



Identification and Development of Revolving Funds Incentive Credit Scheme for the Mt. Elgon Landscape

Purpose: Identification and Development of Revolving Funds Incentive Credit Scheme for the Mt. Elgon Landscape aimed at attracting and rewarding farmers, community members, the private sector and other stakeholders' participation in Biodiversity Conservation, Forest Landscape Restoration (FLR), Sustainable Land Management (SLM) and, productive, sustainable crop value chains in the Mt. Elgon landscape.

Requested by: Uganda Country Office (UCO), Land Systems Programme, under the GEF 7 funded project; *"Promoting Integrated Landscape Management Approach for Conservation of the Mount Elgon Ecosystem in Eastern Uganda"*.

Project Contract ID Number: P03404

RfP Reference Number: IUCN-24-06-P03404-3

Welcome to this Procurement by IUCN. You are hereby invited to submit a Proposal. Please read the information and instructions carefully because non-compliance with the instructions may result in disqualification of your Proposal from this Procurement.

1. REQUIREMENTS

1.1. A detailed description of the services to be provided can be found in Attachment 1.

2. CONTACT DETAILS

2.1. During the course of this procurement, i.e. from the publication of this RfP to the award of a contract, you may not discuss this procurement with any IUCN employee or representative other than the following contact. You must address all correspondence and questions to the contact, including your Proposal.

IUCN Contact: Email address: tenders.ug@iucn.org

3. PROCUREMENT TIMETABLE

3.1. This timetable is indicative and may be changed by IUCN at any time. If IUCN decides that changes to any of the deadlines are necessary, we will publish this on our website and contact you directly if you have indicated your interest in this procurement (see Section 3.2).

DATE	ACTIVITY
12 th June 2024	Publication of the Request for Proposals
14 th June 2024	Deadline for confirmation of intention to bid
17 th June 2024	Deadline for submission of questions
18 th June 2024	Planned publication of responses to questions
1st July 2024	Deadline for submission of proposals to IUCN ("Submission Deadline")
2 nd July 2024	Clarification of proposals
5 th July 2024	Planned date for contract award.
8 th July 2024	Expected contract start date.

DATE	ACTIVITY
7 th September 2024	Expected contract end date.

3.2. Please email the IUCN contact to express your interest in submitting a Proposal by the deadline stated above. This will help IUCN to keep you updated regarding the procurement.

4. COMPLETING AND SUBMITTING A PROPOSAL

4.1. Your Proposal must consist of the following four separate documents:

- Signed Declaration of Undertaking (see Attachment 2)
- Pre-Qualification Information (see Section 4.3 below)
- Technical Proposal (see Section 4.4 below)
- Financial Proposal (see Section 4.5 below)

Proposals must be prepared in English.

4.2. Your Proposal must be submitted by email to the IUCN Contact (see Section 2). The subject heading of the email shall be [RfP Reference No. **IUCN-24-06-P03404-2- bidder name**]. The bidder's name is the name of the company/organisation on whose behalf you are submitting the Proposal, or your own surname if you are bidding as a self-employed consultant. Your Proposal must be submitted in PDF format. You may submit multiple emails suitably annotated, e.g. Email 1 of 3, if attached files are too large to suit a single email transmission. You may not submit your Proposal by uploading it to a file-sharing tool.

IMPORTANT: Submitted documents must be password-protected so that they cannot be opened and read before the submission deadline. Please use the same password for all submitted documents. After the deadline has passed and within 12 hours, please send the password to the IUCN Contact. This will ensure a secure bid submission and opening process. Please DO NOT email the password before the deadline for Proposal submission.

4.3. *Pre-Qualification Criteria*

IUCN will use the following Pre-Qualification Criteria to determine whether you have the capacity to provide the required goods and/or services to IUCN. Please provide the necessary information in a single, separate document.

Pre-Qualification Criteria	
1	3 relevant references of clients similar to IUCN / similar work
2	Confirm that you have all the necessary legal registrations to perform the work
3	State your annual turnover for each of the past 3 years
4	How many employees does your organisation have who are qualified for this work?

4.4. *Technical Proposal*

The Technical Proposal must address each of the criteria stated in the table below explicitly and separately, quoting the relevant criteria reference number (in the two middle-columns).

Proposals in any other format will significantly increase the time it takes to evaluate, and such Proposals may therefore be rejected at IUCN's discretion.

Where CVs are requested, these must be of the individuals who will actually carry out the work specified. The individuals you put forward may only be substituted with IUCN's approval.

IUCN will evaluate Technical Proposals with regards to each of the following criteria and their relative importance as follows:

SN	Description	Information to provide	Relative weight
1	Technical capability	1.1 State your understanding of the assignment objectives and tasks.	10
		1.2. Define the scope of work clearly and in sufficient detail.	10
		1.3. Articulate how you will achieve each objective and task in sufficient detail, while directing proper level of effort towards each objective and task.	15
		1.4. State your understanding of the expected outputs and provide technical solutions and expected outcomes.	15
		1.5. Define the equipment, techniques, tools, approaches, and methods to be used in executing the assignment.	10
		1.6. Provide assignment time schedule in conformity with assignment scheduling and duration.	8
2	Past performance alignment and coherence with current assignment objectives and tasks	2.1. Provide your past performance/ relevant experience that match with the current assignment.	10
		2.2. Indicate key personnel and their qualifications, expertise and past work experience that match with the current assignment.	12
		2.3. Attach detailed CVs of individuals whose qualifications, expertise, and past work experience match with the current assignment, and who will carry out the work specified.	10
TOTAL			100%

4.5. Financial Proposal

4.5.1. The Financial Proposal must be a fixed and firm price for the provision of the goods/services stated in the RfP in their entirety.

4.5.2. *Prices include all costs*

Submitted rates and prices are deemed to include all costs, insurances, taxes (except VAT, see below), fees, expenses, liabilities, obligations, risk and other things necessary for the performance of the Terms of Reference or Specification of Requirements. IUCN will not accept charges beyond those clearly stated in the Financial Proposal. This includes applicable withholding taxes and similar. It is your responsibility to determine

whether such taxes apply to your organisation and to include them in your Financial Proposal.

4.5.3. *Applicable Goods and Services Taxes*

Proposal rates and prices shall be exclusive of Value Added Tax to ensure that we are comparing like for like. This applies regardless of whether the IUCN office in question is exempt from VAT.

4.5.4. *Currency of proposed rates and prices*

All rates and prices submitted by Proposers shall be in **Uganda Shillings**.

4.5.5. *Breakdown of rates and prices*

Include here all the required price information breakdown, for example daily rates or unit prices for goods. The price needs to be broken down as follows:

SN	Description	Quantity	Unit Price	Total Price
1	Professional fees			
2	Per diems/Safari Day Allowance (SDA)			
3	Reimbursables (specify below) a) b) c) d)			
4	Travel expenses			
	TOTAL			

4.6. Additional information not requested by IUCN should not be included in your Proposal and will not be considered in the evaluation.

4.7. Your Proposal must remain valid and capable of acceptance by IUCN for a period of 90 calendar days following the submission deadline.

4.8. *Withdrawals and Changes*

You may freely withdraw or change your Proposal at any time prior to the submission deadline by written notice to the IUCN Contact. However, in order to reduce the risk of fraud, no changes or withdrawals will be accepted after the submission deadline.

5. EVALUATION OF PROPOSALS

5.1. *Completeness*

IUCN will firstly check your Proposal for completeness. Incomplete Proposals will not be considered further.

