

REPUBLIQUE DU CAMEROUN
Paix – Travail – Patrie

MINISTERE DE L'ENVIRONNEMENT,
DE LA PROTECTION DE LA NATURE
ET DU DEVELOPPEMENT DURABLE

CONVENTION SUR LA DIVERSITE BIOLOGIQUE

PROTOCOLE DE NAGOYA SUR APA

DIRECTION NATIONALE DU PROJET APA



REPUBLIC OF CAMEROON
Peace – Work – Fatherland

MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT,
PROTECTION OF NATURE AND
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

CONVENTION ON BIODIVERSITY

NAGOYA PROTOCOL ON ABS

NATIONAL DIRECTORATE OF ABS PROJECT



CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

No. **00016** /CFEI/MINEPDED/CBD/NP-ABS/PND.

RELATED TO THE RECRUITMENT OF FOUR (04) CONSULTANTS FOR THE PROJECT:

“GEF Project ID 10850: Support to Nagoya protocol implementation, research and development, on Biodiversity value chain for small holders in the South-West and Far North Regions of Cameroon.”

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization is an international agreement that aims to ensure that the benefits arising from the use of genetic resources are shared fairly and equitably with the countries and communities that provide them.

The Project titled “Support to Nagoya Protocol Implementation, Research and Development, on Biodiversity Value Chain for Small Holders in the South West and Far North Regions of Cameroon” is a 3-year project funded by the Global Environment Facility (GEF), Executed by MINEPDED and implemented by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).

The project aims to support the operationalization of the ABS national framework in Cameroon, by enabling access to genetic resources and associated traditional knowledge that accrues tangible national and local economic benefits from their commercial utilization in a fair, equitable, and sustainable manner.

The project will focus on two Regions in Cameroon: the South West Region, which is home to a rich diversity of plant and animal life, and the Far North Region, which is home to a number of Indigenous communities with traditional knowledge of the use of biological resources. The project will work with a variety of stakeholders, including government agencies, research institutions, businesses, and Indigenous communities to develop and implement a number of activities, including:

- capacity building for stakeholders on ABS to facilitate the implementation of the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit Sharing;
- development of tools and resources to support ABS implementation;
- promotion of public awareness and engagement on ABS;
- research on genetic resources derived from the biodiversity of Cameroon and their economic potential;
- promotion of biodiversity-based value chains that are compliant to the Nagoya Protocol.

The project is expected to contribute to the sustainable management of biodiversity in Cameroon, the fair and equitable sharing of benefits from the use of genetic resources, and the economic development of local communities.

This shall be achieved through the implementation of 3 Components, namely:

- **Component 1:** Implementation of the ABS legislative, regulatory, policy and institutional framework;
- **Component 2:** Capacity building and awareness raising of key stakeholders for enforcement of the National ABS Framework;
- **Component 3:** Piloting ABS agreements that demonstrate best practices of PIC, MAT and ABS permit, including the effective fair and equitable sharing of benefits.

The project will demonstrate the potential benefits of genetic resources and associated traditional knowledge for four plant species *Irvingia wombolu*, *Monodora myristica*, *Balanites aegyptiaca*, and *Acacia nilotica*. The activities shall be carried out in three administrative divisions of the South-West Region (Manyu, Kupe-Manenguba and Meme), and one of the Far North Region (Mayo Kani).

For this project, we are looking for four consultants to execute the following tasks:

- 1- **Inventory of genetic resources of the species *Irvingia wombolu*, *Monodora myristica*, *Balanites aegyptiaca* and *Acacia nilotica* and updating of the pilot catalog of Genetic Resources of Cameroon ;**
- 2-**Development of a centralized database on genetic resources and associated traditional knowledge, and organization of specialized training on ABS implementation and use of the database;**
- 3-**Development of a manual for the negotiation process of the Mutually Agreed Terms (MAT);**
- 4-**Development of a guide for the development of community biocultural protocols and pilot inventory of traditional knowledge associated with the species *Acacia nilotica*, *Balanites aegyptiaca*, *Irvingia wombolu* and *Monodora myristica*.**

In this light, the Minister of the Environment, Protection of Nature and Sustainable Development invites all interested consultants and consultants' firms to express their interest by providing the information demonstrating that they are competent to carry out the above-mentioned position as ABS project Staff (qualifications, experience in similar positions, Curriculum Vitae, Cover Letter, Contracts, Various Documentation, etc.).

The terms of reference for these positions are available on the GEF Cameroon website at www.gef-cameroon.org, at MINEPDED web-site www.minepded.gov.cm and all other media opened to the public.

Interested persons can obtain further information every working day from 7:30 am to 3:30 pm local time at the address below:

National Directorate of the GEF Project ID: 10850
Located on the 5th floor of Ministerial Building No. 2, Office Door No. 501
Tel: +237 699 738 842 / +237 222 236 037

Expressions of interest must be submitted in eight (08) copies of which one (01) in original and seven (07) copies at the above address by no later than the 07 JUN 2024, by 03:30 pm local time, and expressly mention:

CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

No. 00016 /CFEI/MINEPDED/CBD/NP-ABS/PND

RELATED TO THE RECRUITMENT OF FOUR (04) CONSULTANTS FOR THE PROJECT:

"GEF Project ID 10850: Support to Nagoya protocol implementation, research and development, on Biodiversity value chain for small holders in the South-West and Far North Regions of Cameroon."

PJ: - 04 TORs

Copie: UNEP;
OFP-GEF
PND;
DISPLAY ;
Archives/-

Yaoundé, le **22 MAI 2024**



HELE Pierre
LE MINISTRE DE L'ENVIRONNEMENT
DE LA PROTECTION DE LA NATURE
ET DU DEVELOPPEMENT DURABLE