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Request for proposals

Developing a management plan for Taita Ranch Conservancy

Introduction

Taita ranch is one of the 31 ranches in Taita Taveta county and forms the migration corridor and dispersal area for wildlife between Tsavo East and West National parks. The ranch covers an area of about 96,000 acres, making it the biggest land mass in the Kasigau wildlife corridor which cuts across from Kasigau ranch through Mbale, Bura, Wushumbu, Amaka, Dawida, Kambanga and Rukinga ranches.

With its diverse vegetation and infrastructure, the ranch supports a variety of wildlife including the gray zebra which was introduced in Tsavo East National Park in the 1960s (the only metapopulation in south of the equator). This coupled with livestock production and scenery enriches the touristic attractions of the ranch. The ranch has already established the Kivuko camp and some additional high-end tents to be developed on top of the rock.

Taita ranch's mandate is to provide benefits to its members through the various land uses. Though this has been the dream, not much has been achieved so far. To realize this, the ranch has to put its land uses as guided by the land use plan into effective and efficient utilization that not only enhance economic wellbeing of shareholders but improve their socio-cultural, environmental and political status.

Under the Taita Ranching company land use plan, the ranch set aside a sizeable piece of land for conservation. The purpose of this land use category is:

1. To sustain a health ecological environment, as Taita Ranch diversifies land uses (pasture grazing and ecotourism) into a Multi-Use Conservancy;
2. To protect and sustain habitats for wildlife, and to take full advantage of non-consumptive wildlife use in the Ranch i.e. demarcation of a Tourist lowlands sub-zone in the Conservancy.
3. To implement a controlled pasture grazing in the Ranch i.e. demarcation of a pasture grazing sub-zone in the Conservancy.

Objective

Taita Ranching company invites qualified individuals/organization to submit technical and financial proposal for the development of the management plan for Taita Ranch conservancy.

Scope of work

Directors: *Everest Lenjo (Chairman), Dominy Lenjo, Angelina Mdari, Kimwadu Njai, Phina Mwamburi, Pascal Kileu, William Mwashumbe.*

Taita Ranch Conservancy is located within the Taita Ranching company land. The conservancy was created by the land use planning process undertaken by the ranch in 2019. Generally, the conservancy covers approximately 90% of the ranch area. For the conservancy to be registered under the wildlife conservation and management act 2013, a management plan has to be developed and thus Taita Ranching company is seeking the services of an independent consultant to help in developing a comprehensive management plan and assist in registering the conservancy. The conservancy management plan should provide management guidance for the conservancy to achieve a vibrant, robust and model conservancy in the region.

The management plan should outline and not limited to the following

1. Status and situation assessment of the conservancy
2. Scope of plan
3. Conservancy goals
4. Goals and activities
5. Plan implementation and impact measurement

Deliverables

1. An inception report detailing how the consultant will undertake the work contemplated in the terms of reference
2. Community and stakeholders report
3. Draft of the business plan
4. Final business plan
5. Registration of the conservancy

Duration

The consultancy services should be completed within 90 working days upon signing the contract with all the deliverables listed above submitted

Payment agreement

The successful consultant will enter into a contract with Taita Ranching company before commencement of the assignment.

Consultant qualifications

The consultant should meet the following minimum qualifications

1. Minimum five years' experience in development of management plans with verifiable reference
2. Qualified consultant/team of consultants demonstrated by the professional CV's
3. Satisfactory community development experience especially in conservancy establishment and management
4. Conversant in policies, laws and regulations governing conservancies in Kenya

How to Apply

Interested candidates/firms are invited to submit their Technical (methodology, workplan and deliverables) and financial in Kenya shillings (cost to deliver the assignment itemized by activity, taxes etc) proposals on or before 2nd July 2021 to Email info@taitawildlifeconservancy.com

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