

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
Consulting Services – Selection of Organizations and Firms

Project: Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund (CEPF)

Loan No./Credit No./Grant No.: Grant No: TF015491/Project ID: P100198

Assignment Title: Final External Independent Evaluation of the World Bank/Development Grant Facility Contribution to CEPF

Reference No. (as per Procurement Plan): FY18 SEC 1

Conservation International has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund (CEPF) and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The consulting services (“the Services”) include conducting the final independent evaluation of the World Bank/Development Grant Facility (WB/DGF) contribution to the CEPF. The WB/DGF contributed US\$25 million in support of CEPF Phase 2 activities through agreements covering the period from 1 October 2008 to 31 March 2017. The independent evaluation shall cover the 1 October 2008 through 31 March 2017 time period. The WB/DGF evaluation follows two World Bank evaluations completed in 2017, for which significant documentation is available. This evaluation will consider:

- i. Relevance
- ii. Efficacy
- iii. Efficiency
- iv. Governance and management
- v. Resource mobilization and financial management
- vi. Sustainability and risk, and
- vii. Lessons learned and recommendations for CEPF.

The assignment is expected to begin in September 2018, and to be conducted within a timeframe of six weeks, with a draft report submitted to CEPF by 1 November and a final report by 30 November 2018. The terms of reference for these Services can be found [here](#) (PDF – 244 KB).

Founded in 2000, the Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund is a joint initiative of l’Agence Française de Développement , Conservation International, the European Union, the Global Environment Facility, the Government of Japan, the MacArthur Foundation and the World Bank. CEPF’s main objective is to strengthen the involvement and effectiveness of civil society in contributing to the conservation and management of globally important biodiversity and to achieve sustainable conservation and integrated ecosystem management outcomes. CEPF investments are made in developing and transitional countries, where millions of people are highly dependent on the natural resources and ecosystem services hotspots provide. The Fund invests in biodiversity hotspots, a conservation prioritization concept based on high levels of endemism and threat.

CEPF now provides grants to civil society organizations in most of the areas identified as biodiversity hotspots—ecosystems with high levels of species diversity, endemism and threat. CEPF has supported in excess of 2,100 non-governmental organizations and other civil society groups in undertaking projects

since its inception. Over \$208 million has been committed and at least \$351 million leveraged from other donors for hotspot conservation to date.

Conservation International now invites eligible firms, including regional and international non-governmental organizations and for-profit 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. The short-listing criteria are: (1) experience conducting assignments of similar size, scope, and complexity as that required here; (2) availability of appropriately skilled permanent and temporary personnel; (3) evidence of the Consultant’s managerial, administrative and operational capacity.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 1.9 of the World Bank’s Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants [under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants] by World Bank Borrowers, January 2011 (“Consultant Guidelines”), setting forth the World Bank’s policy on conflict of interest. The guidelines are available [here](#) (PDF – 642 KB).

Consultants may associate with other firms in the form of a joint venture or a subconsultancy to enhance their qualifications.

Procurement will be completed in accordance with the Quality- And Cost-Based Selection (QCBS) method set out in the Section II of the Consultant Guidelines.

Expressions of interest will consist of written materials both expressly prepared for this request as well as previously prepared statements and demonstrations of corporate qualifications. Expressions of interest must be delivered electronically by 10 August 2018 to Nina Marshall at nmarshall@cepf.net.

Please make the subject line of your email “EOI: DGF External Evaluation.”