REQUEST FOR CONSULTANCY
WWF PNG

Consultancy: Pomio Landscape Assessment

WWF Pacific is working together with communities and partners towards: All Pacific peoples and nations are empowered, climate resilient and prosperous, with nature thriving and visibly and measurably recovering - a ‘People and Nature Positive Pacific’. From Papua New Guinea with the third largest tropical rainforest in the world and home to over seven percent of the world’s total number of species, to the Solomon Islands with record numbers of fish species; to the world’s third longest continuous barrier reef system in Fiji. The richness and diversity of species found in the Pacific is globally significant. Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands both form part of the Coral Triangle, the centre of the world’s marine biodiversity. Some of the most coral reefs less exposed to climate change are found in Fiji and Solomon Islands. WWF works across Papua New Guinea, Fiji, and Solomon Islands with offices in each country and a regional hub to serve communities and protect this region’s rich and unique biodiversity.

We have three goals that outline our ambition and the cross-cutting nature of our work and what we are working towards long-term: empowered Pacific peoples, integrated ocean management and climate resilient Pacific nations. Our overarching focus is on community and ecosystem resilience combined with area-based conservation, working towards 30x30 and safeguarding the lands and waters of the Pacific. We focus on conservation priorities across 30x30: community-led conservation, sustainable fisheries and blue foods, conserving marine species, reducing deforestation, Pacific policy leadership, Gender Equality, Disability and Social Inclusion (GEDSI) mainstreaming and sustainable blue economy.

WWF is currently expanding work to Pomio, New Britain and are looking for a highly experienced and motivated consultant to support the landscape assessment and programme development.

Scope of Works

The landscape assessment will be largely desk based with two trips to Pomio, New Britain to gather information, consult and engage with stakeholders and build trust and relationships with critical stakeholders.

Deliverables

The consultant is expected to deliver the following:
1. Provide both an initial landscape assessment draft & final assessment.
2. a. Submit a trip report collating information gathered on scoping trip 1.
   b. Submit a Trip report collating information on scoping trip 2.
3. Provide recommendations and input on final funding proposal incl stakeholder engagement, GEDSI, theory of change, cultural, and others area as relevant.
4. Provide input on communication material and other relevant reports in relation to the landscape assessment.

Required Qualifications & Experience
The successful person (s) is required to meet the following criteria:

- A minimum of master’s degree in Sociology and/or Anthropology, coupled with knowledge of natural resource management issues in PNG
- At least 7 years’ experience working collaboratively with rural and remote communities in Papua New Guinea, ideally in East New Britain, PNG
- Demonstrated understanding of PNG’s conservation policies
- GEDSI expertise is desirable
- Knowledge of provincial and district level governance systems in Papua New Guinea
- Documented experience for how to address cultural sensitivities and a deep understanding of the local communities in Southern PNG

Competencies:
- Strong assessment and analytical skills
- Strong community engagement skills to work with local communities, government agencies, and conservation organizations.
- Documented expertise of undertaking studies at the landscape level
- Experience of being involved in conservation projects in Papua New Guinea
- A clear, organized and practical approach in carrying out work
- Excellent research skills
- Strong writing skills including articulating complex problems
- Excellent written and spoken communication skills
- Dynamic team player
- Demonstrate WWF behaviours: Strive for Impact, Listen Deeply, Collaborate Openly, and Innovate Fearlessly
- Identify and align with the core values of the WWF: Courage, Integrity, Respect & Collaboration.

How to Apply?
Interested parties are requested to submit a curriculum vita and a cover letter with the subject line “WWF Consultancy: Pomio Landscape Assessment” to: ppo.hr_recruit@wwfpacific.org
Please also include in your application how you found out about this advert.
Other Requirements:
1. Taxation or exemption Certificate (if eligible)
2. Taxation Number
3. Names of 2 referees to confirm credibility of past engagements

Deadline for applications: 5pm (Fiji Time) on Saturday, 27th January, 2024. Work is expected to begin from the date of signing. The expected end date for completion of the deliverables report is no later than 31 May 2024.