TERMS OF REFERENCE
Forestry Expert, Azerbaijan

1. POSITION: FORESTRY EXPERT, AZERBAIJAN

   Program title: “Improving Forest Law Enforcement and Governance (FLEG) in the European Neighbourhood Policy East Countries and Russia”

2. REPORTING RESPONSIBILITIES:

   Direct Reporting Line: ENPI/FLEG IUCN Program Consultant – Azerbaijan
   Reporting Area:
   - Issues pertaining to the IUCN ENPI-FLEG program implementation in Azerbaijan, with respect to unsustainable forest practices and illegal logging on rural population of Azerbaijan.
   - All administrative issues pertaining to these Terms of Reference.

3. LOCATION – Baku, Azerbaijan

4. DURATION – 6 months with likelihood of extension

5. STARTING – ASAP

6. BACKGROUND

   The European Commission financed European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument – Forest Law Enforcement and Governance (ENPI-FLEG) program will promote the development of improved forest law enforcement and governance arrangements in seven targeted countries: Armenia, Georgia, Azerbaijan, Moldova, Ukraine, Belarus and Russia. The program’s core funding is provided through a grant agreement from the European Commission to the World Bank. The program is being undertaken as a partnership among the World Bank, IUCN and WWF. Each of the three partnered program implementation organizations will be responsible for its own set of specified activities and deliverables. Three broad categories of stakeholder groups will be targeted by the program: government (line departments, parliamentarians, local authorities and the judiciary); civil society (NGOs, community organizations and forest-dependent communities); and the private sector (particularly timber companies). The program will define the policy, legal, institutional and economic obstacles to improved forest governance (including the control of illegal logging); test pilot innovative approaches to overcoming these obstacles; enhance the capacity of key stakeholders to implement forest governance reforms; and disseminate the lessons learned at national, regional and global levels. The program will also support the other regional Forest

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1 Direct reporting lines indicate those staff members providing direct supervision. Additional reporting lines indicate accountability for particular functions or areas of work. Consultation, information sharing and other relationship lines are not indicated, as they are likely to be numerous.
Law Enforcement and Governance official processes being organised by the World Bank and will contribute to the EU FLEGT Action Plan.

The program’s purpose is to contribute to ensuring that improved forest governance arrangements are in place in the forest sector and closely linked sectors through effective implementation of the ENA FLEG Ministerial Declaration (St. Petersburg Declaration 2005), involving governments, civil society and the private sector.

The program’s specific objective is to contribute to legal and sustainable forest management and utilization practices and improved local livelihoods in the six ENPI East countries plus Russia.

The program’s results will be:

Result 1: Increased awareness and commitment of key stakeholders on FLEG
Result 2: Effective national and regional FLEG action processes in place
Result 3: National ownership and capacity increased
Result 4: Improved regional and sub-regional collaboration and knowledge sharing
Result 5: Effective engagement of key trading partners
Result 6: Continuation of the formal official ENA FLEG process
Result 7: Sustainable forest management practices implemented

7. TASKS

7.1 General tasks

Under the direct supervision of the ENPI-FLEG Program Consultant – South Caucasus the Research Consultant will be responsible for studying and assessing the economic and social impact of inefficient and unsustainable forest practices and illegal logging on rural population of Azerbaijan; Preparing practical recommendations; Identifying suitable pilot areas for implementing small scale projects that aim to strengthen local capacity for improving possibilities for livelihood development; and for creating strategies to expand the scope for those projects. The study will include assessment of the current socio-economic situation in rural, forest dependent communities as well as assessing the volume of wood lost to poor utilization and illegal logging. The study will also include field work with interviews with local governments, local units of forestry administration, community organizations and forest-dependent communities, population and other stakeholder groups. In the process of preparing the inception and final reports stakeholder consultations will be required.

7.2 Specific tasks

- Knowing bases of fostering community forest policy;
- The availability and reliability of the data on current utilization and illegal logging by local populations;
- Economic and social impact analysis of illegal/uncontrolled logging and unsustainable forest management practices on rural population of Azerbaijan
- Legal basis, regulating the legal access to forest resources by local population;
- Secured land tenure and forest rights, rural poverty reduction;
- Methodology of conducting research.

Specific objective is respond to current demands of the countries in 1) elaboration of relevant to institutional, legal and technical set-up for community forest management, 2) awareness raising and capacity building of local communities and local authorities on sustainable forest management and 3) demonstration of best approaches/methods of immediate reforestation and landscape restoration in areas affected by land-slides, mudflows, avalanches and other natural disasters preventing measures.
For the implementation of all tasks and research, the Forestry Expert will be working in close cooperation with Consultant – Social Economic Analyses.