



VIETNAM FORESTS AND DETAS PROGRAM

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RECRUIT

National Consultant Team for the Participatory Spatial Planning

SUMMARY

The USAID Tenure and Global Climate Change (TGCC) Project in Vietnam's mangroves areas aims to identify effective approaches to coastal spatial planning and community-based mangrove management that support the aims of the recently endorsed Coastal Forests decree 119/2016/ND-CP. The USAID TGCC program will pilot interventions in three communes of Haiphong Province (Tien Lang district) in the Red River Delta seeking to develop effective governance and participatory processes as well as methods for: 1) enhancing understanding of the importance of the Coastal Forests decree; 2) implementing a 5-step process for participatory coastal spatial planning (step 1: Engage all Stakeholder; step 2: Participatory Coastal Resource Assessment and Participatory Mapping; step 3: Development of Coastal Spatial Planning Future Scenarios and Selection; step 4: Management Plan of Selected Scenario; and step 5: Mangrove Co-management Mechanism) Attention will be given to issues of gender equity and social inclusion in the development of the pilots.

The first two steps on identification and engagement of stakeholders, as well as carrying out Participatory Coastal Resources Assessment and participatory mapping (leading to preparation of Coastal Profile for each commune) have been largely completed. Presently, preparations are beginning for the next two important steps of this project: the development of three future alternative scenarios, selection of one scenario, and development of a spatial implementation plan for the selected scenario. This will be based on the existing policy and legal frameworks, the updated Climate Change Scenario of Vietnam dated 2016, the Vietnam National Preparation and Response Plan to Super Typhoons, existing Master Plans of relevant Sectors of Hai Phong province and particularly PCRA reports (Coastal profiles) and participatory mapping results.

The Participatory Spatial Planning Team Leader and his team will work closely with TGCC/VFD team to:

a) review the existing secondary and primary data on present condition within Tien Lang's coastal landscape including the three coastal profiles with digitized maps (in Vietnamese with English summary);

- b) develop a technical guide (in Vietnamese to be translated into English) including approach (attentive to gendered dimensions), methodology and steps for identifying future alternative scenarios, scenario selection, and spatial implementation plan process and approaches at the district, commune and community level;
- c) apply the above technical guide to carry out a series of facilitated workshops and meetings at the commune, district and province level to support development of three future alternative scenarios for coastal area of Tien Lang district as well as selection of one scenario across all communes;
- d) work with Women's Union on support for local outreach, communications, and workshop preparation for scenario development and selection;
- e) work with commune, district and province-level stakeholders on development of a spatial implementation plan at the district level;
- f) prepare a 40-page report on coastal spatial planning process in Tien Lang district including development of three future alternative scenario, selection of one scenario, and development of one spatial management plan including lessons learned.
- g) based on methodology for Participatory Coastal Resource Assessment and Participatory Mapping prepared by VFD/TGCC team, and the above methodology for Steps 3 and 4 by consultancy team, finalize an overall Toolkit (in Vietnamese and English) for first four steps of Participatory Coastal Spatial Planning that can be used by other districts.

BACKGROUND AND CONTEXT

The TGCC task order under the STARR IQC will assist the USAID LAND office of the E3 Bureau to identify and test models that strengthen resource tenure governance and property rights, while improving the sustainable management of landscapes. Interventions that strengthen resource tenure and property rights governance can help reduce vulnerability and increase the resilience of people, places and livelihoods in the face of climate change impacts and promote resource use practices that achieve mitigation and development objectives.

Mangrove forests are complex ecosystems at the intersection of coastal/marine and terrestrial systems with often ambiguous local and national resource governance regimes. In many parts of the world, coastal forests are under significant threats due to internal and external pressures such as economic development opportunities ranging from coastal aquaculture to tourism development, and growing coastal populations who rely on increasingly overexploited coastal fisheries and timber and non-timber products from mangroves. Because mangroves are often found in brackish rivers deltas, they can face downstream threats from inland agricultural pollution. At the same time mangroves are under these multiple threats, they have become of

increasing interest to the global climate change mitigation community, as they represent the highest per hectare stock of carbon through both above and below ground biomass. From a climate change adaptation perspective their conservation and restoration can play an important role in coastal protection from sea-level rise and erosion events.

