

Request for Proposal

Consultancy: Biodiversity Baseline Study

Conservation International Suriname (CI Suriname) is looking for a consultant for a **Biodiversity Baseline Study in Tepu** to execute project activities for a period of 6 weeks. For a potential Conservation Agreement, including a sustainable ornamental fisheries project in Tepu it is necessary to establish a Biodiversity Baseline of the village area to set the stage for effective conservation actions and benefits in the context of the TWTIS program. This Biodiversity Baseline Study will be used to measure the effectiveness of the implemented conservation actions.

The objective of the consultancy is to gather the necessary ecological baseline information and the development of an ecological monitoring protocol to facilitate the measurement of the effectiveness of conservation actions and sustainable development interventions on community level.

Timeline & Deliverables

#	Activity	Deliverables/reports	Due dates
1	Submit Workplan	Workplan explaining how to conduct the study	October 23, 2020
2	Prepare and conduct field activities in Tepu	Training of at least 6 field assistants for data gathering Field data gathering protocol Final data collected and analysis Draft Report	November 3, 2020
3	Draft a final report and a summary report which will be translated into Trio for the community	Submit final Report including protocol for field data gathering	November 30, 2020

Requirements

Applicant should meet the following requirements:

- A relevant Bachelor's degree or higher in a biological, environmental or agricultural science
- A minimum of five (5) years' experience in Biodiversity Baseline Assessments with local communities in Suriname
- Dutch and English proficiency, both in speaking and writing
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Selection Criteria

- Overall quality of CV and Cover Letter – 3 pts
- Education Requirement - 3 pts
- Work Experience Requirement- 3 pts
- Strong biodiversity field data gathering skills including the ability to effectively convey complex details or technical information - 3 pts
- Experience with similar projects- 3 pts
- Understanding of the challenges and cultural background of Indigenous communities and the use of ecosystem services by indigenous communities - 3 pts
- English proficiency, both in speaking and writing - 3 pts
- Highly familiar employing cultural awareness and sensitivity - 3 pts
- Comprehensive technical proposal on how to conduct biodiversity baseline studies and community- based biodiversity monitoring- 3 pts
- Budget – 3 pts

Interested?

Applications should be sent, in English, to ci-suriname@conservation.org on or before 25 September 2020 by 4PM. Please specify "Biodiversity Baseline Study Tepu Consultancy + Your Name" in the subject line. Applications should include:

- (i) A resume of the applicant providing detailed information on the criteria listed in the "selection criteria" section of the RFP
- (ii) A minimum of five (5) years' experience with Biodiversity Baseline studies with local communities in Suriname
- (iii) Provide two studies or reports for similar work performed by the consultant in the past
- (iv) Budget according to the activities, deliverables and estimated timeline

Applicants who submitted complete applications and are selected for an interview will be contacted. Questions and clarifications regarding the consultancy may be addressed no later than 24 September, 2020 to the Technical Manager; Ms. Eryln Power by e-mail: epower@conservation.org.