

# **TERMS OF REFERENCE**

# Team Member for the Mid-Term Review of the UNDP- GEF Project "Strengthening Sustainability of Protected Area Management in Myanmar"

Assignment Title	Team Member for the Mid-term Review (MTR) of UNDP Supported, GEF
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	Funded Project in Myanmar
Project	Strengthening Sustainability of Protected Area Management in Myanmar
Type of Contract	Individual Contract (National Consultant)
Contract Period	February – March 2018
Estimated working days	25 days within the period
Supervisor	Program Analyst, Sustainable and Inclusive Growth Program
Duty Station	Home-based with travel to Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, Kachin State, Sagaing
	Region
Country	Myanmar

# A. BACKGROUND AND CONTEXT

The midterm review of the **Strengthening Sustainability of Protected Area Management in Myanmar** Project (PIMS #5162) is implemented through the *Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS)*, and is scheduled to be undertaken in *October 2017*. The project, funded by the Global Environment Facility (GEF) started on 1 July 2015 and is in its second year of implementation. In line with the UNDP-GEF Guidance on MTRs, this MTR process was initiated before the submission of the second Project Implementation Report (PIR). This ToR sets out the expectations for this MTR. The MTR process must follow the guidance outlined in the document *Guidance For Conducting Midterm Reviews of UNDP-Supported, GEF-Financed Projects* found via this link: <a href="http://web.undp.org/evaluation/documents/guidance/GEF/mid-term/Guidance Midterm%20Review%20">http://web.undp.org/evaluation/documents/guidance/GEF/mid-term/Guidance Midterm%20Review%20</a> EN 2014.pdf.

The Strengthening Sustainability of Protected Area Management in Myanmar Project was designed with the overall goal of contributing to the conservation and sustainable use of globally significant biodiversity in Myanmar with the objective to strengthen the terrestrial system of national protected areas for biodiversity conservation through enhanced representation, management effectiveness, monitoring, enforcement and financing. To achieve the project objective, and based on a barrier analysis which identified: (i) the problem being addressed by the project; (ii) its root causes; and (iii) the barriers that need to be overcome to address the problem and its root causes, the project's intervention has been organized into two components.

Component 1 addresses the first barrier: the weak systematic and institutional capacity to plan and manage the expanded national protected area (PA) system. This is being addressed through a range of inputs aiming to: strengthen the national and regional policy and planning frameworks in relation to PAs; build central capacity for PA system management; expand the PA system coverage to 10% of the national land area; develop a systematic approach for sustainable financing of the expanded PA system; and integrate PA values into regional and local development for sub national government units associated with the demonstration PAs. Component 2 addresses the second barrier: insufficient management capacity and motivation at the PA level to manage local threats and achieve conservation outcomes. This component focuses on strengthening

management effectiveness, financial sustainability, community engagement, monitoring and planning to address external threats at the four selected demonstration PAs. The two components will result in the following project outcomes which are in line with the UNDP's country program output of 'enhanced capacities to sustainably manage natural resources at local, regional and national levels'. The project document can be found via this link: <a href="https://www.thegef.org/project/strengthening-sustainability-protected-area-management">https://www.thegef.org/project/strengthening-sustainability-protected-area-management</a>.

The project has two overall outcomes:

- Outcome 1: Enhanced Systemic, Institutional and Financial Frameworks for Protected Area Expansion and Management:
- Outcome 2: Strengthened Management and Threat Reduction in the Target Protected Areas and Buffer Zone:

The project is being implemented in four demonstration PA sites in Kachin State and Sagaing Region: Hukaung Valley Wildlife Sanctuary, Hkakaborazi National Park, Hponkanrazi Wildlife Sanctuary, and Htamanthi Wildlife Sanctuary. National level project coordination takes place in Nay Pyi Taw. The Myanmar Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation (MONREC), formerly the Ministry of Environmental Conservation and Forestry, is the lead government agency and is responsible for the coordination of the project activities on behalf of the Government of Myanmar.

In line with the project cooperation agreement signed between UNDP and the Wildlife Conservation Society (WCSo, the project is being implemented by the WCS under the civil society organization (CSO) modality. As implementing partner of the project, WCS is responsible for the project implementation, and the timely and verifiable attainment of project objectives and outcomes. The project is scheduled to run for 60 months and is expected to end on 30 June 2020. It is fully funded by the GEF in the amount of USD 6,027,397 and with planned government co-financing estimated at USD 4,646,300.

