Consultancy (Firm) for Vulnerability Impacts Assessment, Site Identification and Design of Appropriate Bioengineering Techniques

IUCN Nepal Country Office, Programme Unit / Improving Climate Resilience of Vulnerable Communities and Ecosystems in the Gandaki River Basin, Nepal (GCF GRB Project No: P02849)

RfP Reference: IUCN-2023-08-P02849-07

Welcome to this Procurement by IUCN. You are hereby invited to submit a Proposal. Please read the information and instructions carefully because non-compliance with the instructions may result in disqualification of your Proposal from this Procurement.

1. REQUIREMENTS
1.1. A detailed description of the services and/or goods to be provided can be found in Attachment 1.

2. CONTACT DETAILS
2.1. During the course of this procurement, i.e. from the publication of this RfP to the award of a contract, you may not discuss this procurement with any IUCN employee or representative other than the following contact. You must address all correspondence and questions to the contact, including your Proposal.

IUCN Contact:
Name: Prativa Shrestha
Position: HR Business Partner
Email Address: info-np@iucn.org

3. PROCUREMENT TIMETABLE
3.1. This timetable is indicative and may be changed by IUCN at any time. If IUCN decides that changes to any of the deadlines are necessary, we will publish this on our website and contact you directly if you have indicated your interest in this procurement (see Section 3.2).

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3.2. Please email the IUCN contact to express your interest in submitting a Proposal by the deadline stated above. This will help IUCN to keep you updated regarding the procurement.
4. COMPLETING AND SUBMITTING A PROPOSAL

4.1. Your Proposal must consist of the following four separate documents:

- Signed Declaration of Undertaking (see Attachment 2)
- Pre-Qualification Information (see Section 4.3 below)
- Technical Proposal (see Section 4.4 below)
- Financial Proposal (see Section 4.5 below)

Proposals must be prepared in English.

4.2. Your Proposal must be submitted by email to the IUCN Contact (see Section 2). The subject heading of the email shall be [RfP Reference – bidder name]. The bidder name is the name of the company/organisation on whose behalf you are submitting the Proposal, or your own surname if you are bidding as a self-employed consultant. Your Proposal must be submitted in PDF format. You may submit multiple emails suitably annotated, e.g. Email 1 of 3, if attached files are too large to suit a single email transmission. You may not submit your Proposal by uploading it to a file-sharing tool.

**IMPORTANT:** Submitted documents must be password-protected so that they cannot be opened and read before the submission deadline. Please use a separate password for Technical and Financial proposals. Firstly, please send the password of the Technical Proposal to the IUCN contact after the deadline i.e. within 24 hours of the deadline passed. This will ensure a secure bid submission and opening process. Please DO NOT email the password before the deadline for Proposal submission. Please send the password for financial proposal only after further information received from IUCN contact i.e. after completing the technical evaluation. The proposals submitted without the password protection will be disqualified at IUCN’s discretion.

4.3. Pre-Qualification Criteria

IUCN will use the following Pre-Qualification Criteria to determine whether you have the capacity to provide the required goods and/or services to IUCN. Please provide the necessary information in a single, separate document.

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4.4. Technical Proposal

The Technical Proposal must address each of the criteria stated below explicitly and separately, quoting the relevant criteria reference number (left-hand column).

Proposals in any other format will significantly increase the time it takes to evaluate, and such Proposals may therefore be rejected at IUCN’s discretion.

Where CVs are requested, these must be of the individuals who will actually carry out the work specified. The individuals you put forward may only be substituted with IUCN’s approval.

IUCN will evaluate Technical Proposals with regards to each of the following criteria and their relative importance:
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4.5. **Financial Proposal**

4.5.1. The Financial Proposal must be a fixed and firm price for the provision of the goods/services stated in the RfP in their entirety.

4.5.2. **Prices include all costs**

Submitted rates and prices are deemed to include all costs, insurances, taxes, fees, expenses, liabilities, obligations, risk and other things necessary for the performance of the Terms of Reference or Specification of Requirements. IUCN will not accept charges beyond those clearly stated in the Financial Proposal. This includes applicable withholding taxes and similar. It is your responsibility to determine whether such taxes apply to your organisation and to include them in your Financial Proposal.

4.5.3. **Applicable Goods and Services Taxes**

Proposal rates and prices shall be inclusive of all applicable taxes.

4.5.4. **Currency of proposed rates and prices**

All rates and prices submitted by Proposers shall be in Nepalese currency (NPR).

4.5.5. **Breakdown of rates and prices**

*The price needs to be broken down as per the format provided in B-2: Technical and Financial Proposal form of Attachment 4 and the maximum budget for the assignment is NPR 7,000,000/- (NPR Seven million only), including all applicable taxes.*
4.6. Additional information not requested by IUCN should not be included in your Proposal and will not be considered in the evaluation.

4.7. Your Proposal must remain valid and capable of acceptance by IUCN for a period of 90 calendar days following the submission deadline.

4.8. Withdrawals and Changes

You may freely withdraw or change your Proposal at any time prior to the submission deadline by written notice to the IUCN Contact. However, in order to reduce the risk of fraud, no changes or withdrawals will be accepted after the submission deadline.

5. EVALUATION OF PROPOSALS

5.1. Completeness

IUCN will firstly check your Proposal for completeness. Incomplete Proposals will not be considered further at IUCN’s discretion.

5.2. Pre-Qualification Criteria

Only Proposals that meet all of the pre-qualification criteria will be evaluated.

5.3. Technical Evaluation

5.3.1. Scoring Method

Your Proposal will be assigned a score from 0 to 10 for each of the technical evaluation criteria, such that ‘0’ is low and ‘10’ is high.

5.3.2. Minimum Quality Thresholds

Proposals that receive a score of ‘0’ for any of the criteria will not be considered further at IUCN’s discretion.

5.3.3. Technical Score

Your score for each technical evaluation criterion will be multiplied with the respective relative weight (see Section 4.4) and these weighted scores added together to give your Proposal’s overall technical score.

5.4. Financial Evaluation and Financial Scores

The financial evaluation will be based upon the full total price you submit. Your Financial Proposal will receive a score calculated by dividing the lowest Financial Proposal that has passed the minimum quality thresholds (see Section 5.3.2) by the total price of your Financial Proposal. However, only the technical proposals that have scored more than 70% will be qualify for financial evaluation.

Thus, for example, if your Financial Proposal is for a total of CHF 100 and the lowest Financial Proposal is CHF 80, you will receive a financial score of 80/100 = 80%

5.5. Total Score

Your Proposal’s total score will be calculated as the weighted sum of your technical score and your financial score.

The relative weights will be:

- Technical: 80%
- Financial: 20%

Thus, for example, if your technical score is 83% and your financial score is 77%, you will receive a total score of 83 * 80% + 77 * 20% = 66.40% + 15.40% = 81.80%
Subject to the requirements in Sections 4 and 7, IUCN will award the contract to the bidder whose Proposal achieves the highest total score.

