

Short-term Consultancy: TA to Development and Drafting the 2nd National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan

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TABI is a long term commitment by the Lao Government and the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) which seeks to conserve, enhance and manage the biological diversity found in farming landscapes in order to improve the livelihoods of upland farm families in northern Laos. During its first phase (2009-2012) TABI is geographically focusing on Luang Prabang and Xieng Khouang Provinces in the north of Laos.



Under the Agrobiodiversity Initiative (TABI), funded by SDC and implemented by Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry and Ramboll Natura AB, IUCN Lao PDR, in partnership with DoF and DFRC, is contracted to implement Outcome 1: "Effective Governance of the Convention on Biological Diversity in Lao PDR".

IUCN Lao PDR and DoF seek to recruit a highly motivated and competent Lao national or foreigner for the position of **Short-term Consultant: TA to the development and drafting of the 2nd National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (NBSAP)**. The assignment requires two months (45 days) of work to spread out over a five month period, and it is likely this input will be provided through three site visits to Vientiane with the rest of the time spent working remotely.

The **NBSAP consultant** will report to the CBD National Focal Point at DoF, the head of the Division of Forest Resource Conservation, the TABI CTA Team Leader, the TABI MAF/DoP Coordinator and IUCN Lao PDR.

Main Duties:

- Seek and present examples of NBSAPs from other relevant countries;
- Draft a proposed Format or Outline for the 2nd NBSAP and prepare a workplan for development of 2nd NBSAP;
- Assist and provide technical backstopping to IUCN and DoF in the implementation of this 2nd NBSAP development work plan;
- As the NBSAP assignments delegated to the technical GoL working groups, provinces and other stakeholders are submitted, compile them into progressive drafts on the 2nd NBSAP document itself;
- Work closely with IUCN and DoF to draft the NBSAP in two languages, English and Lao;
- Participate in and present at the stakeholder workshop to discuss the full draft NBSAP;
- With assistance from the IUCN team, improve and finalize the NBSAP for submission to the government.

Required Skills:

- A University degree in natural sciences, livelihoods and development (agriculture, forestry, conservation biology etc.)
- Ability to draft clear strategy and action plan documents, related to ABD, biodiversity and/or natural resources management;
- Good communication skills, and excellent English writing skills;
- Lao Language ability a definite advantage.

Essential Experience

- Experience in the field implementation of programs and projects related to agro-biodiversity, natural resources management and rural livelihoods;
- Understanding/experience working with Multilateral environmental Agreements (MEAs), preferably CDB and NBSAPs
- Understanding/experience in policy framework related to biodiversity management and conservation in Laos, similar countries or SE Asia;

Interested candidates should request the full ToR and then send a letter of interest, CV and two references (including their position title and contact information) by 20th August 2010 to the following address: IUCN Lao Country Office, 082/01 Fa Ngum Road, Ban Watt Chan, P.O. Box 4340, Vientiane, Lao PDR, Tel: 021 216401, fax: 021 216127, email: thatsany.sengphachanh@iucn.org

Only short-listed candidates will be contracted for interview.

Deadline: Friday, 29 July, 2011

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