### **B.** OBJECTIVES OF THE MID-TERM REVIEW

This MTR will assess progress towards the achievement of the project objectives and outcomes as specified in the project document, and assess early signs of project success or failure with the goal of identifying the necessary changes to be made to set the project on-track to achieve its intended results. The MTR will also review the project's strategy and any risks to its sustainability.

# C. MID-TERM REVIEW APPROACH & METHODOLOGY

The MTR must provide evidence based information that is credible, reliable and useful. The MTR Team will review all relevant sources of information including documents prepared during the preparation phase (i.e. PIF, UNDP Initiation Plan, UNDP Environmental & Social Safeguard Policy, the Project Document, project reports including Annual Project Review/PIRs, project budget revisions, lesson learned reports, national strategic and legal documents, and any other materials that the team considers useful for this evidence-based review). The MTR Team will review the baseline GEF Focal Area Tracking Tool submitted to the GEF at CEO endorsement, and the mid-term GEF Focal Area Tracking Tool that must be completed before the MTR field mission begins.

The MTR Team is expected to follow a collaborative and participatory approach<sup>1</sup> ensuring close engagement with the Project Team, government counterparts (the GEF Operational Focal Point), the UNDP Country Office(s), UNDP-GEF Regional Technical Advisers, and other key stakeholders. Engagement of stakeholders is vital to a successful MTR.<sup>2</sup> Stakeholder involvement should include interviews with stakeholders who have

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> For ideas on innovative and participatory Monitoring and Evaluation strategies and techniques, see <u>UNDP Discussion Paper:</u> <u>Innovations in Monitoring & Evaluating Results</u>, 05 Nov 2013.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> For more stakeholder engagement in the M&E process, see the <u>UNDP Handbook on Planning, Monitoring and Evaluating for Development Results</u>, Chapter 3, pg. 93.

project responsibilities, including but not limited to key senior management and environment program staff of the UNDP Myanmar Country Office; the Wildlife Conservation Society project team; government officials from MONREC, specifically the Environmental Conservation Department; executing agencies, senior officials and task team/ component leaders, key experts and consultants in the subject area, Project Board, project stakeholders, academia, local government and CSOs, etc. Additionally, the MTR Team is expected to conduct field missions to Kachin State, Sagaing Region, Nay Pyi Taw, and Yangon), including the following project sites: Htamanthi Wildlife Sanctuary, Hponkanrazi Wildlife Sanctuary and Hkakaborazi National Park.

The final MTR report should describe the full MTR approach taken and the rationale for the approach making explicit the underlying assumptions, challenges, strengths and weaknesses about the methods and approach of the review.

# D. SCOPE OF WORK

The MTR Team will assess the following four categories of project progress. See the *Guidance for Conducting Midterm Reviews of UNDP-Supported, GEF-Financed Projects* for extended descriptions.

# a) Project Strategy

# Project Design:

- Review the problem addressed by the project and the underlying assumptions. Review the effect of any incorrect assumptions or changes to the context to achieving the project results as outlined in the Project Document.
- Review the relevance of the project strategy and assess whether it provides the most effective route towards expected/intended results. Were lessons from other relevant projects properly incorporated into the project design?
- Review how the project addresses country priorities. Review country ownership. Was the project concept in line with the national sector development priorities and plans of the country (or of participating countries in the case of multi-country projects)?
- Review decision-making processes: were perspectives of those who would be affected by project decisions, those who could affect the outcomes, and those who could contribute information or other resources to the process, taken into account during project design processes?
- Review the extent to which relevant gender issues were raised in the project design. See Annex 9
  of Guidance For Conducting Midterm Reviews of UNDP-Supported, GEF-Financed Projects for
  further guidelines.
- If there are major areas of concern, recommend areas for improvement.

# Results Framework/Logframe:

- Undertake a critical analysis of the project's logframe indicators and targets, assess how "SMART" the midterm and end-of-project targets are (Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Relevant, Timebound), and suggest specific amendments/revisions to the targets and indicators as necessary.
- Are the project's objectives and outcomes or components clear, practical, and feasible within its time frame?
- Examine if progress so far has led to, or could in the future catalyse beneficial development effects (i.e. income generation, gender equality and women's empowerment, improved governance etc...) that should be included in the project results framework and monitored on an annual basis.
- Ensure broader development and gender aspects of the project are being monitored effectively. Develop and recommend SMART 'development' indicators, including sex-disaggregated indicators and indicators that capture development benefits.

