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Terms of Reference

to

“Provide Technical and Logistical Support for an Experience Exchange Mission on Biodiversity Offsets”

1. Background

WWF MCO in partnership with Government of Mozambique have been implementing the project entitled “Sustainable Financing for Protected Areas System of Mozambique”. This project aims to promote and pilot alternative mechanisms for sustainable finance of protected areas in Mozambique. Under this process, biodiversity offsets were identified as a potential mechanism to generate revenues to protected areas system in Mozambique and generate incomes for local communities, and WWF has been charged to lead this initiative. WWF is expected to explore potential opportunities and identify challenges for developing Biodiversity offsets projects in Mozambique in order to improve knowledge about biodiversity offsets process in Mozambique.

The nature of investments that have potential for biodiversity offsets such as oil and gas and coal mining require very specialized expertise and networking with international companies. WWF Mozambique Country Office is aiming to contact companies with necessary links to facilitate the engagement with extractive companies, and provide technical and logistical support for an experience exchange mission on Biodiversity Offsets.

In summary, this exchange mission is meant to bring different Governmental, Civil Society Organizations and private sector to the same understanding of importance, relevance and urgency of supporting biodiversity offsets initiatives in Mozambique on the benefit of the nature and the national economy.

The expected results for this visit are:

- Improve understanding about biodiversity offsets projects;
- Improve understanding about other countries and different mechanisms funding biodiversity offsets initiatives;
- Document lessons learned on the best mechanisms for sharing of income generated offsets projects;
- Explore potential partnerships for initiative development, carbon accounting and markets linkage;

2. Objective of the Consultancy

The objective this consultancy is to provide technical and logistical support for an Experience Exchange mission on Biodiversity Offsets. The consultant will be responsible to establish the contacts with potential companies, outline the trip content, coordinate communication with partners, secure all field trip logistics, and guide the Mozambican delegation during the field mission including a final report to WWF MCO.



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3. Methodology

Consultant selected for this assignment will perform the following indicative tasks:

- Identify and agree with WWF, potential companies with relevant experience on biodiversity offsets that could be visited, preferably in Africa where the environment is similar to that of Mozambique;
- Develop and agree with WWF key areas to be covered in the exchange visit, Itinerary and Agenda;
- Coordinate logistical support for Mozambican delegation including following activities:
 - Contact, invitation letters and confirmations of delegation members;
 - Coordinate all travel process and VISA acquisition for delegation;
 - Coordinate arrangements of meetings, accommodation, transport and meals during the field trip;
- Compile key information to be shared with participants in preparation of the visit; and
- Produce and submit to WWF, Report for the Exchange Field Visit.

4. Composition of Delegation of Mozambique

The Mozambican delegation will be composed of the partners of the following institutions:

- WWF - World Wide Fund for Nature (Maputo) – it's a non-governmental organization working for biodiversity conservation and leader proponent of the pilot mangrove carbon project of Zambezi delta. Currently WWF is responsible lead integration of offsets in National Law and capacity building;
- BIOFUND – a foundation supported by WWF, particularly developed to promote financial sustainability of protected areas in Mozambique;
- MITADER – Ministry of Land, Environment and Rural Development - Governmental Institution legally responsible National REDD+ Strategy, through this mission senior officials from the Ministry will acquire additional knowledge about the role of government in the adoption, implementation and monitoring of carbon projects and its contribution to the sustainable development of protected areas;
- CSOs – Fauna and Flora International;
- Private Sector – explore potential entities interested to work with biodiversity offsets in Mozambique (SASOL, ENI, Rio Tinto and Vale);

5. Deliverables/Expected Outputs

Consultant will produce a detailed report of the Exchange Mission which must outline recommendations for WWF and partners related to implementation of biodiversity offsets in Mozambique.

The report must be submitted in English language, Word and Calibri 11 including an Introduction, Objectives, methodology, companies profile, field trip content, conclusion and recommendations. All



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studies, books, scientific articles and data acquired during the consultancy should be referenced in the bibliographic list of the final report and an electronic copy of these where available should be submitted to WWF.

6. Duration and Timing

This consultancy will be conducted within 30 working days including planning, preparations, traveling and reporting, beginning upon the signature of contract with WWF MCO.

Table 1. Consultancy timeline

Tasks	Timeline			
	Week I	Week II	Week III	Week IV
1. Literature review, contact with companies and participants confirmations	x			
2. Logistics arrangements	x	X		
3. Field trip (7 days inclusive of travel)			x	
4. Progress Report submitted for comments			x	
5. Final Report developed and submitted				x

7. Logistical Support

WWF will provide support reviewing the field trip agenda, contacting partners, deciding project area to visit and provide comments to field mission report.

8. Assignment Work Station

The field trip will be conducted in a place to be proposed by consultant and agreed with WWF while contacts, logistics preparations and report will be done in Maputo.

9. Eligibility/Qualification of Consultants

The consultant (s) should have at minimum:

- A Master's degree and at least five years of relevant experience of working with carbon markets, private sector, CSOs and Governments;
- Understanding about biodiversity offsets mechanism and overall process of project development;
- Proven international network with extractive industry companies;
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills in Portuguese and English.



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10. Applications

Interested parties must submit a technical and financial proposals, including a reference (or letter of recommendation) for previous work and experience, by September 26th at WWF Office in Maputo, Kenneth Kaunda Avenue no1174 Maputo or via email at mail to: ynakwimba@wwf.org.mz.