6. EXPLANATION OF PROCUREMENT PROCEDURE

6.1. IUCN is using the Open Procedure for this procurement. This means that the contracting opportunity is published on IUCN's website and open to all interested parties to take part, subject to the conditions in Section 7 below.

6.2. You are welcome to ask questions or seek clarification regarding this procurement. Please email the IUCN Contact (see Section 2), taking note of the deadline for submission of questions in Section 3.1.

6.3. All Proposals must be received by the submission deadline in Section 3.1 above. Late Proposals will not be considered. All Proposals received by the submission deadline will be evaluated by a team of three or more evaluators in accordance with the evaluation criteria stated in this RfP. No other criteria will be used to evaluate Proposals. The contract will be awarded to the bidder whose Proposal received the highest Total Score. IUCN does, however, reserve the right to cancel the procurement and not award a contract at all.

6.4. IUCN will contact the bidder with the highest-scoring Proposal to finalise the contract. We will contact unsuccessful bidders after the contract has been awarded and provide detailed feedback. The timetable in Section 3.1 gives an estimate of when we expect to have completed the contract award, but this date may change depending on how long the evaluation of Proposals takes.

7. CONDITIONS FOR PARTICIPATION IN THIS PROCUREMENT

7.1. To participate in this procurement, you are required to submit a Proposal, which fully complies with the instructions in this RfP and the Attachments.

7.1.1. It is your responsibility to ensure that you have submitted a complete and fully compliant Proposal.

7.1.2. Any incomplete or incorrectly completed Proposal submission may be deemed non-compliant, and as a result you may be unable to proceed further in the procurement process.

7.1.3. IUCN will query any obvious clerical errors in your Proposal and may, at IUCN's sole discretion, allow you to correct these, but only if doing so could not be perceived as giving you an unfair advantage.

7.2. In order to participate in this procurement, you must meet the following conditions:

- Free of conflicts of interest
- Registered on the relevant professional or trade register of the country in which you are established (or resident, if self-employed)
- In full compliance with your obligations relating to payment of social security contributions and of all applicable taxes
- Not been convicted of failing to comply with environmental regulatory requirements or other legal requirements relating to sustainability and environmental protection
- Not bankrupt or being wound up
- Never been guilty of an offence concerning your professional conduct
- Not involved in fraud, corruption, a criminal organisation, money laundering, terrorism, or any other illegal activity.

7.3. You must complete and sign the Declaration of Undertaking (see Attachment 2).
7.4. If you are participating in this procurement as a member of a joint venture, or are using sub-contractors, submit a separate Declaration of Undertaking for each member of the joint venture and sub-contractor, and be clear in your Proposal which parts of the goods/services are provided by each partner or sub-contractor.

7.5. Each bidder shall submit only one Proposal, either individually or as a partner in a joint venture. In case of joint venture, one company shall not be allowed to participate in two different joint ventures in the same procurement nor shall a company be allowed to submit a Proposal both on its behalf and as part of a joint venture for the same procurement. A bidder who submits or participates in more than one Proposal (other than as a subcontractor or in cases of alternatives that have been permitted or requested) shall cause all the Proposals with the bidder’s participation to be disqualified.

7.6. By taking part in this procurement, you accept the conditions set out in this RfP, including the following:

- It is unacceptable to give or offer any gift or consideration to an employee or other representative of IUCN as a reward or inducement in relation to the awarding of a contract. Such action will give IUCN the right to exclude you from this and any future procurements, and to terminate any contract that may have been signed with you.
- Any attempt to obtain information from an employee or other representative of IUCN concerning another bidder will result in disqualification.
- Any price fixing or collusion with other bidders in relation to this procurement shall give IUCN the right to exclude you and any other involved bidder(s) from this and any future procurements and may constitute a criminal offence.

8. CONFIDENTIALITY AND DATA PROTECTION

8.1. IUCN follows the European Union’s General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). The information you submit to IUCN as part of this procurement will be treated as confidential and shared only as required to evaluate your Proposal in line with the procedure explained in this RfP, and for the maintenance of a clear audit trail. For audit purposes, IUCN is required to retain your Proposal in its entirety for 10 years after the end of the resulting contract and make this available to internal and external auditors and donors as and when requested.

8.2. In the Declaration of Undertaking (Attachment 2) you need to give IUCN express permission to use the information you submit in this way, including personal data that forms part of your Proposal. Where you include personal data of your employees (e.g. CVs) in your Proposal, you need to have written permission from those individuals to share this information with IUCN, and for IUCN to use this information as indicated in 8.1. Without these permissions, IUCN will not be able to consider your Proposal.

9. COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE

If you have a complaint or concern regarding the propriety of how a competitive process is or has been executed, then please contact procurement@iucn.org. Such complaints or concerns will be treated as confidential and are not considered in breach of the above restrictions on communication (Section 2.1).

10. CONTRACT

The contract will be based on IUCN’s template in Attachment 3, the terms of which are not negotiable. They may, however, be amended by IUCN to reflect particular requirements from the donor funding this particular procurement.
11. 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.

Headquartered in Switzerland, IUCN Secretariat comprises around 1,000 staff with offices in more than 50 countries.

Created in 1948, IUCN is now the world’s largest and most diverse environmental network, harnessing the knowledge, resources and reach of more than 1,300 Member organisations and some 10,000 experts. It is a leading provider of conservation data, assessments and analysis. Its broad membership enables IUCN to fill the role of incubator and trusted repository of best practices, tools and international standards.

IUCN provides a neutral space in which diverse stakeholders including governments, NGOs, scientists, businesses, local communities, indigenous peoples organisations and others can work together to forge and implement solutions to environmental challenges and achieve sustainable development.

Working with many partners and supporters, IUCN implements a large and diverse portfolio of conservation projects worldwide. Combining the latest science with the traditional knowledge of local communities, these projects work to reverse habitat loss, restore ecosystems and improve people’s well-being.

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12. ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1  Specification of Requirements / Terms of Reference
Attachment 2  Declaration of Undertaking
Attachment 3  Contract Template
Attachment 4  Technical and Financial Proposal Forms
IDENTIFY CLIMATE-VULNERABLE SITES AND DESIGN SUITABLE BIOENGINEERING TECHNIQUES TO STRENGTHEN THE CLIMATE RESILIENCE OF COMMUNITIES AND ECOSYSTEMS THROUGH SUSTAINABLE APPROACHES

PROJECT
Improving Climate Resilience of Vulnerable Communities and Ecosystems in the Gandaki River Basin, Nepal

BACKGROUND
The Project is designed to improve the resilience of communities through ecosystem and livelihood adaptation to climate change in the Gandaki River Basin. The GRB occupies about 21 percent of Nepal's land area and is one of the largest river basins in Nepal. The project is approved by the Green Climate Fund (GCF). The project is designed to shift planning and implementation of climate change adaptation measures from using political boundaries such as districts and municipalities as a basis for river basin management, to one where the entire landscape along the basin becomes one unit of planning and implementation of climate change adaptation measures linking all the impacted communities in the upstream and downstream at the landscape level.

