

REPUBLIQUE DU CAMEROUN

PAIX-TRAVAIL-PATRIE

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

CABINET DU MINISTRE

CONSEILLER TECHNIQUE N°1

POINT FOCAL NATIONAL CBD



MINEPDED

REPUBLIC OF CAMEROON

PEACE-WORK-FATHERLAND

MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT,
PROTECTION OF NATURE AND
SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT

MINISTER'S CABINET

TECHNICAL ADVISOR N°1

NATIONAL FOCAL POINT- CBD

GLOBAL BIODIVERSITY FRAMEWORK EARLY ACTION SUPPORT

TERMS OF REFERENCE(S)

FOR THE CONSULTANCY ON

THE INTEGRATION OF THE CARTAGENA PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY AND THE SUPPLEMENTARY PROTOCOL ON LIABILITY AND REDRESS IN THE NATIONAL BIODIVERSITY STRATEGY AND ACTION PLAN (NBSAP)

The Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety is an international treaty under the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) that aims to ensure the safe handling, transport, and use of living modified organisms (LMOs) resulting from modern biotechnology. The Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress provides additional measures to address damage resulting from transboundary movements of LMOs.

The National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (NBSAP) is a national-level framework developed by countries to guide the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity. It serves as a roadmap for integrating biodiversity considerations into national policies, plans, and programs.

This Terms of Reference (ToR) outlines the objectives, scope, and tasks for integrating the Cartagena Protocol and the Supplementary Protocol into the NBSAP.

1. OBJECTIVES

The main objective of this activity is to facilitate the effective implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and the Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress at the national level by incorporating their provisions, obligations, and targets into the NBSAP. The specific objectives include:

- a) Assessing the existing national biodiversity strategies and action plans to identify gaps and opportunities for integrating the Cartagena Protocol and the Supplementary Protocol.
- b) Identifying relevant provisions, targets, and obligations of the Cartagena Protocol and the Supplementary Protocol on liability and redress, suitable for incorporation into the NBSAP, taking into consideration all aspects related to biosafety in the Kunming-Montreal GBF.
- c) Developing an implementation plan for the integrated NBSAP, including timelines, responsible stakeholders, and monitoring and evaluation mechanisms.
- d) Propose mechanisms for the promotion of coordination and collaboration among relevant government agencies, stakeholders, and sectors involved in biodiversity conservation and biosafety.

2. DELIVERABLES

The recruited consultant shall work under the supervision of the Project Coordination Body. The expected outputs shall be developed in **English or French**. The following deliverables are expected:

- a) Consultancy report on the review of the existing NBSAP, including identified gaps and opportunities for integration.
- b) Integrated NBSAP document incorporating relevant provisions, targets, and obligations of the Cartagena Protocol and the Supplementary Protocol including an Implementation plan for the integrated NBSAP, including timelines, responsible stakeholders, and monitoring and evaluation mechanisms (*monitoring and evaluation framework for tracking the implementation progress and reporting on the integrated NBSAP*).

3. TIMELINE AND BUDGET

This activity will be assigned to a national consultant recruited by the Project Coordination Body who will commence work upon signature of his/ her contract and will have up to the 20th of November 2024, to deliver the final deliverables. The consultant will be expected to develop a workplan for the execution of the activity.

4. SUB-ACTIVITIES

The integration process will involve the following sub-activities:

- a) **Review of National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan:** Conduct a thorough review of the existing NBSAP to identify gaps and opportunities for integrating the Cartagena Protocol and the Supplementary Protocol. Assess the compatibility of existing biodiversity targets, policies, and measures with the obligations and provisions of the protocols.
- b) **Identification and Prioritization of Relevant Provisions:** Identify the relevant provisions, targets, and obligations of the Cartagena Protocol and the Supplementary Protocol that could be incorporated into the NBSAP. Prioritize these elements based on national priorities, capacity considerations, and relevance to the country's biodiversity context.
- c) **Integration of Provisions and Targets:** Propose a mechanism for integrating the selected provisions and targets into the NBSAP. Ensure coherence and consistency between the integrated components and the existing NBSAP structure. Develop clear and measurable indicators for monitoring progress towards the integrated targets.
- d) **Institutional Arrangements:** Identify the key government agencies, stakeholders, and sectors responsible for the implementation of the integrated NBSAP. Define their roles, responsibilities, and coordination mechanisms to ensure effective implementation.
- e) **Monitoring, Evaluation, and Reporting:** Propose a monitoring and evaluation framework to track the implementation progress of the integrated NBSAP.

5. TASKS

The execution of this activity will require the service of a national consultant. The tasks detailed in Table 1 below will be undertaken to produce the required outputs.

Table 1. Proposed tasks to be undertaken for the integration of the Cartagena protocol on biosafety and the supplementary protocol on liability and redress in the national biodiversity strategy and action plan (NBSAP)

N°	Task	Responsibility
1.	Recruitment of Consultant (s)	Coordination body
2.	Signature of consultancy contract	Consultant/ Coordinator
3.	Literature Review	Consultant
4.	Data collection/ Data collection workshop	Consultant / Coordination Body

5.	Production of draft outputs	Consultant
6.	Examination/ Review of draft outputs	Coordination / Consultant
7.	Integration of comments and feedback	Consultant
8.	Production of final outputs	Consultant
9.	Validation / approval of final outputs	Coordination / Consultant

6. **QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERTISE**

The consultant (s) should possess the following qualifications and expertise:

- Educated at least to Master's level in a relevant discipline and / or have carried out similar activities in recent years.
- Strong knowledge and understanding of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, the Supplementary Protocol, and the Convention on Biological Diversity.
- Experience in developing and implementing National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plans.
- Familiarity with the principles and practices of biosafety and modern biotechnology.
- Excellent communication and stakeholder engagement skills.
- Experience in monitoring and evaluation of biosafety and biodiversity-related initiatives.
- Report writing skills.