5.2. *Pre-Qualification Criteria*

Only Proposals that meet all of the pre-qualification criteria will be evaluated.

5.3. *Technical Evaluation*

5.3.1. *Scoring Method*

Your Proposal will be assigned a score from 0 to 10 for each of the technical evaluation criteria, such that '0' is low and '10' is high.

5.3.2. *Minimum Quality Thresholds*

Proposals that receive a score of '0' for any of the criteria will not be considered further.

5.3.3. *Technical Score*

Your score for each technical evaluation criterion will be multiplied with the respective relative weight (see Section 4.4) and these weighted scores added together to give your Proposal's overall technical score.

Subject to the requirements in Sections 4 and 7, IUCN will award the contract to the bidder whose Proposal achieves the highest total score.

6. EXPLANATION OF PROCUREMENT PROCEDURE

- 6.1. IUCN is using the Open Procedure for this procurement. This means that the contracting opportunity is published on IUCN's website and open to all interested parties to take part, subject to the conditions in Section 7 below.
- 6.2. You are welcome to ask questions or seek clarification regarding this procurement. Please email the IUCN Contact (see Section 2), taking note of the deadline for submission of questions in Section 3.1.
- 6.3. All Proposals must be received by the submission deadline in Section 3.1 above. Late Proposals will not be considered. All Proposals received by the submission deadline will be evaluated by a team of evaluators in accordance with the evaluation criteria stated in this RfP. No other criteria will be used to evaluate Proposals. The contract will be awarded to the bidder whose Proposal received the highest Total Score. IUCN does, however, reserve the right to cancel the procurement and not award a contract at all.
- 6.4. IUCN will contact the bidder with the highest-scoring Proposal to finalise the contract. We will contact unsuccessful bidders after the contract has been awarded and provide detailed feedback. The timetable in Section 3.1 gives an estimate of when we expect to have completed the contract award, but this date may change depending on how long the evaluation of Proposals takes.

7. CONDITIONS FOR PARTICIPATION IN THIS PROCUREMENT

- 7.1. To participate in this procurement, you are required to submit a Proposal, which fully complies with the instructions in this RfP and the Attachments.
 - 7.1.1. It is your responsibility to ensure that you have submitted a complete and fully compliant Proposal.
 - 7.1.2. Any incomplete or incorrectly completed Proposal submission may be deemed non-compliant, and as a result you may be unable to proceed further in the procurement process.
 - 7.1.3. IUCN will query any obvious clerical errors in your Proposal and may, at IUCN's sole discretion, allow you to correct these, but only if doing so could not be perceived as giving you an unfair advantage.
- 7.2. To participate in this procurement, you must meet the following conditions:
 - Free of conflicts of interest
 - Registered on the relevant professional or trade register of the country in which you are established (or resident, if self-employed)
 - In full compliance with your obligations relating to payment of social security contributions and of all applicable taxes

- Not been convicted of failing to comply with environmental regulatory requirements or other legal requirements relating to sustainability and environmental protection.
- Not bankrupt or being wound up.
- Never been guilty of an offence concerning your professional conduct.
- Not involved in fraud, corruption, a criminal organisation, money laundering, terrorism, or any other illegal activity.

7.3. You must complete and sign the Declaration of Undertaking (see Attachment 2).

7.4. If you are participating in this procurement as a member of a joint venture, or are using sub-contractors, submit a separate Declaration of Undertaking for each member of the joint venture and sub-contractor, and be clear in your Proposal which parts of the goods/services are provided by each partner or sub-contractor.

7.5. Each bidder shall submit only one Proposal, either individually or as a partner in a joint venture. In case of joint venture, one company shall not be allowed to participate in two different joint ventures in the same procurement nor shall a company be allowed to submit a Proposal both on its behalf and as part of a joint venture for the same procurement. A bidder who submits or participates in more than one Proposal (other than as a subcontractor or in cases of alternatives that have been permitted or requested) shall cause all the Proposals with the bidder's participation to be disqualified.

7.6. By taking part in this procurement, you accept the conditions set out in this RfP, including the following:

- It is unacceptable to give or offer any gift or consideration to an employee or other representative of IUCN as a reward or inducement in relation to the awarding of a contract. Such action will give IUCN the right to exclude you from this and any future procurements, and to terminate any contract that may have been signed with you.
- Any attempt to obtain information from an employee or other representative of IUCN concerning another bidder will result in disqualification.
- Any price fixing or collusion with other bidders in relation to this procurement shall give IUCN the right to exclude you and any other involved bidder(s) from this and any future procurements and may constitute a criminal offence.

8. CONFIDENTIALITY AND DATA PROTECTION

8.1. IUCN follows the European Union's General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). The information you submit to IUCN as part of this procurement will be treated as confidential and shared only as required to evaluate your Proposal in line with the procedure explained in this RfP, and for the maintenance of a clear audit trail. For audit purposes, IUCN is required to retain your Proposal in its entirety for 10 years after the end of the resulting contract and make this available to internal and external auditors and donors as and when requested.

8.2. In the Declaration of Undertaking (Attachment 2) you need to give IUCN express permission to use the information you submit in this way, including personal data that forms part of your Proposal. Where you include personal data of your employees (e.g. CVs) in your Proposal, you need to have written permission from those individuals to share this information with IUCN, and for IUCN to use this information as indicated in 8.1. Without these permissions, IUCN will not be able to consider your Proposal.

9. COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE

If you have a complaint or concern regarding the propriety of how a competitive process is or has been executed, then please contact procurement@iucn.org. Such complaints or concerns will

be treated as confidential and are not considered in breach of the above restrictions on communication (Section 2.1).

10. CONTRACT

The contract will be based on IUCN's template in Attachment 3, the terms of which are not negotiable. They may, however, be amended by IUCN to reflect particular requirements from the donor funding this particular procurement.

11. ABOUT IUCN

IUCN is a membership Union uniquely composed of both government and civil society organisations. It provides public, private and non-governmental organisations with the knowledge and tools that enable human progress, economic development and nature conservation to take place together.

Headquartered in Switzerland, IUCN Secretariat comprises around 1,000 staff with offices in more than 50 countries.

Created in 1948, IUCN is now the world's largest and most diverse environmental network, harnessing the knowledge, resources and reach of more than 1,300 Member organisations and some 10,000 experts. It is a leading provider of conservation data, assessments and analysis. Its broad membership enables IUCN to fill the role of incubator and trusted repository of best practices, tools and international standards.

IUCN provides a neutral space in which diverse stakeholders including governments, NGOs, scientists, businesses, local communities, indigenous peoples' organisations, and others can work together to forge and implement solutions to environmental challenges and achieve sustainable development.

Working with many partners and supporters, IUCN implements a large and diverse portfolio of conservation projects worldwide. Combining the latest science with the traditional knowledge of local communities, these projects work to reverse habitat loss, restore ecosystems, and improve people's well-being.

