



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

CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

International Consultant: Forest Inventory and Carbon Assessment

Contract duration: Initial 3 months with 65 working days (with possible extension)

Vacancy No. IRC4078

Deadline for Applications: 10 May 2017

Duty station: Dhaka, Bangladesh

Tasks and responsibilities:

Under the overall supervision of the FAO Representative in Bangladesh, the direct supervision of the Chief Technical Advisor (CTA), and the technical guidance from the Lead Technical Officer (LTO), LTU and other relevant Divisions and services in FAO, and in close cooperation with other project team members and government counterpart, the incumbent will:

- Work closely with the SilvaCarbon Country Coordinator and relevant SilvaCarbon technical specialists to ensure complementarity between the project and SilvaCarbon activities;
- Work closely with Government organizations and national partners to support the implementation of the Bangladesh Forest Inventory (BFI);
- In collaboration with national consultants and backstopping experts from FAO and SilvaCarbon, contribute to the implementation of the BFI for the socio-economic and the biophysical components;
- In collaboration with national consultants and technical experts from FAO HQ, prepare a training programme for NFI field teams and assist in its implementation;
- Support the implementation of training activities related to data management and analysis, forest mapping, boundary delimitation, and use of tools including Open Foris, MS Access and R;
- Assist national partners to develop plans for field campaigns;
- Undertake field visits to evaluate and support the performance of field crews;
- In collaboration with SilvaCarbon and the Bangladesh Forest Department (BFD), assist the delivery of the QA/QC process ensuring appropriate feedback is delivered to enumerators in a timely and effective manner;
- Support the operationalization and capacity transfer of the project's Management Information System (MIS) to BFD counterparts;
- Assist in the archiving and management of the project's MIS related to biophysical and socio-economic data;
- Assist in the data analysis, validation and reporting of the results obtained through the biophysical and socio-economic surveys;
- Assist in the preparation of reports ensuring findings address the variables and indicators identified under the BFI protocols;
- Assist in the estimation of forest volume, biomass and carbon using the software package R.
- Contribute to the implementation of the communication strategy including preparation of communication materials and management of the project website and geoportal;
- In collaboration with the CTA and national Monitoring and Reporting consultant, assist the delivery of evaluation reports in line with donor and HQ requirements and proactively propose options to improve project delivery;
- Perform any other tasks required.

Key performance indicators	
Expected Outputs:	Required Completion Date:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes of meetings with national stakeholders; • Proceedings and training materials of national trainings and workshops; • Existing field inventory data documented and archived; • Documentation of methodological processes; • Analytical reports; • Communication materials; • Final consultancy report. 	1 September 2017

Candidates should meet the following requirements:

Minimum Requirements

- Advanced University Degree in Forestry or related field;
- At least 5 years of relevant experience in the field of national forest resources monitoring and assessment;
- Strong background in GIS, remote sensing, data management, forest inventory design and/or planning in developing countries preferred;
- Competency in forest information system development and information management;
- Proven experience in capacity building and project implementation in developing countries;
- Working level of English.

Selection criteria

Qualifications, technical skills and experience mentioned in ‘Minimum requirements’

Additional Information

For this assignment, the initial three month period will be a probationary period, the basis of which will be used to determine extension, if warranted by the work.

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

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