

TERMS OF REFERENCE:

RECRUITMENT OF A CONSULTANT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A TRAINING
PROGRAM ON THE ECONOMIC VALUE OF BIODIVERSITY IN CENTRAL AFRICA

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1. BACKGROUND AND JUSTIFICATION

The Network of Forest and Environmental Training Institutions of Central Africa (RIFFEAC), is the technical partner of the Commission of Central African States (COMIFAC) for the implementation of the sub regional convergence axis plan, on training and research for the Forest - Environment sector. The RIFFEAC is a platform for collaboration between some twenty (20) forestry and environmental training institutions in nine (9) COMIFAC countries. It is responsible for updating and harmonizing the training programs provided in the sub region regarding the Forest-Environment sector and making available, better-performing staff to fill the gap between the skills required and the job offers in the sub-region. In August 2014, with funding from the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), RIFFEAC and the U.S. Forest Service Office of International Programs (USFS-IP) agreed to translate natural resources planning guides into training programs. Following the success of this first collaboration, RIFFEAC agreed to provide its expertise for the development of an additional module on human rights and ethics for protected area management.

The loss of natural resources and of certain ecosystem services (overexploited fishery resources, soil erosion and salinization following deforestation, pollination and soil fertility reduction, etc.) has a high economic, social and health cost, difficult to quantify.

Given the global developments in environmental rights and the climate change issues due to the increasingly frequent obligations to avoid, reduce and compensate for the negative impacts of human actions on biodiversity it gradually appears to have ethical, equitable and exchange values in monetary equivalence. The services rendered by biodiversity are becoming better understood but remain difficult to quantify and monetarize. Several economists seek to apply different methods to estimate the economic value of a good (or a service), which is often measured according to a utility criterion, and more difficult to contribute to the well-being of people and the overall health it provides to the individual.

It is in this context that RIFFEAC in partnership with USFS is looking for a consultant whose main mission will be to suggest orientations which can be used academically to provide a basis for reflection on the real value of biodiversity.

OBJECTIVES OF THE MISSION

The purpose of this mission is to develop an academic training module focused on the economic values of biodiversity.

The specific objectives assigned to this mission are as follows:



- Provide theoretical and practical orientations on the importance of biodiversity
- Design a training module on the economic value of biodiversity to be included in academic training programs
- Propose a strategy for integrating these programs into the curricula of forestry and environmental training institutions in Central Africa

2. CONTENT OF THE MISSION

The expected training program must be up-to-date, and include the progress observed at the international level, while considering the specificities and realities of the countries of the sub-region. It must be simple but relevant, consistent and coherent to permit easy usage by teachers and trainers.

3. SCHEDULES AND EXPECTED DOCUMENTS

The consultant will produce a training program entitled "The economic value of biodiversity training module" before the 31 of May 2020.

Fees (lump sums) and payment modalities

Fees for this consultation will be discussed between the two parties before the contract is signed. The payment of the fees will be made upon deposit of all expected deliverables. RIFFEAC shall pay to the Consultant the amount of agreed fees within fifteen (15) days after the submission of the deliverables, and upon presentation of the invoices.

4. EXECUTION AND SUPERVISION OF THE MISSION

The present mission will be carried out in 25 days by a consultant in accordance with these terms of reference, and sub-regional guidelines and policies for training in Central Africa.

The results proposed will be examined during the validation workshop with the participation of the Consultant. The comments and observations made to this effect must be incorporated into the submitted document in order to produce the final version.

The consultant will work under the technical and administrative supervision of RIFFEAC and will ensure compliance with the policies and strategies of the Partners involved in the forestry and environmental training policy in the Congo Basin.

5. PROFILE OF CANDIDATE

Interested candidates must meet the following criteria:



- Holder of a Master's Degree in Forestry / environmental sciences or any equivalent degree;
- Demonstrate good knowledge in the domain of forestry, sustainable management of natural resources and conservation of biodiversity.
- Demonstrate experience of working in forest programs / projects aimed at sustainable management of natural resources.
- Have a good capacity to analyze and write technical and academic documents
- Should have at least ten (08) years' experience in training and capacity building;
- Demonstrate proven work experience in the technical development of professional and academic training programs;
- Have a good capacity to analyze and write technical and academic documents.

6. COMPOSITION OF FILE AND TERMS OF SUBMISSION

Interested candidates should submit their application by email to: secretariat@riffec.org and olivier.sene@fs-ip.us with the mention "The economic value of biodiversity training module" before the **20th of march at 12:00 pm latest.**

The application should include:

Technical submission:

- A note presenting the applicant's understanding of the mission
- its methodology and work plan
- with a chronogram as well as any comments on the terms of reference of the mission.
- A detailed curriculum vitae containing information showing that the applicant has the required qualifications, experience and abilities for the task
- List of references of similar services and comparable mission experiences;

Financial submission:

The financial submission should include:

- signed letter of submission including the submission offer
- Detailed costs of the submissions