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12. ATTACHMENTS

ATTACHMENT 1

SPECIFICATION OF REQUIREMENTS / TERMS OF REFERENCE

Summary Organization	International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), http://www.iucn.org
Project	GEF 7 funded project; “ <i>Promoting Integrated Landscape Management Approach for Conservation of the Mount Elgon Ecosystem in Eastern Uganda</i> ”. Project Contract ID Number: P03404
Type of Service	Short Term Consultancy
Thematic Area	Land Systems
Location	Mount Elgon Ecosystem
Duration	30-man days
Collaboration and Coordination	United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), National Environment Management Authority (NEMA), and the District Local Governments of Mbale, Sironko, Bulambuli, Namisindwa, Bududa, Manafwa, Bukwo, Kapchorwa and Kween.
Technical Reporting	Senior Programme Officer, IUCN Uganda Country Office
Managerial Reporting	Country Representative, IUCN Uganda Country Office
Deadline for Submission	28th June 2024
Expected Starting Date	8th July 2024
Expected End of Contract	7th September 2024
Vacancy contacts	uco@iucn.org

1 Introduction

1.1 The Mt. Elgon Ecosystem

The Mt. Elgon ecosystem is a trans-boundary ecosystem that straddles Eastern Uganda and Western Kenya and is a key resource in both Kenya and Uganda, providing ecosystem goods and services to over 4 million human lives and their livestock. The Mt. Elgon ecosystem serves as a catchment area for the drainage systems of Lakes Victoria, Turkana and Kyoga maintaining water quality, quantity and influencing the economies and livelihoods of communities in western Kenya, eastern Uganda, and the wider Nile Basin ecosystems. The forest mountain ecosystem is the source of critical goods and services that support livelihoods and economic development including provisioning (e.g. food, fiber, fuel, timber, water, and medicine), regulating (e.g. erosion regulation, flood regulation, landslide regulation), supporting (pollination, soil fertility) and cultural (e.g. recreation, cultural heritage). The higher slopes of Mt. Elgon landscape are protected as National Parks both in Kenya and Uganda. Mt. Elgon ecosystem was declared a UNESCO Man and Biosphere (MAB) Reserve in Kenya and Uganda in 2003 and 2005 respectively and is destined to be made trans-boundary MAB conservation area. It also has the status of an Important Bird Area (IBA).

Despite its global, national, and local ecological and socio-economic significance, many areas of the Mt. Elgon landscape are affected by land degradation, deforestation, and forest degradation. Some wetlands and forests have been converted into farms and some riverbanks cultivated. The forest ecosystem is particularly threatened by overharvesting of forest products and encroachment by settlements and for

agriculture. Livestock grazing and poaching have equally and substantially reduced the biodiversity and, population sizes of animals are hunted down for meat and other products for traditional use. The main root cause of all this is high population pressure and poverty levels in the wider Mt. Elgon landscape.

The region experiences extensive impacts of land degradation in the form of loss of tree cover, severe erosion, increasingly frequent occurrence of landslides, excessive soil nutrient depletion due to over-cultivation and offsite effect of sedimentation and flooding in the lowlands. Biodiversity has steadily declined at the ecosystem level and natural processes have drastically diminished and degraded in quality. Although there is rising coffee production, there is low integration of sustainable landscape approaches, lack of organization and collective action as well as incentives to ensure optimum production, insufficient incorporation of soil health in sustainable land management operations and high prevalence of poverty. Moreover, the existing landscape management approaches are fragmented and disjointed leading to unsustainable agricultural practices with inefficient value chains.

The current institutional arrangements and governance systems are weak leading to unsustainable agricultural practices and inefficient value chains. As such, the farming practices are unsustainable leading to low agricultural productivity and negative climate change impacts. Land and forest degradation are worsening climate change impacts. Moreover, the coffee and staple crop value chains are unresponsive to resource-poor farmers needs coupled with inadequate market linkages. The above situation is exacerbated by inadequate knowledge on Integrated Land Management approaches at landscape, national and regional levels. In meeting the economic growth, poverty reduction and industrialization plans, Government has identified and prioritized equitable access to productive land, sustainable natural resources management and integrated landscape planning and management as critical development pathways. One of Uganda's critical landscapes faced with vast land management challenges is the Mt. Elgon landscape. The GEF 7 Project focus is on this area.

1.2 The GEF 7 Project in Mt. Elgon Ecosystem

The project goal is to enhance conservation of ecosystems that provide critical goods and services for rural livelihoods and food security in the Mt. Elgon landscape. This is a country child project to the global GEF Food Systems, Land Use and Restoration (FOLUR) "Global Knowledge to Action Platform" child project which seeks to support transformational shifts in the use of environmentally sustainable practices and policies for priority global value chains. The Uganda child project has a transnational link to the Kenya FOLUR child project "Integrated Landscape Management for conservation and restoration of the Mt. Elgon Ecosystem in western Kenya" which will be implemented in the Mt. Elgon ecosystem. These two GEF-7 FOLUR child projects are complementary since both aim at addressing the drivers of the negative outcomes and governance barriers that prevent the achievement of secure ecosystems and livelihoods in a critical and fragile transboundary ecosystem. Therefore, the project will provide many experiences and lessons to share with other similar areas of Uganda, regionally and globally, enabling scaling up and out for greater global environmental and livelihood benefits.

This project has been conceived to transition the Mt. Elgon region to a sustainable, integrated landscape with efficient value chains of coffee and staple crops (maize, banana and Irish potato). This will ultimately enhance food security and conserve the ecosystems that provide critical goods and services for rural livelihoods in the Mt. Elgon landscape. This will be achieved through the following four components: 1) Integrated Mt. Elgon Landscape Management System and institutional frameworks and improved governance, 2) Sustainable coffee and staple crops production practices and responsible value chains, 3) Natural habitat restoration, and 4) Knowledge management (sharing, learning and scaling up).

Component 1 will support the mainstreaming of Integrated Landscape Management approaches and biodiversity conservation into national and district development plans as well as strengthening governance, law enforcement and compliance for improved regulatory environment in the nine district local governments in the Mt Elgon landscape. This will be done by strengthening the institutional and organizational capabilities of sub-national and national institutions for the implementation of ILM. Extension workers, key local government leaders and existing structures such as the Mt Elgon Ecosystem

Stakeholders' Forum (MEESF) will be trained in governance, law enforcement and compliance monitoring to improve the regulatory environment, tenure rights and security of land rights holders, and encourage multi-stakeholder engagement. A land use management planning process will be undertaken to mainstream biodiversity conservation into the production landscape. Commodity production systems managed by farmers and groups, specifically coffee, will be assisted to meet third-party certification standards through training and provision of technical assistance. Sustainable Land Management (SLM) practices including improved tree cover through agroforestry practices on the landscapes and planting of indigenous plant (trees, shrubs, herbs and grasses) and grass species. Through support of deforestation-free commodities, High Conservation Value Forest (HCVF) loss will be avoided while climate-smart agriculture (CSA) practices and increase in vegetation cover across landscape will be promoted.

The diffusion of ILM and SLM into the priority sectors of Agriculture, Forestry and Land will be done under component 2 by influencing policy through evidence-based action that shows enhanced adoption of sustainable coffee and staple crops production practices in the Mt. Elgon landscape and improved sustainable market linkages and responsible value chains for coffee and staple crops. This will be achieved by: (i) promoting highland specific climate smart agriculture and SLM practices, including on-farm diversification, (ii) creating incentives (revolving funds and credit schemes) for sustainable production of crops and their marketing, and (iii) building the capacity of farmers, extension workers and other actors to apply sustainable coffee standards along coffee value chain.

Under component 3, degraded forests, fragile lands and unstable slopes will be restored for biodiversity conservation, ecosystem services and carbon stocks for mitigating climate change. In so doing, greenhouse gas emissions will be mitigated /sequestered, the loss of HCVFs will be halted through deforestation-free agriculture. Ultimately, this will result in controlled flooding and soil erosion, aquifer re-charge and sustainable coffee and other staple food crop production and improved food security. Through stakeholder engagements, Restoration Action Plans (RAPs) will be developed and approved at the district and sub-county levels. A total of 20,000 ha of degraded forests and 250 ha of wetlands, 35,000 ha of degraded farmland, fragile lands, unstable slopes and hilltops, and 6,000 ha of degraded riverbanks will be restored. Restoration activities will include gulley treatment, soil erosion and landslides control, water source protection and control of water logging, planting of indigenous tree species in agroforestry and woodlot setup.

