Terminal Evaluation Terms of Reference (ToR) for UNDP-supported GEF-financed projects

Strengthening Capacity and Incentives for Wildlife Conservation in the Western Forest Complex

BASIC CONTRACT INFORMATION

Location: Bangkok, Uthai Thani Province, Thailand
Application Deadline: 15 March 2021
Type of Contract: International Terminal Evaluation (TE) Consultant (Individual Consultant)
Assignment Type: Short-term
Languages Required: English
Starting Date: 22 April 2021
Expected Duration of Assignment: 22 April 2021 – 30 June 2021

BACKGROUND

1. Introduction

UNDP Thailand Country Office is looking for an international consultant who will work together with a national consultant in conducting the Terminal Evaluation (thereafter referred to as the “Evaluation Team”).

In accordance with UNDP and GEF M&E policies and procedures, all full- and medium-sized UNDP-supported GEF-financed projects are required to undergo a Terminal Evaluation (TE) at the end of the project. This Terms of Reference (ToR) sets out the expectations for the TE of the full-sized project titled Strengthening Capacity and Incentives for Wildlife Conservation in the Western Forest Complex (PIMS 5436) implemented through Department of National Parks, Wildlife and Plant Conservation (DNP). The project started on the 15 July 2015 and is in its final year of implementation. The TE process must follow the guidance outlined in the document ‘Guidance For Conducting Terminal Evaluations of UNDP-Supported, GEF-Financed Projects’ (Guidance for Conducting Terminal Evaluation of UNDP-Supported, GEF-Financed Projects).
### Project Title:
Strengthening Capacity and Incentives for Wildlife Conservation in the Western Forest Complex

#### GEF Project ID:
PIMS 5436

#### UNDP Project ID:
00090893

#### Country:
Thailand

#### Region:
Asia-Pacific

#### Focal Area:
- Biodiversity, Climate Change and Multi-Focal Areas
- Others: - Wildlife Conservation Society
  - Seub Nakasathien Foundation

#### FA Objectives, (OP/SP):
- BD-1: Improve sustainability of protected area systems
- CCM-5: Promote Conservation and Enhancement of Carbon Stocks through Sustainable Management of Land Use, Land Use Change and Forestry
- SFM/REDD-2: promote sustainable management and use of forest resources

#### Total co-financing:
24,234,427

#### Executing Agency:
Department of National Parks, Wildlife and Plant Conservation (DNP), Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MNRE)

#### Total Project Cost:
31,573,877

#### Other Partners involved:
ProDoc Signature (date project began):
15 July 2015

(Operational) Closing Date:
Proposed: 14 July 2020
Revised Closing Date: 14 July 2021

### 2. Project Description

Situated at the core of the Western Forest Complex (WEFCOM), the Huai Kha Khaeng-Thung Yai Naresuan World Heritage Site (HKK-TY WHS) consists of three contiguous Wildlife Sanctuaries: the Huai Kha Khaeng (HKK); the Thung Yai Naresuan East (TYE); and the Thung Yai Naresuan West (TYW). Totalling an area of 6,427 km², the largely intact forest habitats of the HKK-TY WHS provide a protected refuge for approximately half of Thailand’s tiger population.
There are no villages within the HKK, but there are 14 formally recognised enclave villages within the TYW (7 villages) and TYE (7 villages). There are further villages, together with mixed forest-agriculture, in a 5km buffer around the HKK-TY WHS with a particular concentration to the east of HKK where there is an estimated 29 villages. Many of the villagers living in the enclave and buffer villages are dependent on the use of forest resources.

The most significant threats to tiger survival in and around the HKK-TY WHS includes: i) habitat degradation and fragmentation; ii) poaching of the prey that tiger depend on; and iii) poaching of the tigers themselves. These threats are further exacerbated by limited capacity and insufficient resources to effectively plan and administer the wildlife sanctuaries, and limited working relationships with enclave and buffer communities. The project has been organised into three components, and will be implemented over a period of five years.

The first component of the project is directed towards strengthening and scaling up existing best-practice management activities, and developing and testing innovative approaches to enforcement and compliance, in the HKK-TYN WHS. It will strive to reduce the direct threats to tigers and prey, improve effectiveness of wildlife sanctuary management, and enhance the use of data and information to support key management decision-making.

The second component of the project is focused on linking sustainable livelihood development in the enclave and buffer zone villages with specific conservation outcomes, and improving economic links between the buffer zone and enclave villages and the Wildlife Sanctuaries. It will seek to achieve these linkages by promoting incentives (including technical support and grant funding for sustainable livelihood initiatives, ecotourism development and sustainable financing solution (replacing REDD+ Wildlife Premium carbon project) for community-based sustainable forest management, environmentally-friendly agricultural practices, nature-based tourism and education and improved wildlife and habitat protection.

The third component of the project is directed towards raising the awareness in communities living in and around the WHS of the need to conserve, and the importance of protecting, the forest landscapes and associated wildlife. With the iterative recognition in these communities of the intrinsic value of the forest habitats and wildlife, work under this component will assist in strengthening the representation of the buffer and enclave communities in each of the Wildlife Sanctuary’s Protected Area Committees (PACs). With improved community-based representation on the PAC, the project will assist in building the capacity (information, knowledge, skills) of each of the community representatives to assure a constructive and meaningful contribution to the co-management of the WSs. The total cost of investment in the project is estimated at US$31,573,877, of which US$7,339,450 constitutes grant funding from GEF and US$24,234,427 comprises co-financing.

During the startup period after the Project Document was signed on 15 July 2015, the project faced multiple delays due mainly to lengthy settlement of the government’s financial and regulatory systems related to managing the project budget (as part of the NIM modality). It was not until August 2016 when the inception workshop could be held and subsequent work plan and first year budget were approved by the project board. The enactment of the new Public Procurement Act with new required
procedures also caused complications to government staff in completing procurement requests due to their unfamiliarity with the new requirements.

