CALL FOR PROPOSALS

The Sabah Forestry Department is looking for interested Consortium, Company or Specialists/Experts to provide the following consultancy service, for the above mentioned project:

Economic Landscape Modeler (IC-2) and Economic model to assess combinations of conservation investments and regulatory approaches to maximize net revenues from demonstration landscape while ensuring No Net Loss (SC-5).

Project Background:

The 261,264 ha project landscape forms an important connecting landmass to three renowned protected areas in Sabah; the Maliau Basin Conservation Area (58,840 ha) to the West, the Danum Valley Conservation Areas (43,800 ha) to the East, and the Imbak Canyon Conservation Areas (16,750 ha) to the North. The project landscape constitutes a connecting landscape that is utilized for conservation, forest rehabilitation, timber production and industrial tree plantation, including palm oil. This land-use mix is an emerging trend in the forest reserves of Sabah driven by: (i) the comparative disadvantage in crop gestation periods between growing trees and agriculture crops, (ii) low rent capture, and: (iii) incoherent enforcement associated with a lack of expertise in multiple-use forest landscapes. Under a business-as-usual scenario, the above protected areas will become increasingly vulnerable to fire during prolonged droughts potentially from the surrounding degraded forests.

The objective of the project is to bring the land-uses in the connecting landscape and protected areas under a common and integrated management umbrella strategy in order to mainstream biodiversity, ecosystem functions and resilience, while enabling ongoing sustainable uses. The project will meet this objective by achieving three interconnected outcomes: (1) provisioning of an enabling environment for optimized multiple use planning, financing, management and protection of forest landscapes; (2) demonstration of multiple-use forest landscape planning and management system, and (3) demonstration of innovative sustainable financing methods for multiple-use forest landscape management. Assistance provided by GEF will strengthen the conservation of the largest area of mostly contiguous forest in Sabah, and one of the most important remaining forest landscapes in the Heart of Borneo. The project is expected to serve as a model to draw lessons learnt in best practices for replication in other forest landscapes within Sabah and in other parts of Malaysia and the Heart of Borneo.

Consultancy Key Objectives:
1. To develop a land-use matrix model within the project site.
2. To develop an economic model that determines an optimal mix of production and conservation land-uses to maximize sustainable revenues from the demonstration landscape while ensuring no net loss of biodiversity.

The full Terms of Reference (TOR) for the consultancy is available for download (www.forest.sabah.gov.my/undpgefproject). Interested parties are strongly advice to study the TOR, Project Document, Project Inception Report and relevant documents, which are also available for download in the website.

Please submit your proposal together with a detailed individual/company/organization profile [to include areas of expertise and experience, examples of relevant on-going and past consultancies, services provided and staff capacity] and expected fees (in details) to:

Director
Sabah Forestry Department
Locked Bag No. 68
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(Attention: UNDP-GEF Project Manager)

Deadline for applications: 28th September, 2016 (Wednesday).

Only shortlisted applicants will be notified.

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