Component 4 will facilitate and enhance knowledge management (sharing, learning and scaling up) through which improved Integrated Landscape Management approaches at landscape, national and regional levels is expected to be realized. An interactive M&E system to track implementation of ILM in Mt. Elgon landscape for purposes of scaling out in similar areas in Uganda will be developed and operationalized. Best practices and lessons learned at landscape, national and regional levels will be documented and shared for wider adoption, replication, leveraging and dissemination of FOLUR IP actions and results through landscape, country, regional and global platforms and knowledge networks.

1.3 The Revolving Funds Incentive Credit Scheme for the Mt. Elgon Landscape

The project wishes to establish revolving funds and credit schemes, in conjunction with the following project implementing partners aimed at attracting and rewarding farmers, community members, the private sector and other stakeholders' participation in Biodiversity Conservation, Forest Landscape Restoration (FLR), Sustainable Land Management (SLM) and for sustainable production of crops, value chains and their marketing in the Mt. Elgon landscape:

- 1) National Environment Management Authority (NEMA).
- 2) Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries (MAAIF).
- 3) Ministry of Water and Environment (MWE).

- 4) Uganda Coffee Development Authority (UCDA).
- 5) Uganda Wildlife Authority (UWA).
- 6) National Forestry Authority (NFA).
- 7) Bududa District Local Government.
- 8) Bukwo District Local Government.
- 9) Bulambuli District Local Government.
- 10) Kapchorwa District Local Government.
- 11) Kween District Local Government.
- 12) Manafwa District Local Government.
- 13) Mbale District Local Government.
- 14) Namisindwa District Local Government.
- 15) Sironko District Local Government.
- 16) International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN).
- 17) World Agroforestry Research Center / ICRAF
- 18) Bugisu Cooperative Union.
- 19) Sebei Elgon Cooperative Union.
- 20) Kalaa Mugosi Women Empowerment Ltd.
- 21) Mt. Elgon Agroforestry Communities Coop Enterprise Ltd.
- 22) Bushika Integrated Area Cooperative Enterprise Ltd.

This will be achieved by conducting a mapping exercise of existing and potential revolving funds and credit schemes and identifying their strengths and weaknesses, ownership and governance issues, transferability and transformability of capital through good governance and rule of law and establishing their security, fairness and property rights (including women's rights). Based on the mapping and analysis exercise, the project will promote "best-bet" practices for enhancing production and marketing and design economic incentives (credit schemes, revolving funds, etc.) to enhance production and marketing. The incentives will be designed in a manner that will not distort the market by providing at below market related cost. In collaboration with the Global Program, training of borrowers regarding revolving funds and credit schemes procedures will be done to increase their access to institutional credit. Further, the procedure for credit disbursement will be made simple so that it may not be difficult even for the less educated and illiterate households to have access to credit.

Sebei Elgon Cooperative Union and Kalaa Mugosi Women's Empowerment Ltd already run low level incentive schemes involving support of farmers in general for the former, and women in particular for the latter, for raising and sale of high yielding coffee seedlings. IUCN also implemented the Community Environment Conservation Funds (CECF) focusing on Biodiversity Conservation, Forest Landscape Restoration (FLR), and Sustainable Land Management (SLM). These form good entry points.

2 Context and principles of the assignment:

The incentive scheme is intended to form a critical part of the GEF 7 project by providing monetary and non-monetary impetus to the populace to take desired action for sustainable production of crops, Biodiversity Conservation, Forest Landscape Restoration (FLR), and Sustainable Land Management (SLM) in Mt. Elgon landscape. In this regard, the scheme must seek to:

- 1) Set achievable targets – measurable targets for sustainable production of crops, Biodiversity Conservation, Forest Landscape Restoration (FLR), and Sustainable Land Management (SLM) in return for rewards.
- 2) Target different demographics and groups – men, women, youth, PWDs, elderly persons, and offer appropriate rewards for each group.

- 3) Sufficiently attractive to motivate popular participation, and complement (operate in tandem with) the project's public relation (PR) campaign and FOLUR IP actions and results at landscape, country, regional and global platforms and knowledge networks.
- 4) Sustainable – must be able to continue in perpetuity, even after the end of the five-year span of the project. The incentive scheme must be designed to remove the identified barriers and create an enabling environment and institutional framework for sustainable production of crops, Biodiversity Conservation, Forest Landscape Restoration (FLR), and Sustainable Land Management (SLM).
- 5) Replicability – should yield lessons which can be applied to other areas in Uganda and beyond through which improved Integrated Landscape Management approaches at landscape, national and regional levels is expected to be realized. In this regard, best practices and lessons learned at landscape, national and regional levels will be documented and shared for wider adoption, replication, leveraging and dissemination through landscape, country, regional and global platforms and knowledge networks.
- 6) Attractive to the private sector - must provide sound business case and reasons why the private sector should contribute and participate in sustainable production of crops, Biodiversity Conservation, Forest Landscape Restoration (FLR), and Sustainable Land Management (SLM).

3 Objectives and tasks of the assignment:

3.1 Objectives

The main objective is to identify and design an incentive scheme aimed at attracting and rewarding farmers, community members, the private sector and other stakeholders' participation in Biodiversity Conservation, Forest Landscape Restoration (FLR), Sustainable Land Management (SLM) and for sustainable production of crops, value chains and their marketing in the Mt. Elgon landscape.

The specific objectives of the assignment are to:

- 1) Identify existing and potential incentive schemes (revolving funds and credit schemes) and select appropriate ones for sustainable production of crops, Biodiversity Conservation, Forest Landscape Restoration (FLR), and Sustainable Land Management (SLM), in Mt. Elgon landscape.
- 2) Train farmers (both men and women), youth, PWDs, elderly persons to manage and utilize incentive schemes (revolving fund and credit schemes).
- 3) Promote appropriate incentive schemes (revolving fund and credit schemes) for sustainable crop production, Biodiversity Conservation, Forest Landscape Restoration (FLR), and Sustainable Land Management (SLM), in the Mt. Elgon landscape

3.2 Tasks

The consultant will be expected to carry out the following tasks involving a mix of research, consultations and canvassing the views of various stakeholders, including but not limited to, a) the private sector, b) target communities, farmer groups etc.), c) Project implementing partners (see Section 1.3):

- 1) To study, review and identify existing incentive schemes in a similar context to gather replicable lessons at national, regional and global levels and provide key lessons for adoption and replication.

