



## TERMS OF REFERENCE (TOR)

### CONSULTANCY TO DEVELOP BIODIVERSITY INVENTORIES MARUNGU HILL AND OZA RANCHES

#### Summary of ToR

International Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW) is seeking a consultant (s) to develop biodiversity inventories for two ranches in Taita Taveta County.

#### Background

IFAW (International Fund for Animal Welfare) is a global non-profit helping animals, and people thrive together with a presence in 40 countries worldwide. The IFAW Eastern Africa office is based in Nairobi.

IFAW addresses the needs of animals and people across many critical habitats by protecting wildlife from poachers, landscape conservation, and rehabilitating rescued animals. IFAW partners with local communities, governments, non-governmental organizations, and businesses to achieve its mission.

IFAW is implementing a United States Agency for International Development (USAID) project, Sustainable Management of Amboseli and Tsavo landscapes, in collaboration with Taita Taveta Wildlife Conservancies Association (TTWCA), Amboseli Ecosystems Trust (AET), Big Life and Tsavo Trust. The project aims to enhance local organizations' capacity to provide leadership and implement conservation actions for community livelihoods and biodiversity conservation in their jurisdictions. In Tsavo, IFAW is strengthening TTWCA's capacity to lead conservation interventions and support conservancies within the region.

TTWCA, a collaborating partner in the project, is a landscape community-based organization established in 2013 with the mandate to support the development of wildlife conservancies and other related economic activities among its members for improved livelihoods and coordinate sustainable management of the Tsavo ecosystem. TTWCA also serves as a landscape umbrella body for the 33 conservancies/ranches covering approximately 1 million acres within the larger Tsavo landscape.

#### Project Description

IFAW is implementing a USAID-funded project "Sustainable Management of Tsavo and Amboseli landscapes" in Southern Kenya. The project is implemented in Tsavo Conservation Area and Greater Amboseli Ecosystem.

The aim of the project is to strengthen local institutions' ability to develop a coordinated management approach with their members to enhance local stewardship, improved benefit sharing, and the sustainable management of wildlife and biodiversity within the Tsavo Conservation Area and Greater Amboseli Ecosystem. This will be achieved through the following outcomes:

- ✚ Improved governance of Tsavo and Amboseli landscapes.
- ✚ Reduced threats and improved biodiversity conservation.
- ✚ Increased partnerships for landscape level economic growth and sustainability.
- ✚ Increased community and ecosystem resilience.

### Key Activities

Several key activities have been designed and will be implemented in line with the outcome areas stipulated above.

- i. Under improved governance of Tsavo and Amboseli landscapes, specific activities have been designed to help strengthen governance, technical capacities, infrastructure, and equipment for AET and TTWCA to facilitate an integrated, inclusive and coordinated approach to biodiversity and wildlife management and open opportunities to derive increased benefits from landscape resources.
- ii. On reduced threats and improved biodiversity conservation, the project aims at enhancing ecosystem-based planning, coordinated community-led law enforcement (anti-poaching, by-laws, and community dialogues), and human-wildlife conflict mitigation to improve management of wildlife and human well-being;
- iii. To increase partnerships for landscape level economic growth and sustainability, targeted interventions have been lined up to enhance close coordination, planning, and smart partnerships between the local community institutions, county government, and private sector players across the anchor economic value chains (tourism, livestock, carbon, and green energy) to open new opportunities for local economic growth;
- iv. To increase community and ecosystem resilience, the project will strengthen capacity and support towards sustainable livelihood initiatives for the local community resulting in improved wildlife and rangelands management vital for ecosystem health and community resilience;

## 1.2 Objective

This inventory will provide baseline information on living organisms in the ranches for management decision-making and investments in biodiversity conservation. The baseline biodiversity assessments will,

- Document the current state of biodiversity and the potential assets derived from biodiversity in Marungu Hill and Oza
- Document species richness and relative abundance and distribution in the two ranches.
- Guide resource distribution and decision-making and guide overall investment in the ranches.
- Document conservation values (Natural, social, cultural, and economic) that are inherent in the two areas and define the purpose for conserving them.
- Provide resource base information important in developing management plans for the ranches.

## 2.0 Scope of work

The baseline will be done in Marungu hills and Oza ranches in Taita Taveta.

### Methodology

The Consultant(s) will propose a suitable and detailed methodology that exhaustively addresses the assessment's objectives at the inception; however, the Consultant(s) will be selected based on proposed methodologies submitted in response to this ToR. Robust mixed methods with a participatory approach are preferred. In addition, it provides a detailed assessment framework, proposed tools, and proposed outline for the report.

## 3.0 Expected deliverables.

The consultant(s) is expected to prepare and submit the following,

- An Inception Report.
- Final tools/instruments of the assessment
- Electronic files with all raw data
- Draft Report
- Presentation of the key findings to the stakeholders for validation

At the end of the consultancy, the consultant will be expected to submit the,

- Validated Biodiversity Inventories for Marungu Hill and Oza.

### 3.1 Time frame

The assignment will take approximately 60 days upon the award of the contract.

### Budget

The proposed budget should be inclusive of all taxes applicable.

### 4.0 Qualifications

#### Study Management

The Consultant (s) will work closely with the TTWCA team, the Chief of Party, and Monitoring, Evaluation & Learning team at IFAW. The Consultant (s) will be provided with a project information package of key documentation for review. Both parties will be available for questions and discussions throughout the consultancy.

#### Qualifications and Experience of Consultant (s)

The consultant(s) must have the following qualifications:

- i. Advanced degree in project management, natural resources management, community development, social studies, or any other relevant field.
- ii. A minimum of 8 years in community/social development research and programme evaluations.
- iii. Verifiable experience in conducting assessments.
- iv. Proficiency in analytics and report writing
- v. Excellent oral and written English and Swahili.
- vi. Proven experience in conducting participatory qualitative and quantitative studies.
- vii. Evidence theoretical knowledge and practical application of cross-cutting issues in development such as gender, and innovation.
- viii. A comprehensive understanding of the tools development and research methodologies, including quantitative and qualitative research methods

### 6.0 Application procedure

Interested candidates should send their technical and financial proposals, CVs (demonstrating their qualifications, competency, and experience in undertaking similar assignments), company profile, two recent references, and their availability (**Not exceeding 15 pages**) to [suppliere@ifaw.org](mailto:suppliere@ifaw.org) and [jobs@ttwcakenya.com](mailto:jobs@ttwcakenya.com). CC: [info@ttwcakenya.com](mailto:info@ttwcakenya.com) with the subject as 'BIODIVERSITY INVENTORIES FOR TAITA TAVETA WILDLIFE CONSERVANCIES ASSOCIATION' not later than CoB Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> April 2023.