



Government of Nepal

Strengthening the Institutional Capacity of SAWEN for Coordinated and Organized Approaches to Combat Wildlife Crime in South Asia

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Conduct a regional political economy analysis on wildlife crime

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BACKGROUND

Illegal trade in wildlife species and their parts is a global phenomenon that shows an increasing trend. Poaching and international trafficking of endangered species ranks among the largest of crimes, representing tens of billions of dollars per year. As a result this has become one of the key threats to the survival of the species. United Nations sixty-ninth session of the General Assembly also expressed concern about the increasing scale of poaching and illegal trade of wildlife and wildlife products and its adverse economic, social, and environmental impacts. The South Asia faces the same misfortune from the deep rooted wildlife crime. It evades through porous border, weak law enforcement, and poor coordination across the administrative/political boundary. Therefore, there is a need of trans-boundary cooperation, coordination and integrated actions to make the wildlife crime control efforts fruitful. The UN General Assembly has also welcomed the efforts of and cooperation between intergovernmental organizations aimed at preventing and fighting illicit trafficking in wildlife. Considering the growing global concern and urgency of combating wildlife crime from the South Asia region, South Asia Wildlife Enforcement Network (SAWEN) was formally launched in 2011 as an intergovernmental law enforcement support body of eight countries of South Asia; Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka. SAWEN promotes regional cooperation to curb wildlife crime in the region and works through its Secretariat in Kathmandu, Nepal. Owing to the urgent need of combating the region's illegal wildlife trade and eliminating illicit demand through bilateral/regional mechanisms, the SAWEN Secretariat is fostering collaboration among the member countries to tackle various aspects of wildlife crime.

The Government of Nepal has received grant financing from the World Bank's Institutional Development Fund (IDF) for the project entitled 'Strengthening Institutional Capacity of SAWEN to Combat Wildlife Crime'. The National Trust for Nature Conservation serves as the Project Coordination Unit (PCU) for the project. Therefore, the PCU-NTNC together with the SAWEN Secretariat intends to hire an individual consultant to undertake the following task that will assist the Secretariat in institutional development of SAWEN. The task is listed below.

Conduct a regional political economy analysis on wildlife crime

This analysis will employ a political economic perspective in trying to understand the phenomenon of wildlife crime, its effects, and its quick emergence in areas with a power vacuum, including those of many transition economies and in defining key elements of wildlife crime. The analysis will draw upon recent political economics research on wildlife crime, but will also refer to much work from other social sciences. After providing a sense

of how wide-spread wildlife crime in the region is, the analysis will describe the conditions that typically lead to its emergence. They include transitional times following significant regime change and revolutions, the legal prohibition of wildlife commodities in high demand, and geographic and social distance from the centres of political decision-making. The study will review the internal organization, market structure, and welfare effects of wildlife crime. Because the conditions that lead to wildlife crime can never be completely eliminated, the analysis will come up with clear recommendations with arguments to control wildlife crime in the region. The analysis should try to distinguish reality from rhetoric; ways to professionalizing the law enforcement agencies; discussion of the issue of prohibition; the incorporation of affected communities into the mainstream; and the process to transnational cooperation and governance.

OBJECTIVES

The development objective of this project is to strengthen the institutional capacity of SAWEN through its Secretariat and its focal points in the member countries for coordinated and organized approaches to combat wildlife crime in South Asia. Specifically, this assignment intends to:

- Conduct a regional political economy analysis on wildlife crime

A key process of achieving the objectives identified above includes review, study, assessment, and adequate consultations with focal persons, government line agencies, concerned wildlife law enforcement agencies or civil society groups from the member countries and other key stakeholders such as ASEAN-WEN, GTF, GTI, CBD, CITES, LATF, CAWEN, INTERPOL-ENS and SAARC Forestry Program. It also involves distilling best practices and lessons from other countries and institutions in order to strengthen SAWEN.

SCOPE OF WORK

The main objective of the consultancy service is to strengthen the institutional capacity of SAWEN through its Secretariat and its focal points in the member countries for coordinated and organized approaches to combat wildlife crime in South Asia. The Government of Nepal, through the PCU-NTNC is seeking a qualified and an experienced consultant to provide Technical Assistance to achieve the objective stated above. The selected consultant will report to the Chief Enforcement Coordinator (CEC) of the SAWEN Secretariat and Project Chief of PCU-NTNC. The consultant is expected to review, analyze and consolidate all the available information pertaining to wildlife conservation and wildlife crime, and undertake surveys and consultations with the member countries and other relevant stakeholders as necessary to achieve the expected deliverables. The consultant will share

the report of findings at the regional level through the SAWEN Secretariat to incorporate comments and feedbacks from the reviewers into the final report.

This task includes undertaking a politico-economic analysis of wildlife crime in the member countries and beyond especially focusing on major source, sink, and transit countries. This analysis specifically answers several key questions that pertain to social, political and economic dynamics associated with wildlife crime. To achieve the objective, specific activities and key deliverables are listed below.