- 2) To mobilize and harness the goodwill of the Uganda private sector in general and in Mt. Elgon Landscape in particular to participate in and contribute to the incentive scheme by appealing to both their sense of corporate social responsibility, and as a marketing opportunity.
- 3) To analyze the various groups which might be targeted for participation in the scheme; and to align rewards accordingly, e.g., youth, individuals at the household level, farmer associations/groups level, and community level etc.
- 4) Map the role of domestic companies/suppliers in value chains of leading domestic, multinational and regional companies that have made or may have incentives to make public climate commitments, including for sustainable crop production, Biodiversity Conservation, Forest Landscape Restoration (FLR), and Sustainable Land Management (SLM) and potential partnerships to leverage marketing of the beneficiaries' agricultural products and services.
- 5) Map women owned and gender balanced startups, Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in the target nine (9) districts with potential for crop supply chain and marketing partnerships for improved sustainable market linkages and responsible value chains for coffee and staple crops.
- 6) Identify potential social enterprises and public-private partnerships (PPPs) for responsible value chains for coffee and staple crops targeting vulnerable communities to market their products produced by the women green business groups in the target area.
- 7) Identify environmental, social, legal or other challenges that could hinder private sector investments and scale-up of sustainable crop production, Biodiversity Conservation, Forest Landscape Restoration (FLR), and Sustainable Land Management (SLM), including circularity and supporting value chains.
- 8) Conduct a study of the demographics of likely reward recipient groups/categories to determine the relative targets/rewards.
- 9) To assess the qualitative and relative value of measurable targets on sustainable crop production, Biodiversity Conservation, Forest Landscape Restoration (FLR), and Sustainable Land Management (SLM), to be met and the correspondent value of rewards which might be required for: i. Year-one of the schemes, and ii. In subsequent years of the project.
- 10) Provide a range of non-monetary and monetary rewards which might be attractive to various project stakeholders, e.g., individual households, farmer groups, community groups etc.
- 11) Identify and describe the key tools for the operation of the scheme; and recommend the simple steps required to procure and institute the same, e.g., an App.
- 12) Devise a simple system(s) for recording and tracking sustainable crop production, Biodiversity Conservation, Forest Landscape Restoration (FLR), and Sustainable Land Management (SLM), implementation in relation to rewards.
- 13) Develop a system to assess, value and record the measurable targets of sustainable crop production, Biodiversity Conservation, Forest Landscape Restoration (FLR), and Sustainable Land Management (SLM), to be rewarded at any given time.
- 14) Identify key private sector partners who might be desirous and capable of contributing to such a scheme.

- 15) Engage and identify prospective private sector partners and determine the nature and quantum of their likely contribution – products, goods, services etc. being offered as part of the scheme.
- 16) Discuss, agree and document strategies to encourage and incentivize prospective private sector firms to join/participate in the scheme.
- 17) Liaise with the Project Management Unit (PMU) and develop widespread knowledge of the incentive scheme by key communities/publics.
- 18) Design and institute measures to measure, monitor and assess the performance of the scheme at key intervals.
- 19) Recommend and provide guidelines on the key steps required for implementing the incentive scheme.

5 Deliverables

The consultant shall submit the following deliverables within the agreed timeframes:

- 1) Benchmark study of existing incentive schemes in a similar situation (sustainable behavioral change): description of the context, key aspects of the scheme, replicable lessons, failure or limit analysis.
- 2) Beneficiary Groups report detailing:
 - a. Mapping analysis of the demographics of likely reward recipient.
 - b. Description of non-monetary and monetary rewards attractive to different groups – nature, targeted group, quantity, duration.
 - c. Quantity and relative deliverable target value of sustainable crop production, Biodiversity Conservation, Forest Landscape Restoration (FLR), and Sustainable Land Management (SLM) and the correspondent value of rewards which might be required for (i) Year-one of the schemes, and (ii) subsequent years.
- 3) Private sector involvement report, detailing:
 - a. Motivational factors analysis of private sector to be involved in the incentive scheme: market exposure, environmental corporate responsibility, business development etc.
 - b. Comprehensive database of firms and institutions which have agreed to participate in the scheme (number, e-mails etc.), filtered by size, interest, sector, motivational factor etc.
 - c. Description of the Incentive offers from the private sector: nature, quantum, duration, readiness to implement, targeted groups.
- 4) Key specifications for digitizing the incentive scheme, detailing:
 - a. Description of the key features of an App to operate the incentive scheme, including (i) tracking and use of beneficiaries' rewards, (ii) private sector offers management, (iii) incentive performance monitoring, (iv) recording and tracking the intake in relation to rewards, (v) measurable value of sustainable crop production, Biodiversity Conservation, Forest Landscape Restoration (FLR), and Sustainable Land Management (SLM).
- 5) “How to” guidelines to implement the incentive scheme: planning, stakeholders' involvement, communication steps, app design stages etc.
- 6) Recommendations to encourage and expand the incentive scheme, detailing:

- a. Description of strategies to encourage and incentivize prospective private sector firms and District Local Governments to join/participate in the scheme.
- b. Precise activities to be implemented by the Project Management Unit to ensure widespread knowledge of the incentive scheme by key communities/publics.

6 Duration: 30-man days spread over a period of 2 months.

7 Qualifications and experience

Basic requirements:

The ideal skills set, and experience required for this assignment should include the following: In-depth experience and qualification in the related fields (5-10 years' experience), viz., a) Marketing (mandatory), b) Business Management, c) Community Development, d) Economics.

Experience and skills:

Experience and familiarity with the Ugandan private sector. Previous experience and qualification in data management and analysis, process design. Previous experience in environmental projects implementation in the East Africa, and preferably in Uganda would be a considerable asset. Demonstrated ability to think creatively with innovation, using new technologies, and be adaptable to new ideas.

ATTACHMENT 2

DECLARATION OF UNDERTAKING IN RELATION TO RfP IUCN-24-02-P03807-1

I, the undersigned, hereby confirm that I am an authorised representative of the following organisation:

Registered Name of Organisation (the “Organisation”): _____

Registered Address (incl. country): _____

Year of Registration: _____

I hereby authorize IUCN to store and use the information included in the attached Proposal for the purpose of evaluating Proposals and selecting the Proposal IUCN deems the most favourable. I acknowledge that IUCN is required to retain the Proposal in its entirety for 10 years after then end of the resulting contract and make this available to internal and external auditors and donors as and when reasonably requested. Where the Proposal includes Personal Data as defined by the European Union’s General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), I confirm that the Organization has been authorized by each Data Subject to share this Data with IUCN for the purposes stated above.

I further confirm that the following statements are correct:

1. The Organization is duly registered in accordance with all applicable laws.
2. The Organization is fully compliant with all its tax and social security obligations.
3. The Organization and its staff and representatives are free of any real or perceived conflicts of interest with regards to IUCN and its Mission.
4. The Organization agrees to declare to IUCN any real or perceived emerging conflicts of interests it or any of its staff and representatives may have concerning IUCN. The Organization acknowledges that IUCN may terminate any contracts with the Organization that would, in IUCN sole discretion, be negatively affected by such conflicts of interests.
5. None of the Organization’s staff has ever been convicted of grave professional misconduct or any other offence concerning their professional conduct.
6. Neither the Organization nor any of its staff and representatives have ever been convicted of fraud, corruption, money laundering, supporting terrorism or involvement in a criminal organization.
7. The Organization acknowledges that engagement by itself or any of its staff in fraud, corruption, money laundering, supporting terrorism or involvement in a criminal organization will entitle IUCN to terminate any and all contracts with the Organization with immediate effect.
8. The Organization is a going concern and is not bankrupt or being wound up, is not having its affairs administered by the courts, has not suspended business activities, is not the subject of

proceedings concerning those matters, or in any analogous situation arising from a similar procedure provided for in national legislation or regulations.

9. The Organization complies with all applicable environmental regulatory requirements or other legal requirements relating to sustainability and environmental protection.

10. The Organization is not included in the UN Security Council Sanctions List, EU Sanctions Map, US Office of Foreign Assets Control Sanctions List, or the World Bank listing of ineligible firms and individuals. The Organization agrees that it will not provide direct or indirect support to firms and individuals included in these lists.