The project is designed with three components i) Community Resilience, ii) Ecosystem Resilience and iii) Climate Governance. Each of the project components has an outcome which will be contributed to by two to three project outputs.

The planned outcomes and outputs of the Project include:

Outcome 1: Enhanced resilience of livelihood of the vulnerable communities, through adapting to climate change sustainable
   Output 1.1: Climate resilient agroforestry and livelihood improvement actions implemented for coping with extreme events.
   Output 1.2: Interventions for water availability and water use efficiency from irrigation systems and improved water sources implemented.

Outcome 2: Strengthened climate resilience of ecosystems
   Output 2.1 Natural ecosystem restoration-based actions implemented for reducing impacts of landslides and floods.
   Output 2.2 Technical capacity of GRB communities enhanced in maintaining and supporting climate resilient ecosystems

Outcome 3: Strengthened climate governance and institutional framework to sustain climate.
   Output 3.1: Community-based mechanism for planning, restoration, monitoring, and maintenance of ecosystems established.
   Output 3.2 Ecosystem-based climate change adaptation approaches incorporated into government policies & plans.
   Output 3.3 Knowledge management established for climate resilient River Basin Management
The Project aims to reach at least 198,000 households directly and 250,000 households indirectly through project intervention which is 16.88 percent of the total population in the area. Upon completion of the project, the Gandaki River Basin will be used as a model to showcase how climate-resilient development in large river basins can occur throughout Nepal.

IUCN, as the Accredited Entity, is the implementing entity of the project. The Department of Forests and Soil Conservation (DoFSC) under the Ministry of Forests and Environment, Government of Nepal, and the National Trust for Nature Conservation (NTNC) are the executing entities of the project. IUCN Nepal country office is the TA provider for the project. The total budget of the project is USD 32.7 million, including the co-financing amount of USD 5.3 million.

**PURPOSE**

The main purpose of the assignment is to identify climate vulnerable sites to select/design bioengineering techniques to strengthen the climate resilience of communities and ecosystems through sustainable approaches. Increasing erratic and heavy rainfall due to climate change in the GRB is causing more flash floods, erosion, and landslides with damage to nearby agricultural fields by depositing gravel and sand. Plantation and construction of nature-based structures like check dams will be done alongside identified green belts, landslide prone rural roads and in the community to protect from erosion and landslide in very highly vulnerable locations in the GRB identified through this assignment.

**OBJECTIVES**

The main objective of this assignment is to identify climate vulnerable sites in GRB and design climate resilient green belts, small nature-based structures to protect forests, wetlands, grasslands, and conservation ponds and apply bio-engineering techniques to provide structural support from landslides and floods in consultation with the communities. The specific objectives are:

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| A. Identify vulnerable sites, select, and design appropriate bioengineering technologies for constructing nature-based structures | - Identify at least 60 vulnerable sites for bond protection dams, 7 sites for diversion channels and 15 sites for construction of check dams and plantation of grass and trees.  
- Select and design/modification of appropriate bioengineering technologies for bond protection dams, diversion channels and check dams. | - The agricultural lands are damaged by landslides in the upstream area and by floods in the downstream area.  
- Recommendation of communities including local governments and previous research and studies regarding the damaged agricultural lands.  
- Households will decide upon the type of trees and grasses to be planted on the dams. |
| B. Identify vulnerable sites, select, and design | - Identify at least 15 sites for the construction of check dams in agricultural lands and 700 sites covering an area of 3750 ha for | - Demand from the communities and recommendation of the provincial and local |
### Appropriate Bioengineering Technologies for Green Belt Construction

- Check dams in gullies in consultation with the communities.
- Identify specific vulnerable sites for at least 100 run-off diversion channels through green belts and 3 rivers to train through green belts.
- Select and design/modification of appropriate bioengineering technologies for constructing green belts.
- Governments and past research and studies.
- Willingness of communities to form user groups and construct the structures with the project support in the locations selected by the project.

### C. Identify, Select, and Design Suitable Structural Support for Erosion-Prone Rural Forest Roads

- Identify the exact structural support needed for the selected rural roads or sites (at least 10 sites) in consultation with the communities and review of the literature.
- Select and design/modification of appropriate bioengineering technologies for providing structural support needed for the selected rural roads or sites.
- Demand from the communities and recommendation of the provincial and local governments and past research and studies.
- Willingness of communities to form user committees and contribute to the selection and design of appropriate bioengineering technologies suitable for structural support of rural roads.

### D. Identify Specific Degraded and Vulnerable Land Sites in Forest Land, Grassland, Wetland, and Conservation Ponds

- Identify specific degraded and vulnerable land sites (3750 ha area) covering 2500ha forest land, 500 ha grassland, 750 ha wetland, and 320 conservation ponds.
- Identify site-specific and gender-preferred climate-resilient plant species for enrichment plantation in consultation with the communities.
- Demand and recommendations from Community Forest Users' Group (CFUGs), Gender, IPs and Disadvantaged and Marginalized communities and Conservation Area Management Committees (CAMCs) and past research and studies about degraded forest areas, wetlands and conservation ponds for enrichment plantation.
- Decision of CFUGs, Gender, IPs, Disadvantaged and Marginalized communities and CAMCs on the specific type of plant species for enrichment plantation.
The consultancy firm will support the following phases of the assignment:

**SCOPE OF WORK**

**Phase 1: Scoping, Consultation and Preparation of Baseline**
This phase involves the review of the funding proposal, particularly relevant activity (A1.1.2, A 2.1.1. and A2.1.2), collection and review of other existing baseline data including climate change, socio-economic, ecosystem and other gender-disaggregated data, and documents as well as methodology and tools available for vulnerability analysis, site identification, selection and design of appropriate tools, techniques, and plans for enhancing community and ecosystem resilience.

**Phase 2: Design and Finalisation of Methodology**
This phase involves review of available literature related to climate change, bioengineering tools and techniques and their applicability, IUCN’s ROAM tool (Restoration Opportunity Assessment Methodology) to work on the restoration feasibility of the degraded land and other tools available for the restoration works, discussion, preparation and finalization of detailed (step-by-step) methodology for data collection ensuring active participation of GEDSI and IPs for the identification of vulnerable sites and the selection and design of appropriate tools and techniques.

**Phase 3: Data Collection and Analysis**
This phase involves consultations with key national, provincial, and local stakeholders, project site office officials, project partners and other key informants and starting fieldwork in the target sites to enable consultation with local people and communities for information collection on climate change vulnerability, hazard profiles, socioeconomic condition, existing ecosystem and ecosystem services, financial status, gender profile and preparation of GIS maps, verification of baseline information, compilation of gender-disaggregated data and analysis of the collected information.

