

Consultant to Bon Bo Distribution Mapping in Nghe An

Position: National consultant to Bon Bo distribution mapping in Nghe An

Duty station: Hanoi or Nghe An

Reporting: VFD Nghe An Provincial Coordinator, SNV

I. Background

The USAID Vietnam Forest and Deltas Program (VFD), from 2013 to 2018, is being implemented through Winrock International, the Netherlands Development Organisation SNV, American Red Cross, Vietnam Red Cross and Centre for Sustainable Rural Development (SRD). The USAID Vietnam Forest and Deltas Program is embarking upon a six-year effort that supports four provinces to accelerate their transition to climate resilient, low emissions development through investments in reducing net emissions from forests, and enhancing resilience of people, places, and livelihoods to short and long-term climate impacts. In VFD, SNV provides technical leadership for the sustainable landscape component that is focusing on upland landscapes, with the goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions from deforestation and forests degradation, maintaining and enhancing existing forests stocks and increasing climate change resilience and sustainability of landscapes. Ethnic communities in rural mountainous people are vulnerable to climate change impacts and yet have a high dependence upon natural resources for their livelihoods. Increased income for local people through more sustainable management and harvest of NTFP has been identified as important steps in reducing forest dependence and increasing resilience to potential impacts of climate change, hazards and economic difficulties.

The seeds of Bon Bo - a native tree species grown under Nghe An forest canopy is being harvested by local communities as medicinal materials to be exported. VFD is seeking for a national consultant to conduct survey and mapping of the current Bon Bo distribution areas in Nghe An.

II. Consultancy service description:

1. Objectives

The objective of this consultancy is to conduct a survey and mapping of the current Bon Bo distribution areas in Nghe An.

2. Scope of work

- The geographic focus of the assignment is only in Nghe An province.

- The trainings will be conducted for 03 districts of Nghe An including: Que Phong, Tuong Duong and Ky Son.

3. Methodology and tasks

- Develop the questionnaire and maps to be sent to all districts and communes for initial input.
- Conduct the field survey and consultative meetings to districts (where Bon Bo is reported present) in Nghe An.
- Compile the results into the provincial map

4. Deliverables:

- Report on the Bon Bo distribution in Nghe An including data table covering the area for each commune.
- Map of Bon Bo distribution area in Nghe An.
- Filled questionnaires and meeting minutes.

5. Timeline: The assignment is expected to start from 15 December to 15 March 2017. The number of exact days will be discussed and agreed with the selected consultant later.

III. Qualifications, skills and experience required:

A local consultant with the following background is encouraged to apply:

- University background on forestry, biology or natural resources management.
- Intensive knowledge of forestry sector and NTFP in Nghe An. Any experience with Bon Bo will be an advantage.
- Strong experience with mapping and GIS technology
- Working experience with local authorities and ethnic communities through livelihood development projects.
- Proven experience in promoting sustainable management of NTFP.

IV. How to apply:

Interested consultants are requested to submit their technical and financial proposal demonstrating their ability to deliver on this assignment and CV to: snvietnamprocurement@snvworld.org by 8 December 2016 with the title: "Consultant to Bon Bo distribution mapping in Nghe An".

Key compositions of the technical and financial proposal include:

- Proposed assignment approach, methodology and tools
- Work plan and resource arrangement
- Working package of the consultant with daily rate
- Total estimated costs.
- Relevant publications if any