In 2018, a mid-term review (MTR) of the project implementation was conducted. It noted many progresses made toward successful achievement of the project indicators while also noted delays and challenges during the start-up period of the project and subsequent procurement issues. The MTR made 15 specific recommendations, focusing on improving M&E capacity of the results framework, financial management/sustainability, livelihoods development in the buffer zone, improved DNP/community relationship, and communication and knowledge sharing, as well as project extension by 6-12 months (in lieu of the time lost during the start-up period) to better realize the project results at a higher quality and impact.

Most of the recommendations have been responded with actions, although those relating to project sustainability and capacity strengthening will require more time and be greatly benefited by the 12-month project extension.

A 12-month project extension was granted to enable the project to continue working on targeted activities to ensure successful achievement of its project objective and respective outcomes. The extension period compensates the multiple delays and slow start-up in the first year of the project (2015-2016). It also enables the project more time to fully achieve project financial sustainability and capacity strengthening objectives. The extension was endorsed by the project board on 29 November 2019.

Since 2020, the prolonged strict COVID-19 lockdown has significantly impacted the project implementation. Activities at the project locations have been postponed as all national parks had been temporarily closed and unauthorized people were not allowed to access the parks. Trainings have been delayed due to the shut-down of the training sites in the protected areas.

3. TE Purpose

The TE report will assess the achievement of project results against what was expected to be achieved, and draw lessons that can both improve the sustainability of benefits from this project, and aid in the overall enhancement of UNDP programming. The TE report promotes accountability and transparency, and assesses the extent of project accomplishments.

The project is entering to the final phase of implementation. The project end date is on 14 July 2021. The Implementing Partner (DNP), Project Board members, and UNDP Thailand Country Office will use the project’s evaluation results to ensure effectiveness of exit strategy during the 12-month project extension and take away key recommendations to embed into the National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plan (NBSAP).

Further to this, the objectives of the evaluation will be to:
• assess the achievement of project results supported by evidence (i.e. progress of project’s outcome targets)
• assess the contribution and alignment of the project to relevant environmental management plans or climate and biodiversity management policies
• assess the contribution of the project results towards the relevant outcome and output of the Country Programme Document for Thailand (2017-2021) and recommendations on the way forwards
• assess any cross cutting and gender issues
• assess impact of the project in terms of its contribution to, or enabled progress toward reduced environmental stress
• examination on the use of funds and value for money and to draw lessons that can both improve the sustainability of benefits from this project, and aid in the overall enhancement of UNDP programming

The TE will be conducted according to the guidance, rules and procedures established by UNDP and GEF as reflected in the UNDP Evaluation Guidance for GEF Financed Projects.

**DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

4. **TE Approach & Methodology**

The TE must provide evidence-based information that is credible, reliable and useful.

The TE team will review all relevant sources of information including documents prepared during the preparation phase (i.e. PIF, UNDP Initiation Plan, UNDP Social and Environmental Screening Procedure/SESPP) the Project Document, project reports including annual 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 evaluation. The TE team will review the baseline and midterm GEF focal area Core Indicators/Tracking Tools submitted to the GEF at the CEO endorsement and midterm stages and the terminal Core Indicators/Tracking Tools that must be completed before the TE field mission begins.

The TE team is expected to follow a participatory and consultative approach ensuring close engagement with the Project Team, government counterparts (the GEF Operational Focal Point), Implementing Partners, the UNDP Country Office(s), the Regional Technical Advisors, direct beneficiaries and other stakeholders.

Engagement of stakeholders is vital to a successful TE. Stakeholder involvement should include interviews with stakeholders who have project responsibilities, including but not limited to: executing agencies, senior officials and task team/component leaders, key experts and consultants in the subject area, Project Board, project beneficiaries, academia, local government and CSOs, etc. Additionally, the national TE consultant may require conducting field missions to: Huai Kha Khaeng-Thung Yai (HKK-TY) World Heritage Site (WHS) and its buffer areas in Uthai Thani Province (depending on travel restriction on COVID-19).
Interviews will be held with the following organizations and individuals at a minimum:

**List of Stakeholders**

**Bangkok**

- UNDP Thailand Country Office
  - Biofin Programme Manager
  - Youth development programme leader
  - Accelerator Lab – Head of Experiment
- Department of National Parks, Wildlife and Plant Conservation (Implementing Partner)
  - DNP Deputy Director General, Mr. Prakit Wongsriwattanakul
  - Director of Wildlife Conservation Office, as the Project Director – Mr. Sompong Thongseekhem
  - Chief of Wildlife Research Division, Mr. Saksit Simcharoen
  - Chief of SMART Operation Center, Ms. Chatwarun Angkaew
- Director of Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS – Thailand), Mr. Anak Pattanapibul
- Team Leader on Sustainable Financing for wildlife conservation – Ms. Orapan Na Bangchang

**Project Site**

- Superintendent of Huai Kha Kaeng Wildlife Sanctuary
- Superintendent of Tungyai Naresuan – East
- Superintendent of Tungyai Naresuan - West
- Chief of Huai Kha Kaeng Wildlife Breeding Station
- Chief of Khao Nang Ram Wildlife Research Station – Mr. Somphot Duanchantrasiri
- Deputy Superintendent of Huai Kha Kang Wildlife Sanctuary: Environment Education in the buffer zone areas, Mr.
- Director of HKK/TYN World Heritage Management – Ms. Weraya Ochakul
- Royal Forest Department, Regional office 4 for Forest Resources management – Mr. Kraisorn Wiriya
- Secretary General of Seub Foundation – Mr. Panudej Kerdmali
- Chairman of Rabbit in the Moon Foundation – Mr. Charnchai Bhindusen
- Kasetsart University Team Leader on Wildlife Tourism – Mr. Nunthachai Pongpattananurak
- Kasetsart University Team Leader on Network Centric Operation System – Mr. Anan Phonpoem
- Member of the Parliament, Uthai Thani province – Mr. Chada Thaiset
- Community leaders – Wildlife Friendly Community

The specific design and methodology for the TE should emerge from consultations between the TE team and the above-mentioned parties regarding what is appropriate and feasible for meeting the TE purpose and objectives and answering the evaluation questions, given limitations of budget, time and data. The TE team must, however, use gender-responsive methodologies and tools and ensure that gender equality and women’s empowerment, as well as other cross-cutting issues and SDGs are incorporated into the TE report.
The final methodological approach including interview schedule, field visits and data to be used in the evaluation should be clearly outlined in the inception report and be fully discussed and agreed between UNDP, stakeholders and the TE team.

