

ATTACHMENT 4 – Questions and Answers

Accelerating the global transition to sustainable agriculture

Project Final Evaluation - RfP Reference: IUCN-25-04-P03770-1

Project Proposal - RfP Reference: IUCN-25-04-P03770-2

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- 1. Regarding the two Requests for Proposals recently issued in parallel by the IUCN Food and Agricultural Systems team (RfP Reference: IUCN-25-04-P03770-1 for the *Project Final Evaluation* and IUCN-25-04-P03770-2 for the *Project Proposal Development*), is there flexibility in how consultancy support is structured? Could one consultant or firm be considered for both, or are separate consultants preferred?**

There is flexibility to consider the same consultant or firm for both RfPs, which may facilitate more efficient coordination and information flow. However, time constraints are a key consideration, as both assignments require significant input within a short timeframe.

Additionally, from the donor's perspective, there may be concerns about a perceived conflict of interest if the same individual leads both processes. One way to mitigate this could be by assigning different consultants within the same firm to each RfP.

Each proposal will be evaluated independently. Therefore, applying to both does not guarantee the same assessment outcome or selection for both roles.

- 2. I wasn't able to access Attachment 2 (Declaration of Undertaking) or Attachment 3 (Contract Template) on the portal. Could you please share them or advise where to find them?**

Both attachments are now available for download on the RfP publication page on the IUCN website. Please check the portal again for the updated documents.

- 3. We found on the web the Mid-Term Review of the Project, which includes a brief description of the Project's contents. Anyway, more information would help us in preparing the technical proposal. Can you share the Project Document or, at least, more information on its contents?**

At this stage, we are unable to share further documentation or details regarding the project. However, more comprehensive information, including relevant project materials, will be provided during the inception meeting. Following this meeting, the selected consultant will be expected to develop a more detailed approach through the inception report.

Regarding field visits for the Project Final Evaluation – RfP Reference: IUCN-25-04-P03770-1

- 4. Can you share the site locations? This would be helpful to understand the logistic and related costs. Does IUCN have specific preferences regarding the 2–3 countries to be visited?**

The project is being implemented in six pilot countries: India, Vietnam, Burkina Faso, Tanzania, Rwanda, and Guatemala. The selection of countries for field visits will be discussed and finalized during the inception meeting. That said, we recommend choosing 2–3 countries from different continents to ensure a more holistic understanding of the diverse contexts in which the project operates.

5. Will IUCN provide a vehicle with a driver for the field visits?

No, IUCN will not provide a vehicle or driver for field visits.

6. Will a locally based Project Officer be made available by IUCN to accompany the evaluators during the field visits?

This matter will be discussed during the inception meeting and further coordinated with in-country teams, depending on their availability and operational capacity.

7. Is the number of countries proposed for field visits a criterion in the evaluation of proposals?

No, the number of countries proposed for field visits is not a criterion for proposal evaluation, as soon as there is a least one. However, value for money—defined as the cost relative to the scope of travel and proposed activities—will be an important consideration.