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Terms of Reference

CONSULTANT FOR NATURAL RESOURCE ASSESSMENTS

1. PROJECT BACKGROUND

The Namibia Nature Foundation (NNF) is currently implementing the GIZ funded 'Support to Community Based Natural Resources Project'. This project is focused on assisting communal conservancies and community forests to improve internal governance, develop local value chains, reduce human wildlife conflict and adapt to climate change.

This particular consultancy is aimed at delivering at producing a natural resource assessment of two conservancies situated close to Khorixas, in the Kunene region.

The assessment will identify possible income generating opportunities in //Audi and !Khoru !Goreb conservancies. The assessment will be conducted in a participatory fashion and the consultant will engage with conservancy leadership in order to attempt to understand

2. RATIONALE FOR CONSULTANCY

The Namibian government has given conservancies certain user rights over natural resources however some conservancies have been unable to establish sustainable and long term business enterprises to best utilize and benefit from their natural resources.

//Audi and !Khoru !Goreb conservancies currently do not earn enough income to distribute benefits to conservancy members or to remunerate staff.

The rationale behind this consultancy is therefore to assist the two conservancies in identifying possible income generating opportunities based on the sustainable and ethical use of their natural resources through the development of a natural resources assessment. Once the assessment is produced, highlighting potential income generating streams, NNF field staff based in the region will assist the conservancies to implement specific follow-up actions identified in the report.

The overall goal is to help the two conservancies achieve financial sustainability through development and implementation of the identified income generating opportunities based on the recommendations from the natural resources assessment.

3. SPECIFIC TASKS OF THE CONSULTANT

- Preliminary desktop study on history of the two conservancies, the consultant will obtain as much information as possible around ecology of the conservancies and any previous natural resources related interventions either from the conservancies or from external parties
- Meet conservancy management committees from both conservancies.



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- Past, present and future situations pertaining to natural resources will be discussed during these two meetings.
- Site visits will take place wherein the consultant travels with key people to various sites identified.
- Travel to conservancy 'wildlife hotspots' in order to get an idea of wildlife prevalence in farming areas, if possible talk to some local farmers to get an idea of their attitude towards wildlife.
- Undertake a wider stakeholder consultation to include traditional authorities and relevant line Ministries, particularly the Ministry of Environment and Tourism, the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry and surrounding tourism establishments and bordering commercial farms.

4. EXPECTED DELIVERABLES

Create a comprehensive assessment for each conservancy. The assessment should include:

- Report on conservancy consultation
- Report on stakeholder consultation
- Recommendations and specific activities that could be undertaken by the conservancy and support organisations in order to facilitate outcomes recommended

5. CONSULTANCY DURATION

The anticipated duration of the consultancy is 10 days. Please note that the timeframe is indicative only and dependent on consultant's daily rate. Consultancies may be split into segments depending on specific activities.

6. CONSULTANT EXPERIENCE

The consultant should possess the following:

- Valid driver's licence
- Familiarity with the Namibian Community Based Natural Resource Management Programme
- Experience in conducting similar field-based consultations
- Good report writing skills
- Experience in tourism, agriculture, wildlife management and rural entrepreneurship projects. Ideally the consultant will have experience in all or a combination of the aforementioned specialities