(Note: The TOR should retain enough flexibility for the evaluation team to determine the best methods and tools for collecting and analysing data. For example, the TOR might suggest using questionnaires, field visits and interviews, but the evaluation team should be able to revise the approach in consultation with the evaluation manager and key stakeholders. These changes in approach should be agreed and reflected clearly in the TE Inception Report.)

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

In case that the International TE consultant cannot enter to Thailand due to the COVID-19 VISA protocol, the TE team should develop a methodology that reflects the adaptive management. It includes remote interview methods and extended desk reviews, data analysis, surveys and evaluation questionnaires. This should be detailed in the TE Inception Report and agreed with the Commissioning Unit.

If all or part of the TE is to be carried out virtually then consideration should be taken for stakeholder availability, ability, or willingness to be interviewed remotely. In addition, their accessibility to the internet/computer may be an issue as many governments and national and pilot site counterparts may be working from home. These limitations must be reflected in the final TE report.

5. Detailed Scope of the TE

The TE will assess project performance against expectations set out in the project’s Logical Framework/Results Framework (see TOR Annex A). The TE will assess results according to the criteria outlined in the Guidance for TEs of UNDP-supported GEF-financed Projects (Guidance for Conducting Terminal Evaluation of UNDP-Supported, GEF-Financed Projects). The Findings section of the TE report will cover the topics listed below.

A full outline of the TE report’s content is provided in ToR Annex C.

The asterisk “(*)” indicates criteria for which a rating is required.

Findings

i. Project Design/Formulation
   - National priorities and country driven-ness
   - Theory of Change
   - Gender equality and women’s empowerment
• Social and Environmental Safeguards
• Analysis of Results Framework: project logic and strategy, indicators
• Assumptions and Risks
• Lessons from other relevant projects (e.g. same focal area) incorporated into project design
• Planned stakeholder participation
• Linkages between project and other interventions within the sector
• Management arrangements

ii. Project Implementation

• Adaptive management (changes to the project design and project outputs during implementation)
• Actual stakeholder participation and partnership arrangements
• Project Finance and Co-finance
• Monitoring & Evaluation: design at entry (*), implementation (*), and overall assessment of M&E (*)
• Implementing Agency (UNDP) (*) and Executing Agency (*), overall project oversight/implementation and execution (*)
• Risk Management, including Social and Environmental Standards

iii. Project Results

• Assess the achievement of outcomes against indicators by reporting on the level of progress for each objective and outcome indicator at the time of the TE and noting final achievements
• Relevance (*), Effectiveness (*), Efficiency (*) and overall project outcome (*)
• Sustainability: financial (*), socio-political (*), institutional framework and governance (*), environmental (*), overall likelihood of sustainability (*)
• Country ownership
• Gender equality and women’s empowerment
• Cross-cutting issues (poverty alleviation, improved governance, climate change mitigation and adaptation, disaster prevention and recovery, human rights, capacity development, South-South cooperation, knowledge management, volunteerism, etc., as relevant)
• GEF Additionality
• Catalytic Role / Replication Effect
• Progress to impact

iv. Main Findings, Conclusions, Recommendations and Lessons Learned

• The TE team will include a summary of the main findings of the TE report. Findings should be presented as statements of fact that are based on analysis of the data.
• The section on conclusions will be written in light of the findings. Conclusions should be comprehensive and balanced statements that are well substantiated by evidence and logically connected to the TE findings. They should highlight the strengths, weaknesses and results of the
project, respond to key evaluation questions and provide insights into the identification of and/or solutions to important problems or issues pertinent to project beneficiaries, UNDP and the GEF, including issues in relation to gender equality and women’s empowerment.

- Recommendations should provide concrete, practical, feasible and targeted recommendations directed to the intended users of the evaluation about what actions to take and decisions to make. The recommendations should be specifically supported by the evidence and linked to the findings and conclusions around key questions addressed by the evaluation.

- The TE report should also include lessons that can be taken from the evaluation, including best and worst practices in addressing issues relating to relevance, performance and success that can provide knowledge gained from the particular circumstance (programmatic and evaluation methods used, partnerships, financial leveraging, etc.) that are applicable to other GEF and UNDP interventions. When possible, the TE team should include examples of good practices in project design and implementation.

- It is important for the conclusions, recommendations and lessons learned of the TE report to include results related to gender equality and empowerment of women.

The TE report will include an Evaluation Ratings Table, as shown below (or see Annex F).

