Uganda Wildlife Authority

Terms of Reference

For

CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR CONDUCTING ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT FOR RE-INTRODUCTION OF RHINOS IN AJAI WILDLIFE RESERVE

Procurement Reference Number: UWA/SRVS/2022-23/00537
1. BACKGROUND

Uganda Wildlife Authority is mandated under the Wildlife Act, 2019 to manage wildlife in Uganda both within and outside protected areas. One of the functions of the Authority is to ensure sustainable management of wildlife resources.

Uganda, in 2002 started a rhino breeding program where the Ziwa Rhino Sanctuary was established as a breeding area for Eastern Black rhino and Southern White rhino population and 6 rhinos were taken for breeding purposes under Rhino Fund Uganda. This has been successful and today the number has grown to 35 rhinos.

Uganda Wildlife Authority has now started the process of introducing rhinos in the wild to ensure their long term survival.

In 2018, Uganda prepared a 10 year National Rhino Conservation and Management Strategy 2018-2019. In order to operationalise this, Uganda Wildlife Authority in 2020 commissioned a study to identify the ideal protected area which is fit to host a rhino sanctuary and to provide sound guidance and recommendations on management of the sanctuary in areas of security, ecological habitat and best conservation practices. Among the PAS that was found suitable was Ajai Wildlife Reserve. UWA is therefore planning to re-introduce rhinos in Ajai Wildlife Reserve located in Madi-Okollo District.

Re-introduction, introduction and translocation of wildlife is among projects listed in schedule 5 (8) of the National Environment Act, 2019 where an ESIA is supposed to be done before implementation of the project.

UWA is now seeking to procure the services of a competent consultant to undertake an Environmental and Social Impact Assessment for the translocation of rhinos from Ziwa Rhino sanctuary to Ajai Wildlife Reserve in order to identify the likely impacts of this intervention and propose mitigation measures to minimize the impacts.

2. THE ASSIGNMENT

2.1. Overall Objective
To ensure that the potential positive and negative social impacts of the proposed translocation and re-introduction of rhinos are identified, evaluated and mitigation measures put in place to manage these impacts.
Specific Objectives of the assignment

1. To assess the current state of environment at Ziwa Rhino sanctuary where Rhinos will be sourced from.
2. To assess the current state of environment within the proposed area where reintroduction will be undertaken.
3. To identify all the likely positive and negative environmental impacts during translocation and re-introduction of rhinos to Ajai Wildlife Reserve
4. To identify and suggest their appropriate and/or feasible mitigation measures that will be implemented by UWA during the operation of the project
5. To prepare Environmental and Social Impact Statements (EIS) incorporating an environment management and monitoring plan that addresses all the aspects of the proposed projects for submission to NEMA for consideration and eventual approval of the project.

2.2. Scope of the area
The Environmental and social impact assessment study of the proposed reintroduction of rhinos will be undertaken in Ajai Wildlife Reserve. The Reserve falls within Madi- Okollo district which was curved from Arua district.

2.3. Scope of work and activities
1. Undertake baseline studies for all aspects of the environment where the projects will be implemented
2. Review the relevant legislative and regulatory framework concerning the proposed activities.
3. Identify and analyze alternatives to the proposed activities
4. Conduct stakeholder consultations and analyze all the stakeholder inputs and concerns.
5. Identify potential environmental and social impacts that could result from the proposed activity
6. Propose mitigation measures for the identified environmental and social impacts.
7. Compile complete environmental and Social Impact Statements (EIS) to be submitted to NEMA for consideration.
2.4. Duration of work
The assignment is expected to be conducted in a period of 6 months.

2.5. Expected outputs and deliverables
i. An inception report indicating the consultants understanding of these Terms of Reference, methodology for undertaking the assignment and a detailed work plan stipulating the period within which the consultant intends to accomplish the assignment.
ii. A Scoping Report and Terms of Reference for the ESIA in a format acceptable to NEMA

2.6. A detailed Environmental and Social Impact Assessment Statements for submission to NEMA.

Experience and qualification
i. The consultant must be a registered environment Practitioner in Uganda with academic background in Environmental studies, ecology, zoology, forestry or closely related subject.
ii. Must possess experience in undertaking environmental impact assessments in related ecosystems.

2.7. Budget and payment schedule
The quotation for the assignment should cover professional fees and other incidental costs such as consultations where necessary and consultant associates.

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3. SUBMISSION PROCEDURE
Consultants who wish to express their interest in undertaking the prescribed assignment are requested to send hard-copies of the following:
(i) A technical proposal (in a sealed envelope clearly marked "Technical Proposal") containing:
(a) An understanding and interpretation of the TORs.
(b) Methodology to be used in undertaking the assignment.
(e) Curriculum vitae of the consultant to undertake the assignment plus relevant copies of key certificates.
(ii) A financial proposal (sealed in a separate envelope clearly marked "Financial Proposal") including Consultant's daily rates in Uganda Shillings.

4. REPORTING
The Consultant(s) shall report to the Executive Director UWA but will work closely with the Environmental Impact Assessment and Oil Monitoring Unit based at UWA headquarters in Kampala.