11. The Organization has not been, is not, and will not be involved or implicated in any violations of Indigenous Peoples' rights, or injustice or abuse of human rights related to other groups or individuals, including forced evictions, violation of fundamental rights of workers as defined by the International Labour Organization's (ILO) Declaration on the Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work, child labour, sexual exploitation, sexual abuse, or sexual harassment.

<Date and Signature of authorised representative of the Proposer>

< **Name and position of authorised representative of the Proposer** >

ATTACHMENT 3
CONSULTANCY AGREEMENT (THE “AGREEMENT”)

CONTRACT REFERENCE NUMBER	XXXX
PROJECT NUMBER	P03807
AWARD NUMBER	XXXX

CONSULTANCY AGREEMENT
(the “Agreement”)

between

IUCN, International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources, an association established under the laws of Switzerland with its World Headquarters located at Rue Mauverney 28, 1196 Gland, Switzerland operating in Uganda through its Uganda Country Office (UCO) with its offices at Plot 39, Babiha Avenue, P.O. Box 10950, Kampala, (hereafter “IUCN”).

and

[name of other party], domiciled at **[address]**, **[country]** (hereafter “**Consultant**”)

IUCN and the Consultant shall be referred to herein individually as a “Party” and together as the “Parties”.

PREAMBLE

Whereas the mission of IUCN is to influence, encourage and assist societies throughout the world to conserve the integrity and diversity of nature and to ensure that any use of natural resources is equitable and ecologically sustainable;

Whereas IUCN has received a donation from the Global Environment Facility (GEF) (hereafter the “Donor”) through United National Environment Programme (hereafter the “GEF Agency”) and the National Environment Management Authority (NEMA) of the Republic of Uganda (hereafter the “Project Executing Entity”) to implement the Project “*Promoting Integrated Landscape Management Approach for Conservation of the Mount Elgon Ecosystem in Eastern Uganda*” and wishes to benefit from certain skills and abilities of the Consultant with the aim of providing IUCN with assistance and support in the Identification and Development of Revolving Funds Incentive Credit Scheme for the Mt. Elgon Landscape aimed at attracting and rewarding farmers, community members, the private sector and other stakeholders’ participation in Biodiversity Conservation, Forest Landscape Restoration (FLR), Sustainable Land Management (SLM) and, productive, sustainable crop value chains in the Mt. Elgon landscape;

Whereas the Consultant has represented to IUCN that it has the required expertise and experience;

Now therefore the Parties agree as follows:

1. SERVICES

1.1 The Consultant will conduct Identification and Development of Revolving Funds Incentive Credit Scheme for the Mt. Elgon Landscape aimed at attracting and rewarding farmers, community members, the private sector and other stakeholders' participation in Biodiversity Conservation, Forest Landscape Restoration (FLR), Sustainable Land Management (SLM) and, productive, sustainable crop value chains in the Mt. Elgon landscape, and perform the tasks and deliver the deliverables no later than the agreed deadline(s) as set out in the terms of reference attached as Annex I (the "Services").

1.2 IUCN reserves the right to request any reports (progress, financial or otherwise additional to those required under the Agreement), which could be considered to be reasonably required to evidence satisfactory performance under the Agreement. All financial records and other relevant documents relevant to or pertaining to this Agreement may be subject to inspection and/or audit at the discretion of IUCN or of the Donor. The Consultant agrees to allow IUCN or Donor's auditor(s) access to such records during normal business hours and to allow interviews of any employees who might reasonably have information related to such records. In the event of inspection or audit, IUCN or Donor shall provide the Consultant with reasonable prior written notice.

1.3 The Consultant shall not subcontract the Services to third parties without the prior written consent of IUCN. However, the Consultant may under his/her own responsibility use the services of others provided such services are of an auxiliary or clerical nature.

2. TERM

This Agreement comes into effect on 8th July 2024 [or] [upon its signature by both Parties] (the "Effective Date") and will expire on 7th September 2024 (the "Expiration Date").

3. INDEPENDENT STATUS

3.1 The Consultant acknowledges that he/she is engaged as an independent contractor and shall perform his/her sole responsibility. Nothing in this Agreement shall render the Consultant an employee, agent or partner of IUCN and the Consultant will not hold himself/herself out as such.

3.2 The Consultant shall have no authority to enter into contracts or to incur any other legally binding commitment on behalf of IUCN.

3.3 The Consultant shall not hold himself/herself out or permit himself/herself to be held out as having authority to do or say anything on behalf of or in the name of IUCN.

4. OBLIGATIONS

4.1 The Consultant shall carry out his/her duties in an expert and diligent manner and to the best of his ability; he/she shall promptly and faithfully comply with all lawful and reasonable requests which may be made by the IUCN Contact Person.

4.2 The Consultant shall give written or oral advice or information regarding the execution of the Services as and when required by IUCN.

4.3 In the case of illness, accident or a case of Force Majeure as described under clause 16.3 preventing him/her from performing the Services, the Consultant shall promptly notify IUCN in writing of such impediment.

5. REMUNERATION

5.1 As full remuneration for the services performed under the terms of this Agreement, IUCN shall pay the Consultant a fixed and firm lump sum of xxxxx (in figures) Uganda Shillings (amount spelled out in letters)] (“the Remuneration”) based on 30 billable days of work at a daily rate of [daily rate] as follows:

5.1.1 A first instalment of xxxxxx (in figures) Uganda Shillings (amount spelled out in letters)] corresponding to 30% of the Remuneration upon delivery and IUCN written acceptance of Inception Report detailing the approach and schedule of work and presentation of the corresponding invoice;

5.1.2 A second instalment of xxxxxx (in figures) Uganda Shillings (amount spelled out in letters)] corresponding to 30% of the Remuneration upon delivery and IUCN written acceptance of: (1) Benchmark study of existing incentive schemes in a similar situation; (2) Beneficiary Groups report; and (3) Private sector involvement report, and presentation of the corresponding invoice; and

5.1.2 A third and last instalment of xxxxxx (in figures) Uganda Shillings (amount spelled out in letters)] corresponding to remaining 40% of the Remuneration upon satisfactory and timely completion and submission of: (1) Key specifications for digitizing the incentive scheme; (2) “How to” guidelines to implement the incentive scheme; and (3) Recommendations to encourage and expand the incentive scheme, and IUCN written acceptance of and all other Services as specified in Annex I. The final invoice must be submitted no later than 7 days after IUCN’s written acceptance of all Services or after the contract end date whichever is later.

5.2 The Consultant must submit a valid invoice quoting the Contract Reference Number and number of the instalment for each payment to be made.

5.3 If the tasks defined in the Agreement are not fulfilled to the satisfaction of IUCN within the requested time limit, IUCN reserves the right to withhold any further payments and recuperate any funds already paid for unfulfilled Services.

5.4 IUCN shall make payments to the Consultant’s bank account (to be opened in the name of the Consultant in the place where Consultant is established or where the Services are provided) as follows:

Complete Account name: [xxx]

Account type and currency: [xxx]

Bank name: [xxx]

Bank address: [xxx]

Account No.: [xxx]

SWIFT Code or other bank routing code: [xxx]

IBAN No: [xxx]

5.5 The Consultant shall bear bank charges for international wire-transfers (namely from the Consultant’s bank or any intermediary banks) associated with any transfer of funds that IUCN may make hereunder.

5.6 Funds that remain unused at the Expiration Date or termination date of this Agreement must be returned to IUCN within sixty (60) days following either of such dates, as applicable.

