



**Terms of Reference for the recruitment of a consultant to carry out a Review and Analysis of
ESIAs and ESMPs of selected infrastructure, extractive and agro-industrial projects in the Campo
Ma'an Technical Operations Unit**

Context and Justification

Cameroon within the framework of its development strategy envisaged in its 2035 Development Vision that is geared towards ensuring Cameroon becomes an emerging economy by 2035 is determined to develop structural economic and development projects to pivot this growth. One of the key economic poles in this development strategy is Kribi area in the South Region. Though Cameroon's key touristic destinations as a result of its sandy beaches, Kribi is fast transforming into an industrial hub with the construction of a deep sea and industrial port complex. Apart from its touristic and economic potential which include rich agricultural lands, minerals and other natural resources, the landscape also harbors rich biodiversity with the presence of the Campo Ma'an National Park.

This Park was created in 1999 by the Government of Cameroon as a biodiversity offset of the Chad – Cameroon oil pipeline project but with the area increasingly being transformed into an industrial hub, there are fears that the Park's integrity as well as the security of its great apes population will come under serious threats. Within and around the Park's periphery are industrial and infrastructural projects ranging from the Kribi deep sea and industrial port complex, the Kribi Power Development Corporation (KPDC) natural gas plant, the Memve'ele hydropower dam, the SINOSTEELCAM Mt Mamelle iron ore exploration project, the HEVECAM and SOCAPALM plantations, the planned construction of the railway terminal from Mbalam to transport iron ore as well as the mineral port terminal. Majority of these projects like the Port, the Kribi-Lolabe double carriage highway, etc. are financed through concessional loans from the China Exim bank and constructed by Chinese companies.

According to Cameroon's environmental management legislation all projects likely to have an impact on the environment or people must be subjected to an environmental and social impact assessment with an accompanying environmental and social management plan. While it could be asserted that majority of the industrial and infrastructural projects around the Kribi – Campo Ma'an landscape have elaborated their ESIAs and accompanying ESMPs, most of these ESIAs were developed once the political decision for the realization of the project has been made and the development of ESIAs and ESMPs became merely an issue of respecting the law.

A Regional Environmental Assessment was however conducted for the Kribi Area in 2008 ordered by the National Hydrocarbon Corporation SNH. This regional assessment was focused on energy related project activities which then included the Sanaga Sud offshore gas exploitation and related onshore gas treatment

plant, the power plant and transmission line and the ongoing oil exploitation activities – the Chad-Cameroon Oil Pipeline and the Ebombe oil exploitation platform. The key objective of the REA was to look beyond the environmental, health and socio-economic impacts of these projects with specific focus on analyzing the direct, induced and cumulative environmental and social impacts in the Kribi region from existing projects, projects under construction and planned within a 10 to 15 year time frame. It is not very certain that the different plenitude of projects initiated by Government even considered the REA which though limited in scope at the time of design and implementation could serve as possible framework on which to base their individual projects' ESIA's.

WWF Cameroon within the framework of its project on reducing the Impact of China's Industrial and Infrastructure Development on Great Ape Conservation in the Congo Basin seeks to recruit a consultant to review against a set of benchmark of acceptable standards on Strategic Environmental and Social Assessment and environmental and social impact assessment, selected infrastructural and related projects in the Kribi region. It is expected that the evaluation will be based on the ESIA's and ESMP's of the selected projects to articulate gaps including non-consideration of cumulative impacts especially on the Campo Ma'an National Park and great apes.

Expected outcomes:

Based on selected ESIA's and ESMP's of some key industrial and infrastructural projects in the landscape consultant is expected to;

- Build scenarios based on gap analysis drawn from the ESIA's and ESMP's of selected projects in the Region to analyse impacts of ongoing and planned economic development; providing recommendations to achieve best case scenarios and offsets for residual impacts

To achieve these expected outcomes, the consultant will also be expected to produce the following in complementarity to the gap analysis and scenario building;

- A database of all industrial and agro-industrial projects within the landscape
- An analysis of the potential impacts of the different industrial development on conservation of great apes and integrity of the Park
- Demonstrate how the ongoing regional land use planning process for the South takes into consideration
- The gap analysis of existing ESIA and ESMP of selected projects to

Essential background document in addition to the selected ESIA's/ESMP's of selected projects;

1. Regional Environmental Assessment (REA) of the Kribi Region
2. The Campo Ma'an Management Plan
3. The Government Growth and Employment Strategy Paper and 2035 Development Vision

Profile of Consultant:**Required Qualifications and Experience:**

- The consultant must have at least a Master's degree in environmental management, environmental law or in any related field. A terminal degree in any of the above mentioned fields will be an added advantage
- At least 20 years' experience working on environmental impact assessment and other related areas of natural resources and environmental management
- Have a good mastery of the legal, policy and institutional framework relating to environmental and social impact assessment in Cameroon
- The consultant must be available and free from other engagements during the consultancy period
- Perfect mastering of French and English

Composition of Application File:

- A cover letter indicating your interest to take up this assignment
- Curriculum vitae (CV)
- A technical proposal which should consist of the facilitation methodology as well
- A financial offer indicating the unit price per man day

N.B: These documents should be sent as a single document in PDF

How to apply?

Email your cover letter, CV and technical and financial proposals to recruit-cam@wwfcam.org and copy DHalleson@wwfcam.org.

The email subject should read: *Consultant_ESIA/ESMP Evaluation*

Deadline for applications:

14 days following publication