# b) Progress Towards Results

# **Progress Towards Outcomes Analysis:**

Review the logframe indicators against progress made towards the end-of-project targets using the Progress Towards Results Matrix and following the Guidance For Conducting Midterm Reviews of UNDP-Supported, GEF-Financed Projects; colour code progress in a "traffic light system" based on the level of progress achieved; assign a rating on progress for each outcome; make recommendations from the areas marked as "Not on target to be achieved" (red

# Table. Progress Towards Results Matrix (Achievement of Outcomes against End-of-Project Targets)

# **Indicator Assessment Key**

Green= Achieved	Yellow= On target to be achieved	Red= Not on target to be achieved

Project Strategy	Indicator <sup>3</sup>	Baseline Level <sup>4</sup>	Level in 1 <sup>st</sup> PIR (self- reported)	Midterm Target <sup>5</sup>	End- of- project Target	Midterm Level & Assessment <sup>6</sup>	Achievement Rating <sup>7</sup>	Justification for Rating
Objective:	Indicator (if applicable):							
Outcome 1:	Indicator 1:							
Outcome 2:	Indicator 3: Indicator 4: Etc.							
Etc.								

In addition to the progress towards outcomes analysis:

- Compare and analyse the GEF Tracking Tool at the Baseline with the one completed right before the Midterm Review.
- Identify remaining barriers to achieving the project objective in the remainder of the project.
- By reviewing the aspects of the project that have already been successful, identify ways in which the project can further expand these benefits.

# c) Project Implementation and Adaptive Management

# Management Arrangements:

- Review overall effectiveness of project management as outlined in the Project Document. Have changes been made and are they effective? Are responsibilities and reporting lines clear? Is decision-making transparent and undertaken in a timely manner? Recommend areas for improvement.
- Review the quality of execution of the Executing Agency/Implementing Partner(s) and recommend areas for improvement.
- Review the quality of support provided by the GEF Partner Agency (UNDP) and recommend areas for improvement.

<sup>6</sup> Colour code this column only

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Populate with data from the Logframe and scorecards

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Populate with data from the Project Document

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> If available

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Use the 6 point Progress Towards Results Rating Scale: HS, S, MS, MU, U, HU

# Work Planning:

- Review any delays in project start-up and implementation, identify the causes and examine if they
  have been resolved.
- Are work-planning processes results-based? If not, suggest ways to re-orientate work planning to focus on results?
- Examine the use of the project's results framework/ logframe as a management tool and review any changes made to it since project start.

## Finance and co-finance:

- Consider the financial management of the project, with specific reference to the costeffectiveness of interventions.
- Review the changes to fund allocations as a result of budget revisions and assess the appropriateness and relevance of such revisions.
- Does the project have the appropriate financial controls, including reporting and planning, that allow management to make informed decisions regarding the budget and allow for timely flow of funds?
- Informed by the co-financing monitoring table to be filled out, provide commentary on cofinancing: is co-financing being used strategically to help the objectives of the project? Is the Project Team meeting with all co-financing partners regularly in order to align financing priorities and annual work plans?

# Project-level Monitoring and Evaluation Systems:

- Review the monitoring tools currently being used: Do they provide the necessary information?
   Do they involve key partners? Are they aligned or mainstreamed with national systems? Do they use existing information? Are they efficient? Are they cost-effective? Are additional tools required? How could they be made more participatory and inclusive?
- Examine the financial management of the project monitoring and evaluation budget. Are sufficient resources being allocated to monitoring and evaluation? Are these resources being allocated effectively?

# Stakeholder Engagement:

- Project management: Has the project developed and leveraged the necessary and appropriate partnerships with direct and tangential stakeholders?
- Participation and country-driven processes: Do local and national government stakeholders support the objectives of the project? Do they continue to have an active role in project decision-making that supports efficient and effective project implementation?
- Participation and public awareness: To what extent has stakeholder involvement and public awareness contributed to the progress towards achievement of project objectives?

# Reporting:

- Assess how adaptive management changes have been reported by the project management and shared with the Project Board.
- Assess how well the Project Team and partners undertake and fulfil GEF reporting requirements (i.e. how have they addressed poorly-rated PIRs, if applicable?)
- Assess how lessons derived from the adaptive management process have been documented, shared with key partners and internalized by partners.

# **Communications:**

- Review internal project communication with stakeholders: Is communication regular and effective? Are there key stakeholders left out of communication? Are there feedback mechanisms when communication is received? Does this communication with stakeholders contribute to their awareness of project outcomes and activities and investment in the sustainability of project results?
- Review external project communication: Are proper means of communication established or being established to express the project progress and intended impact to the public (is there a web presence, for example? Or did the project implement appropriate outreach and public awareness campaigns?)

