

**Inviting Expression of Interest for Recruiting a Field Coordinator,  
Pilot project – Landscape Management, Hingurakgoda  
Ecosystem Conservation and Management Project (ESCAMP)  
Ministry of Wildlife and Forest Conservation  
Credit No.5792 LK, Project ID: P 156021**

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**Title - Field Coordinator (Landscape Management Pilot Project, Hinguragoda DSD)**

**Report- Comp (1) Coordinator and Project Director, ESCAMP**

**Duty Station- Hingurakgoda, Divisional Secretariat Division (DSD), Pollonnaruwa**

**01.Purpose**

These Terms of Reference (ToR) have been developed to hire an experience officer to Component (1) of the ESCAMP. He/She will be responsible in implementing the pilot project on landscape management in Hingurakgoda DSD, Hurulu-Kawdulla-Kanthalae (HKK) Landscape.

**02.Background**

The World Bank has extended a credit to the Government of Sri Lanka for “**Ecosystem Conservation and Management Project**” (ESCAMP) with the view of improving the management of sensitive ecosystems in selected locations for conservation and community benefits. The **Ministry of Wildlife and Forest Conservation** will execute the project through a Project Management Unit (PMU). The **Forest Department (FD)** and the **Department of Wildlife Conservation (DWLC)** will implement the project activities for achieving the above goals. Project is designed along three technical components such as Comp (1) Pilot Landscape Planning and Management, Comp (2) Sustainable Use of Natural Resources and Human Elephant Co-existence, (3) Protected area Management and Institutional Capacity and Comp (4) Project Management.

Component (1) of the ESCAMP will provide technical assistance, training and capacity building to develop a guiding frame work for landscape-level management planning and support the piloting of landscape planning and management in two selected landscape comprising contiguous areas of unique ecological, cultural and socio-economic characteristics. Accordingly, Hurululu-Kawdulla-Kanthale (HKK) landscape in Dry Zone was selected as one of the pilot project site based on a criteria developed. The HKK Landscape Management Plan was prepared with the wide participation of key stake holders including experts in various fields as well as local communities and community based organizations.

A pilot project in “Singhagama”, Grama Niladari Division/GND (Local administrative division) in Hingurakgoda Divisional Secretary’s Division (HDS) in the HKK landscape has been planned to test and obtain firsthand experiences on project implementation specially in landscape principles and approaches for stakeholders which will be useful in adopting future landscape planning and management projects. The Singhagama GND is located in the buffer zone of Anawulundawa Forest Reserve (4754 Ha) and Somawathi Forest Reserve (26,000 ha) which are adjoined to Hurulu Forest reserve. Until recent past most of the inhabitants of this GND depended on adjoining forests for earning their livings. Currently majority of them face severe socio-economic issues such as lack of water for agriculture, unemployment, sacristy of grasslands for cattle grazing and wild elephant threats to their lives, crop cultivations as well as private properties. However, there are number of projects launched by the Ministry of Environment, Ministry of Agriculture and other Government Institutions as well as ESCAMP in this pilot project site.

In addition, the ESCAMP expect to implement a pilot project in the area with the coordination of all project implementing agencies to deliver better services to local people while enhancing the environmental services and achieving their goals.

To support the field level coordination of local communities, other stakeholders and for implementation of the activities proposed by the Pilot Project in HDS, PMU intends to hire a Field Coordinator under the direct supervision of the Project Director and the Coordinator Comp (1).

### **03. Objective of the Consultancy**

To implement a pilot project in HDS, in the HKK landscape in line with the “*Landscape approach*” principles and as a role model for future scientific land use planning and management to deliver firsthand experiences for stakeholders and create an ecologically enhanced, socio-economically improved and sustainably developed village.

