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CONSULTANCY TO DEVELOP MANAGEMENT PLANS FOR LUALENYI AND BURA RANCHES.

Summary of ToR

International Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW) is seeking a consultant (s) to develop management plans for Lualenyi and Bura 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 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 local community resulting into improved wildlife and rangelands management vital for ecosystem health and community resilience;

Objectives

The assignment aims to develop management plans for the two ranches to guide conservation and investment for wildlife and conservation in the ranches. The document will ensure that decisions made regarding the management of the ranches are carried out with regard to the biodiversity and wildlife conservation significance of the ranches in the wider ecosystem.

Scope of work

- Clearly outline the purpose and management objectives of the conservancy and ensure that they are understood by all stakeholders involved.
- Identify the steps to be followed in applying the planning process, their sequence and methods used.
- Determine key stakeholders in the geography.
- Use an interdisciplinary approach by bringing all experts and interested parties together to discuss programs of the conservancy.
- Identify key or exceptional values of the area.
- Identify strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats on the management area.
- Conduct zoning of the management area.
- Develop a final draft of the management plan after considering the stakeholders' views and comments.

Expected deliverables

- An inception report detailing how the consultant will undertake the work contemplated in terms of reference
- Reports of the Technical expert working groups.
- Reports of the stakeholder meetings
- Draft Management Plans for Lualenyi and Bura Ranches
- Final validated management plans for the two ranches.

Time frame

The consultancy services should be completed within 6 months upon signing the contract with all the deliverables listed above submitted.

Budget

The proposed budget should be inclusive of all taxes applicable.

Qualifications

- Master or higher-level degree in conservation management related fields (biodiversity, environment/natural resource management or related fields)
- At least ten years of experience in developing management plans with verifiable references.
- Conversant in policies, laws, and regulations governing conservancies in Kenya.
- Qualified consultant/ team of consultants demonstrated by their professional CVs.
- Excellent report writing skills, spoken and written English.

Application procedure

Interested candidates should send their technical and financial proposals, CVs (demonstrating their qualification, competency, and experience in undertaking similar assignments), company profile, two recent references, and their availability (**Note exceeding 15 pages**) to suppliereq@ifaw.org and jobs@ttwcakenya.com CC: info@ttwcakenya.com with the subject as 'MANAGEMENT PLANS FOR LUALENYI AND BURA' not later than CoB Friday, 14th April 2023.