**Phase 4: Documentation and Reporting**
This phase involves the detailed analysis of the data and report covering the information on vulnerable sites (communities and ecosystem) and their vulnerability types, appropriate tools, techniques and plans for enhancing community and ecosystem resilience with respect to identified vulnerable sites.

**OUTPUTS/ DELIVERABLES**

The consultancy firm will deliver the following outputs:

- A review of relevant literature and data sets related to climate-induced hazard sites, hotspots and facilities in communities based on risk profiles
- GIS maps covering existing socioeconomic conditions, climate and natural hazard vulnerability and data sets specifically using GIS, GPS, Aerial photo, Satellite imagery, Google Earth and intensive local consultation
- Reports covering the information on vulnerable sites and ecosystems, type and trend of vulnerability, appropriate bioengineering tools and techniques, land use improvement plans, and other suitable measures for enhancing community and ecosystem resilience.

For the reference of the consultancy firm, the guiding information with each package is mentioned below.

**PACKAGE A: Identity site, select, and design appropriate bioengineering technology for constructing nature-based structures**
- Prepare a fine-scale map with specific hotspot sites (most vulnerable areas including detailed information on affected households, communities) and **site prioritization for the construction of 60 bond protection dams, 7 diversion channels and 15 check dams** in consultation with the communities and other stakeholders (considering GEDSI and IPs vulnerability and opportunities of participation).
- Identify and recommend the broad site-specific plan including appropriate bioengineering techniques for the construction of nature-based structures and other construction structures, required materials, and the number and group of beneficiaries.

**PACKAGE B: Identity site, select, and design appropriate bioengineering technology for green belt**
- Prepare a fine scale map with specific hotspot **sites identified for the construction of at least 15 check dams in agricultural lands and 700 check dams in gullies, 100 run-off diversion channels** through green belts, and **three rivers** to train through green belts in consultation with the communities and other stakeholders.
- Prepare the broad site-specific plan indicating site-specific appropriate bioengineering technology for the construction of the green belt.

**PACKAGE C: Identity, select, and design structural support for erosion-prone rural forest roads**
- Prepare fine scale map of landslide-prone rural forest roads and identify the hotspot sites (most vulnerable areas including detailed information on affected households, communities) for the application of bioengineering techniques that need structural support and **site prioritization for at least 10 structural support sites**.
- Develop a site-specific plan for the construction of nature-based structures and recommend appropriate bioengineering techniques for the construction of structures, essential materials, and the number and group of beneficiaries.

**PACKAGE D: Identify specific sites in degraded lands in forest land, grassland, wetland, and conservation ponds and conduct enrichment plantation**
- Prepare a fine-scale map with specific hotspot degraded land sites (3750 ha area) including 2500 ha forest land, 500ha grassland, 750 ha wetland, and 320 conservation ponds.
- Develop a site-specific plan for identified species for plantation based on the site topography, geology, water resources point, water quality and soil type and community consultation.

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<td>10th October 2023</td>
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<td>Detailed methodology and checklist for the information collection</td>
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<td>First progress report with GIS maps (indicating at least 20 percent vulnerable sites) and tentative bioengineering techniques suitable for constructing infrastructures</td>
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<td>Draft report along with data, maps, locations and recommended structural support measures and plans</td>
<td>31st June 2024</td>
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<td>A detailed final comprehensive report in both soft and hard copies and soft copies of data and maps</td>
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TRAVEL REQUIREMENT:

The assignment demands frequent travel to the project site districts for consultation, information collection, and verification.

MAXIMUM AVAILABLE BUDGET:

The maximum available budget for the assignment is NPR 7,000,000 (NPR Seven million only), including all applicable taxes.

PERIOD OF INVOLVEMENT:

The assignment will spread over approximately 13 months starting from 10th September 2023 to 10th October 2024. However, the deliverables should be submitted on an installment basis and all the deliverables should be completed within the contract period, so deliverables submitted later than 10th October 2024 will not be considered.

REQUIRED EXPERIENCE, SKILLS, AND COMPETENCIES – CONSULTANCY TEAM

The consultancy firm will work closely with the project leader and team and the team will provide overall coordination. The consultancy firm will meet the following conditions:

- Minimum of ten years of existence and experience in socio-economic, vulnerability assessment, biophysical assessment, environmental impact assessment, bioengineering technology, climate resilience and adaptation, and natural resource management.
- Having undertaken programme or project with the application of vulnerability assessment and bioengineering technology to build climate and disaster resilience and adaptation in Nepal, preferably in the Gandaki River Basin region.
- Experience in river basin or watershed or catchment assessments, including climate resilience and adaption projects along with vulnerability assessment of development or conservation projects.
- The consultancy firm is expected to provide a pool of experts including Watershed Management, CC, Gender, NRM, engineer etc. but not limited only to this to implement the outlined tasks. The team members should have a Master’s degree in a related discipline and at least ten years of relevant experience in their respective discipline.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CONSULTATION FIRM:

- The consultancy firm will report to the Component Lead of the GCF project
- The consultancy firm will finalize the workplan and methodology in consultation with Project Team Leader, Component Lead and GCF PMU
- The consultancy firm will collect and analyze the data considering the socioeconomic aspects including GEDSI and IPs
- The consultancy firm will share the deliverables on an installment basis
- The consultancy firm will share and present the final findings at workshops organized by GCF project
- The consultancy firm will submit a detailed comprehensive report along with relevant annexes, data, maps, photographs etc. in both hard and soft copy to PMU
REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

The reporting requirement of this assignment is as follows:

(i) **Inception Report**: The inception report should be submitted to IUCN within one month of contract signing. This report will describe in detail the approach, methodology and workplan to be used in executing the assignment. The report will also include the proposed outline of the assignment report.

(ii) **First Progress Report**: The first assignment progress report should be submitted to IUCN within 90 days of contract signing. The progress report will clearly identify the vulnerable sites (at least 20%) for intervention and specific hotspots according to the description above and GIS maps and tentative bioengineering techniques suitable for constructing infrastructures.

(iii) **Second Progress Report**: The second assignment progress report should be submitted to IUCN within 175 days of contract signing. The progress report will clearly explain the progress made toward the assignment and the partial deliverables of the assignment.

(iv) **Draft Assignment Report**: The draft assignment report should be submitted to IUCN within 210 days of contract signing. The draft assignment report will submit a report along with data, maps, sites and recommended structural support measures and plans.

