

Terms of Reference

Consultant Situational Analysis of South Suriname Conservation Corridor

Amazonia 2.0

Background

The International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) and the confluence of the co-applicant members, which has valuable experiences in the region, propose this "pyramid investment" initiative in terms of decision-making in forest management. They propose to consolidate structures and dynamics that emphasize the participation of local actors, their empowerment and interconnection with the support of all the organizations involved in the project. In this way, rapid and forceful actions will be sought in which environmental and indigenous organizations at the national and regional levels play a central role in political coordination. It seeks to strengthen and echo and position local voices using the media and technological networks to consolidate a timely reaction that manages to contain a large part of the threats to forests and their resources.

This proposal will be implemented by IUCN and its members in each of the countries of the Amazon basin, which are: 1) ECORED of Peru, NGO expert in the implementation of indigenous forestry systems, a scheme that empowers and strengthens the capacities of indigenous organizations and leaders. 2) ECOCIENCIA in Ecuador, is part of the Amazon Network of Georeferenced Socio-Environmental Information (RAISG), and for 30 years has contributed to Ecuadorian conservation, its protected areas system and the formation of generations of environmentalists who today lead the agenda of conservation. 3) Fundación Natura - Colombia, which for more than 30 years has contributed to the management of protected areas, management of indigenous territories, land management, REDD + and obligatory environmental compensation of productive sectors, carbon markets, promotion and strengthening of management capacities for Sustainable forest management and best practices. 4) Association of IUCN organizations in Brazil, Brazilian organization, established in 2010 as operational arm of the Union's agenda in Brazil. It has developed innovative mechanisms to develop landscape restoration programs in synergy with REDD + involving the private sector. 5) ATTUNE of Suriname, which develops activities and projects focused on the empowerment of indigenous groups and local communities for the preservation of their culture and forest management and has experience in the design and facilitation of multi-sectoral dialogues. 6) IWOKRAMA that implemented the "Community Monitoring, Reporting and Verification or cMRV" project with 20 communities in Guyana and developed a team of trainers who today train in government other communities that also carry out forest monitoring.

Goal and Objectives

General objective: To control deforestation and degradation of Amazonian forests, loss of biodiversity and ecosystem services, including climate, empowering indigenous groups and/or organizations to act and respond in an organized way with national and international NGOs, to threats to their forests in each of the project countries. To achieve this objective, an Amazonian social monitoring platform will be used that applies innovative technological tools that respect the worldviews and local models of territorial management, in order to significantly increase their contribution to good forest governance, and to avoid deforestation.

Specific objectives:

1. Establish an Amazonian platform for information exchange and rapid response, interactive and constructive learning, within the framework of an articulation of indigenous territories located in all participating countries, allowing the recording, analysis and reporting of information in real time that contributes to monitoring deforestation and forest degradation (pressures, threats and illegal trafficking of wild resources), and monitoring the governance and enforcement processes of REDD + safeguards.
2. Strengthen the technical and organizational capacities of indigenous communities and/or organizations with an emphasis on social control, comprehensive territorial management, independent monitoring of forest governance and illegal trade in wild resources as well as the impact on national and regional policies regarding climate change and forests.

Scope of Work

The consultant is responsible for a situational analysis of South Suriname¹ in support to the execution of the Amazonia 2.0 project. The situational analysis is an overall assessment of existing information and identification of information gaps concerning threats, pressures and international safeguards. The consultant will gather and analyze the following information through a desk-top study:

TERRITORY	BIOPHYSICAL VARIABLES	Territorial limits on indigenous/rural communities and its political-administrative boundaries.
		Location of each community in the municipality, province, relationship with protected areas, forest or community areas or other reserve areas.
		Drainage, topography, hamlets, communities, schools, health centers, infrastructure
		Rivers, creeks, lagoons, bodies of water, wetlands, water catchment sites
		Vegetation cover (forests of different type, shrub, herbaceous)
		Deforestation rate and trend scenario of forest loss and its direct causes
	LAND USE PLANNING	Land uses: agriculture, livestock, agribusiness, mining, etc.
		Conservation areas, wildlife areas, sacred areas, special areas.
		Existing land use zoning proposals for the territory.
		Natural heritage: state of the ecosystem services and cultural services
	ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT	Deforestation rate and trend scenario of forest loss and its direct causes
		Pressure or exposure to impact situation on ecosystems (bio physical elements)
ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES	Main poles or economic activities of the territory	
	Presence of public and private development initiatives	
POPULATION	POPULATION SIZE AND DENSITY	Population size, composition and growth, ethnic and social diversity. Religion
	LIVELIHOODS	Economic income by family, by community, food and market security products, diversity and resilience of the target population livelihood means

¹ Area as defined by the South Suriname Conservation Agreement

		Productive Forest chain of timber and non-timber (business model): production, centers of commerce, storage, processing centers.
FOREST GOVERNANCE	RIGHTS	Self-determined management capacities and institutions and access to forest resources.
		Well-being
	FORESTRY LEGAL AND INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK at NATIONAL scale	Existence of a legal, normative framework and its instruments: financing mechanisms, incentive programs, strategies, and action plans, institutional forestry competencies in the country.
	FORESTRY LEGAL AND INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK at LOCAL scale	Regulatory framework applied at the local level and processes of decentralization of forestry competences.
		Local institutional framework for forest management: map of actors for local forest management and timber production chain.
		Local planning and budgeting processes for investment in forest management.
		Regulation, control and accountability processes for forest management
	SOCIO-ORGANIZATIONAL LEVEL	Community governance structure: decision making process, participation and accountability processes.
Forest management tools and response capacity to threats		

Table 1: Overview of tasks for the Situational Analysis

Duration of assignment

The agreement is effective starting November 1st, 2017 and ending on February 28th, 2018.

Deliverables

The consultant will provide the following deliverables:

- 1 week after signing of the contract (start of the assignment), a detailed workplan on how to conduct the assignment. This workplan should include the activities, timeline, and staff support necessary from the project.
- 1.5 month after the start of the assignment a draft report on the theme TERRITORY (Table 1)
- 2.5 months after the start of the assignment a draft report on the theme POPULATION (Table 1)
- 3.5 months after the start of the assignment a draft report on the theme FOREST GOVERNANCE (Table 1)
- 4 months after the start of the assignment the final report.

All reports and deliverables are to be submitted to the Technical Coordinator of the project for approval. The reports should be submitted in English in Microsoft Word in the following format: all text should be Normal-style, Times New Roman 11. All references should be included in footnotes, also the names and contact information of the persons consulted.

The assignment is part of a regional initiative and the consultant may be required to provide updates on the status of the assignment at any time.

Requirements

- Forestry expert (MSc. level) with minimal 5 years of experience working in the forest sector in Suriname
- Good personal communication skills
- Required language proficiency in Sranang Tongo, Dutch, English.
- Understanding of Trio and Wayana culture preferably with experience working with the tribes
- Understanding of Microsoft Office