### ToR Table 2: Evaluation Ratings Table for “Strengthening Capacity and Incentives for Wildlife Conservation in the Western Forest Complex” Project

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\(^1\) Outcomes, Effectiveness, Efficiency, M&E, I&E Execution, Relevance are rated on a 6-point rating scale: 6 = Highly Satisfactory (HS), 5 = Satisfactory (S), 4 = Moderately Satisfactory (MS), 3 = Moderately Unsatisfactory (MU), 2 = Unsatisfactory (U), 1 = Highly Unsatisfactory (HU). Sustainability is rated on a 4-point scale: 4 = Likely (L), 3 = Moderately Likely (ML), 2 = Moderately Unlikely (MU), 1 = Unlikely (U)
6. Expected Outputs and Deliverables

The TE consultant/team shall prepare and submit:

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<td>TE Inception Report</td>
<td>TE team clarifies objectives, methodology and timing of the TE</td>
<td>No later than 2 weeks before the TE mission:</td>
<td>TE team submits Inception Report to Commissioning Unit and project management</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>Presentation</td>
<td>Initial Findings</td>
<td>End of TE mission:</td>
<td>TE team presents to Commissioning Unit and project management</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>Draft TE Report</td>
<td>Full draft report <em>(using guidelines on report content in ToR Annex C)</em> with annexes</td>
<td>Within 3 weeks of end of TE mission:</td>
<td>TE team submits to Commissioning Unit; reviewed by BPPS-GEF RTA, Project</td>
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<td>Coordinating Unit, GEF OFP</td>
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<td>5</td>
<td>Final TE Report + Audit Trail</td>
<td>Revised final report and TE Audit trail in which the TE details how all received comments have (and have not) been addressed in the final TE report <em>(See template in ToR Annex H)</em></td>
<td>Within 1 week of receiving comments on draft report:</td>
<td>TE team submits both documents to the Commissioning Unit</td>
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*The final TE report must be in English. If applicable, the Commissioning Unit may choose to arrange for a translation of the report into a language more widely shared by national stakeholders.

All final TE reports will be quality assessed by the UNDP Independent Evaluation Office (IEO). Details of the IEO’s quality assessment of decentralized evaluations can be found in Section 6 of the UNDP Evaluation Guidelines.²

7. TE Arrangements

The principal responsibility for managing the TE resides with the Commissioning Unit. The Commissioning Unit for this project’s TE is UNDP Thailand Country Office. The Commissioning Unit will contract the consultants and ensure the timely provision of per diems and travel arrangements within the country for the TE team. The Project Team will be responsible for liaising with the TE team to provide all relevant documents, set up stakeholder interviews, and arrange field visits.

The UNDP Thailand Country Office and Project Team will provide logistic support in the implementation of remote/ virtual meetings if travel to project site is restricted. An updated stakeholder list with contact details (phone and email) will be provided by the UNDP Thailand Country Office to the TE team. The TE offer shall be all inclusive cost of travelling.

8. Duration of the Work

The total duration of the TE will be approximately 35 working days over a time period of 8 weeks starting 22 April 2021 and shall not exceed five months from when the TE team is hired. The tentative TE timeframe is as follows:

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<td>15-31 March 2021 (13 days)</td>
<td>Selection of TE team</td>
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<td>22-23 April 2021 (2 days)</td>
<td>Preparation period for TE team (handover of documentation)</td>
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<td>21-27 April 2021 (5 days)</td>
<td>Document review and preparation of TE Inception Report</td>
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<td>28 April 2021 (1 day)</td>
<td>Finalization and Validation of TE Inception Report; latest start of TE mission</td>
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<td>3-10 May 2021 (6 days)</td>
<td>TE mission: stakeholder meetings, interviews, field visits, etc.</td>
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<td>11-12 May 2021 (2 days)</td>
<td>Mission wrap-up meeting &amp; presentation of initial findings; earliest end of TE mission</td>
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<td>13-23 May 2021 (11 days)</td>
<td>Preparation of draft TE report</td>
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<td>24-27 May 2021 (4 days)</td>
<td>Circulation of draft TE report for comments</td>
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<td>28 May-4 June 2021 (6 days)</td>
<td>Incorporation of comments on draft TE report into Audit Trail &amp; finalization of TE report</td>
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<td>7-10 June 2021 (4 days)</td>
<td>Preparation and Issuance of Management Response</td>
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<td>11 June 2021 (1 day)</td>
<td>Concluding Stakeholder Workshop (optional)</td>
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<td>14 June 2021</td>
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Options for site visits should be provided in the TE Inception Report. The expected date start date of contract is 21 April 2021 – 30 June 2021.
9. Duty Station

The International Consultant (Team Lead) can provide option to work remotely due to the constraint in obtaining VISA to enter Thailand. If so, the international consultant can work from home. The international consultant will describe the approach to collect data from the field in cooperation with the national consultant. The travel plan shall be adjusted based on travel restriction of the government and UNDP. Subject to be approved by the Resident Representative for UNDP Thailand Country Office.

Travel:
- The BSAFE course must be successfully completed prior to commencement of travel;
- Individual Consultants are responsible for ensuring they have vaccinations/inoculations when travelling to certain countries, as designated by the UN Medical Director.
- Consultants are required to comply with the UN security directives set forth under: https://dss.un.org/dssweb/

REQUIRED SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE

10. TE Team Composition and Required Qualifications

A team of two independent evaluators will conduct the TE – one international team leader (with experience and exposure to projects and evaluations in other regions) and one national expert from Thailand. The international consultant will be designated as the team leader and will be responsible for the overall design and writing of the TE report. The national consultant will assess emerging trends with respect to regulatory frameworks, budget allocations, capacity building, work with the Project Team in developing the TE itinerary, etc.

The national consultant will work closely with the International Consultant in supporting any work that needs to be undertaken as laid out in this ToR, and other tasks, as required. The National Consultant will also act as a focal point for coordinating and working with relevant stakeholders in Thailand. In the case of international travel restriction and the mission is not possible, the TE team will use alternative means of interviewing stakeholders and data collection (i.e. Skype interview, mobile questionnaires, etc.) including the field visit by the National Consultant under the International Consultant’s guidance.

The evaluator(s) cannot have participated in the project preparation, formulation and/or implementation (including the writing of the project document), must not have conducted this project’s Mid-Term Review and should not have a conflict of interest with the project’s related activities.

