



Designing Independent Forest Monitoring in Tanzania

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Tanzania Natural Resource Forum

A call for Expressions of Interest

Following the release of the TRAFFIC report on illegal logging in Tanzania in May 2007, TNRF has secured funding from the Royal Danish Government for designing a programme on Independent Forest Monitoring (IFM). TNRF is acting as the facilitating agent for the design process on behalf of the Tanzania Forest Working Group and in close liaison with the Director of Forestry and Beekeeping.

The objective of the IFM programme is to establish a functioning, broad-based and legitimate IFM process in Tanzania that contributes to good governance, effective forest management and national development with the buy-in of government, civil society, local communities and the private sector. The project will achieve the design of a locally appropriate programme of Independent Forest Monitoring in Tanzania and its subsequent implementation and evaluation.

The project will be divided into three phases:

(i) Inception and Design: Following on from government agreement on the need for IFM, the inception and design phase will be required to develop an appropriate design for IFM in Tanzania comprising of detailed **Terms of Reference** achieved through a participatory and widely consultative approach with stakeholders.

(ii) IFM implementation: Forest monitoring and the establishment of institutional linkages will ensure that forest monitoring results are appropriately communicated, agreed and acted upon by government and other stakeholders (e.g. CSOs and the private sector).

(iii) IFM Evaluation: Reviewing the IFM process and lessons learned as well as appropriately recommending further programmatic work (such as Collaborative Forest Monitoring) will be designed to build on the IFM process in order to ensure that appropriate forest monitoring continues to be integrated into national forest management.

TNRF is seeking the services of an **'IFM Design Consulting Group'** to be responsible for facilitating the IFM design process and generating a detailed Terms of Reference for the implementation of IFM in Tanzania.

The **'IFM Design Consulting Group'** should consist of a local consultant and a visiting senior consulting IFM specialist who will report to the Tanzania Forest Working Group and liaise closely with the Director of Forestry and Beekeeping and the Technical Committee of the Forestry and Beekeeping Division. The IFM Design Consulting Group shall also provide a small supporting secretariat sufficient for the IFM design process.

The **local consultant** will be expected to have:

- Extensive experience and knowledge of natural resource management in Tanzania, particularly with regard to the forest and beekeeping sectors;
- A familiarity with Forest Law Enforcement and Governance (FLEG);
- An excellent existing network of contacts in government, private sector and civil society, with an advanced knowledge of government process and protocols;
- A demonstrably strong record of project management;
- Proven facilitation and negotiation skills.

The **senior consulting IFM specialist** will be expected to have:

- Extensive experience and knowledge in designing and implementing Independent Forest Monitoring in sub-Saharan Africa;
- A proven ability to adapt existing IFM models and practices innovatively to the local context in order to maximise their practicability and utility;
- A demonstrably strong record of successfully providing technical advice on IFM and IFM-related issues such as FLEG;
- A familiarity with natural resource management in Tanzania, particularly with regard to the forest and beekeeping sectors and related FLEG issues;
- Proven facilitation and negotiation skills.

The **IFM support secretariat** will be expected to provide:

- Secretarial administrative and logistical support;
- Financial management and accounting services;
- Communications and information dissemination support.

The **'IFM Design Consulting Group'** will coordinate and implement the IFM design process in accordance with the steps laid out in the project document, and carry out parallel background work necessary for the development of the final IFM Terms of Reference.

TNRF invites Expressions of Interest (EOI) from prospective IFM Design Consulting Groups to be submitted by email - ifm@tnrf.org - to the **Tanzania Forest Working Group Coordinator on or before 29th August 2008**.

EOIs should include the curricula vitae of the proposed team, a profile of the lead organisation and its intended partners, and a description of relevant work carried out within the last three years underpinning the interest and suitability of the prospective IFM Design Consulting Group for implementing the design phase.

Involvement in the IFM design phase by a prospective IFM Design Consulting Group will not necessarily predicate its further involvement in the IFM Implementation and IFM Evaluation Phases.

Expressions of Interest from each prospective IFM Design Consulting Group must be led by a Tanzanian registered organisation.

For further information, please see www.tnrf.org/ifm

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