



**Food and Agriculture Organization
of the United Nations**

CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Consultant for Biodiversity Monitoring

Vacancy No. IRC3591

Deadline for Applications: 30 September 2016

Contract duration: 30 days on when actually employed basis (NTE: 30 November 2017)

Purpose of the assignment

FAO, with financial support of the Global Environment Facility (GEF), is implementing a full-sized project on Sustainable Land Management in the provinces of Konya and Karaman in Central Anatolia, Turkey. Ecosystems in that region are threatened by land degradation, deforestation, unsustainable agricultural intensification and climate change. The FAO-led project on "Sustainable Land Management and Climate-Friendly Agriculture" aims to improve sustainability of agriculture, pasture and forest land-uses through the diffusion and adoption of low-carbon technologies with benefits in climate change mitigation, biodiversity conservation as well as farm and forest productivity. Project components consist of:

- Rehabilitating degraded forest and rangelands;
- Introducing climate-smart agriculture to be applied across productive landscapes; and
- Creating and enhancing an enabling environment for sustainable land management.

Tasks and responsibilities:

Under overall supervision of the FAO Sub-regional Coordinator for Central Asia and FAO Representative in Turkey, technical guidance of the Lead Technical Officer, and in close cooperation with the National Project Coordinator and the project team (consultants and government staff), the Consultant for Biodiversity Monitoring will perform the following tasks (including field missions to project sites):

- Submit refined consultancy work plan including dates of field missions to be conducted;
- Develop a biodiversity monitoring concept in cooperation with project partners and local stakeholders, identifying relevant (globally and nationally important) indicator species for the project area and methods for systematic data collection, and considering existing biodiversity monitoring schemes at national level. The concept will include monitoring of wetlands;
- Support, assist and participate in demonstrative interventions on biodiversity conservation and monitoring in cooperation with related local institutions and staff;
- Contribute to the development of forest, agriculture and other relevant land-use management plans in the project area to integrate biodiversity conservation and ecosystem services concepts in productive landscapes;
- Contribute to preparation and dissemination of training and information material (e.g. brochures, leaflets, booklets, and CDs);
- Prepare terminal consultancy report, including main findings and recommendations;
- Carry out any other activities relevant to this assignment, including ensuring and monitoring women's participation.

Expected Outputs:	Required Completion Date:
Refined workplan	Within one week after start of assignment
Biodiversity monitoring plan	Within five months after start of assignment
Back to Office Reports	Within one week after each mission
Terminal consultancy report	Within one week after end of assignment

Candidates should meet the following requirements:

Minimum Requirements

- Advanced university degree in biology, natural resources management or a related field;
- At least 5 years of working experience in biodiversity monitoring, protected areas management planning and ecosystem services assessment and mapping;
- Ability to organize and conduct trainings, workshops and Field Days, and to develop training materials;
- Working knowledge of English.

Additional Information

FAO seeks gender, geographical and linguistic diversity in its staff and international consultants in order to best serve FAO Members in all regions.

All candidates should adhere to FAO values of Commitment to FAO, Respect for All and Integrity and Transparency.

How to apply

All applications are to be made through FAO's **iRecruitment** system. Click on the link below to access **iRecruitment**, complete your online profile and apply for this Call for Expression of Interest.

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