The selection of international consultant will be aimed at maximizing the overall “team” qualities in the following areas:

Education
- Master’s degree in Natural Sciences, Environmental Management, Environmental Studies, Development studies, Social Sciences and/or other related fields, or other closely related field;

**Experience**
- Minimum of 8 years accumulated and recognized experience in biodiversity conservation and sustainable utilisation areas, and sustainable livelihoods;
- Minimum of 5 years of project evaluation and/or implementation experience in the result-based management framework, adaptive management and UNDP or GEF Monitoring and Evaluation Policy;
- Very good report writing skills in English;
- Familiarity in similar country or regional situations relevant to that of Strengthening Capacity and Incentives for Wildlife Conservation in the Western Forest Complex is an advantage;
- Some experience working with the GEF or GEF-evaluations is an advantage;
- Demonstrated understanding of issues related to gender and biodiversity, experience in gender sensitive evaluation and analysis;
- Excellent communication skills;
- Demonstrable analytical skills.

**Language**
- Fluency in written and spoken English.

**Responsibility**
- Documentation review
- Leading the TE Team in planning, conducting and reporting on the evaluation
- Deciding on division of labour within the Team and ensuring timeliness of reports
- Use of best practice evaluation methodologies in conducting the evaluation
- Leading the drafting and finalization of the Inception Report for the Terminal Evaluation
- Leading presentation of the draft evaluation findings and recommendations in-country
- Conducting the de-briefing for the UNDP Country Office in Thailand and Core Project Management Team
- Leading the drafting and finalization of the Terminal Evaluation Report

**11. Evaluator Ethics**

The TE team will be held to the highest ethical standards and is required to sign a code of conduct upon acceptance of the assignment. This evaluation will be conducted in accordance with the principles outlined in the UNEG ‘Ethical Guidelines for Evaluation’. The evaluator must safeguard the rights and confidentiality of information providers, interviewees and stakeholders through measures to ensure compliance with legal and other relevant codes governing collection of data and reporting on data. The evaluator must also ensure security of collected information before and after the evaluation and protocols to ensure anonymity and confidentiality of sources of information where that is expected. The information knowledge and data gathered in the evaluation process must also be
solley used for the evaluation and not for other uses without the express authorization of UNDP and partners.

12. **Payment Schedule**

- 20% payment upon satisfactory delivery of the final TE Inception Report and approval by the Commissioning Unit
- 40% payment upon satisfactory delivery of the draft TE report to the Commissioning Unit
- 40% payment upon satisfactory delivery of the final TE report and approval by the Commissioning Unit and RTA (via signatures on the TE Report Clearance Form) and delivery of completed TE Audit Trail

Criteria for issuing the final payment of 40%
- The final TE report includes all requirements outlined in the TE TOR and is in accordance with the TE guidance.
- The final TE report is clearly written, logically organized, and is specific for this project (i.e. text has not been cut & pasted from other TE reports).
- The Audit Trail includes responses to and justification for each comment listed.

**APPLICATION PROCESS**  
*Adjust this section if a vetted roster will be used*

13. **Scope of Price Proposal and Schedule of Payments**

**Financial Proposal:**
- Financial proposals must be “all inclusive” and expressed in a lump-sum for the total duration of the contract. The term “all inclusive” implies all cost (professional fees, travel costs (Bangkok to Project Sites, land transport/trip, number of accommodation per night), living allowances etc.);
- For duty travels, the UN’s Daily Subsistence Allowance (DSA) rates are Uthai Thani Province (and Kanchanaburi or Tak Province if applicable), which should provide indication of the cost of living in a duty station/destination (Note: Individuals on this contract are not UN staff and are therefore not entitled to DSAs. All living allowances required to perform the demands of the ToR must be incorporated in the financial proposal, whether the fees are expressed as daily fees or lump sum amount.)
- The lump sum is fixed regardless of changes in the cost components.

14. **Recommended Presentation of Proposal**

a) **Letter of Confirmation of Interest and Availability** using the template provided by UNDP;
b) **CV** and a **Personal History Form** (P11 form);
c) **Brief description of approach to work/technical proposal** of why the individual considers him/herself as the most suitable for the assignment, and a proposed methodology on how they will approach and complete the assignment; (max 1 page)
d) **Financial Proposal** that indicates the all-inclusive fixed total contract price and all other travel related costs (such as flight ticket, per diem, etc.), supported by a breakdown of costs, as per template attached to the Letter of Confirmation of Interest template. 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.

All application materials should be submitted to the address: **UNDP Thailand Country Office, 12th floor, UN Secretariat Building, Rajdamnern Nok Avenue, Bangkok 10200, Thailand** in a sealed envelope indicating the following reference “Consultant for Terminal Evaluation of the Project on Strengthening Capacity and Incentives for Wildlife Conservation in the Western Forest Complex’ or by email at the following address ONLY: procurement.th@undp.org by **15 March, 12:00 PM (Bangkok Time)**. Incomplete applications will be excluded from further consideration.

15. **Criteria for Selection of the Best Offer**

Only those applications which are responsive and compliant will be evaluated. Offers will be evaluated according to the Combined Scoring method – where the educational background and experience on similar assignments will be weighted at 70% and the price proposal will weigh as 30% of the total scoring. The applicant receiving the Highest Combined Score that has also accepted UNDP's General Terms and Conditions will be awarded the contract.

