

MANGROVES FOR COASTAL RESILIENCE PROJECT (P178009)

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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (REOI) ASSIGNMENT TITLE: CONSULTING SERVICES FOR BLUE CARBON OFFSET PREPARATION CONSULTANT COORDINATING MINISTRY FOR MARITIME & INVESTMENT AFFAIRS

The Mangroves for Coastal Resilience (M4CR) Project is a partnership between the World Bank Group and the Government of Indonesia (GoI) with the development objective of enhancing the management of mangroves and livelihoods of local communities in selected areas within Indonesia. The M4CR Project will operate until May 2027 in four provinces (East Kalimantan, North Kalimantan, North Sumatra and Riau) that contain a significant portion of existing and degraded mangroves.

Restoration will include activities such as hydrological remediation works of disused aquaculture ponds, and the planting of propagules where appropriate, to reinstate ecosystem functioning (e.g., carbon storage and sequestration, coastal protection, and biodiversity enhancement) across a provisional 75,000 ha of degraded mangrove habitat. The intent is to use best-practice techniques to both increase the success of mangrove rehabilitation and encourage institutional learning as a form of adaptive management by building capacity at the national, subnational, and village level.

The M4CR Project also aims to reduce mangrove deforestation through conservation and sustainable management activities such as: (a) the establishment and operation of Mangrove Stewardship Villages; (b) village-based mangrove management planning and integration into village sustainable development and spatial planning; (c) implementation of mangrove management activities, including training, awareness campaigns, forest monitoring, at the village level; (d) conflict resolution; (e) formation and enhancement of stakeholder forums in target provinces to strengthen mangrove management; and (f) the preparation and adoption of subnational mangrove management plans for each selected province.

The M4CR Project will also support Indonesia's readiness to access finance for blue carbon. Specifically, the project will support bringing the emissions reductions generated under M4CR's restoration and conservation activities to market by developing a blue carbon program that is eligible for payments, designed according to internationally recognized standards. North Kalimantan has been identified as the initial pilot province for conducting blue carbon activities under the project, with results and lessons learnt to be upscaled and applied across the other provinces as the project progresses under an adaptive management approach.

The Coordinating Ministry for Maritime & Investment Affairs as one of the program implementers or the National Steering Committee (NSC) in the Mangroves for Coastal Resilience (M4CR) project, has a role in sub-component 1.4 is designed to support Indonesia's readiness to access blue carbon finance by developing a blue carbon program for the M4CR project aligned to best practice and relevant international standards, which now intends to proceed with consulting services, namely for BLUE CARBON OFFSET PREPARATION CONSULTANT.



Sub-component 1.4 is designed to support Indonesia's readiness to access blue carbon finance by developing a blue carbon program for the M4CR project aligned to best practice and relevant international standards. Specific scopes include:

- Undertaking field research and analysis of carbon stocks and fluxes;
- Monitoring, reporting and registration of carbon enhancements resultant from project activities; and
- Capacity building of the GoI for blue carbon finance readiness.

The duration of the assignment is expected to be completion of implementation the end 30 November 2026. The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment are attached in Annex of this Request for Expression of Interest.

M4CR now invites eligible consulting firms ("Consultants") to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. Interested consultants must provide sufficient description of similar assignments (including location/country, name of the Employer/Client, type of services provided, period of contract, contract amount, starting and completion dates), and availability of appropriate skills among permanent staff, etc. The shortlisting criteria are:

1. The firm should have at least 5 years of experience in working on the field of in mangrove ecology, including assessments of mangrove health/condition.
2. Solid Experience in mangrove ecosystems for (i) assessing carbon stocks (above and below ground biomass, dead and downed wood, and soil carbon); (ii) assessing GHG fluxes (including autotrophic and heterotrophic CO₂ emissions, N₂O and CH₄ emissions); (iii) assessing net sequestration as mangrove forests develop (e.g. using metrics such as net ecosystem production or net ecosystem carbon balance); (iv) eddy-covariance flux towers; and (v) assessing the lateral export and air/water to atmosphere exchange of DIC/DOC and N₂O/CH₄ .
3. Experience in with mangrove conservation and restoration in the context of blue carbon e.g., measuring and reporting of blue carbon offsets.
4. Experience in executing at least three complex, scientifically robust projects while working with multiple teams across a range of different countries.

Key Experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" November 2020 ("Procurement Regulations"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

Consultants may associate with other firms to enhance their qualifications in the form of a joint venture or a sub-consultancy. In case of an association, the EOI must explicitly specify whether the association is in the form of a Joint Venture (all members shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire assignment), or Sub-consultancy. In the case of a joint venture, the member firm appointed to represent the joint venture must be clearly identified and all the partners in the joint venture shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire contract, if selected. Only the qualifications and experience of members of joint venture, but not of sub-consultants, shall be considered in the EOI evaluation process.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Quality and Cost-Based Selection (QCBS) method set out in the Procurement Regulations.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours

08.00 – 16.30 WIB.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by e-mail) by **4 June 2024**.

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