

SUBJECT: PUBLIC TENDER

Ref: Consultancy assignment for the implementation of research contributing to the activities under NORAD NICFI program “Amazon rights in Focus: people’s and forest protection”

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Tender Document

This document serves as an invitation-for-tender to organizations for providing subcontractor services for the assignment outlined in this document. This document consists of the following contents:

Part 1. Tender specification

Part 2. Terms of Reference (TOR)

Part 3. Annexes

- 1 NORAD procurement document “Procurement in the context of projects financed by the Norwegian Agency for Development cooperation”
2. Two pager about the program “Amazon rights in Focus: people’s and forest protection”

PART 1: TENDER SPECIFICATION

Short description of the assignment

FCDS (Fundacion para la Conservacion y Desarrollo Sostenible), IUCN NL, Mongabay and Ambiente y Sociedad, are the organizations leading the implementation of the “Amazon rights in Focus: people’s and forest protection” program. This 5-year program started in 2021.

This project focuses on reducing forest crime and improving its monitoring in Colombia. The main objective is twofold; to expose forest crime and to strengthen capacities of Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities (IPLCs) and relevant government agencies, so that they can monitor and tackle forest crime efficiently. Exposing forest crime will lead to a reduced pressure on forests from local and global markets. In addition, capacity building will improve rights and livelihoods for IPLCs, contributing to sustainable land use. Together, these two pillars will help to achieve a reduction and reversion of tropical forest loss, which in the long-term contributes to biodiversity protection, sustainable development and achieving the 1.5-degree goal.

In the context of this program, we will contract a third party to investigate the Illicit Financial Flows (IFFs) related to environmental crimes in the Colombian Amazon. The specialized partner will collect data and this will be published on a report and shared with key stakeholders, such as consumer countries, IPLCs, CSOs and local law enforcement agencies.

Deadlines:

Applications should be submitted on June 27th before 11 am CET.

Clarifications of the tender document

All enquiries regarding this tender document shall be to amazonrights@iucn.nl

Application documents to submit:

1) Curriculum Vitae (CV)

The CV should provide: Information about the experience and technical competence of the tenderer. The CV should not exceed the 3 pages

2) Cover letter

The tenderer should include a cover letter describing her or his motivation to carry out the assignment and confirming that accepts all the conditions specified the NORAD procurement document “Procurement in the context of projects financed by the Norwegian Agency for Development cooperation”.

3) Financial proposal

The tenderer shall quote a total price for the assignment including travel and subsistence costs related to field work involving case project/programme visits. All fees and costs shall be quoted in NOK or EURO. The total budget shall specify:

- Fee (hourly or daily)

- Travel and subsistence costs including field-work travel costs
- Other costs if any

4) Work-Plan and Availability

The technical proposal should include a general work-plan which visualizes the timeline for the completion of the ToRs requirements.

PART 2: TERMS OF REFERENCE

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1. DEFINITION AND PURPOSE OF TERMS OF REFERENCE

This document will form the basis of an agreement between IUCN NL and a relevant party under the NORAD NICFI program "Amazon rights in Focus: people's and forest protection". This document defines the responsibilities and deliverables of the contracted party

2. BACKGROUND

a. FCDS (Fundacion para la Conservacion y Desarrollo Sostenible) as lead partner, IUCN NL as co-applicant, Mongabay and Ambiente y Sociedad as local partners, are the organizations leading the implantation of the "Amazon rights in Focus: people's and forest protection" project. This 5 – year program started in 2021

b. The program aims to contribute to halt deforestation in the Colombian Amazon by tackling forest crime in the Amazon forests of Colombia, and to improve the territorial rights and livelihoods of Indigenous Peoples and local communities

c. Forest and environmental crimes in Colombia are interlinked with armed conflict and corruption at all levels. To tackle this, in –depth - and independent investigations are needed.

d. There are publications regarding timber trade and financial flows in Colombia, however there are still data gaps which need to be filled to fully understand the forest crime dynamics and its impacts on deforestation rates and IPLCs.

e. The phenomenon of deforestation in Colombia is multi-faceted and complex. It is often linked to and driven by other illegal activities such as drug trafficking, illegal expansion of the agricultural frontier and money laundering. This situation motivated efforts to update the Colombian Penal Code, including the definition of new criminal offenses, including wildlife trafficking, illicit management of exotic species, deforestation, promotion and financing of deforestation, financing invasion of areas of special ecological importance, illegal appropriation of the nation's vacant plots and land grabbing. Based on this context, **forest crime in Colombia is a much more complex network that includes deforestation drivers and its financing**, as well as land appropriation and the invasion of areas of special ecological

importance, crimes that, because they are typified in the Code Colombian penal constitute the focus of analysis of this project.

3 OBJECTIVES

The main objective of the assignment is to gather data regarding Illicit Financial Flows (IFFs) linked with environmental (forest) crimes in the Colombia Amazon and present an analysis in a public report. This data should contribute to understand the scale, structure and dynamics of environmental crimes in Colombia and the link with the IFFs.

4. DELIVERABLES

The data should be systematized in a report which should at least contain the following:

- a. Carry out a detailed Trade Discrepancy Analysis of forest commodities trade, specifically beef, palm oil and timber
- b. Identify how and which are the institutional bottle necks allowing IFFs .
- c. Describe the dynamics of the IFFs and how this facilitate environmental crimes, corruption and money laundering
- d. Describe the (illegal and legal) financial mechanisms that facilitate environmental crimes
- e. Indicate the net financial loss for Colombia due to IFFs
- f. Analyze the possible link between REDD+ and IFFs

The table of contents of the report will be structured in consultation with IUCN NL based on findings and consultant proposal.

5. PROFILE REQUIRED

- At least 6 years of experience working on and investigating financial flows related to environmental crimes
- Demonstrated track record to carry out similar research studies
- Demonstrated experience in writing publications for international audiences and for lobby purposes
- Preferably be able to deliver reports written in Spanish