16. **Annexes to the TE ToR**

- ToR Annex A: Project Logical/Results Framework
- ToR Annex B: Project Information Package to be reviewed by TE team
- ToR Annex C: Content of the TE report
- ToR Annex D: Evaluation Criteria Matrix template
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**ToR Annex A: Project Logical/Results Framework**

### SECTION II: STRATEGIC RESULTS FRAMEWORK (SRF)

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| **Project Objective:** To improve the management effectiveness of, and sustainable financing for, Huai Kha Khaeng-Thung Yai Naresuan (HKK-TYN) World Heritage Site and incentivise local community stewardship | METT Scores of HKK, TYE and TYW Wildlife Sanctuaries | HKK: 67%  
TYE: 75%  
TYW: 60% | HKK: 71%  
TYE: 77%  
TYW: 68% | Project review of METT Scorecards | Assumptions: The government continues to invest in improving the management of the WHS, as part of its strategy to conserve the forest ecosystems, forest habitats and rare and threatened forest fauna in the WEFCOM.  
Communities living in and around the three wildlife sanctuaries respect the sanctity, and derive value from the conservation, of these sanctuaries. |
| **Financial sustainability scorecard for the WHS** | Baseline = 79 [Baseline confirmed at mid-term] | TBD | Project review of Financial Sustainability Scorecard | |
| **Capacity development indicator score for DNP (Wildlife Conservation Office)** | Systemic: 67%  
Institutional: 64%  
Individual: 61% | Systemic: 69%  
Institutional: 65%  
Individual: 68% | Project review of Capacity Development Indicator Scorecard | |
<p>| Number of villages (of the 43 targeted enclave and buffer zone villages) directly benefiting from community-based livelihood activities that contribute to reducing the extent and intensity of threats to the HKK-TY WHS | 0 | &gt;28 | Project record of technical support and sub-grant funding agreements | Risks: Not all communities cooperate with the conservation authorities in addressing the key threats of deforestation and poaching in the WHS. The DNP is unable to solicit the support, and coordinate the efforts, of other organs of state, due its limited mandate in the villages around the WHS. Income-generating mechanisms do not generate |</p>
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| Number of tigers/100 km² in the three wildlife sanctuaries | HKK: 2.3  TYE: 0.7  TYW: 1.3 | HKK: 2.7  TYE: 0.9  TYW: 1.5 | Wildlife monitoring survey reports | sufficient revenues for reinvestment back into the conservation of the WHS  
The effects of climate change further exacerbate the fragmentation of forest ecosystems, leading to an increase in the vulnerability of rare and threatened forest species. |
| Aggregate occupancy index (number/km²) of select tiger prey species (sambar; gaur; banteng) and elephant in the three wildlife sanctuaries | HKK: 6.5  TYE: 9  TYW: 13 | HKK: 8  TYE: 11  TYW: 17 | WHS wildlife monitoring survey reports | Assumptions:  
The SMART patrol system is maintained across the three wildlife sanctuaries  
The DNP allocates adequate budget for the ongoing running costs and maintenance of project-procured infrastructure and equipment.  
The wildlife sanctuaries sustain current ranger patrol and wildlife monitoring efforts in the WHS  
The security and integrity of the tiger DNA database is protected |
| Number of poacher encounters per annum reported by ranger patrol staff from HKK, TYE and TYW | HKK: 84  TYE: 72  TYW: 96 | HKK: 76  TYE: 65  TYW: 86 | SMART patrol data  
Wildlife sanctuary monthly and annual reports | Risks: |
<p>| Areal coverage (as a % of total WHS area) of the ranger patrols in the WHS | 60% | &gt;90% | SMART patrol data | |</p>
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<td>Area-based habitat management plan taking climate projection into consideration</td>
<td>No plan</td>
<td>Plan operational at one site as model for replication</td>
<td>Not all communities cooperate with the conservation authorities in addressing the key threats of deforestation and poaching in the WHS. The effects of climate change further exacerbate the fragmentation of forest ecosystems, leading to an increase in the vulnerability of rare and threatened forest species.</td>
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<td>Number of tigers (captive and wild) with a documented DNA record</td>
<td>Captive: 0 Wild: 0</td>
<td>Captive: 1,250 Wild: 200</td>
<td>DNA tiger database</td>
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<td>Coverage (as a % of total area) of the wildlife monitoring program in the wildlife sanctuaries</td>
<td>HKK: 60% TYE: 30% TYY: 30%</td>
<td>HKK: &gt;70% TYE: &gt;50% TYW: &gt;50%</td>
<td>WHS wildlife monitoring survey reports</td>
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<td>Number of staff of HKK, TYE and TYW who receive (a) refresher training and (b) train-the-trainer training,</td>
<td>Refresher: 0 Train-the-trainer: 0</td>
<td>Refresher: 470 Train-the-trainer: 40</td>
<td>Record of training course Wildlife sanctuary monthly and annual reports</td>
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<td>Percentage of temporary ranger staff across the three wildlife sanctuaries who have adequate death and disability insurance cover</td>
<td>36%</td>
<td>100%</td>
<td>Insurance policy documentation</td>
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<td>Number of villages with signed Conservation Agreements</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>&gt;28</td>
<td>Conservation agreements</td>
<td>Assumptions: Village leadership structures are stable and representative of the interests of the villages Village populations remain relatively stable</td>
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<td>Area registered as community forest in the HKK buffer zone</td>
<td>1,029 ha</td>
<td>1,338 ha</td>
<td>Community forest registration certificates</td>
<td>The RFD registers community forests timely</td>
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<td>Number of people (of which percentage are female) living in the enclave villages of TYE and TYW who are direct recipients of project grant funding support</td>
<td>0 (0)</td>
<td>175 (60)</td>
<td>Project record of sub-grant funding agreements</td>
<td>Risks: Not all communities cooperate with the conservation authorities in addressing the key threats of deforestation and poaching in the WHS. The DNP is unable to solicit the support, and coordinate the efforts, of other organs of state,</td>
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<td>Direct project beneficiaries living in buffer villages (of which percentage are female) who are direct recipients of project grant funding support</td>
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<td>300 (60)</td>
<td>Project record of sub-grant funding agreements</td>
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<td>World Heritage Site strategic plan of which eco-tourism, sustainable financing are integrated into provincial development plan, with community participation in planning and financial management.</td>
<td>Avoided forest and forest degradation (ha and tonnes of CO$_2$ eq.) in the WHS, enclave villages and HKK buffer areas</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>985 ha 277,731 tonnes of CO$_2$ eq.</td>
<td>Remote sensing data and ground-truthing reports Carbon monitoring reports</td>
<td>due its limited mandate in the villages around the WHS. Income-generating mechanisms do not generate sufficient revenues for reinvestment back into the conservation of the WHS. The effects of climate change further exacerbate the fragmentation of forest ecosystems, leading to an increase in the vulnerability of rare and threatened forest species.</td>
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<td>[NEW. Indicator revised during inception phase and approved by Project Board; it was 'Financial, Tourism and Integrated Fire Management plans for the WHS are in place']</td>
<td>Annual deforestation rate (%) in the WHS, enclave villages and HKK buffer areas</td>
<td>0.76% per annum</td>
<td>0.62% per annum</td>
<td>Remote sensing data and ground-truthing reports</td>
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<td>Establishment of sustainable financing mechanism</td>
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<td><strong>Outcome 3</strong> Improved local education, awareness and participation</td>
<td>[New indicator added following MTR]</td>
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<td>License Plate and impact investment committed to fill the gap of the World Heritage budgeting</td>
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<td>Number of WS community liaison and outreach staff working in targeted enclave and buffer zone villages</td>
<td>&lt;21</td>
<td>29</td>
<td>Wildlife sanctuary organograms and annual reports</td>
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<td>Assumptions: DNP continues to support, and strengthen the role of, PACs for wildlife sanctuaries</td>
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<td>Number of schools using WHS-based education and information materials</td>
<td>0</td>
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<td>Project reports</td>
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<td>DNP encourages the adoption and expansion of outreach and extension programmes in wildlife sanctuaries</td>
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<td>Number of informational and educational road shows presented per annum using the mobile environmental education units</td>
<td>0</td>
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<td>Risks: Not all communities cooperate with the conservation authorities in addressing the key threats of deforestation and poaching in the WHS. The DNP is unable to solicit the support, and coordinate the efforts, of other organs of state, due its limited mandate in the villages around the WHS.</td>
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<td>Number of PACs with full representation and involvement of enclave and buffer zone villages</td>
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<td>Minutes of PAC meetings</td>
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## ToR Annex B: Project Information Package to be reviewed by TE team

