



TERMS OF REFERENCE

DEVELOPMENT OF LONG TERM SUSTAINABLE FINANCING MECHANISMS FOR THE COMMUNITY FORESTS

Location :	Windhoek, NAMIBIA
Application Deadline :	July 2018
Time left :	
Type of Contract :	Individual Contract
Post Level :	National Consultant
Languages Required :	English
Starting Date :	Jul-2018
Duration of Initial Contract :	40 Working days
Expected Duration of Assignment :	40 Working days

I. Background and Project Description

The Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Forestry (MAWF) in partnership with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) is implementing the Sustainable Management of Namibia's Forested Lands (NAFOLA) Project, with funding from the Global Environmental Facility (GEF). The project aims to reduce pressure on forest resources by facilitating the gazettement of community forests, and increasing the capacity for the uptake of improved agriculture, livestock and forestry management practices in the community forest areas.

The project is supporting gazettement of nine Community Forests and post gazettement activities in four gazetted ones, in line with Namibia's Community Based Natural Resources Management Programme (CBNRM). The premise of CBNRM is that resource management should be the responsibility of those living with and using the resources. The rationale behind this approach is that communities have a direct interest in the sustainability of the resources upon which they depend. One of the principles of CBNRM is that effective management of natural resources is best achieved by giving the resource a focused value. Community Forestry empowers local communities through transferring rights to manage forest resources and for communities to benefit from related income and employment opportunities.

Due to rising current threats (deforestation, land clearing, energy demands) towards forested lands, the demand to manage forests more sustainably than in the past is paramount. However, progress is hindered by a lack of suitable financing and Namibia is not an exception. Many countries currently take an ad-hoc approach to financing, using a small number of mechanisms such as grants and subsidies that often cover only a few initiatives. Furthermore, reliance on government budgets and overseas development assistance as funding sources remains high. A review of the current status and recent trends suggests that although there is widespread commitment by Namibia to allocate funds to conservation existing, financing falls far short of the amount required managing these areas (Aribeb *et al.*, 2016¹). Insufficient funding for forest conservation results in many area systems having inadequate staff, equipment, and other management necessities. An infrastructure deficit to ensure optimal service delivery within forest systems also presents itself due to inadequate funding.

To address this challenge, it is necessary to examine how to expand and diversify financing mechanisms and sources of finance. At the same time, the contributions of forests to economic development, human

¹ Karl Aribeb, M. Humavindu & J. Nghishidi. 2016. Sustainable Financing Strategies for Namibia's National Parks. Ministry of Environment and Tourism. Windhoek.



well-being and the environment are increasingly recognised as important. This opportunity has been seized by some countries that are now experimenting with innovative financing mechanisms. These mechanisms may generate new sources of revenue and help to make investments in sustainable forest management more attractive and feasible.

It is against this background that the project seeks to recruit an expert to develop sustainable financing mechanism for the community forests.

2. Objectives

The consultancy has the following two objectives:

- i. Identify existing and prospective sustainable financing mechanisms in order to fund critical support services provided to community forest streamlined within the realm of CBNRM approach;
- ii. Analyse the potential of these financing mechanisms; and,
- iii. Recommend priorities for developing pilot sustainable financing mechanisms.

3. Key consultancy tasks

To achieve the expected outputs, the consultant will carry out the following tasks:

- i. Kick-off meeting: The consultant is expected to meet the NAFOLA Project/Directorate of Forestry to discuss a work plan and agree on workplan;
- ii. Individual kick-off meetings with the individual staff members to identify the specific issues for incorporation;
- iii. A consultative workshop to identify potential financing instruments for further analysis;
- iv. A validation workshop to endorse the report
- v. Final report which clearly document methodology, results and recommendations

4. Expected outputs

The following outputs are expected from the consultancy:

- i. Inception report indicating agreed outputs, approach and deliverables;
- ii. First draft report on financing mechanisms
- iii. Validation workshop
- iv. Final report with presentation in MS PowerPoint.

Deliverables/ Outputs	Estimated Duration to Complete	Target Due Dates	Review and Approvals Required <i>(Indicate designation of person who will review output and confirm acceptance)</i>
Inception Report	One Week	July 2018	Project Manager/Director of Forestry
Stakeholder Consultation Report	One Month	August 2018	Project Manager
Final Report and Powerpoint Presentation	Two Months	November 2018	Director of Forestry/Project Manager

5. Qualifications of the Successful Individual Contractor

- I. An individual with a Master in Economics or similar;
- II. At least 10 years of proven experience in developing financing instruments for the environmental sector;
- III. Proven experience of providing technical expertise of the above nature to government, NGOs, private sector and community-based/ support organisations (CBOs/ CSOs);
- IV. Experience with the UN system will be an added advantage.

6. Submission of expression of interest



Expression of interest, detailing expertise of the consultant/firm; CV, detailed workplan and budget should be submitted