(v) **Final Report**: The final report should be submitted by 30th September 2024 after incorporating all the inputs received from the project team and PMU. The final report will be detailed and comprehensive and it should be presented to the Project Management Unit for their adoption or approval. In addition to the report, all data sets and supporting documentation such as data sets, data coding, supporting documents, photo, maps etc should be submitted.
Attachment 2 Declaration of Undertaking

2A DECLARATION OF UNDERTAKING in relation to RfP IUCN-2023-08-P02849-07 (for organisation)

I, the undersigned, hereby confirm that I am an authorised representative of the following organisation:

Registered Name of Organisation (the “Organisation”): _______________________

Registered Address (incl. country): _________________________________________

Year of Registration: _____________________________________________________

I hereby authorise IUCN to store and use the information included in the attached Proposal for the purpose of evaluating Proposals and selecting the Proposal IUCN deems the most favourable. I acknowledge that IUCN is required to retain the Proposal in its entirety for 10 years after then end of the resulting contract and make this available to internal and external auditors and donors as and when reasonably requested.

Where the Proposal includes Personal Data as defined by the European Union’s General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), I confirm that the Organisation has been authorised by each Data Subject to share this Data with IUCN for the purposes stated above.

I further confirm that the following statements are correct:

1. The Organisation is duly registered in accordance with all applicable laws.
2. The Organisation is fully compliant with all its tax and social security obligations.
3. The Organisation and its staff and representatives are free of any real or perceived conflicts of interest with regards to IUCN and its Mission.
4. The Organisation agrees to declare to IUCN any real or perceived emerging conflicts of interests it or any of its staff and representatives may have concerning IUCN. The Organisation acknowledges that IUCN may terminate any contracts with the Organisation that would, in IUCN sole discretion, be negatively affected by such conflicts of interests.
5. None of the Organisation’s staff has ever been convicted of grave professional misconduct or any other offence concerning their professional conduct.
6. Neither the Organisation nor any of its staff and representatives have ever been convicted of fraud, corruption, money laundering, supporting terrorism or involvement in a criminal organisation.
7. The Organisation acknowledges that engagement by itself or any of its staff in fraud, corruption, money laundering, supporting terrorism or involvement in a criminal organisation will entitle IUCN to terminate any and all contracts with the Organisation with immediate effect.
8. The Organisation is a going concern and is not bankrupt or being wound up, is not having its affairs administered by the courts, has not suspended business activities, is not the subject of proceedings concerning those matters, or in any analogous situation arising from a similar procedure provided for in national legislation or regulations.
9. The Organisation complies with all applicable environmental regulatory requirements or other legal requirements relating to sustainability and environmental protection.
10. The Organisation is not included in the UN Security Council Sanctions List, EU Sanctions Map, US Office of Foreign Assets Control Sanctions List, or the World Bank listing of ineligible firms and individuals. The Organisation agrees that it will not provide direct or indirect support to firms and individuals included in these lists.
11. The Organisation has not been, is not, and will not be involved or implicated in any violations of Indigenous Peoples’ rights, or injustice or abuse of human rights related to other groups or individuals, including forced evictions, violation of fundamental rights of workers as defined by the International Labour Organization’s (ILO) Declaration on the Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work, child labour, sexual exploitation, sexual abuse, or sexual harassment.

<Date and Signature of authorised representative of the Proposer>

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Attachment 3 Contract Template

TEMPLATE CONSULTANCY AGREEMENT (for COMPANIES)

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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 (hereafter “IUCN”),

and

[full legal name of other party], [type of company] established under the laws of [name of country], with headquarters located 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 ecologically sustainable;

[OPTION 1] Whereas IUCN has received a donation from [name of the Donor] (hereafter the “Donor”) to implement the Project [insert the name] (the “Project”) and wishes to benefit from certain skills and abilities of the Consultant with the aim of providing IUCN with assistance and support in [describe the activities for which support is expected from Consultant].

[OPTION 2] Whereas IUCN wishes to obtain advisory and consulting services from the Consultant [for XXX or in the area of XXX] and the Consultant agrees to assist IUCN with such services under the terms and the conditions set forth in this Agreement.

Whereas the Consultant has represented to IUCN that it has the required expertise and experience;

Now therefore the Parties agree as follows:

1. SERVICES

1.1 The Consultant will [short description of the services], perform the tasks and deliver the deliverables no later than the agreed deadline(s) as set out in the terms of reference attached as Annex I (the “Services”).
1.2 The Consultant will assign [name of the person(s) and title(s)] (the “Key Personnel”), who is/are(an) employee(s) of the Consultant, to the performance of the Services on behalf of the Consultant. The replacement of any Key Personnel must be approved in advance by IUCN in writing.

1.3 IUCN reserves the right to request any reports (progress, financial or otherwise additional to those required under the Agreement), which could be considered to be reasonably required to evidence satisfactory performance under the Agreement. All financial records and other relevant documents relevant to or pertaining to this Agreement may be subject to inspection and/or audit at the discretion of IUCN or of the Donor. The Consultant agrees to allow IUCN or Donor's auditor(s) access to such records during normal business hours and to allow interviews of any employees who might reasonably have information related to such records. In the event of inspection or audit, IUCN or Donor shall provide the Consultant reasonable prior written notice.

1.4 The Consultant shall not subcontract the Services to third parties without the prior written consent of IUCN. However, the Consultant may under its own responsibility use the services of others provided such services are of an auxiliary or clerical nature.

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 employees, directors or shareholders of the Consultant shall not be entitled to any pension, bonus or other fringe benefits from IUCN.

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 No employee, director or other representative of the Consultant shall hold him or herself out or permit itself to be held out as having authority to do or say anything on behalf of or in the name of IUCN.

3.4 The Consultant shall be solely and exclusively liable for any and all taxes, levies or dues required to be paid in any of the countries where this Agreement applies, on any amounts paid to the Consultant by IUCN and has sole responsibility for declaring such amounts to the relevant tax authorities.

4. OBLIGATIONS

4.1. The Consultant shall carry out its duties in an expert and diligent manner and to the best of its ability and shall promptly and faithfully comply with all lawful and reasonable requests which may be made by the IUCN Contact Person.

4.2. The Consultant shall give written or oral advice or information regarding the execution of the Services as and when required by IUCN.

4.3. In the case of illness or accident or a case of Force Majeure as described under clause 16.3 preventing the Key Personnel from performing the Services, the Consultant shall promptly notify IUCN in writing of impediment.
5. REMUNERATION

5.1 As full remuneration for the Services performed under the terms of this Agreement, IUCN shall pay the Consultant a fixed and firm lump sum of [currency/amount in numbers (amount spelled out in letters)] (“the Remuneration”) based on [number of days] days of work at a daily rate of [daily rate] as follows:

5.1.1 A first instalment of [currency/amount in numbers (amount spelled out in letters)] corresponding to 30% of the Remuneration upon receipt of a signed copy of this Agreement together with a first invoice;

5.1.2 A second instalment of [currency/amount in numbers (amount spelled out in letters)] corresponding to 30% of the Remuneration [please indicate what task(s)/deliverable(s) will trigger payment] and presentation of the corresponding invoice; and

5.1.3 A third and last instalment of [currency/amount in numbers (amount spelled out in letters)] corresponding to remaining 40% of the Remuneration upon satisfactory and timely completion and IUCN written acceptance of all Services as specified in Annex I. The final invoice must be submitted no later than [insert the no. of days e.g. 30 days] after IUCN’s written acceptance of all Services or after the Agreement end date whichever is later.

