TRAFFIC Terms of Reference

| TITLE:  | International expert to conduct a study on the establishment of a national database related to the illegal trade of wildlife in Madagascar. |
| LOCATION: | Antananarivo, Madagascar |
| APPLICATION DEADLINE: | December 15, 2023 |
| DURATION: | 30 days |
| LANGUAGES REQUIRED | French & English |

ORGANIZATIONAL CONTEXT

TRAFFIC is the leading global non-governmental organization working on wildlife trade in the context of both biodiversity conservation and sustainable development. TRAFFIC International is a UK registered charity and a limited liability company. TRAFFIC's headquarters, based in Cambridge, UK, provide global leadership, programming, interregional coordination, and management functions. TRAFFIC's work at the local level is implemented by program offices operating under the patronage of the UK charity, which implements activities in one or more countries where TRAFFIC aims to contribute to the achievement of the program’s priority outcomes. TRAFFIC works in a strategic alliance with IUCN and WWF on issues related to wildlife trade.

PROJECT BACKGROUND

As part of the TRAFFIC Countering Corruption and Wildlife Crime project, TRAFFIC is looking for a consultant to assess the feasibility of establishing a national database system related to Illegal Wildlife Trade (IWT) and the main challenges in the effective implementation and use of the national database. The project aims, *inter alia*, to build a better understanding of the dynamics, trends, and risks associated with IWT. This allows for:

1. The development of prevention strategies;
2. Evaluate the effectiveness of policies, laws, and programs combating wildlife-related crimes;
3. Tactical and operational intelligence;
4. Improve detection of money laundering related to CIES.

The consultant will assess the feasibility of implementing a IWT national database system and provide comprehensive recommendations on the establishment and implementation of the database system, considering challenges in data collection, analysis, and dissemination. More specifically, the international consultant will work as part of the TRAFFIC team, in collaboration with a national consultant, to assess the existing systems for collecting and
analyzing data on IWT, carry out a feasibility study on an IWT national database, and propose measures for the implementation and long-term operation in case it is feasible.

**RESPONSIBILITIES**

The consultant's missions will consist of:

a. **Review Existing Systems:**
   - Examine existing national database systems in Madagascar and assess the current framework to collect, analyze, and disseminate data related to IWT.

b. **Feasibility Analysis:**
   - Evaluate the technical and operational feasibility of implementing a IWT national database system.

c. **Challenges Identification:**
   - Identify challenges in data collection, analysis, and dissemination specific to IWT.

d. **Recommendation Development:**
   - Develop detailed recommendations for the establishment and functioning of the database system, addressing identified challenges.

e. **Collaborative Work:**
   - Collaborate with a team consisting of national experts to ensure a comprehensive understanding of local contexts and requirements.

**DURATION OF THE CONTRACT**

The consultancy is expected to commence in February 2024 and conclude with a total estimated duration of 30 days.

**REMUNERATION**

The consultant will receive the first payment upon the signature of the contract. The balance, including any travel expenses, will be paid on the due date of the contract upon the presentation of supporting documents and after the receipt and assessment of the conformity of the deliverables.

**DELIVERABLES**
The international expert is expected to deliver a Report, including:

- A feasibility analysis of implementing a IWT national database system.
- Specific recommendations for the establishment of the database system, addressing challenges in data collection, analysis and dissemination.

**PROFILE**

- Proven experience in establishing national database systems, preferably related to environmental crimes and wildlife conservation.
- Proven experience working with law enforcement agencies.
- In-depth knowledge of environmental crimes, illegal wildlife trade, and associated challenges.
- Strong research and analytical skills, together with the ability to articulate complex issues clearly and to summarize large quantities of information in a clear, concise manner.
- Strong analytical and problem-solving skills.
- Excellent communication and collaboration abilities.
- Capacity to work in a team with cultural sensitivity.
- Fluency in French and English.

**SUPERVISION**

The consultant will work in partnership with a local consultant and report to the TRAFFIC Project Manager.

**HOW TO APPLY**

Interested individuals are invited to submit their proposals, including a detailed CV and a cover letter outlining their relevant experience, to volatiana.randriamanantsoa@traffic.org by the deadline of December 15.