In many countries, the management of coastal forests is particularly complex with overlapping and often ambiguous land and resource rights frameworks and governance regimes. Much of the mangrove ecosystem falls below the mean high tide water level and so the land/water is technically under both the Departments/Ministries of Forestry, Agriculture and Rural Development, Fisheries, and Natural Resources and Environment. Additionally despite their importance, they often make up a relatively small portion of a country's total forest estate, and so are often sidelined, as both their restoration and management require a different approach to terrestrial forest concessions and plantations. In practice, it has become clear that: a) devolution of both property management rights play a central role in the success of mangrove conservation and restoration activities, involving co-management approaching bringing multiple stakeholders into a collaborative arrangement; and b) participatory coastal spatial planning can provide an overarching strategic orientation regarding how the multiple interests in the coastal landscape can be coordinated in order to reach a specific spatial scenario agreed to by local residents and the local government.

All of these conditions are at play in Vietnam, a country with a relatively large area of coastal forests and substantial coastal development and climate change pressures, all while trying to meet the livelihood needs of coastal communities. In this context in 2016, Vietnam approved a Coastal Forests decree that was, developed with USAID's assistance through the Winrock International led Vietnam Forests and Deltas (VFD) Program.

The TGCC project is focused on the development of a pilot that will provide input into the development of specific guidelines or circulars that more clearly define how the Decree is to be implemented on master planning, integrated coastal resource management, and mangrove co-management.

SCOPE OF WORK

The Participatory Spatial Planning Team Leader and his team will be responsible for working with the TGCC/VFD three-person team, the TGCC Resource Tenure Specialist, and VFD leaders to discuss and finalize the approaches identified for coastal spatial planning scenario development, selection and spatial implementation plan development process.

The Participatory Spatial Planning Team Leader and his team will specifically:

- a. Draft a detailed methodology document for the entire Step 3 and 4 process covering: a) three future alternative spatial scenario development, selection of one scenario, and

development of spatial implementation plan that includes details of process, individual steps, and criteria to support selection of scenario and development of spatial implementation plan by different stakeholders at district, commune and community levels. This technical guide will include workshop program agenda and exercises on how to conduct Spatial Planning workshop/meeting focus on Participatory Coastal Spatial Planning future scenarios development, scenario election and spatial implementation process including key steps, driving factors, and criteria to be considered by key stakeholders;

- b. Review and analyze existing data including coastal profiles (and digitized map) for three communes, existing policy and legal frameworks, Climate Change Scenarios of Vietnam, Super typhoons Response planning and future demands from relevant sectoral master Plans of Hai Phong city for compatibilities and incompatibilities which are to be used in workshops for Participatory Coastal Spatial Planning future scenarios development, selection and spatial implementation plan at community, commune, district and provincial levels;
- c. Facilitate together with TGCC team approximately 10 one day workshops at commune, district and province levels on Coastal Spatial Planning future scenarios development, selection and spatial implementation plan process;
- d. Finalize an overall Toolkits of four steps of Participatory Coastal Spatial Planning based on a draft guidelines for PCRA, Participatory Mapping and his team technical guide;
- e. Prepare a report on Coastal Spatial Planning future scenarios development, selection and spatial implementation plan development process in three communes.