5.2 The Consultant must submit a valid invoice quoting the Contract Reference Number and number of the instalment for each payment to be made.

5.3 If the tasks defined in the Agreement are not fulfilled to the satisfaction of IUCN within the requested time limit, IUCN reserves the right to withhold any further payments and recuperate any funds already paid for unfulfilled Services.

5.4 IUCN shall make payments to the Consultant’s bank account (to be opened in the name of the Consultant in the place where Consultant is established or where the Services are provided) as follows:

Complete Account name: [xxx]
Account type and currency: [xxx]
Bank name: [xxx]
Bank address: [xxx]
Account No.: [xxx]
SWIFT Code or other bank routing code: [xxx]
IBAN No: [xxx]

5.5 The Consultant shall bear bank charges for international wire-transfers (namely from the Consultant’s bank or any intermediary banks) associated with any transfer of funds that IUCN may make hereunder.

5.6 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 in writing (email accepted) by the IUCN Contact Person before any reservation is made.
6.2 The IUCN Travel Policy and Procedures for Non-Staff shall apply to all travel expenses and is available at [https://www.iucn.org/corporate/finance/procurement/iucn-travel-policy](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 warrants that its performance of the Services under the terms of this Agreement will not infringe on the rights of any third party or cause the Consultant to be in breach of any obligation towards a third party.

7.2 The Consultant warrants that it has obtained the assignment of all Results and Intellectual Property rights pertaining to the Results from his employees (including without limitation the Key Personnel).

7.3 The Consultant shall maintain at its sole expense liability and any other relevant insurance covering the performance of this Agreement. IUCN may require the Consultant to provide a certificate of insurance evidencing such coverage.

7.4 The Consultant represents and warrants that no part of the Remuneration shall be provided to, or used to support, individuals and organizations associated with terrorism as identified on any sanction list published by the European Union, the United States Government, the United Nations Security Council or other relevant agency or body.

### 8. CONFIDENTIALITY

8.1 The Consultant will not disclose or use, at any time during or subsequent to this Agreement, any confidential information of IUCN or any other non-public information relating to the business, financial, technical or other affairs of IUCN except as required by IUCN in connection with the Consultant’s performance of this Agreement or as required by law. In particular, but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, the Consultant shall keep confidential all Intellectual Property and know-how disclosed to it by IUCN, which becomes known to it during the period of this Agreement or which it develops or helps to develop in providing the Services to IUCN.

8.2 The Consultant may communicate confidential information only to those of its employees who are directly and necessarily involved in the performance of this Agreement or who are bound to the Consultant by obligations no less stringent as the ones mentioned in this Agreement.

8.3 The Consultant shall:
- 8.3.1 not disclose to third parties (including news and social media) without express prior written consent of IUCN the contents of this Agreement and the results of work performed as part of the provision of the Services;
- 8.3.2 disclose know-how and other confidential information of IUCN which is provided by IUCN to the Consultant for the purpose of carrying out the Services only to those persons necessary to accomplish the Services and only to the extent necessary for the proper performances of the Services or to persons bound to the Consultant by obligations no less stringent as the ones mentioned in this Agreement.

8.4 The Consultant agrees to immediately notify IUCN in writing if it becomes aware of any disclosure in breach of the obligations of this clause 8. It shall be responsible for any breach of these obligations
by its employees or subcontractors. 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 its possession or under its control and relate to IUCN, its business affairs and clients and/or the Services.

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 Pre-existing Intellectual Property (Pre-existing Rights”) of a Party means any rights, title and interests in, to and under any and Intellectual Property that have been conceived or developed by such Party prior to the Effective Date or that is conceived or developed by such a Party at any time wholly independently of the implementation of this Agreement. Subject to the rights and licenses expressly granted under this Agreement, each Party shall retain ownership of its Pre-existing Rights. The Consultant hereby grants to IUCN a non-exclusive, worldwide, perpetual, royalty free, sub-licensable license to use Pre-existing Rights incorporated in the Services. The Consultant shall ensure that it has obtained all the rights to use any Pre-existing Rights belonging to third parties that are necessary to implement this Agreement.

10.3 All Intellectual Property rights, including copyright, in the Services produced under this Agreement are vested in IUCN and the Consultant hereby assigns and agrees to assign to IUCN or its nominee, with full title guarantee, all rights in and to any Intellectual Property resulting from the implementation of this Agreement for the full duration of such rights, including, without any limitations, the right to use, publish, license, translate, sell or distribute, privately or publicly, any item or part thereof wherever in the world enforceable.

10.4 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 provisions of the Services and the Intellectual Property created or arising from the provision of the Services.

10.5 Neither Party shall have the right to use the other Party’s name, logo and/or other trademarks in any medium and for whatever purpose without the other Party’s prior written consent in each instance of use.

11. LIABILITY AND INDEMNITY

11.1 IUCN shall not be held liable for any damage caused or sustained by the Consultant, including any damage caused to its employees and/or third parties as a consequence of or during the provision of the Services or the implementation of the Present Agreement.
11.2 The Consultant agrees to indemnify and hold IUCN harmless from any and all losses and damages that IUCN may incur as a result of Consultant’s actions or omissions in rendering the Services or the breach of any of the Consultant’s obligations contained in this Agreement.

12. COMMUNICATION AND NOTICES

12.1 All correspondence and notices in connection with the implementation of this Agreement must be directed as follows:

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12.2 In case the Contact Person is being changed, the authorized representative of each Party shall notify the other Party in writing (email accepted).

13. ETHICS, FRAUD AND CORRUPTION

13.1 The Consultant shall comply with the principles and expected standards of conduct equivalent to those stipulated in Section 4 of the Code of Conduct and Professional Ethics for the Secretariat, available at https://www.iucn.org/downloads/code_of_conduct_and_professional_ethics.pdf, which by signing this Agreement, the Consultant confirms it has reviewed and accepted.

13.2 The Consultant shall take all necessary measures to prevent any situation where the impartial and objective implementation of the Agreement is compromised for reasons involving economic interest, political or national affinity, family or emotional ties or any other shared interest.

13.3 The Consultant represents and warrants that there are no potential or actual conflicts of interests in relation to the implementation of this Agreement. If, during the course of this Agreement, the Consultant becomes aware of facts which constitute or may give rise to a conflict of interest, the Consultant shall promptly inform the IUCN Contact Person in clause 12.1 in writing, without delay. The Consultant shall immediately take all the necessary steps to rectify this situation. IUCN reserves the right to verify that the measures taken are appropriate and may require additional measures to be taken within a specified deadline.