### **04. Scope of work and Main Responsibilities**

The Field Coordinator will report to the Comp (1) Coordinator and then PD/ESCAMP and work closely with Divisional Secretary (Hingurakgoda) and all District/Divisional level stake holder institutions, local communities and in implementation of the Pilot LMP project in the Hongurakgda DSD. The specific duties of the Field Coordinator Landscape Management Planning (FC/LMP) will be;

- i). Build up close rapport with all stakeholders specially Divisional Secretary/Hingurakgoda and other key operators in the division and coordinate and assist in arranging field level awareness meetings, discussions and workshops on Landscape management activities of the Pilot Project (Hingurakgoda) under the instructions of Comp (1) Coordinator/ESCAMP.
- ii). Coordinate all relevant field level CBOs, NGOs, Farmer Organizations and organize stakeholder consultations and training sessions with the support of the Divisional Secretary (DS), FD, DWLC, Irrigation Department (ID) and staff of other Projects implemented by Ministry of Environment and other institutions and work as a convener of these activities in relation to the Pilot Project.
- iii). Assist and arrange necessary logistic facilities for field activities such as baseline studies, project implementation and monitoring with the instruction of PD/ESCAMP and the Coordinator Comp. 1)/ESCAMP.
- iv). Maintain close relationship with regional offices of Key stake holders, Divisional Secretaries, Grama Niladhari (GN) and Village Leaders as well as the regional offices of FD, DWLC in matters connected to the project activities.
- v). Consult, coordinate and communicate with resource persons and technical experts required in training and capacity development programs organized by the project.
- vi). Assist the CBOs and local communities involving in the project in finding inputs, materials and resources required in implementation of the project activities.
- vii). Responsible for following-up and monitoring the implementation of activities according to the Annual Implementation Plan of the ESCAMP.
- viii). Attend any meetings, discussions related to the activities undertaken under this sub-component at the local level and report PMU for further directions.
- ix). Coordinate and obtain required assistance and instructions from the technical staff of the ESCAMP, specially implementing community fencing program, livelihood development and nature based tourism development activities of the project.
- x). Preparation of status reports, progress reports and any other types of documents, including monitoring of all activities related to the Pilot project.
- xi). Assist Component Coordinator (1)/ESCAMP and other PMU staff or representatives in field visits, interviews, and other activities in the project sites related to the Project implementation.
- xii). Undertake other duties assigned by Project Director/ESCAMP and the Component Coordinator.

### 0.5 Expected key Outcomes

- i). Setting up of a **Landscape Management Committee** (For Hingurakgoda DS Division) represented by all key stake holders actively involved in planning and management of the landscape with the guidance of the PD/ESCAMP.
- ii. An electric fence constructed around the “**Kithuluthuwa**” village with the assistance of all stake holders to protect the cropping lands and their physical properties and lives.
- iii). Three Agro-wells constructed through the “**Thuruliya Prajamula Sanvidanaya**” (CBO) in the village, following the Government procedures and guidelines to irrigate their cropping lands.
- iv). Assist and guide in implementing 20 livelihood development sub projects proposed by the Buffer zone communities in the **Kithuluthuwa** village as alternative income generating means to minimize the illegal activities carrying out in adjoining forests.
- v). Coordinate and facilitate for implementing, Agriculture, Irrigation, Habitat management activities and Restoration programs implemented by other projects and institutions in the HDSD.

### 06. Academic Qualifications and Experience;

- a) The candidate should have Bachelor Degree (B.Sc/BA) or higher degree in Bioscience, Agriculture, Forestry, Environmental Science, Environmental Forestry, Sociology, Geography and at least 10 years experience in Forestry, Social Forestry, Community Development and implementation of Livelihood development actives in buffer zone villages of Protected Areas.
- b) At least 5 year proven experiences in coordination and close working relationship with Government Departments, Ministries, District/Divisional Secretaries, CBOs, NGOs and local communities.

### 07. Duration: Six (6) Months (Fulltime basis)

This will be a fulltime position. The service is initially for a six (6) Months and the contract is renewable subject to the requirement of the service and satisfactory performances.

**08. Location:** This is a field based position, and the candidate will have to be based within close proximity to Hingurakgoda DS Division in Pollonnaruwa District.

### 8.1. Methods of Hiring

The officer will be hired on individual contract basis selected through a structured interview.

The interested candidates should be submitted their updated Curriculum vitae with details of experiences related to the assignment in registered post or hand delivered, on or before **28<sup>th</sup> January 2021** to the following address. The candidates also could be emailed their CVs to address; **info@escamp.lk**.

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