



Request for Proposals (RfP)

Restoration Opportunities Assessment and Design of the Restoration Interventions in North Macedonia

IUCN Regional Office for Eastern Europe and Central Asia
Northern Forests Initiative: Forest restoration in North Macedonia and Albania
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Responses to questions

No	Question	Response
1.	Item 1.2 from point 2.3 "Expected results, deliverables, and time schedule": The schedule for this item depends on the availability of the data and its access. Is the listed data already available to the project? If some data needs to be provided from the authorities, how would this influence on keeping the time schedule? If there is a cost associated with accessing different types of data, how they will be covered?	<p>The project is executed in collaboration with a national implementing partner (Macedonian Ecological society, MES) and supported by the relevant authorities. Preliminary research / data gathering has been conducted by the executing parties, and the results will be shared with the consultant. Available data is mostly represented by information on biodiversity issues, while geospatial and socio-economic data need to be collected.</p> <p>MES and IUCN will facilitate communications with national authorities to support the collection of additional information required for the ROAM assessment and FLR design. In a case of delay in the data provision, the time schedule may be adjusted accordingly.</p> <p>The ROAM process implies working with existing data, even when these are limited. It is expected that the cost of collecting basic data will be included in the financial proposal. The acquisition of additional data (with costs covered by IUCN) may be considered depending on the available budget.</p>
2.	Item 3.2 requires additional consultative support (upon request), but with a deadline beyond the finalization of the contract (after 6 months). How is this service included in the project cost if additional requests are made after the final invoice has been submitted or after the project has ended?	This is envisaged as an obligation to ensure the quality of the delivered results (guarantee). The consultant is not expected to produce new products, but might be asked to provide additional clarifications and/or to adjust the proposed FLR solutions if such needs appear at the implementation stage.
3.	The call states maximum of 6 months project duration. Related to the first question, is project's prolongation foreseen?	Tasks, deliverables and timeframes may be adjusted in accordance with adaptive project management and updated yearly work plan and logframe. This will be done in consultation between the project management team and the consultant.
4.	We are interested in submitting for this but only now we see that there was a deadline for expressions of interest, which expired on 16.10.2023. Can you please clarify does this exclude us from submitting and is there any possibility to still include us as candidate?	The expression of interest is optional. All applications submitted by the Submission Deadline (deadline for submission of proposals to IUCN) will be considered.