

## Request for Proposal

### Consultancy: Feasibility Study Climate Finance and Biodiversity Mechanism in Suriname

Conservation International Suriname (CI Suriname) is looking for a consultant for a **Feasibility Study Climate Finance and Biodiversity Mechanism in Suriname** to execute project activities for a period of 6 months.

The main objective of this consultancy is to develop a feasibility study for a carbon tax with links to Natural Climate Solutions (NCS) in Suriname, to explore its potential and make recommendations as to a preliminary design of the tax. The study should focus on the revenues from the carbon tax linked to defined conservation activities that promote and invest in NCS, such as, but not limited to

- support of domestic nature-based conservation, mitigation and adaptation efforts
- readiness efforts for the generation of carbon offsetting projects
- other government priorities

#### Timeline & Deliverables

#	Activity	Deliverables/reports	Due dates
1	Submit Workplan	Workplan including policy recommendations addressing the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. What should be the tax policy objective?</li> <li>b. What should be covered by the tax and who should be obliged to pay? Should there be exemptions?</li> <li>c. What could be a price and what's the rationale for that?</li> <li>d. What should be the point of regulation (where the tax should be applied)?</li> <li>e. What would be a proper way to monitor and verify the implementation of the carbon tax policy?</li> <li>f. What could be the revenue objective of the tax and how should the collected revenue be used?</li> <li>g. What are some possible unintended consequences of the carbon tax and which could be provisions to manage this risk?</li> </ol>	October 15, 2021
2	Submit Draft Report	Draft Report, regarding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A document with a preliminary analysis for an offshore oil extraction tax:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Policy objectives and national circumstances</li> <li>ii. Sectoral specific rationale and contributions</li> <li>iii. Assessment of potential tax revenues over time</li> <li>iv. Nature Resources/conservation uses and outcomes</li> <li>v. Tax Structure and Governance</li> <li>vi. Proposed tax design and implementation mechanisms</li> <li>vii. Required capacity building efforts.</li> </ol> </li> <li>- Recommendations as to what legal measures are required to enable the creation of the tax and if applicable the use and transfer of carbon credits.</li> <li>- Recommendations as to how can natural climate solutions (NCS) be included in the carbon tax, including exploring the inclusion of NCS offsets and the use of collected revenues for NCS.</li> </ul>	January 02, 2022
3	Submit final report	Final comprehensive report incorporating feedback from CI	March 31, 2022

#### Requirements

Applicant should meet the following requirements:

- Have legal expertise in tax policy in Suriname.
- Preferably have experience in the design of carbon pricing mechanisms or similar financial mechanisms in the region.
- Have working fluency in English and Dutch.
- Have proven experience engaging with the government and private sector in Suriname for policy development.

#### Selection Criteria

- Overall quality of CV and Cover Letter – 3 pts
- Education Requirement - 3 pts
- Work Experience Requirement- 3 pts
- Strong communication and presentation skills including the ability to effectively convey complex details or technical information - 3 pts
- Experience with similar projects- 3 pts

- Experience in the design of carbon pricing mechanisms or similar financial mechanisms in the region - 3 pts
- English and Dutch proficiency, both in speaking and writing - 3 pts
- Highly familiar in engaging with the government and private sector in Suriname for policy development - 3 pts
- Comprehensive proposal on how to conduct feasibility studies on carbon tax - 3 pts
- Budget – 3 pts

**Interested?**

Proposals submitted in response to this RFP shall be prepared in English and shall be submitted via email to [ci-suriname@conservation.org](mailto:ci-suriname@conservation.org) no later than **27 September 2021 by 4 PM**. Please specify "Consultancy: Feasibility Study Climate Finance and Biodiversity Mechanism in Suriname + Your name" in the subject line.

Applications should include:

- A resume of the applicant providing detailed information on the criteria listed in the "selection criteria" section of the RFP.
- A cover letter demonstrating a solid understanding and ability to deliver the requirements of this consultancy.
- Budget according to the activities, deliverables and estimated timeline.

Please do not send information not requested (e.g. copies of diplomas and certificates). Only applicants providing all information requested, who possess all the essential skills and competences, and are selected for interview will be contacted.