FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS
Terms of Reference for Consultant ☐/PSA ☒

Minimum number of years of relevant experience required: 1yr ☐ 5yrs ☒ 12+yrs ☐

Job Title: National Consultant National Forest Monitoring System for REDD+	
Division/Department: FOM	
Programme/Project Number: UNJP/MON/013/UNJ-GLOBAL Mongolia UN-REDD National Programme	
Location: Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia	
Expected Start Date of Assignment: October 2015	**Duration:** 11 months (possibility of extension)

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF TASK(S) AND OBJECTIVES TO BE ACHIEVED

Under the overall managerial administrative leadership of the FAO Representative (FAOR) in China, DPRK and Mongolia, the general guidance of the Director FOM, the technical backstopping of the Forestry Department and FAO forestry experts, and under the guidance and supervision of the National Programme Director of the Mongolia UN-REDD Programme, the consultant will provide support for the implementation of the Programme. In particular, the consultant will:

- Work closely with partners in Mongolia and elsewhere to ensure coordination in the implementation of activities under the UN-REDD National Programme, in synergy with regional and international initiatives, and with related national initiatives including the FAO GEF project "Mainstreaming biodiversity conservation, SFM and carbon sink enhancement into Mongolia's productive forest landscapes';
- Advise, implement and monitor activities of the UN-REDD programme concerned with National Forest Monitoring System (NFMS) and Forest Reference Level (FRL) development, in close collaboration with other institutions and projects contributing to the other activities of the National REDD+ Roadmap and the NFMS action plan;
- Participate in regular consultation meetings with PMU staff and national partners in the UN-REDD National Programme;
- Support the national system for Measurement, Reporting and Verification (MRV) as part of the NFMS for REDD+, and support appropriate institutional and procedural arrangements in particular for the preparation of the GHG inventory;
- Provide technical advice and coordination for national multi-stakeholder working groups on NFMS, MRV and FRLs for REDD+;
- Advise and assist national consultants on NFMS, GHG inventory, and MRV hired for the implementation of the UN-REDD National Programme;
- Design and undertake capacity development activities for FRL and NFMS development;
- Support the preparation of country specific training materials;
- Support the preparation and finalization of data sharing agreements, and data collection to support NFMS and FRL activities;
- Assist in the establishment of a national Forest Information System (FIS), including a web-GIS platform;
- Perform any other tasks required, under the direction of FAOR, National Programme Director, regional and global UN-REDD technical support team.

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Expected Outputs:	Required Completion Date:
- Quarterly reports and end of mission report; - Minutes of the FRL/NFMS/MRV working group meetings;	September 2016 (possibility

- NFMS action plan updated; - Training materials on FRL, NFMS, GHG-I, remote sensing systems developed and delivered; - Proceedings of the technical trainings and workshop are provided; - National FIS developed - Activity data developed, land cover and land use maps and emission factors data collected; - Satellite imagery analysed and recommendations for forest monitoring provided; - Communication materials on FRL and NFMS in the context of REDD+ in Mongolia developed.	of extension)

REQUIRED COMPETENCIES

Minimum requirements:
- Advanced university degree in forestry, environmental sciences, or a closely related field;
- Five years of relevant experience related to forest management or monitoring;
- Excellent working knowledge of both Mongolian and English.

Selection criteria:

- Extent and relevance of academic achievements in subjects relevant to forest monitoring, remote sensing and GIS;
- Knowledge of Greenhouse Gas inventory preparation and land cover assessment,
- Quality of both oral and written communication skills;
- Demonstrated ability to work as an effective team member in complex multi-stakeholder projects/programmes;
- Demonstrated initiative and ability to deliver results within deadlines;

HOW TO APPLY

- 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/

- Please upload to your Documents section an application letter stating your expression of interest and qualifications as well as a CV.

- In order for your application to be properly evaluated, please ensure that all sections of the on-line profile are completed. The PPF should be sent via e-mail to: **FAO-MN@fao.org**

- **Deadline for submission of your application**: **01 October 2015**

- Applications received after the closing date will not be given consideration. Only short listed candidates will be contacted.