



FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS

Terms of reference

Title : Wildlife Expert	
Division/Department : Resilience, Emergencies and Rehabilitation in West Africa (REOWA)	
Programme/project reference : SFERA needs assessment and programming	
Lieu : Freetown, Sierra Leone / Monrovia, Liberia / Conakry, Guinea / Dakar, Senegal (according to given preference and needs)	
Expected Start Date of Assignment: ASAP	Duration : 2 months
Reports to : FAOR Representative	Title : FAO Representative
General Description of task(s) and objectives to be achieved	
<p>In the framework of the FAO response to the epidemic of Ebola viral disease (EVD) in West Africa, under the administrative supervision of the FAO Representative in the country, in collaboration with the FAO Regional Office in Accra and the Regional Hub for Resilience, Emergencies and Rehabilitation in West Africa / Sahel in Dakar (REOWA), the incumbent will assist with aspects of knowledge and reducing the risk of inter-species transmission and spread of the Ebola virus program. To this end, he/she will perform the following tasks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contribute to the achievement of the bushmeat value chains study, including the identification and mapping of critical control points • Characterize the geographical distribution, ecology and biodiversity of wild animals most sought for hunting and poaching • Review the legislation and the effectiveness of related enforcement measures on hunting, poaching and bushmeat trade of and recommend corrective action to improve (i) biodiversity conservation (especially with regard to Wildlife species that are potentially reservoirs of Ebola virus) and (ii) protection of human populations at risk from the Ebola disease • Develop a surveillance protocol on wildlife and contribute to the formulation of options for risk management at the human/wildlife interface; • Contribute to the formulation and implementation of the response programme to strengthen countries' capacity and the general public awareness on preparedness planning, with a focus on environmental health as a key component of the One Health approach¹ • Contribute to the establishment and strengthening of institutional and operational relationships with key stakeholders involved in the prevention and response to the EVD, either at central level (Central Veterinary Services, MoH, Ministry in charge of wildlife, WHO, UNICEF, etc.) and district level (veterinary and wildlife decentralized water and forestry services, health workers, NGOs) through participation in intersectoral meetings, joint organization of trainings, preparation, production and dissemination of educational and communication/social mobilization materials etc. • Perform any other duties upon request from the Head of the Regional Hub for Resilience, Emergencies and Rehabilitation in West Africa / Sahel or the FAO country Representative; • Submit a report at the end of the mission 	
Key performance indicators	
Expected outputs	Required completion dates
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Geographical distribution, ecology and threats to biodiversity of the most popular wildlife in hunting, poaching and bush meat trade characterized 2. Monitoring protocol for wildlife developed 3. Contributions provided for the following activities <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Study on the bush meat value chains b. risk management at the humans/ wildlife interface c. protection of biodiversity and promotion of environmental health in the One Health approach d. Wildlife value chains study e. Strengthening key relationships with national and international key actors involved in response to the EVD 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Within 45 days 2. Within two months 3. Within two months 4. Within two months after the start of the mission 5. Point 3 - at the end of the mission

¹ <http://www.90.oie.int/en/DATES-CLES/CALENDRIER/April/FAO-OIE-WHO-A-Tripartite-alliance-for-One-Health>

<p>4. Current status of the legislation on hunting, poaching and bush meat trade produced and options for improvement proposed</p> <p>5. Final report</p>	
<p>Required competencies</p>	
<p>Education and relevant experience</p> <p>Biologist, Zoologist or Veterinarian with a specialization or proven 5 year experience in wildlife conservation. Professional experience in the country or sub-region is highly desirable.</p> <p>Languages skills</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fluent in English or French and working knowledge of the other language <p>Other competencies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proficiency in computer skills and current use of the Internet; • Ability to work in a multidisciplinary team and multicultural environment; • Women are encouraged to apply; • Experience within FAO is an asset 	
<p>HOW TO APPLY</p>	
<p>Interested applicants are required to create an online Personal Profile form (PPF) in iRecruitment. To create the PPF, please follow the instructions available at: http://www.fao.org/employment/irecruitment-access/en/</p> <p>The PPF should be sent via email to: VA-100-FAOSN@fao.org</p> <p>Deadline for applications: 3 November 2014</p> <p>Applications received after the closing date will not be given consideration. Only short listed candidates will be contacted.</p>	