• For reporting purposes, write one half-page paragraph that summarizes the project's progress towards results in terms of contribution to sustainable development benefits, as well as global environmental benefits.

# d) Sustainability

- Validate whether the risks identified in the Project Document, Annual Project Review/PIRs and the ATLAS Risk Management Module are the most important and whether the risk ratings applied are appropriate and up to date. If not, explain why.
- In addition, assess the following risks to sustainability:

# Financial risks to sustainability:

What is the likelihood of financial and economic resources not being available once the GEF
assistance ends (consider potential resources can be from multiple sources, such as the public
and private sectors, income generating activities, and other funding that will be adequate
financial resources for sustaining project's outcomes)?

# Socio-economic risks to sustainability:

• Are there any social or political risks that may jeopardize sustainability of project outcomes? What is the risk that the level of stakeholder ownership (including ownership by governments and other key stakeholders) will be insufficient to allow for the project outcomes/benefits to be sustained? Do the various key stakeholders see that it is in their interest that the project benefits continue to flow? Is there sufficient public / stakeholder awareness in support of the long-term objectives of the project? Are lessons learned being documented by the Project Team on a continual basis and shared/ transferred to appropriate parties who could learn from the project and potentially replicate and/or scale it in the future?

# Institutional Framework and Governance risks to sustainability:

Do the legal frameworks, policies, governance structures and processes pose risks that may
jeopardize sustenance of project benefits? While assessing this parameter, also consider if
the required systems/ mechanisms for accountability, transparency, and technical
knowledge transfer are in place.

# Environmental risks to sustainability:

Are there any environmental risks that may jeopardize sustenance of project outcomes?

## **Summary of Conclusions & Recommendations**

The MTR Team will include a section in the report which outlines the MTR's evidence-based conclusions, considering the findings. Recommendations should be succinct suggestions for critical intervention that are specific, measurable, achievable, and relevant. A recommendation table should be put in the report's executive summary. See the *Guidance for Conducting Midterm Reviews of UNDP-Supported, GEF-Financed Projects* for guidance on a recommendation table. *The MTR Team should make no more than 15 recommendations in total.* 

# **Summary of Ratings**

The MTR Team will include its ratings of the project's results and brief descriptions of the associated achievements in a MTR Ratings & Achievement Summary Table in the Executive Summary of the MTR report. See Annex E for the achievement summary and ratings scales. No rating on Project Strategy and no overall project rating is required.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Alternatively, MTR conclusions may be integrated into the body of the report.

### E. MID-TERM REVIEW DELIVERABLES

The MTR, led by the International Consultant, will be responsible for completion of deliverables outlined in the table below:

#	Deliverable	Description	Estimated Timing	Responsibilities
1	MTR Inception Report	MTR Team clarifies objectives and methods of Midterm Review	No later than 2 weeks before the MTR mission	MTR Team submits to the UNDP and the WCS Project Management Team
2	Presentation	Initial Findings presented to selected audience	End of MTR mission	MTR Team presents to the UNDP and the Project Management Team
3	Draft Final Report	Full report submitted (using guidelines on content outlined in Annex B) with annexes	Within 3 weeks of the MTR mission	Sent to the UNDP, reviewed by the RTA, Project Coordinating Unit, GEF OFP
4	Final Report*	Revised report with audit trail detailing how all received comments have (and have not) been addressed in the final MTR report	Within 1 week of receiving UNDP comments on draft	Sent to the UNDP

<sup>\*</sup> The final MTR report must be in English; submitted as both Word and PDF documents. If applicable, UNDP Myanmar may choose to arrange for a translation of the report into a language more widely shared by national stakeholders.

# F. COMPOSITION OF THE MID-TERM REVIEW TEAM

- A team of two independent consultants will conduct the MTR.
- The team will be led by one international team leader (with experience and exposure to projects and evaluations in other regions globally) and further comprised of one Myanmar national who will serve as the team expert.
- The consultants must be persons who have not have participated in the project preparation, formulation, and/or implementation (including the writing of the Project Document) and should not have a conflict of interest with the project's related activities.

