



SCOPE OF WORK

FOR SHORT-TERM CONSULTANCY

Marine Biodiversity and Forest Governance

A. Objective:

The project has several components:

1. Preparation of a CDB Gap Analysis Report on Suriname
2. Assessment of the national legislation in Suriname and current progress towards the 2020 CBD targets;
3. Legislative Review covering instruments, principles and legal norms in force with regard to marine management in Suriname; and
4. Information exchange between Government officials and various stakeholders, capacity building and knowledge generation.

Overall, this project will fill critical information gaps by developing comprehensive and visually appealing spatial data, enabling informed decision making regarding marine protection and management. Specifically, this project will deliver in 2 critical outcomes which will create a substantive positive impact on the marine environment: i) designating 10% of Suriname's EEZ as an MPA conservation status (from a baseline of 0%) and ii) catalysing enhanced marine spatial planning (MSP) processes which will provide an ecosystem based framework for managing activities in the marine environment.

Full engagement and empowerment of key ocean users, *including key agencies adopting leading roles within this Action*, will ensure robust decisions are taken regarding designation of MPA sites ("right places") and enhanced MSP. New PAs require Ministerial, Cabinet or Parliamentary approval. A recommendation for the establishment of MPAs over 10% of Suriname's marine territory will be submitted to the Government.

B. Background:

Suriname in its CBD National Reports (2014) stated that *no progress has been made towards meeting Aichi target 11 for 2020 (10% coastal & marine areas protected) and further action is required against 4, 6, 10 & 14*. The overall ambition of this project is to assist

Suriname to meet the Aichi targets and to promote increased marine protection and strengthened governance to *safeguard biodiversity and enhance food security, protect livelihoods, increase resilience and support socio-economic development in line with regional ambitions*. This action will draw on WWF's significant global experience of MSP and establishing MPAs, including within the ACP region. This project will demonstrate that *compelling data, participatory spatial planning and targeted capacity building* can conserve biodiversity and foster economic activities compatible with ocean health. Activities will deliver against Aichi targets 4, 6, 10, 11 and 14. Delivering the specific objective will contribute to the **overall objective**: *By 2030, priority marine species and habitats in Suriname and Guyana 'Eastern Gate to the Caribbean' are effectively protected and ocean resources are managed in an equitable, sustainable and integrated manner*.

The project area supports important fisheries, major nursery grounds, spawning grounds and a rich diversity of marine species and is of both regional and global significance. Whilst key threats are recognized (overfishing of some species; increased hydrocarbon exploration) there are significant data gaps which hamper efforts to sustainably manage the marine environment.

C. Justification

The CDB Gap Analysis Report on Suriname, assessment of the national legislation in Suriname, and the legislative review regarding marine management regulations aim to provide guidance on the activities to be completed to help Suriname get closer to achieving the Aichi targets covered under this project. Improved marine management is expected to limit impacts of human activities in the whole of the Exclusive Economic Zone.

D. Tasks:

a) General Tasks:

Under the guidance of, and reporting directly to the WWF Guianas the Consultant shall:

- (i) Examine the existing legislations and policies;

- (ii) Review existing legislation and identify gaps for meeting the 2020 CBD targets and provide initial recommendations on proposed amendments, inclusive of a probable timeframe;
- (iii) Identify barriers to the implementation of the 2020 CBD targets and provide concomitant recommendations for the removal of such barriers, inclusive of a probable timeframe;
- (iv) Highlight the positive and negative implications of any recommendations detailed in (ii) and (iii) above.

b) Specific Tasks

Under the guidance of, and reporting directly to the WWF Guianas the Consultant is expected to, and will be responsible for the:

- (i) Holding of consultations with relevant legal stakeholders in the Government in Suriname;
- (ii) Review and analysis of existing National Legal and Regulatory Framework to implement the CDB and overview of existing barriers and principles and legal norms in force with regard to marine management;
- (iii) Report including detailed recommendations on proposed amendments and Action Plan towards achieving 2020 CBD targets.

E. Qualifications

- a. Bachelor Degree in Law, Master Degree in Environmental Law, Environmental Governance, Marine Biodiversity, Public Policy, or related fields would be an asset;
- b. Minimum 10 years' professional experience in the area of Environmental Law, Marine Biodiversity, Environmental Policy and Regulatory Frameworks, or related field;
- c. Demonstrated experience in legislative review, mainstreaming strategies, policy review and recommendations;

- d. Demonstrated experience working with national governments, research institutes, and diverse stakeholder groups for a minimum of 5 years;
- e. Proficiency in the use of MS Office;
- f. Excellent oral and written communication skills in English.

F. Deliverables

Deliverables as proposed in the below work schedule to include at least a country profile, assessment of policies, legislation, and related documents, comprehensive review, assessment of barriers and challenges, matrix of supporting legislation, analysis and recommendations and evidence of stakeholder consultations held. – from the work schedule below you will notice that the consultant will submit a work plan, draft report and final report.

G. Proposed Work Schedule

Various Activities	Weeks								DELIVERABLE
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
Preparation of work plan	x								Work plan submitted to WWF and communication plan disseminated to relevant stakeholders in Suriname
Country Profile	x								
Assessment of policies, legislation, etc.	x	x							This will be included in the draft and final report
Comprehensive review		x	x	x	x	x	x		This will be included in the draft and final report
Legal stakeholders consultations		x	x						

Assessment of barriers and challenges				x	x	x	x		This will be included in the draft and final report
Matrix of supporting legislation				x	x	x	x		This will be included in the draft and final report
Analysis and Recommendations					x	x	x		Submission of Draft Report
Follow-up legal stakeholders consultations				x	x				
Final Report								x	Submission of Final Report

H. Remuneration (Method of Payment and schedule)

Total Amount: USD \$10,000.00

The consultant will be paid in three instalments as noted below:

- 1st Payment USD \$2,500.00

Upon delivery of the consultancy work plan, inclusive of an overview of existing legislation and examples that can contribute to this study, and draft outline of the gap analysis and needs assessment study upon which feedback will be provided and approved by WWF.

- 2nd Payment USD \$5,000.00

Upon complete first draft of Report on CDB Gap Analysis and Legislative Review (for an internal review and approval by WWF).

- Final Payment USD \$2,500.00

Upon delivery of the final and edited document approved by WWF, based on inputs from WWF and various stakeholder consultations.

Travel involved: All travel costs will be covered and organized by the consultant.

I. Confidentiality

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Annex II – Budget

ITEMS	UNITS	UNIT/COSTS	TOTAL
Consultancy Fees			
<i>Subtotal</i>			
Consultancy expenses:			
1. Personnel			
2. Third Party Fees & Expenses			
3. Field Activities			
4. Travel, Meetings, Workshops			
5. Other Direct Costs			
6. Equipment			
<i>Subtotal</i>			
Grand total			