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TERMS OF REFERENCE

- A. Job title:** International consultant responsible for introducing concept and tools of economic valuation and potential uses of economic valuation for protected area financing and management
- B. Type of position:** International consultant, short-term
- C. Post Reference:** MNE 11-100
- D. Duty Station:** home based and Podgorica, Montenegro
- E. Duration of appointment:** 15 working days in the period from end of January to end of February, 2012
- F. Contract type:** Individual Contract (IC)
- G. Deadline for application:** Thursday, January 12, 2012

I. Background:

Strengthening the sustainability of the protected area system of Montenegro emerged as a major systematic effort to assist in capacity development of institutions and individuals mandated with protected, conservation and management of protected areas.

The main objectives of this project are to expand and rationalize the protected area system in order to ensure better habitat representation and more secure conservation status as well as to strengthen the capacity of protected area institutions to more effectively manage a representative system of protected areas.

Under the project "Catalyzing financial sustainability of protected areas in Montenegro" UNDP will assist in capacity development of institutions and individuals mandated with protection, conservation and management of protected areas. This project will improve the financial sustainability of PA system in MNE through enabling legal and policy environment for improvement of financial sustainability, securing revenue streams for PA, and development of institutional and individual capacities of PA institutions to raise PA management cost-effectiveness, while the project Sustainability of the Protected Area System of Montenegro will strengthen capacities of the protected area institutions to design, plan and manage a more representative system of PA through expanding and rationalizing PA system to ensure better habitat representation and more secure conservation status, and through strengthening capacities of PA institutions to effectively manage a more representative PA system.

The goal of the projects is to have an ecologically representative scientifically-based Protected Area System (PAS), that adequately conserves representative samples of the country's marine, freshwater and terrestrial biodiversity. Although government support for conservation within and outside protected areas exists, there is increasing pressure to find innovative and sustainable solutions for promoting management and financing conservation.

II. Duties and Responsibilities:

Objectives of the assignment:

The primary role of protected areas is the conservation of species biodiversity and conservation of natural resources, although protected areas can promote local economical development. This leads to question how to balance between leaving areas in their natural or near-natural state, and developing and exploiting them. In many cases this discussion tends to be based on insufficient and partial information, often leading to decisions, in long run, damaging for PA sites.

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Within this context UNDP CO Montenegro initiated establishment of a master level course focusing on protected areas management issues and seeks consultant with demonstrated experience to develop and deliver an educational programme focused on potential uses of economic valuation for protected area financing and management.

Job content: Under the overall supervision of the UNDP project manager the consultant will:

- present detailed overview of how the economic values of protected areas can be assessed; provide new insights and methods (Total economic values of protected areas (TEV) or other relevant) overview and methodology training;
- to demonstrate the potential uses of economic valuation for protected area financing and management
- overview of how the economic values can help identify additional sources of finance, support requests for funding from traditional sources,
- expose marginalized stakeholders who may impose threats to protected areas,
- indicate ways of capturing values of beneficiaries, and guide management practices.

Timing and reporting:

The assignment will be carried out within maximum of 15 working days until the end of February 2012. Desktop review of data will be available by January 20, 2012.

Time duration and travel:

The consultant is expected to start with activities not later than January 23, 2012, with a completion period in a maximum of **15 working days**, until the end of February, 2012.

There will be **one** 5-day visit to Montenegro in the period from January 27 - February 2, 2012.

III. Competencies:

- Demonstrates integrity by modeling the UN's values and ethical standards;
- Promotes the vision, mission and strategic goals of UN/UNDP;
- Displays cultural, gender, religion, race, nationality and age sensitivity and adaptability;
- Ability to lead strategic planning, results-based management and reporting;
- Builds strong relationships with clients, focuses on impact and result for the client and responds positively to feedback;
- Consistently approaches work with energy and a positive, constructive attitude;
- Demonstrates good oral and written communication skills;
- Demonstrates ability to manage complexities and work under pressure, as well as conflict resolution skills.

IV. Qualifications and expertise:

- Advanced degree in Environmental Economics or other related areas.
- Minimum of 10 years of working experience in the relevant field;
- Previous experience in working with Montenegro Protected areas system is an advantage;
- Experience in applying participatory monitoring approaches;
- Demonstrable analytical skills;
- Fluency in English language with excellent communication skills (oral, written and presenting).

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V. Application Process:

Interested applicants are requested to submit their applications to UNDP Office in Podgorica by e-mail to consultancy.me@undp.org by Thursday, January 12, 2012.

The application should contain:

*1. Duly completed **Personal History Form (P11)** can be downloaded from <http://www.undp.org.me/files/jobs/index.html>*

2. Cover/Motivation Letter

*The short-listed candidates only would be requested to submit **a letter of interest including a price quotation indicating the lump sum (in EUR)** requested for the work and travel envisaged in the section "Duties and Responsibilities".*

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