



Terms of Reference

Supporting Country Action on CBD Programme of Work on Protected Areas

Background

The Convention on Biological Diversity, commonly referred to as the Biodiversity Treaty, was one of two major treaties opened for signature at the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED) in 1992. The treaty defines biodiversity as "the variability among living organisms from all sources including, terrestrial, marine and other aquatic ecosystems and the ecological complexes of which they are part; this includes diversity within species, between species and of ecosystems.

The Conference of Parties of the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity, at its 7th meeting in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia in February 2004, adopted an ambitious Programme of Work on Protected Areas (PoWPA) aiming at increasing the number of Protected Areas (PA) and ensuring that PAs should be designed and located in the best places to conserve biodiversity and that this should be determined by a multi-stakeholder process. The central objective of Program of Work on Protected Areas is the establishment and maintenance of comprehensive, effectively managed, and ecologically representative national and regional systems of protected areas by 2010 for terrestrial and by 2012 for marine areas.

MoU between the Government of Nepal (Ministry of Forest and Soil Conservation/Department of National Parks and Wildlife Conservation) and United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS) was signed on December 3, 2008 to implement the project "support for developing the Country Action on CBD Programme of Work on Protected Areas". The Project is being implemented by the Department of National Parks and Wildlife Conservation (DNPWC) and National Trust for Nature Conservation (NTNC).

Objective

This work is expected prepare training manuals for protected area staff and members of the buffer zone committees. The specific objectives include:

- Assessment of training needs focusing on:
 - Developing central MIS system,
 - Business planning capacity in order to ensure better financing of PAs,
 - Social interaction with local people in order to improve conflict resolution skills, and
 - Knowledge of Nepal laws and enforcement methods in PAs.

- Preparation of training manuals to conduct training in:
 - Developing central MIS system,
 - Developing capacity on business planning in order to ensure better financing of PAs,
 - Improving conflict resolution skills, and
 - Enhancing knowledge of Nepal laws and enforcement methods in PAs.
- Development of training plan.
- Development of training evaluation plan.

Methodology

- Review of training need assessments made so far (in English),
- Conduct workshop(s) to identify current training needs (in Nepali),
- Consultation with key stakeholders of the concerned Government and CBO organizations, experts on related fields.

Expected outcomes

- Training need assessments carried out for the PAs of Nepal as mentioned earlier (in English),
- Training Manual for PA staff and buffer zone committees members developed in above mentioned areas (in Nepali),
- A training plan for the coming 1.5 years developed (in Nepali),
- Evaluation guideline developed to evaluate the trainings conducted (in Nepali).

Team composition and proposal type

A team of experts in trainings related to the field of PA system, biodiversity conservation, habitat management, data collection and use in MIS, tourism, buffer zone management, livelihood etc. will be eligible to apply for the proposed work. The team should also have experts having international experience in the related field.

The proposal should contain brief introduction, objective, clear methodology and detail breakdown of the budget required to perform above mentioned tasks and action plan.

Submission of the final report:

The team of experts will produce a draft report within the prescribed time frame and present the outcome of the study to stakeholders at various levels, group of concerned specialists and concerned government institutions.

The final report will have to be submitted incorporating all comments and suggestions by the end of June, 2009

Deliverables:

- 4 hard copies of the reports.
- 4 CD or DVD format disks of the report in MS Word format.

The proposal should be submitted to the reception desk of National Trust for Nature Conservation (Tel: 5526571/5526573), Jawalakhel, Lalitpur by 17:00 hrs of April 2, 2009. This TOR is also available in NTNC's website: <http://www.ntnc.org.np>