6. TRAVEL EXPENSES

6.1 Travel expenses in connection with this Agreement shall not exceed **xxxx** Uganda Shillings (**amount in numbers**) [(**amount in words**)]. All travel has to be approved in writing (email accepted) by the IUCN Contact Person before any reservation is made.

6.2 The IUCN Travel Policy and Procedures for Non-Staff for Non-Staff shall apply to all travel expenses and is available at <https://www.iucn.org/corporate/finance/procurement/iucn-travel-policy>.

6.3 A financial report with receipts (e.g. transportation, accommodation, meals and incidentals) must be submitted in the currency of the Agreement to the IUCN Contact Person in order for reimbursement to be made.

7. CONSULTANT'S WARRANTIES AND UNDERTAKINGS

7.1 The Consultant undertakes to IUCN that he/she will duly pay the tax and national insurance contributions (such as but not limited to contributions to the social security system) which are due from him/her whether in Switzerland or elsewhere in relation to the payments to be made to him/her by IUCN pursuant to this Agreement.

7.2 The Consultant warrants that his/her performance of the Services under the terms of this Agreement will not infringe on the rights of any third party or cause him/her to be in breach of any obligation towards a third party.

7.3 The Consultant shall maintain at its sole expense liability and any other relevant insurance covering the performance of this Agreement. IUCN may require the Consultant to provide a certificate of insurance evidencing such coverage.

7.4 The Consultant represents and warrants that no part of the Remuneration shall be provided to, or used to support, individuals and organizations associated with terrorism as identified on any sanction list published by the European Union, the United States Government, the United Nations Security Council or other relevant agency or body.

8. CONFIDENTIALITY

8.1 The Consultant will not disclose or use, at any time during or subsequent to this Agreement, any confidential information of IUCN or any other non-public information relating to the business, financial, technical or other affairs of IUCN except as required by IUCN in connection with the Consultant's performance of this Agreement or as required by law. In particular, but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, the Consultant shall keep confidential all Intellectual Property and know-how disclosed to him/her by IUCN, which becomes known to him/her during the period of this Agreement or which he/she develops or helps to develop in providing the Services to IUCN.

8.2 The Consultant may communicate confidential information only to those of its employees who are directly and necessarily involved in the performance of this Agreement or who are bound to the Consultant by obligations no less stringent as the ones mentioned in this Agreement.

8.3 The Consultant shall:

8.3.1 not disclose to third parties (including news and social media) without express prior written consent of IUCN the contents of this Agreement and the results of work performed as part of the provision of the Services;

8.3.2 disclose know-how and other confidential information of IUCN which is provided by IUCN to the Consultant for the purpose of carrying out the Services only to those persons necessary to accomplish the Services and only to the extent necessary for the proper performances of the Services or to persons bound to the Consultant by obligations no less stringent as the ones mentioned in this Agreement.

8.4 The Consultant agrees to immediately notify IUCN in writing if he/she becomes aware of any disclosure in breach of the obligations of this clause 8. The Consultant shall be responsible for any breach of these obligations by its employees or subcontractors. The Consultant will take all steps necessary to prevent further disclosure.

9. PROPERTY OF RESULTS

All notes, memoranda, correspondence, records, documents, and other tangible items made by the Consultant in the course of providing the Services will be and remain at all times the property of IUCN. At any time, even after the termination of this Agreement, the Consultant shall, upon request, promptly deliver to IUCN all such tangible items which are in his/her possession or under his/her control and relate to IUCN, its business affairs and clients and/or the Services.

10. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

10.1 Intellectual Property rights are any and all rights and prerogatives, registered or not, arising from the Swiss and international legislation on the protection of notably patents, design, trademark, as well as know-how and trade secrets.

10.2 Pre-existing Intellectual Property (“Pre-existing Rights”) of a Party means any rights, title and interests in, to and under any and Intellectual Property that have been conceived or developed by such Party prior to the Effective Date or that is conceived or developed by such a Party at any time wholly independently of the implementation of this Agreement. Subject to the rights and licenses expressly granted under this Agreement, each Party shall retain ownership of its Pre-existing Rights. The Consultant hereby grants to IUCN a non-exclusive, worldwide, perpetual, royalty free, sub-licensable license to use Pre-existing Rights incorporated in the Services. The Consultant shall ensure that it has obtained all the rights to use any Pre-existing Rights belonging to third parties that are necessary to implement this Agreement.

10.3 All Intellectual Property rights, including copyright, in the Services produced under this Agreement are vested in IUCN and the Consultant hereby assigns and agrees to assign to IUCN, with full title guarantee, all rights in and to any Intellectual Property resulting from the implementation of this Agreement for the full duration of such rights, including, without any limitations, the right to use, publish, license, translate, sell or distribute, privately or publicly, any item or part thereof wherever in the world enforceable.

10.4 The Consultant confirms that IUCN shall have all rights of development, manufacture, promotion, distribution, and exploitation in relation to the projects undertaken and products developed in the course of the provisions of the Services and the Intellectual Property created or arising from the provision of the Services.

10.5 Neither Party shall have the right to use the other Party’s name, logo and/or other trademarks in any medium and for whatever purpose without the other Party’s prior written consent in each instance of use.

11. LIABILITY AND INDEMNITY

11.1 The Consultant agrees to indemnify and hold IUCN harmless from any and all losses and damages that IUCN may incur as a result of Consultant’s actions or omissions in rendering the Services or the breach of any of the Consultant’s obligations contained in this Agreement.

12. COMMUNICATION AND NOTICES

All correspondence and notices in connection with the implementation of this Agreement must be directed as follows:

IUCN Contact Person	Consultant Contact Details
Moses Egaru Country Representative Uganda Country Office (UCO) Plot 39, Babiha Avenue, P.O. Box 10950, Kampala Tel:+256-414-233738/344508, James.Omoding@iucn.org	[name] [title] [name of IUCN Programme/Office] [address] [phone] [email]

In case the Contact Person is being changed, the authorized representative of each Party shall notify the other Party in writing (email accepted).

13. ETHICS, FRAUD AND CORRUPTION

13.1 The Consultant shall comply with the principles and expected standards of conduct equivalent to those stipulated in Section 4 of the Code of Conduct and Professional Ethics for the Secretariat, available at https://www.iucn.org/downloads/code_of_conduct_and_professional_ethics.pdf, which by signing this Agreement, the Consultant confirms it has reviewed and accepted.

13.2 The Consultant shall take all necessary measures to prevent any situation where the impartial and objective implementation of the Agreement is compromised for reasons involving economic interest, political or national affinity, family or emotional ties or any other shared interest.

13.3 The Consultant represents and warrants that there are no potential or actual conflicts of interests in relation to the implementation of this Agreement. If, during the course of this Agreement, the Consultant becomes aware of facts which constitute or may give rise to a conflict of interest, the Consultant shall promptly inform the IUCN Contact Person in clause 12.1 in writing, without delay. The Consultant shall immediately take all the necessary steps to rectify this situation. IUCN reserves the right to verify that the measures taken are appropriate and may require additional measures to be taken within a specified deadline.

13.4 The Consultant shall take all necessary precautions to avoid fraud and corrupt practices in implementing this Agreement. The Consultant shall comply with the standards of conduct equivalent to those stipulated in IUCN's Anti-fraud Policy, available at

https://www.iucn.org/downloads/anti_fraud_policy.pdf, which by signing this Agreement, the Consultant confirms it has reviewed and accepted.