# Team Roles:

- The Lead Consultant is ultimately responsible for the timely completion and submission of all deliverables.
- The Team Member will make significant contributions to the deliverables and provide insights to the Myanmar operating context

- O The Team Member will be responsible for:
  - Providing inputs and insights (based on the context biodiversity conservation / protected area management) to the independent evaluation of the project
  - Participate in and contribute to meetings with governments counterparts, UN/UNDP staff, donors and other partners with the Team Leader
  - Providing support and assistance to finalize the mission agenda, meetings and required visits
  - Provide inputs to the deliverables: inception report, draft evaluation report,
     evaluation brief and final evaluation report
  - Providing Myanmar language interpretation during for meeting; and translation of documents (as required), to ensure clear communication between the international consultant and all concerned stakeholders
- This Terms of Reference is for the Team Member (National Consultant)

## G. EXPERTISE AND QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED

The <u>Team Member (National Consultant)</u> should have the following expertise and qualifications:

#### Education

At Bachelor's degree or higher in biodiversity conservation, environmental finance, economics, environmental or natural resource economics, environmental planning/management, public finance, or other closely related field.

#### Experience

- At least 7 years' experience in sustainable development management, natural resource management, ecology, or conservation-related areas
- Knowledge and demonstrable experience in the field of environmental sciences and natural resource management in Myanmar is strongly preferred
- Proven skills and experience in conducting evaluations and project/program assessments is highly desirable
- Experience working with environmental conservation projects is strongly preferred
- o Track record of previous research, evaluations and assessments
- Experience working with and delivering support to governments;

# Competencies

- o Excellent spoken and written English language communication skills is mandatory
- Fluency in spoken and written Myanmar language
- Ability to carry out field research and evaluations
- Ability to make presentations and convey key messages to a range of stakeholders including government officials and donor representatives
- o Strong analytical skills

# H. TIMEFRAME FOR THE ASSIGNMENT

- The total duration of the MTR will be approximately 8 weeks starting 1 October 2017, and shall not exceed two months from when the consultant(s) are contracted.
  - o The Team Member (National Consultant) will be contracted for 6 weeks during this period
- The contract will come into effect in October 2017 and will last for 6 weeks from the start date of contract
- The consultant will work for a period of <u>25 work days</u> during the period February March 2018

### I. MANAGEMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION ARRANGEMENTS

- The principal responsibility for managing this MTR resides with the Commissioning Unit i.e. the UNDP Myanmar Country Office. UNDP Myanmar will contract the consultants and ensure the timely provision of per diems and travel arrangements within Myanmar for the MTR Team.
- The WCS Project Team will be responsible for liaising with the MTR Team to provide all relevant documents, arrange stakeholder meetings and interviews, and arrange field visits.

The following management and implementation arrangements will be in place:

- The consultants will report to the UNDP Team Leader, Environmental Governance and Disaster Resilience
- The Program Management Specialist will act as the UNDP Program Team focal point for this assignment
- The MTR will be carried out in close collaboration with the Regional Technical Advisor
- In accordance with expected outputs and deliverables, the consultants will submit required reports and updates to the UNDP Myanmar Program Team for reviewing outputs, comments, and certifying approval/acceptance of works afterwards.
- In case of any delays in achieving the expected outputs, the MTR Team should notify the UNDP Program Team in advance so that necessary steps are taken in a timely manner
- UNDP and WCS will facilitate government (and other counterpart) cooperation for this assignment, including visas and travel authorization as required
- The consultants will be given access to relevant information necessary for execution of the tasks under this assignment
- Consultants are responsible for providing their own laptop computers and mobile phones for use during this assignment; the consultants must have access to reliable internet connection for the duration of the assignment

# TRAVEL:

- Any necessary missions must be approved in advance and in writing by the supervisor
- All travels within Myanmar will be arranged by the UNDP Myanmar Country Office and the Wildlife Conservation Society
- The in-country mission will last for approximately 4 weeks with travel to project sites in remote areas in Northern Myanmar (Kachin State and Sagaing Region).
  - Applicants are advised that travel to project sites will include air travel (3 hours), travel by boat (4 hours), and extended treks (up to 9 hours)
    - Consultants are advised to pack appropriate clothing and footwear
  - Project site visits will last approximately 12 days
- For all required travel, UNDP will provide economy class air fares and living allowance rates prevailing
  at the time of sourcing, for the duty station and all other cities indicated in the TOR as part of duty
  travel destinations.
- Consultants will be entitled to apply for reimbursement of costs associated with necessary workrelated travel in accordance with UNDP's travel policy for consultants and upon submission of claim forms and supporting documents
- The Basic Security in the Field II and Advanced Security in the Field courses must be successfully completed prior to commencement of travel.
  - o The basic training course can be accessed here: https://training.dss.un.org/course/detail/19928.
  - o The advance course can be accessed here: <a href="https://training.dss.un.org/course/detail/19921">https://training.dss.un.org/course/detail/19921</a>.
- Consultants must comply with the UN security directives set forth under <a href="https://dss.un.org/dssweb/">https://dss.un.org/dssweb/</a>.
- Consultants are responsible for ensuring they have vaccinations/inoculations when travelling to Myanmar, as designated by the UN Medical Doctor

