TERMS OF REFERENCE (TOR)

Research Consultant – Analytics

1. POSITION: ENPI/FLEG PROJECT - RESEARCH CONSULTANT - ANALYTICS IN RUSSIA

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

2. REPORTING RESPONSIBILITIES¹:

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3. LOCATION – Russia, Khabarovskiy or Primorskiy Krai

4. DURATION – 6 months with possible extension

5. STARTING – July 1, 2010

6. BACKGROUND

This project aims at supporting country-level implementation of the policy commitments of the 2005 St. Petersburg FLEG Ministerial Declaration in the Europe and North Asia (ENA) Region. This European Commission financed European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument – Forest Law Enforcement and Governance (ENPI-FLEG) project 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 project’s core funding is provided through a grant agreement from the European Commission to the World Bank. The project is being undertaken as a partnership among the World Bank, IUCN and WWF. IUCN and WWF will receive sub-grants from the World Bank and will be key implementation partners. Each of the three partnered project implementation organizations will be responsible for its own set of specified project activities and deliverables.

Three broad categories of stakeholder groups will be targeted by the project: 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).

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.
The project will define the policy, legal, institutional and economic obstacles to improved forest governance (including the control of illegal logging and support of creation conditions, needed for the legal forest resources usage, including local population and small business); 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 project will also contribute to the EU FLEGT Action Plan.

The project’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 project’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 project’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

Under the direct supervision of the ENPI-FLEG Country Program Coordinator and Project Consultant(s) the Consultant – Analyst will be responsible for participating in following work:

- Analytical study “The economic and social impact of inefficient, unsustainable forest practices and illegal logging” at the Russian Far East;

7.2 Specific tasks

Analytical study “The economic and social impact of inefficient, unsustainable forest practices and illegal logging” at the Russian Far East

- Summarize existing information about economic and social impact of inefficient, unsustainable forest practices and illegal logging at the Russian Far East, including results of timber flow balance assessments and remote sensing methods
- Prepare methodology and select field study points in the Russian Far East (including Khabarovskiy and Primorsky kray) for more in-depth analysis of:
  - Economic and social losses due existing regional systems of timber supply for needs of local population (for construction purposes and as fuel wood).
- Economic and social losses, related to the existing regional systems, which regulate non-timber products usage (berries, mushroom, nuts, etc.) for needs of local population.
- Economic and social losses due to legislative and administrative barriers for small business legal access to the forest resources (mandatory forest leasing for commercial gathering mushrooms and berries, trade and purchase of growing wood ban etc.).
- Economic and social consequences of state forest management reform - liquidation of leskhozes system (mass unemployment among former leskhoz workers, dramatic deterioration of state forest guard system etc.)

- Prepare results of summarizing and development of methodology in the form of working discussion paper and present this result at different program seminars and related events (seminar logistics and for printing discussion paper are not the part of this TOR and will covered by other sources)
- Coordinate this analytical study and field information gathering at the Russian Far East with other IUCN ENPI-FLEG activities in Russia, particularly assessment of safeguards of the rights of local communities and small businesses to forest resources use; setting up a system of regular surveys to monitor and review public opinion about law enforcement in Russian regions with a focus on rights of local communities and small businesses to forest resource use; assessing hurdles to forest use by local communities and small businesses (other than related to regulatory and legal framework, specifically - corruption, bureaucratization, organized crime, indifference of communities, social degradation, etc.) and testing practical approaches to remove administrative hurdles on the way to forest use by local communities and small businesses to establish constructive relations among forest managing entities and local communities, in pilot regions (support to pilot projects, legal education of local communities, experience exchange, etc.)
- Take part in regional coordination of analytical study in Russia work those in other ENPI-FLEG country plans (Belarus, Ukraine, Moldova, Georgia etc.)

Project planning, assessment and reporting
- Active participation in planning process on issues mentioned in part 7.2. of this TOR
- Providing accurate information and advice to the Program Consultant(s) in a timely manner so that all required technical and financial reports can be submitted;
- Support Program Consultants in facilitation of monitoring and evaluation of program progress, impacts and lessons learned.

Program Communications
- Work with the Program Consultant and the other IUCN Consultants to clearly communicate results, success stories and key messages from activities, related to this TOR, especially as concerned seminars and training and regional public opinion polls;
- Cooperate actively with other co-implementing organizations (WB and WWF) for clear, consistent and efficient communications.

Other
- As instructed by the Project Consultant, carry out any other appropriate associated work that may be requested to effectively perform the Project activities;
- For the implementation of all tasks, the Project Consultant will be working in close consultation with in-country Program Teams.

8. QUALIFICATIONS
The following specific qualifications must be met:
- University degree or higher;
• At least 5 years of scientific work on social and economic problems of the Russian forestry sector;
• At least 10 years of field work experience in the Russian Far East forests;
• Extensive list of publications in the relevant field (providing publications samples along with the cv is strongly desirable);
• Proven project work experience at the national/local, as well as international level in forest and conservation projects, including supervisory experience;
• Knowledge and understanding of the ENA-FLEG process;
• Knowledge of IUCN’s work globally and regionally;
• Capability personally or as team of consultants to organize study on social and economic problems in Russian forestry sector in Siberia and Far East, including field work;
• Ability to work under pressure, sometimes with extended hours, and to meet tight deadlines without compromising the quality of outputs;
• Ability to work as a part of the team and at the same time proven ability of autonomous work;
• Availability and willingness to travel mainly Russian Far East with occasional trips to European Russia and abroad.
• Ability to maintain confidentiality and use discretion when dealing with sensitive issues;
• Computer literacy, including MS Office, Skype, management of the e-mailing lists, small databases, etc.;
• Creative thinking and ability to take initiative;
• Cultural awareness and sensitivity to gender issues;
• Good knowledge of oral and written English is an asset.

9. Renumeration.

Will depend on qualifications and interview results and applicants qualifications.