report containing main findings, conclusions, and recommendations for rangeland strategy development process.
- Finalize and submitte the final report after addressing all comments.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

The consultant is expected to contribute to this task approximately 10 working days starting **upon the signature and ends 15th July 2022**. The consultant shall submit an invoice according to the schedule below and payments will be made upon satisfactory completion of deliverables.

- 1st (First instalment): 30% of the remuneration upon submitted and approved the inception report by the IUCN (deliverable 1);
- 2st (Second instalment): 40% of the remuneration upon submitted and approved the first report by the IUCN (deliverable 2);
- 3st (Final instalment): 30% of remuneration upon submitted and approved the final report by the IUCN (deliverable 3).

NATURE OF PENALTY IN THE CONTRACT

- If the reports and documents are not submitted according to the deliverables and timeframe stated in this TORs, the payments would be withheld;
- IUCN ROWA reserves the right to withhold all or a portion of payment if performance is unsatisfactory, if work/outputs is incomplete, not delivered or for failure to meet deadlines;
- All materials developed will remain the copyright of IUCN and IUCN will be free to adapt and modify them in the future.

The deadline for receiving applicants is 18th April 2022