

**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST**  
**Ecosystem Conservation and Management Project (ESCAMP)**  
**Ministry of Mahaweli Development and Environment**  
**Project ID: P 156021**  
**Credit No CREDIT NO. 5792 - LK**  
**Hiring of Individual Consultant for Continuous Social Impact**  
**Assessment (CSIA)**  
**CONTRACT NO: LK-ESCAMP-PMU-121932-CS-INDV**

1. The Government of Sri Lanka has received financing from the World Bank towards the cost of Ecosystem Conservation and Management Project (ESCAMP) implemented by the Ministry of Mahaweli Development and Environment.
2. The project development objective is to improve the management of ecosystems in selected locations of Sri Lanka for conservation and community benefits. At the national level, the project will develop the capacity of the key implementing agencies, the Department of Wildlife Conservation (DWC) and Forest Department (FD) to manage Protected areas more effectively.
3. The Project Management Unit (PMU) of ESCAMP now invites eligible Consultants with proven experience to undertake the assignment to conduct Continuous Social Impact Assessment (CSIA).
4. The Scope of the consultancy service comprises of;
  - I. Develop an assessment methodology including criteria for rating level of compliance at each key step in the safeguards management cycle for the sub-projects. Obtain PMU concurrence on the proposed assessment method and compliance rating.
  - II. Obtain the required information from the PMU, for the sample of sub projects selected to be reviewed under the assessment. This may include, but not be limited to, relevant plans, screening reports, social analysis, standalone Environmental and Social Management plans (ESMPs), monitoring and progress reports and completion reports.
  - III. Review the above documents for adequacy of contents, timeliness of submission for clearance, compliance with disclosure requirements and discuss with the sub project proponent as well as the surrounding community and visit the locations and environs of the sub project.
  - IV. Assess the implementation of the Social Management Framework (SMF) in general and any Indigenous Peoples' Plans in particular.
  - V. Assess each sub-project and their impacts on the communities separately, in particular the livelihood and general socio-economic impact and compare the initial Social Impact Assessment (SIA) conducted (if any). Assess the effectiveness of measures taken to improve incomes and livelihood.
  - VI. Assess the Human Elephant Co-Existence (HECOEX) pilots implemented and their impact on the affected communities – in particular the livelihood and general socio-economic impacts. Assess the effectiveness of measures taken to improve incomes and living standards.
  - VII. Assess the level and nature of community participation in sub-project implementation and the social inclusion of minorities/vulnerable/women in consultations and in distribution of sub-project benefits and compensations/livelihood restoration.
  - VIII. Assess the transparency and efficiency of the Grievance Redress Mechanism (GRM) under the project including review of issues, adequacy and speed of resolution, and satisfaction of complainants.
  - IX. Review compliance with social safeguard issues and general social impact in terms of gender, vulnerable groups, social exclusions, demographic change, and monitor/update the Project Risks and Mitigation Measures.
  - X. Examine the functioning of the GRM system at the site/project level and review the number and nature of grievances received and grievance resolution etc.

- XI. Highlight any deviation from guidelines, conditions and comments stipulated in the aforesaid documents and assist the sub project proponent to improve the social safeguards documents incorporating necessary mitigation measures.
- XII. Prepare a comprehensive report and present the findings to the Senior Management of the ESCAMP.

5.0 The intended consultancy period is for **03 months**.

6.0 Interested individuals should provide following information with sufficient proof of documents indicating that they are qualified to perform the consultancy service according to the given format in the web site [www.escamp.lk](http://www.escamp.lk) The TOR of the consultant and other information are uploaded in the website for references.

- a) Details of similar consultancy assignments successfully completed during last 05 years with client references with the size of consultancy contracts.
- b) Availability of other resources applicable for this assignment
- c) Any other related information/ documents

7.0 A consultant will be selected following **Individual Consultancy Selection** method in accordance with the procedures set out in the World Bank Guidelines for Selection and Employment of Consultants by World Bank Borrowers January 2011, revised July 2014.

8.0 Interested individual consultants may obtain further information from Environment and Social Safeguard Consultant, ESCAMP (Telephone: + 940112888426/7 ext 212 Fax : +94112888577 e-mail: [dun\\_fernando@yahoo.com](mailto:dun_fernando@yahoo.com) only working days between 0900-1500 hrs. For more information, please visit [www.escamp.lk](http://www.escamp.lk).

9.0 Expression of Interest including all requested information must be delivered in duplicate to the address given below on or before 1100 hrs on **05<sup>th</sup> September 2019**. Envelope containing the Expression of Interest should be marked "Expression of Interest – Hiring of Individual Consultant for Continuous Social Impact Assessment".

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**28<sup>th</sup> August 2019**