13.5 The Consultant shall cooperate fully in any investigations linked to events under this clause which may be carried out by IUCN and/or the Donor and shall give access to all records (and to its staff if applicable) in the event that this is needed to support investigations of complaints of fraud or corruption. IUCN reserves the right to take necessary legal action and/or terminate the Agreement in accordance with clause 16 if it determines that any fraud, corruption and/or unethical behaviour has occurred. Any repayment claim may also include interest, investment income or any other financial gain obtained as a result of the fraud.

14. POLICY ON THE PROTECTION FROM SEXUAL EXPLOITATION, SEXUAL ABUSE, AND SEXUAL HARASSMENT (SEAH POLICY)

The Consultant will comply with the principles and standards of protection equivalent to those stipulated in the SEAH Policy available at https://www.iucn.org/sites/dev/files/seah_revised_version_2020apr27.pdf

15. PROCESSING OF PERSONAL DATA

15.1 Personal Data is any information relating to an identified or identifiable individual, unless otherwise defined under applicable law. The Parties commit themselves to respect applicable data protection laws and regulations and process Personal Data in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.

15.2 IUCN may share Personal Data of the Consultant with the Donor and other IUCN partners strictly involved in the implementation of the Project. The Consultant will have the right of access its Personal Data and the right to rectify any such Personal Data held by IUCN. If the Consultant has any queries concerning the processing of Personal Data, it shall address them to IUCN using the online form located at (<https://portals.iucn.org/dataprotection/requestform>).

15.3 IUCN may in the course of performance of this Agreement provide the Consultant with Personal Data. The Consultant shall limit access and use of Personal Data to that strictly necessary for the performance of this Agreement and shall adopt all appropriate technical and organizational security measures necessary to preserve the strictest confidentiality and limit access to Personal Data.

15.4 Where the Consultant engages another processor for carrying out specific processing activities on behalf of IUCN, the same data protection obligations as set out in this Agreement and the applicable law shall be imposed on that other processor by way of an agreement. Where that other processor fails to fulfil its data protection obligations, the Consultant shall remain fully liable to IUCN for the performance of that other processor's obligations.

15.5 Where Personal Data is transferred to a country that has not been deemed to provide an adequate level of protection for Personal Data or to an International Organization within the meaning of Regulation (EU) 2016/679, the Consultant shall ensure that appropriate safeguards in accordance with applicable law are provided.

15.6 The Consultant shall promptly, and in any case within twenty-four (24) hours inform IUCN through the online form located at (<https://portals.iucn.org/dataprotection/requestform>), if it determines and/or discloses to a competent public authority and/or affected data subjects that a Personal Data breach has occurred.

16. TERMINATION

16.1 Termination for cause

16.1.1 IUCN reserves the right to terminate this Agreement in whole or in part, upon written notice with immediate effect in the event that the Consultant:

i. has falsified or provided inaccurate, incomplete or misleading information in any documentation provided to IUCN;

ii. defaults in carrying out any of its obligations under this Agreement;

iii. has engaged in illegal acts, including, without limitation fraudulent or corrupt actions as defined in Code of Conduct and Professional Ethics for the Secretariat and IUCN's Anti-fraud Policy (hereafter referred to as a "Fraud");

16.1.2 If it is determined that the Consultant has committed Fraud in competing for or in the performance of this Agreement, all expenditures incurred under this Agreement shall be undue and the Consultant shall promptly reimburse IUCN for all expenditures incurred in the performance of this Agreement.

16.2 Termination for lack of Donor funds

IUCN shall have the right to terminate this Agreement with immediate effect and without any liability for damages to the Consultant in case the agreement between IUCN and the Donor is terminated and/or the Remuneration funds become unavailable to IUCN.

16.3 Termination for force majeure

16.3.1 The performance of this Agreement by either Party is subject to acts of God, war, government regulations, epidemics, pandemics, disaster, strikes (excluding strikes of respective Parties' personnel), civil disorders, curtailment of transportation facilities, or other emergencies making it illegal or impossible for either Party to perform its obligations ("Force Majeure Event"). The Party subject to a Force Majeure Event shall promptly notify the other Party of the occurrence and particulars of such Force Majeure Event, including how it impacts the performance of its obligations under this Agreement. The Party so affected shall use diligent efforts to avoid or remove such causes of non or delayed performance as soon as is reasonably practicable.

16.3.2 This Agreement may be terminated unilaterally without compensation for any one or more of the foregoing reasons by written notice from one Party to the other.

16.3.3 Notwithstanding the above, the Parties may agree to a suspension, or an extension of the Agreement as deemed appropriate. Upon termination of the Force Majeure Event, the performance of the suspended Services shall without delay recommence.

16.3.4 The Party subject to the Force Majeure Event shall not be liable to the other Party for any damages arising out of or relating to the suspension or termination of Services by reason of the occurrence of a Force Majeure Event, provided such Party complies with all the requirements under this article 16.3.

16.4 Effects of Termination

In the event of termination under this clause, IUCN shall pay the Consultant any outstanding Remuneration in respect of Services performed by the Consultant up until the effective date of termination, it being understood that the total amount payable by IUCN to the Consultant shall not exceed the Remuneration stated in article 5 of the Agreement. The Consultant shall within thirty (30) days of termination, and at IUCN's request:

16.4.1 to the extent possible, complete the Services subject to the Remuneration made available until the date of termination and stop all ongoing activities.

16.4.2 refund to IUCN any advance payments received in excess of the total expenditure incurred as evidenced in the invoices submitted to IUCN,

16.4.3 reimburse IUCN for any expenditures made in breach of the terms of this Agreement; and

16.4.4 submit final technical and financial reports and any other materials, deliverables, works or other outputs created as at the date of termination under this Agreement.

17. APPLICABLE LAW AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION

17.1 The performance and interpretation of this Agreement will be subject exclusively to the laws of Switzerland, excluding its conflict of laws principles.

17.2 Any dispute arising out of or in relation with this Agreement that cannot be resolved amicably by the Parties or by way of mediation shall be submitted to the competent courts of Lausanne, Switzerland.

18. GENERAL PROVISIONS

18.1 This Agreement is the complete understanding between IUCN and the Consultant and replaces all other agreements and understandings in reference to the subject matter of this Agreement.

18.2 Any modification or amendment of this Agreement shall be in writing and shall become effective if and when signed by both Parties.

18.3 This Consultancy Agreement is non-exclusive. IUCN is free to consult other experts in the Consultant's field of specialization.

18.4 This Agreement is personal to IUCN and the Consultant, and neither Party may sell, assign or transfer any duties, rights or interests created under this Agreement without the prior written consent of the other.

18.5 Either Party waives all and any rights of set-off against any payments due hereunder and agrees to pay all sums due hereunder regardless of any set-off or cross claim.

18.6 All provisions that logically ought to survive termination of this Agreement shall survive.

This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original, but all of which, taken together, shall constitute one and the same Agreement. The Parties agree that the signed counterparts may be delivered by e-mail in a ".pdf" format data file or electronic signature (e.g., DocuSign or similar electronic signature technology) and thereafter maintained in electronic form, and

that in this case such signature shall create a valid and binding obligation of the party executing with the same force and effect as if such ".pdf" or electronic signature page were an original thereof.

In witness whereof, the undersigned, being duly authorized to do so, have executed this Agreement in the English language in two (2) originals.

Signed on behalf of:

**IUCN, International Union for
Conservation of Nature and
Natural Resources**

Consultant

Moses Egaru

COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVE

_____ **[Name of representative]**

_____ **[Position of representative]**

Date: _____

Date: _____