13.4 The Consultant shall take all necessary precautions to avoid fraud and corrupt practices in implementing this Agreement. The Consultant shall comply with the standards of conduct equivalent to those stipulated in IUCN’s Anti-fraud Policy, available at https://www.iucn.org/downloads/anti_fraud_policy.pdf, which by signing this Agreement, the Consultant confirms it has reviewed and accepted.

13.5 The Consultant shall cooperate fully in any investigations linked to events under this clause which may be carried out by IUCN and/or the Donor and shall give access to all records (and to its staff if applicable) in the event that this is needed to support investigations of complaints of unethical behavior, fraud or corruption. IUCN reserves the right to take necessary legal action and/or terminate
the Agreement in accordance with clause 16 if it determines that any fraud, corruption and/or unethical behaviour has occurred. Any repayment claim may also include interest, investment income or any other financial gain obtained as a result of the fraud.

14. NON-DISCRIMINATION AND POLICY ON THE PROTECTION FROM SEXUAL EXPLOITATION, SEXUAL ABUSE, AND SEXUAL HARASSMENT (SEAH POLICY)

14.1 IUCN recommends the Consultant to apply non-discriminatory practices in terms of benefits and remuneration for both men and women employees in the performance of this Agreement.

14.2 The Consultant will comply with the principles and standards of protection equivalent to those stipulated in the SEAH Policy available at https://www.iucn.org/sites/dev/files/seah_revised_version_2020apr27.pdf

15. PROCESSING OF PERSONAL DATA

15.1 Personal Data is any information relating to an identified or identifiable individual, unless otherwise defined under applicable law. The Parties commit themselves to respect applicable data protection laws and regulations and process Personal Data in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.

15.2 IUCN may share Personal Data of the Consultant and / or Consultant Key Personnel with the Donor and other IUCN partners strictly involved in the implementation of the Project. The Consultant will have the right of access its Personal Data and the right to rectify any such Personal Data held by IUCN. If the Consultant has any queries concerning the processing of Personal Data, it shall address them to IUCN using the online form located at (https://portals.iucn.org/dataprotection/requestform).

15.3 IUCN may in the course of performance of this Agreement provide the Consultant with Personal Data. The Consultant shall limit access and use of Personal Data to that strictly necessary for the performance of this Agreement and shall adopt all appropriate technical and organizational security measures necessary to preserve the strictest confidentiality and limit access to Personal Data.

15.4 Where the Consultant engages another processor for carrying out specific processing activities on behalf of IUCN, the same data protection obligations as set out in this Agreement and the applicable law shall be imposed on that other processor by way of an agreement. Where that other processor fails to fulfil its data protection obligations, the Consultant shall remain fully liable to IUCN for the performance of that other processor’s obligations.

15.5 Where Personal Data is transferred to a country that has not been deemed to provide an adequate level of protection for Personal Data or to an International Organization within the meaning of Regulation (EU) 2016/679, the Consultant shall ensure that appropriate safeguards in accordance with applicable law are provided.

15.6 The Consultant shall promptly, and in any case within twenty-four (24) hours inform IUCN through the online form located at (https://portals.iucn.org/dataprotection/requestform), if it determines
and/or discloses to a competent public authority and/or affected data subjects that a Personal Data breach has occurred.

16. TERMINATION

16.1 Termination for cause

16.1.1 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. has engaged in illegal acts, including, without limitation fraudulent or corrupt actions as defined in Code of Conduct and Professional Ethics for the Secretariat and IUCN's Anti-fraud Policy (hereafter referred to as a “Fraud”);

iv. enters into liquidation or dissolution other than for the purpose of an amalgamation or reconstruction; or

v. ceases to carry on business, has a receiver or administrator appointed over all or any part of its assets or undertaking, enters into any composition or arrangement with its creditors or takes or suffers any similar action in consequence of a debt or other liability, or undergoes any process analogous to the foregoing in any jurisdiction throughout the world.

16.1.2 If it is determined that the Consultant has committed Fraud in competing for or in the performance of this Agreement, all expenditures incurred under this Agreement shall be undue and the Consultant shall promptly reimburse IUCN for all expenditures incurred in the performance of this Agreement.

16.2 Termination for lack of Donor funds

IUCN shall have the right to terminate this Agreement with immediate effect and without any liability for damages to the Consultant in case the agreement between IUCN and the Donor is terminated and/or the Remuneration funds become unavailable to IUCN.

16.3 Termination for force majeure

16.3.1 The performance of this Agreement by either Party is subject to acts of God, war, government regulations, epidemics, pandemics, disaster, strikes (excluding strikes of respective Parties’ personnel), civil disorders, curtailment of transportation facilities, or other emergencies making it illegal or impossible for either Party to perform its obligations (“Force Majeure Event”). The Party subject to a Force Majeure Event shall promptly notify the other Party of the occurrence and particulars of such Force Majeure Event, including how it impacts the performance of its obligations under this Agreement. The Party so affected shall use diligent efforts to avoid or remove such causes of non or delayed performance as soon as is reasonably practicable.

16.3.2 This Agreement may be terminated unilaterally without compensation for any one or more of the foregoing reasons by written notice from one Party to the other.
16.3.3 Notwithstanding the above, the Parties may agree to a suspension or an extension of the Agreement as deemed appropriate. Upon termination of the Force Majeure Event, the performance of the suspended Services shall without delay recommence.

16.3.4 The Party subject to the Force Majeure Event shall not be liable to the other Party for any damages arising out of or relating to the suspension or termination of Services by reason of the occurrence of a Force Majeure Event, provided such Party complies with all the requirements under this article 16.3.

16.4 Effects of Termination

In the event of termination under this clause, IUCN shall pay the Consultant any outstanding Remuneration in respect of Services performed by the Consultant up until the effective date of termination, it being understood that the total amount payable by IUCN to the Consultant shall not exceed the Remuneration stated in clause 5 of the Agreement. The Consultant shall within thirty (30) days of termination, and at IUCN's request:

16.4.1 to the extent possible, complete the Services subject to the Remuneration made available until the date of termination and stop all ongoing activities;

16.4.2 refund to IUCN any advance payments received in excess of the total expenditure incurred as evidenced in the invoices submitted to IUCN,

16.4.3 reimburse IUCN for any expenditures made in breach of the terms of this Agreement and

16.4.4 submit final technical and financial reports and any other materials, deliverables, works or other outputs created as at the date of termination under this Agreement.

17. APPLICABLE LAW AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION

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

17.2 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 Kathmandu, Nepal.

18. GENERAL PROVISIONS

18.1 This Agreement is the complete understanding between IUCN and the Consultant and replaces all other agreements and understandings in reference to the subject matter of this Agreement.

18.2 Any modification or amendment of this Agreement shall be in writing and shall become effective if and when signed by both Parties.

18.3 This Consultancy Agreement is non-exclusive. IUCN is free to consult other experts in the Consultant’s field of specialization.

