TRAFFIC Terms of Reference

| TITLE: | National expert to assist in conducting 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 |
| LANGAGES REQUIRED | French & Malagasy |

ORGANIZATIONAL CONTEXT

TRAFFIC is one of the leading non-governmental organizations working globally on the trade of wild species within the contexts of biodiversity conservation and sustainable development. TRAFFIC is a charitable organization and a limited liability company registered in the United Kingdom. The headquarters of TRAFFIC, based in Cambridge, UK, oversees global leadership functions, programming, interregional coordination, and management. TRAFFIC's work at the local level is implemented by program offices operating under the auspices of the British charitable organization, which carries out activities in one or more countries where TRAFFIC aims to contribute to the achievement of program priority outcomes. TRAFFIC collaborates strategically with IUCN and WWF on issues related to the trade of wild species.

PROJECT BACKGROUND

As part of the TRAFFIC project to combat corruption and wildlife-related crime (CCWT Project), the organization is seeking a consultant to conduct a feasibility assessment for the establishment of a national database system on the illegal trade of wildlife (WILDTICS) and the main challenges associated with the effective implementation and use of this national database. The project aims, among other things, to better understand the dynamics, trends, and risks associated with WILDTICS, with the goal of promoting:

1. The development of prevention strategies;
2. The assessment of the effectiveness of policies, laws, and programs to combat wildlife crime;
3. Tactical and operational intelligence;
4. Improved detection of money laundering related to the illegal trade of wild species.

The consultant will be involved in assessing the feasibility of implementing a national database system for the illegal wildlife trade and evaluating the challenges related to the implementation of the database system. Specifically, the national consultant will
collaborate with an international consultant to enhance understanding of the national context, particularly regarding the analysis of existing database systems in Madagascar and the challenges related to the collection, analysis, and sharing of information related to IWT.

**RESPONSIBILITIES**

The mission of the national consultant is to:

a. Facilitate information collection through concerning existing database system and organizing meetings with stakeholders, with the aim of identifying:
   - Existing national database systems in Madagascar.
   - The framework for collecting, analyzing, and disseminating data related to IWT.

b. Assist the international expert in identifying challenges:
   - Identify specific challenges to Madagascar related to the collection, analysis, and dissemination of data related to CIES.

c. Assist the international expert in developing recommendations:
   - Contribute to the development of detailed and practical recommendations that take into account the reality of Madagascar for the creation and operation of the database system, addressing the identified challenges.

d. Collaborative work:
   - Collaborate with an international expert 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.

**REMUERATION**

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 national expert is expected, in collaboration with the international expert, to produce a report comprising:
A study on the feasibility of establishing a national database system related to CIES.
Specific recommendations for the creation of the database system, addressing challenges related to data collection, analysis, and dissemination.

PROFILE

We are seeking a qualified and experienced professional for the following position, with a particular emphasis on skills, experience, and integrity. Here is the desired profile:

Professional Experience:

• Proven experience working with and/or for law enforcement agencies and the Ministry of Justice in Madagascar.
• Extensive network within law enforcement agencies in Madagascar. Demonstrated experience of successful collaboration with law enforcement agencies and the Ministry of Justice will be a decisive asset in the candidate selection.

Legal and Environmental Knowledge:

• Good understanding of laws and regulations related to access and sharing of information.
• Sound knowledge of environmental crimes, illegal wildlife trade, and associated challenges.

Analytical and Communication Skills:

• Strong research and analytical skills.
• Ability to articulate complex issues clearly and succinctly.
• Excellent writing skills.

Personal Qualities:

• Critical thinking.
• Integrity.
• Strong problem-solving skills.
• Excellent collaboration skills and ability to work in a team.

Additional Requirements:

• Malagasy citizenship or permanent resident status (essential requirement).
• Availability for potential travel within Madagascar.
• Proficiency in French and Malagasy. Proficiency in English (both theoretical and practical) will be considered an asset.
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.