### J. DUTY STATION

This assignment will be home-based with mission travel to locations in Myanmar as deemed necessary for completion of the MTR namely: Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, Kachin State, and Sagaing Region.

# K. PAYMENT MODALITIES AND SPECIFICATIONS

The consultants will be paid upon completion of deliverables and approval by the UNDP Myanmar Program Team as detailed below:

	Deliverables/ Outputs	Estimated Due Date	Contract Percentage
1	Upon completion of the field mission and presentation of initial findings	End February / Mid March 2018	100%
	Total		100%

- Payments will be made only upon confirmation by UNDP of the consultants having delivered all contract obligations in a satisfactory manner.
- Payments will be made to consultants upon submission of a detailed time sheet (where applicable)
   and certification of payment form

# L. APPLICATION PROCESS

Interested persons are requested to submit the following documents as part of their application:

- Brief description/ Cover letter of why the individual considers him/herself as the most suitable for the assignment
- 2) Letter of Confirmation of Interest and Availability using the template provided by UNDP.
- 3) CV and Personal History (P11) Form indicating all relevant experience as well as the contact details (email and telephone number) of the candidate and at least three (3) professional references. Please use the P11 form provided by UNDP.
- 4) **Financial Proposal** that indicates the daily fees and costs of air travel between city and country of residence and Myanmar as per the template provided by UNDP. Please quote return ticket air fares.
  - If an applicant is employed by an organization/company/institution, and he/she expects
    his/her employer to charge a management fee in the process of releasing him/her to UNDP
    under Reimbursable Loan Agreement (RLA), the applicant must indicate at this point, and
    ensure that all such costs are duly incorporated in the financial proposal submitted to UNDP.

Applicants are advised to take note of the following conditions:

- For any air travel required, UNDP will pay economy class air fares as per the UNDP policy for consultants' travel
- The contract price is fixed regardless of changes in the cost components

# M. CRITERIA FOR SELECTION OF THE BEST OFFER

The following criteria shall serve as basis for evaluating offers:

- **Combined Scoring Method:** Where the qualifications and methodology will be weighted a maximum of 70% and combined with the price offer which will be weighted a maximum of 30%
- Technical Evaluation of Proposals: All applications comprising the information/documentation

provided will be evaluated to ascertain the suitability of the applicants to carry out the assignment. Candidates who obtain the minimum of 49 points of the full mark (70 points) will be considered technically compliant and their financial evaluations will be evaluated thereafter.

- Applications will be scored as per the following breakdown (Total 70 points):
  - Educational background: 10 points
    - A Master's degree or higher in biodiversity conservation, environmental finance, economics, environmental or natural resource economics, environmental planning/management, public finance, or other closely related field.
  - o Relevant Experience: 50 points
    - At least 10 years' experience in environment and/or conservation finance or
       8 At least 7 years' experience in sustainable development management,
       natural resource management, ecology, or conservation-related areas
    - Knowledge and demonstrable experience in the field of environmental sciences and natural resource management in Myanmar is strongly preferred
    - o Proven skills and experience in conducting evaluations and project/program assessments is highly desirable
    - o Experience working with environmental conservation projects is strongly preferred
    - o Track record of previous research, evaluations and assessments
    - o Experience working with and delivering support to governments;
  - English language skills: 10 points
    - Fluency in written and spoken English
- Financial Evaluation of Proposals:

N. APPROVAL

- The financial proposals of all the applicants who pass the technical evaluation will be scored.
- The maximum 30 points will be allotted to the lowest financial bid, and all other bids shall receive points in inverse proportion to the lowest fee e.g. [30 Points] x [USD lowest] / [USD other] = points for other proposer's fees
- The contract shall be awarded to the applicant who receives the highest cumulative score.
- Where possible, consultants will be selected from UNDP pre-approved rosters of experts.

This TOR is approved by:	Thiri Aung Program Analyst, Sustainable and Inclusive Growth Program
Signature:	Elens.
Date:	16 Jan. 2018