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<td>List of related projects/initiatives contributing to project objectives approved/started after GEF project approval (i.e. any leveraged or “catalytic” results)</td>
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<td>List and contact details for project staff, key project stakeholders, including Project Board members, RTA, Project Team members, and other partners to be consulted</td>
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ToR Annex C: Content of the TE report

i. Title page
   • Title of UNDP-supported GEF-financed project
   • UNDP PIMS ID and GEF ID
   • TE timeframe and date of final TE report
   • Region and countries included in the project
   • GEF Focal Area/Strategic Program
   • Executing Agency, Implementing partner and other project partners
   • TE Team members

ii. Acknowledgements

iii. Table of Contents

iv. Acronyms and Abbreviations

1. Executive Summary (3-4 pages)
   • Project Information Table
   • Project Description (brief)
   • Evaluation Ratings Table
   • Concise summary of findings, conclusions and lessons learned
   • Recommendations summary table

2. Introduction (2-3 pages)
   • Purpose and objective of the TE
   • Scope
   • Methodology
   • Data Collection & Analysis
   • Ethics
   • Limitations to the evaluation
   • Structure of the TE report

3. Project Description (3-5 pages)
   • Project start and duration, including milestones
   • Development context: environmental, socio-economic, institutional, and policy factors relevant to the project objective and scope
   • Problems that the project sought to address: threats and barriers targeted
   • Immediate and development objectives of the project
   • Expected results
   • Main stakeholders: summary list
   • Theory of Change

4. Findings
   (in addition to a descriptive assessment, all criteria marked with (*) must be given a rating3)
   4.1 Project Design/Formulation
      • Analysis of Results Framework: project logic and strategy, indicators
      • Assumptions and Risks

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3 See ToR Annex F for rating scales.
• Lessons from other relevant projects (e.g. same focal area) incorporated into project design
• Planned stakeholder participation
• Linkages between project and other interventions within the sector

4.1 Project Implementation
• Adaptive management (changes to the project design and project outputs during implementation)
• Actual stakeholder participation and partnership arrangements
• Project Finance and Co-finance
• Monitoring & Evaluation: design at entry (*), implementation (*), and overall assessment of M&E (*)
• UNDP implementation/oversight (*) and Implementing Partner execution (*), overall project implementation/execution (*), coordination, and operational issues

4.2 Project Results
• Progress towards objective and expected outcomes (*)
• Relevance (*)
• Effectiveness (*)
• Efficiency (*)
• Overall Outcome (*)
• Country ownership
• Gender
• Other Cross-cutting Issues
• Social and Environmental Standards
• Sustainability: financial (*), socio-economic (*), institutional framework and governance (*), environmental (*), and overall likelihood (*)
• Country Ownership
• Gender equality and women’s empowerment
• Cross-cutting Issues
• GEF Additionality
• Catalytic Role / Replication Effect
• Progress to Impact

5. Main Findings, Conclusions, Recommendations & Lessons
• Main Findings
• Conclusions
• Recommendations
• Lessons Learned

6. Annexes
• TE ToR (excluding ToR annexes)
• TE Mission itinerary
• List of persons interviewed
• List of documents reviewed
• Summary of field visits
• Evaluation Question Matrix (evaluation criteria with key questions, indicators, sources of data, and methodology)
• Questionnaire used and summary of results
• Co-financing tables (if not include in body of report)
• TE Rating scales
• Signed Evaluation Consultant Agreement form
• Signed UNEG Code of Conduct form
• Signed TE Report Clearance form
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• Annexed in a separate file: relevant terminal GEF/LDCF/SCCF Core Indicators or Tracking Tools, as applicable
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ToR Annex D: Evaluation Criteria Matrix template