GENDER CONSIDERATIONS

All tasks under this SOW will be implemented in a manner consistent with USAID's Gender Equality and Female Empowerment Policy (http://www.usaid.gov/sites/default/files/documents/1860/1-Gender_Equality_and_Female_Empowerment_Policy_2012.pdf), including addressing gender issues within any associated work plans, quarterly reports, and monitoring and evaluation. Particular efforts should be taken to ensure that women are fully engaged in the participatory mapping process. This work contributes to TGCC's objectives around increasing the engagement of women in community forest activities.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE

All tasks under this SOW will be implemented in a manner designed to result in no adverse effects on the environment, and in compliance with TGCC's Initial Environmental Examination (IEE). Some tasks may call for specific mitigation or monitoring actions to be undertaken; if so, those will be noted here:

Land Use Planning:

TGCC, in all land use planning and management plans training and technical assistance, will integrate principles of:

- a) sustainable land use planning and management;
- b) social and environmental soundness; and
- c) Vulnerability of current land use patterns to climate change and variability, as appropriate.

The approach proposed through this scope of work should take into consideration: Social soundness is demonstrated by the technical approaches to increase engagement of women and vulnerable populations, as well as the integration of government and local stakeholders into a process that includes multiple meetings and opportunities for stakeholders to deepen their understanding of the process and make decisions for themselves. The Consultant should not be proposing particular land use or land management outcomes, but rather providing the tools for communities in consultation with government to make their decisions.

SCHEDULE

The anticipated schedule for these activities in Vietnam to be undertaken and completed between July and October 2017.

LEVEL OF EFFORT

The anticipated level of effort for this SOW is estimated at 70 days (for whole team) including approximately 45 days at VFD office in Hanoi and 25 field days in Tien Lang district, Haiphong province. The consultant team has to make a details of estimated consultancy work days of each members in their proposed work plan and details budgets.

TGCC staffs will provide technical inputs and access to existing data, materials and logistics support to the consultant team to finalize the deliverables identified below.

DELIVERABLES AND SCHEDULE:

Deliverable and Schedule:	Due Date
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Draft summary of key steps, contents of a Coastal Spatial Planning approach, methods including Spatial planning steps, driving criteria and factors for Spatial Planning Scenarios development and selection process2. A draft technical guide to organize workshops and meetings for Coastal Spatial Planning future scenarios development, selection and implementation	14 July 2017

3. Review and analyze existing data including coastal profiles of three communes, existing policy and legal frameworks, Climate Change Scenarios of Vietnam, Super typhoons Response planning and future demands from relevant Master Plans of Hai Phong city for compatibilities and incompatibilities	28 July 2017
4. Facilitate together with TGCC team about ten one day workshops at commune, district and province levels on Coastal Spatial Planning future scenarios development, selection and implementation	Month of August 2017
5. Report on Coastal Spatial Planning future scenarios development, selection and implementation process in three communes of Tien Lang district.	15 September 2017
6. Finalize an overall Toolkit for four steps of Participatory Coastal Spatial Planning based on a draft guidelines for PCRA, Participatory Mapping and the team' technical guide for Step 3 and 4	29 September 2017

QUALIFICATION

Team leader:

- PhD degree on natural science, coastal & marine science or coastal planning;
- Have more than twenty years of experience on coastal and marine management and governance policy, including integrated coastal management and coastal spatial planning training;
- Have excellent experience in spatial scenario development, scenario selection and development of spatial implementation plan;
- Have good understanding on coastal areas of Vietnam;
- Knowledge on the coastal area of Haiphong is a must;
- Have experience working with internationals experts is an advantage;
- Candidate with the academic title of national high-level researcher is preferred;
- Have good English skills.

2 Team members

- Master or equivalent degree on natural science, coastal & marine science or coastal planning or social studies;
- Have more than ten years of experience on coastal and marine management and governance policy, including integrated coastal management and coastal spatial planning training;

- Have good experience in spatial scenario development, scenario selection and development of spatial implementation plan;
- Have good understanding on coastal areas of Vietnam;
- Knowledge on the coastal area of Haiphong is a must;
- Have experience working with international experts is an advantage;
- Candidate with the academic title of national high-level researcher is preferred;
- Have good English skills.

APPLICATION SUBMISSION

Interested candidates with the right qualifications and motivation are invited to send letter of interest and a full CV in English to the following email address: winrockvfd@gmail.com with subject line of “*Consultants for The Participatory Spatial Planning*” **no later than 6 July, 2017.**

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted for interview.