18.4 This Agreement is personal to IUCN and the Consultant, and neither Party may sell, assign or transfer any duties, rights or interests created under this Agreement without the prior written consent of the other.
18.5 Either Party waives all and any rights of set-off against any payments due hereunder and agrees to pay all sums due hereunder regardless of any set-off or cross claim.

18.6 All provisions that logically ought to survive termination of this Agreement shall survive. This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original, but all of which, taken together, shall constitute one and the same agreement. The Parties agree that the signed counterparts may be delivered by e-mail in a "pdf" format data file or electronic signature (e.g., DocuSign or similar electronic signature technology) and thereafter maintained in electronic form, and that in this case such signature shall create a valid and binding obligation of the party executing with the same force and effect as if such "pdf" or electronic signature page were an original thereof.

Signed on behalf of:

IUCN, International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources

[full name of OTHER PARTY]

Date: __________________________  Date: __________________________

[Name of representative]  [Name of representative]
[Position of representative]  [Position of representative]

ANNEXES

[please list all annexes named in the Agreement]
**Attachment 4 Technical and Financial Forms**

**A. Technical Proposal Form:**

**A-1: Technical Proposal Submission Letter in Organization Letterhead and signed.**

**A-2: Organization Background and Experiences**

A-2-1: To provide a description of

a. Background of your organization,

*Maximum 1 Pages*

b. Organization chart

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A-3: (If any) Joint Venture Agreement & Power of Attorney, or Letter of Intent/ Association

Provide Agreement and Power of Attorney (if any)

A-4: Detail Approach and Methodology
Maximum 20 Pages

A-5: Work Plan and Team Composition

5.1 Work Plan

Description of Detail Work Plan

5.2 Team Composition

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5.3 Team Responsibility Matrixes

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### A-6: Work Schedule and Planning for All Events and Deliverables

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### A-7: Staffing Schedule (Manning Schedule)

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**Legend**
- **Purple**: Home Days/Months
- **Green**: Field Days/Months
A-8: Curriculum Vitae of Professionals

Curriculum Vitae

1. Proposed Position:

2. Name of Staff:

3. Full Address with Contact Details:

4. Organization Name:

5. Date of Birth: Nationality: Citizenship/Passport No:

6. Education: Please provide college or university and other specialized education of staff, giving names of institutions, degrees obtained, and dates of obtainment

7. Countries of Work Experience:

8. Employment Records:

   From To
   Employer Position Held

   From To
   Employer Position Held

9. Work Undertaken that Best Illustrates Capability to Handle the Tasks Assigned (as Proposed Position)

   Assignment/Project Name
   Involved From To
   Country and Locations
   Donor/Client Name
   Position Held and Activities Performed

   Assignment/Project Name
   Involved From To
   Country and Locations
   Donor/Client Name
   Position Held and Activities Performed

10. Trainings
11. Publications
12. Achievements/Awards
13. Languages
14. References (please provide two)
15. Certification

Maximum Pages 5 Pages
A-9: 3 Relevant References of Clients/Donors Similar to IUCN for Similar Work

A-10: Technical Proposal Form: Annexes:

Annex 1: Organization Registration Certificates (Registration/Renew Certificates, PAN/VAT, Tax Clearances, etc.)
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Annex 3: Work Completion Letters
Annex 4: Organizational Profile
Annex 5: Others (if necessary)
B. Financial Proposal Form:

**B-1: Financial Proposal Submission Letter in Organization Letterhead and signed.**

**B-2: Financial Proposal**

Financial Proposal
For
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Authorized Signatory:……………………… Organization Seal
Name:
Designation:
Organization:
Contact:
Date:
Technical and Financial Proposal Checklist for Bidders

Description of Checklist

A. Technical Proposal Form
Declaration of Undertaking (select 2a for companies or 2b for self-employed as applicable to you)
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Response to Bidders Queries (RfP Reference: IUCN-2023-08-P02849-07):

1) Does the project begin with a study area of the entire Gandaki river basin extents in Nepal (30,000m²+)? If so, what is the expected approach from consultants to identify municipalities for local engagement? How many municipalities is the consultant expected to work with and engage through stakeholder consultants, and risk assessment?

As mentioned in the ToR, all nineteen districts of the Gandaki River Basin is the project area. The objective of the call is to identify exact site for the intervention to achieve the targets. The bidders are requested to provide detail methodology and approach to identify sites.

2) In terms of baseline data, we envision the need to access multiple socio-economic and environmental datasets that are not available at the national scale:

The baseline data collection for the entire basin is on progress. We will make it available later only to the selected firm.

2a) What type of geospatial and socio-economic data will be provided by IUCN or their partners in order to facilitate the exercise of identifying candidate sites from a large study area? What resolution of datasets are consultants expected to work with for the identification of sites? Consideration of climate change for instance is rather coarse and the budget does not allow for any downscaling of readily available datasets.

Based on the available budget, the consultant is expected to identify the required geospatial and socio-economic data.

2b) What geospatial datasets can be provided by IUCN and their partners in order to understand the number and location of dams, diversion channels, and other infrastructure? The budget does not cover this type of assessment for the basin area and it would be feasible to conduct stakeholder engagement or participatory mapping exercise with only a handful of municipalities.

Please refer the TOR for the number of infrastructure and the consultant is expected to identify the exact location in consultation.

3) Will a lead firm with less than 10 years of experience but more than 5 years of experience with relevant projects be disqualified in the technical proposal? What are specific revenue pre-requirements on this bid and how are they scored?

Please refer required experience, skills, and competencies section on the RfP.

4) IUCN’s ROAM methodology requires extensive stakeholder consultant and opportunities mapping. It is hard to develop a technical and financial proposal without knowing how many municipalities or districts the project is intended to cover. This approach is not possible to apply at scale without incurring significant travel expenses, level of effort, and socio-technical skillsets. As such, we would need clarification on expected local governments to be covered and engaged in this study.
As mentioned in the ToR, all nineteen districts of the Gandaki River Basin is the project area. The bidders are requested to provide detail methodology and approach to identify specific sites for plantation using IUCN's ROAM methodology.

5) IUCN's ROAM methodology further describes Restoration economic modeling and valuation among other financing considerations. What level of detail, specificity, and costing is expected from this project in terms of bioengineering techniques, landuse plan improvements, and other measures?

The bidders required to describe this on the approach and methodology. For details, please refer ToR.

6) The project scope and length is ambitious and requires high innovation and level of effort. With the proposed maximum budget, may we suggest reducing the number of activities by one or the number of sites to be identified and/or allowing travel expenses on top of the maximum budget and consider budget exclusive of applicable taxes like VAT?

We can not deviate from TOR.

7) Some clarifications on the expected scale of the study area, granularity of baseline data and risk assessment, and level of detail from project outcomes will be critical to understand the technical and financial viability of this project. Could the bid submission deadline be extended by 4 weeks after clarification questions are answered so firms can put together the proposal in response to the clarifications?

Please refer section 3.1 of the RfP.

21 August 2023