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<td>(i.e. relationships established, level of coherence between project design and implementation approach, specific activities conducted, quality of risk mitigation strategies, etc.)</td>
<td>(i.e. project documentation, national policies or strategies, websites, project staff, project partners, data collected throughout the TE mission, etc.)</td>
<td>(i.e. document analysis, data analysis, interviews with project staff, interviews with stakeholders, etc.)</td>
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<td>Effectiveness: To what extent have the expected outcomes and objectives of the project been achieved?</td>
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<td>Efficiency: Was the project implemented efficiently, in line with international and national norms and standards?</td>
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<td>Sustainability: To what extent are there financial, institutional, socio-political, and/or environmental risks to sustaining long-term project results?</td>
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(Expand the table to include questions for all criteria being assessed: Monitoring & Evaluation, UNDP oversight/implementation, Implementing Partner Execution, cross-cutting issues, etc.)
ToR Annex E: UNEG Code of Conduct for Evaluators

Independence entails the ability to evaluate without undue influence or pressure by any party (including the hiring unit) and providing evaluators with free access to information on the evaluation subject. Independence provides legitimacy to and ensures an objective perspective on evaluations. An independent evaluation reduces the potential for conflicts of interest which might arise with self-reported ratings by those involved in the management of the project being evaluated. Independence is one of ten general principles for evaluations (together with internationally agreed principles, goals and targets: utility, credibility, impartiality, ethics, transparency, human rights and gender equality, national evaluation capacities, and professionalism).

**Evaluators/Consultants:**

1. Must present information that is complete and fair in its assessment of strengths and weaknesses so that decisions or actions taken are well founded.
2. Must disclose the full set of evaluation findings along with information on their limitations and have this accessible to all affected by the evaluation with expressed legal rights to receive results.
3. Should protect the anonymity and confidentiality of individual informants. They should provide maximum notice, minimize demands on time, and respect people’s right not to engage. Evaluators must respect people’s right to provide information in confidence, and must ensure that sensitive information cannot be traced to its source. Evaluators are not expected to evaluate individuals, and must balance an evaluation of management functions with this general principle.
4. Sometimes uncover evidence of wrongdoing while conducting evaluations. Such cases must be reported discreetly to the appropriate investigative body. Evaluators should consult with other relevant oversight entities when there is any doubt about if and how issues should be reported.
5. Should be sensitive to beliefs, manners and customs and act with integrity and honesty in their relations with all stakeholders. In line with the UN Universal Declaration of Human Rights, evaluators must be sensitive to and address issues of discrimination and gender equality. They should avoid offending the dignity and self-respect of those persons with whom they come in contact in the course of the evaluation. Knowing that evaluation might negatively affect the interests of some stakeholders, evaluators should conduct the evaluation and communicate its purpose and results in a way that clearly respects the stakeholders’ dignity and self-worth.
6. Are responsible for their performance and their product(s). They are responsible for the clear, accurate and fair written and/or oral presentation of study imitations, findings and recommendations.
7. Should reflect sound accounting procedures and be prudent in using the resources of the evaluation.
8. Must ensure that independence of judgement is maintained, and that evaluation findings and recommendations are independently presented.
9. Must confirm that they have not been involved in designing, executing or advising on the project being evaluated and did not carry out the project’s Mid-Term Review.

**Evaluation Consultant Agreement Form**

Agreement to abide by the Code of Conduct for Evaluation in the UN System:

**Name of Evaluator:** ______________________________________________________________

**Name of Consultancy Organization (where relevant):** ____________________________________

I confirm that I have received and understood and will abide by the United Nations Code of Conduct for Evaluation.

Signed at __________________________ (Place) on ______________________ (Date)

Signature: _____________________________________________________________________
ToR Annex F: TE Rating Scales & Evaluation Ratings Table

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| M&E Plan Implementation | |
| Overall Quality of M&E | |
| Implementation & Execution | Rating
| Quality of UNDP Implementation/Oversight | |
| Quality of Implementing Partner Execution | |
| Overall quality of Implementation/Execution | |
| Assessment of Outcomes | Rating
| Relevance | |
| Effectiveness | |
| Efficiency | |
| Overall Project Outcome Rating | |

4 Outcomes, Effectiveness, Efficiency, M&E, I&E Execution, Relevance are rated on a 6-point rating scale: 6 = Highly Satisfactory (HS), 5 = Satisfactory (S), 4 = Moderately Satisfactory (MS), 3 = Moderately Unsatisfactory (MU), 2 = Unsatisfactory (U), 1 = Highly Unsatisfactory (HU). Sustainability is rated on a 4-point scale: 4 = Likely (L), 3 = Moderately Likely (ML), 2 = Moderately Unlikely (MU), 1 = Unlikely (U)
### Sustainability

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### ToR Annex G: TE Report Clearance Form

**Terminal Evaluation Report for (Project Title & UNDP PIMS ID) Reviewed and Cleared By:**

**Commissioning Unit (M&E Focal Point)**

Name: ________________________________

Signature: ___________________________ Date: ___________________________

**Regional Technical Advisor (Nature, Climate and Energy)**

Name: ________________________________

Signature: ___________________________ Date: ___________________________
ToR Annex H: TE Audit Trail

The following is a template for the TE Team to show how the received comments on the draft TE report have (or have not) been incorporated into the final TE report. This Audit Trail should be listed as an annex in the final TE report but not attached to the report file.

To the comments received on (date) from the Terminal Evaluation of (project name) (UNDP Project PIMS #)

The following comments were provided to the draft TE report; they are referenced by institution/organization (do not include the commentator’s name) and track change comment number (“#” column):

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