- (i) Analyse political, social, and economic aspects of member countries and beyond relating to wildlife sector to answer background propelling factors that drive wildlife crime activities and current scenario of protection and enforcement;
- (ii) Consultations with CEC and focal persons of SAWEN, regional wildlife experts and officials of regional wildlife law enforcement agencies either by in person interview or by electronic communication;
- (iii) The socio-politico-economic analysis of wildlife crime should specifically answer the following key questions:
 - What aspects of the socio-political economy of the wildlife sectors are having the largest effect on the enforcement of existing laws against the unlawful trade?
 - Which of the many proposed policy measures to halt the rapid rise in wildlife crime could be feasibly and successfully implemented, given the socio-political economy of the wildlife sector?
 - How would the costs of these measures be financed and who would bear the opportunity cost of foregone revenue?
 - What would be the poverty and social impacts of such policy measures if they were to be implemented?
- (iv) Recommend a process to guide the member countries on future mapping of social, economic and political dynamics; the actors who wield this power and incentives that can transform it; and the management of wildlife at the same time; and
- (v) Develop a final report by incorporating comments and feedback from the reviewers.

DELIVERABLES

The consultancy firm will provide the following deliverable to PCU-NTNC.

Reports – one original hard copy and electronic copy of the analysis report within two weeks after completion of the tasks.

Final Report – three original hard copies and an electronic copy.

QUALIFICATION AND SKILL

In order to perform these tasks, incumbent must be a senior professional with strategic vision, managerial and operational experience. S/he should have the following experience and qualifications:

- At least a Master's Degree and 10 years of demonstrated experience working in biodiversity conservation with focus on wildlife crime with proven experience in socio-politico-economic analysis of emerging and developing economies.
- Proven track record of successfully completed at least 3 such projects.
- The consultant should have working experience of at least one relevant project in South Asia with good knowledge on wildlife and wildlife crime issues.
- It is preferable that the consultant have associates or contact persons in the member countries.
- Proven ability to write and present in an international standard.

ELIGIBLE CRITERIA

- The consultant should not have been convicted of any criminal offence related to professional conduct, corruption, or the making of false statements or misrepresentations as to its qualifications to enter into a procurement contract within a period of three years preceding the commencement of the procurement proceedings;
- The consultant should not been blacklisted or debarred by Public Procurement, Government, Semi-Government, Private, Autonomous body or any other international organization;
- The consultant should not have a conflict of interest in the procurement requirement.

APPROACH AND METHODS

To achieve the aforementioned objectives, the consultant is expected to use a combination methods including but not limited to review, study, consultations, research, and analysis to complete the consulting services. A variety of broadly conceived opportunities and alternatives based on studies at national and international levels shall be considered.

In all aspects of this study, the consultant shall closely work with the PCU-NTNC, the SAWEN Secretariat and focal persons of the member countries to ensure that requirements are understood, to promote synergy, and to ensure that cross-study issues are

appropriately addressed and options are recommended. The consultant will work under the overall supervision of the PCU-NTNC team in Kathmandu. The consultant shall propose the precise combination of methods to undertake the task.

DUTY STATION

The consultant is supposed to perform their work from their own office with travel as deemed by the assignment. Agreed international travel costs related to the assignment will be covered and managed by PCU-NTNC.

IDENTIFICATION OF RISKS

The consultant should withhold information where that information may place them at risk and take necessary measures to protect them from placing themselves at risk.

TIMELINE AND PAYMENT SCHEDULE

The consultant is expected to apply a level of coordinated effort with the key stakeholders while analysing the political, social and economic aspects of member countries and assessing current scenarios of protection and enforcement of wildlife crime activities over a period of 120 working days spread over 6 months from the date of signing the contract. The delivery and payment schedule, subject to each milestone being formally accepted by the PCU-NTNC, is as follows. All the applicable taxes will be deducted at the source.

Milestone	Timeline	Payment schedule (% of total)
An inception report with a proposed plan of actions	2 weeks	20%
Delivery of the draft report	Month 05	50%
Delivery of final completion report (only after approval from the client)	Month 06	30%
TOTAL		100%

Annex I

FORMAT OF CURRICULUM VITAE (CV) FOR PROFESSIONAL

1.	Name			
2.	Date of Birth		Nationality	

3. Education

Year	Degree Obtained	College/University

4. Relevant Publications:

5. Employment Records:

Starting with present position, list in reverse order every employment held. List all positions held by staff member since graduation, giving dates, names of employing organizations, titles of positions held, and locations of assignments. For experience in last ten years, also give types of activities performed and client references, where appropriate.

6. Detailed Tasks Assigned:

7. Work undertaken that best illustrates capacity to handle the tasks assigned.

Name of Assignment		
Year	Start date	End date
Location		
Client		
Main Project Features		
Position Held		
Activities Performed		

8. Training:

9. Languages:

[For each language indicate proficiency: excellent, good, fair, or poor in speaking, reading, and writing.]

10. Certification:

I, the undersigned, certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief, this CV correctly describes myself, my qualifications, and my experience. I understand that any misstatement described may lead to my disqualification or dismissal, If engaged.

----- *Date:* -----

[Signature of consultant]

Day/Month/Year