CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

International Sustainable Grazing and Grasslands Biodiversity Specialist

Contract duration: 15 days until 31 December 2017 (with possibility of extension)

Duty Station: Home-based with 1 missions to project site

Vacancy No. IRC4139

Deadline for Applications: 22 May 2017

Tasks and responsibilities:

Purpose of the assignment

FAO is implementing a 4 year project executed by the Ministry of Forestry and Water Affairs and the Ministry of Food Agriculture and Livestock of Turkey, ‘Conservation and Sustainable Management of Turkey’s Steppe Ecosystems’ in Sanliurfa province funded through GEF. The project objective is to improve the conservation of Turkey’s steppe ecosystems through effective protected area management and mainstreaming steppe biodiversity conservation into production landscapes.

Under overall supervision of the FAO Sub-regional Coordinator for Central Asia and FAO Representative in Turkey, the technical guidance of SEC Forestry officer, the operational supervision of SEC Field Programme Unit, in close coordination with the national counterparts and project team, and the daily coordination with the National Project Coordinator (NPC), the International Sustainable Grazing and Grasslands Biodiversity Specialist is expected to successfully achieve results under the project’s second and third component by performing the following tasks:

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- Prepare work plan for the assignment;
- Develop TOR for Assessment of on-going activities in the project area related to grazing, agriculture and other land uses with regard to their effects on wildlife and biodiversity. This will be necessary for future work on identifying and demonstrating the best grazing management models (plans) for the project sites based on the best international experiences and Turkey’s own experience;
- Work with international and national protected areas management specialists to give input for grazing monitoring approaches and tools during the development of Monitoring & Evaluation Handbook;
- Draft BTOR;
- Supervise the national consultant and the project team on approaches to support analysis of the on-going activities mentioned above. This will be documented by Briefing memos.

Expected Outputs:

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Candidates should meet the following requirements:

Minimum Requirements

**Education:** Advanced university degree in natural sciences, agricultural, integrated land management, or other related fields.

**Experience:** Minimum 15 years of experience in landscape management, CSA implementations, integrated land management, production systems, applied conservation sciences, working with local people and government organizations. Extensive expertise in grazing management and biodiversity conservation with particular emphasis on management of multiple use grasslands.

**Language:** Working knowledge of English.

**Other:** Relevant experience and knowledge of social assessment including gender mainstreaming in the field of livestock would be an asset.

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

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