



## WCS

### Request for Proposal

Date:

14/05/2024

Subject:

Hiring consultant to conduct an ecological and socio-ecological survey of the Lugenda River

Reference #:

NSR\_PROC\_RFP 0002/2024

Introduction:

The Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) is a US non-profit private organization established in 1895 that saves wildlife and wild places by understanding critical issues, crafting science-based solutions, and taking conservation actions that benefit nature and humanity.

In Mozambique, WCS partners with the Government of Mozambique in the co-management of Niassa Special Reserve (42,000km<sup>2</sup>) where widespread uncontrolled wildfires are a regular and significant management issue.

Background:

In 2004 and 2006, a collaborative effort between SGDRN and the Niassa Carnivore Project (NCP) led to the development of a standardized and repeatable protocol for surveying the Lugenda Fishery. This protocol was implemented along the Lugenda River in 2004 and 2006, as well as along the Ruvuma River in 2009. The upcoming survey will utilize this established protocol to reassess the state of the Lugenda River fishery two decades later, incorporating additional data on fish catches collected continuously since 2004/06.

Objective:

The primary objective is to conduct a comprehensive ecological and socio-ecological survey of the Lugenda River and its associated tributaries within the Niassa Special

Reserve in Mozambique. The survey aims to compare the current data with the detailed baseline information gathered in 2004 and 2006 along the Lugenda River.

#### Deliverables:

A team comprising six individuals, including representatives from NSR, SDAE (local agricultural department), the consultant, and local fishermen, will conduct a month-long canoe survey from July to September 2024 (subject to river levels). The survey will encompass the Lugenda River and its tributaries, allowing for a comprehensive assessment of the area's ecological and socio-ecological dynamics.

1. The primary activity will be to collect data on:
  - Densities and distribution of fishing camps and the numbers and origins of fishermen and traders utilizing the Lugenda River compared to 2006.
  - Economic information on the current value of commercial dried fish species.
  - Ecological information on the distribution of key river indicator species of birds, crocodiles and hippos to compare to 2006.
  - Level of human-crocodile conflict to compare to baseline data.
  - Additional surveying in identified tributaries.
  - Traditional knowledge of the life cycle of commercially targeting species.
  - Traditional management systems.
2. Data mapped to create a visual representation of the Lugenda Fishery to inform zoning and resource use plans that support biodiversity conservation, the sustainability of the Lugenda Fishery and human wellbeing.
3. Analyse fish catch data collected by Mariri / NCP from 2004 to 2024 to assess changes in fish size and fish catches over time from one of the most heavily fished areas of the Lugenda River in south-eastern NSR.
4. Produce a detailed report with maps by project end.

#### General Requirements

- Master's or a higher degree in ecology or natural resource management field
- Minimum of 15 years' experience in ecology/ biodiversity conservation with emphasis on fisheries and aquaculture management.
- Extensive knowledge of protected area management issues and objectives in southern African or comparable settings
- Excellent oral and written skills in English and working knowledge of Portuguese.

#### Period of Performance:

The period of performance of any contract resulting from this solicitation is anticipated to be between the start and end dates listed below.

**Start Date: 01/07/2024**

**End Date: 30/09/2024**

#### Proposal

Content: All proposals must:

5. Describe the qualifications, experience, and capabilities of the firm or individual consultant in providing the type of services being requested. Resumes and CVs of the Lead Consultant or any key personnel of the firm shall be submitted as attachment.
6. Estimate the time length of time required to accomplish all requirements, with detail on field activity implementation dates.
7. Contain a detailed cost breakdown with applicable taxes and other charges clearly identified. Consultants should provide their daily or hourly billing rate, or their proposed fixed fee for the requested deliverables.
8. Provide at least 3 references of similar contracts with a description of the services provided, value of the contract, and the contract periods of performance.
9. Include a contact name, email address, and telephone number to facilitate communication between WCS and the bidding firm or consultant.
10. For proposals from a firm, provide a brief outline of the company and services offered, including:
  - Full legal name, jurisdiction of incorporation, and address of the company.
  - Full legal name and country of citizenry of company's President, Chief Executive Officer, and/or all other principal officers of the company.
  - The year that the business was established.
- If a consortium of firms or a team of consultants submits a proposal jointly, the above information should be provided for each member of the team.

To ensure consideration, all quotes must be submitted in the following language and currency, and by the due date noted below:

Language: English/Portuguese  
Currency: MZN

Submission  
Instructions:

All proposals must be emailed to the address below with your proposal attached in one or more files (pdf preferred). DO NOT email your proposal to any other employee of WCS or deliver your proposal in hard copy to a WCS office. Failing to adhere to these instructions may make your proposal ineligible for consideration.

**Email:** [jguernier@wcs.org](mailto:jguernier@wcs.org)

Order of Events:

This procurement will be administered in accordance with the following dates (Subject to change at WCS's sole discretion)

Date	Event
24/05/2024	Last date that questions and notice of intent to bid will be accepted. Questions and answers will be distributed to all known interested parties, so questions should not disclose confidential information, and all interested parties should submit a notice of intent to bid by this deadline to ensure they receive a copy of WCS responses to questions.
30/05/2024	Questions and/or notice of intent to bid should be emailed to <a href="mailto:tbaira@wcs.org">tbaira@wcs.org</a>
03/06/2024	Date and answers to questions to questions will be distributed to all known prospective bidders.
10/06/2024	Last date for submission of proposals

Terms and Conditions:

- The Request for Proposal is not and shall not be considered an offer by WCS.
- All responses must be received on or before the date indicated of the RFP. All late responses will be rejected.
- All unresponsive proposals will be rejected
- All proposals will be considered binding offers. Your proposal must be valid for acceptance for a minimum period of 90 days from the closing date of this solicitation.
- All awards will be subject to WCS contractual terms and conditions and contingent on the availability of donor funding.
- WCS reserves the right to accept or reject any proposal or cancel the solicitation process at any time, without assigning any reason, and shall have no liability to any vendors for such rejection or cancellation of the RFP.
- WCS reserves the right to accept all or part of the proposal when awarding the contract.
- All information provided by WCS in this RFP is offered in good faith. Individual items are subject to change at any time and all known intended bidders will be provided with notification of the changes.
- WCS reserves the right to require any bidder to enter into a non-disclosure agreement.
- Bidders are solely obligated to pay for all costs which may be incurred by the bidder or any third parties in connection with preparing the proposal.
- All proposals and supporting documentation shall become the property of WCS and shall be treated confidentially.
- Bidders are required to identify and disclose any actual or potential Conflict of Interest.

Criteria for Selection:

WCS' evaluation of proposals will be based on the factors set out below. At the sole discretion of WCS, bidders maybe selected for follow up questions or to provide an oral presentation. WCS reserves the right to award the contract to the bidder whose proposal is deemed to be in the best interest of WCS. WCS will not award a contract to any bidder where there is indication of lack of business integrity.

Max points	Criterion
25	Price, inclusive of all cost and taxes
40	Technical Proposal
20	Experience
15	Staff CVs