



ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANCY SERVICES - CALL FOR PROPOSALS
ECO-BUSINESS PLANNING GUIDELINE
LUBOMBO TRANSFRONTIER CONSERVATION AREA
(Contract Period: Three Months)



The Swaziland National Trust Commission (SNTC) is responsible for the management and development of all national protected areas in Eswatini. Peace Parks Foundation (PPF) is a non-profit company established to facilitate the establishment and development of Transfrontier Conservation Areas (TFCAs) in southern Africa. PPF is currently supporting the development of Lubombo Transfrontier Conservation Area (LTFCA) with the support of SNTC. The Parties require the services of an experienced Consultant to develop and draft a comprehensive, implementable *Eco-Business Planning Guideline* for the Lubombo Conservancy Goba-Usuthu Tembe Futi component of the LTFCA (LCG-UTF TFCA). Eco-Business Planning combines participatory planning for ecosystem management while identifying key opportunities at the local level for sustainable livelihoods and economic development from a community-based approach.

Reporting:

The Consultant will enter into a Service Level Agreement (SLA) with Peace Parks Foundation with the support of SNTC. As part of the initial project introduction and scoping phase, a joint planning and coordination meeting will be held with the Supervisory Team, consisting of PPF, SNTC and the LTFCA Project Management Unit.

Requirements:

- At least ten years' relevant experience in the environmental and/or conservation field with a very good knowledge and understanding of the study area preferred.
- Ability to plan and work to a clear budget and time line.
- A demonstrated ability to utilise technology including computer literacy skills.
- Strong communication skills.
- A working knowledge of English is considered essential while an ability to communicate in siSwati will be an advantage.
- Previous similar work experience and/or established network and knowledge of the project area will be considered an advantage.
- Residence in Eswatini and/or valid working permit for the duration of the contract period is preferred.

Methodology and Scope:

The implementation process will be phased in line with deliverables as specified in the Terms of Reference. Phases/broad deliverables include: 1) Inception Report, 2) Draft Report, 3) Implementation 4) Close-out Report. The Eco-Business Planning Guideline should combine participatory planning for ecosystem management while identifying key opportunities at the local level for sustainable livelihoods and economic development in the LCG-UTF TFCA ***Detailed Terms of Reference for the formal application process and consultancy stipulations to be provided upon submission of initial response to this notice.**

Remuneration: A competitive salary package will be negotiated, based on qualifications and experience. Limited Project Operational funding is available for relevant Stakeholder Engagements subject to prior approval by the Supervisory Team.

Interested candidates should submit a covering letter and suitability for the position, as well as Curriculum Vitae in English, with contact details of 3 references by Monday 3 September 2018 to Ms Nita Verhoef: nverhoef@ppf.org.za

Only SHORT-LISTED CANDIDATES will be contacted to attend an interview.



Lubombo Transfrontier Conservation Area

TERMS OF REFERENCE

TO DEVELOP AN ECO-BUSINESS PLANNING GUIDELINE FOR THE LUBOMBO CONSERVANCY-GOBA USUTHU-TEMBE-FUTI TRANSFRONTIER CONSERVATION AREA

for the

PROJECT MANAGEMENT UNIT



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Terms of Reference

For a consultant to develop an Eco-Business Planning Guideline applicable as a tool in the ecosystem management planning process to identify key opportunities at the local level for sustainable livelihoods and economic development from a community-based approach for the Lubombo Conservancy-Goba and Usuthu-Tembe-Futi Transfrontier Conservation Area which includes the joint management areas of Mhlumeni-Goba and Usuthu-Futi

PROJECT CONTEXT

Under the GIZ Transboundary Use and Protection of Natural Resources in the Southern Africa Community Development (SADC) Regional Programme, technical assistance is being offered to selected Transfrontier Conservation Areas (TFCA) to support programmes that give focus to cross-border community-based natural resource management and local governance, improve cross-border collaboration and demonstrate benefits to local communities.

The overall aim of the support projects is the strengthening of the respective TFCA structures with improved participation by local communities and key stakeholders towards better management and sustainable development of biodiversity and resources to the benefit of these communities. The component-specific objective for the Lubombo Conservancy-Goba and Usuthu-Tembe-Futi TFCA (LCG-UTF TFCA) entails establishing functional transboundary governance structures in three (3) key nodes of the TFCA; creating capacity to implement and manage joint conservation and tourism projects, and participatory planning of cross-border ecotourism products and events.

PROJECT OBJECTIVE

The objective of this consultancy is to develop and draft a comprehensive, implementable process description in the form of a **guideline document** for Eco-Business Planning in the LCG-UTF TFCA - using the [Eco Lubombo Programme](#) as case study. The end product of this project, namely the *Eco Business Planning Guideline* document should include -

- a methodology for a bottom-up participatory planning approach, integrating ecosystem management, sustainable resource use and enterprise development through EBP
- consideration of climate change mitigation and/or adaptation
- practical examples and baseline framework for the eventual EBP

The EBPB should, therefor define and describe amongst others, the importance and implementation or application and design of the following components:

1. Participatory Planning Process
2. Institutional and Governance Structure
3. Situational Analysis and Risk Assessment

4. Ecosystem Assessment and Evaluation
5. Zonation and Land Use
6. Sustainable Livelihood Development and Enterprise Development Programme
7. Monitoring and Evaluation

DEFINITIONS

Eco-Business Planning Guideline (EBPG) means systematically developed ‘best-practice’ actions and activities to follow and apply this when developing for example, an Eco-Business Plan. Broadly, the EBPG aids in guiding and informing participatory planning for ecosystem management as a whole, while identifying key opportunities at the local level for sustainable livelihoods and economic development – a micro level, community-based approach.

Eco-Business Plan (EBP) means a micro-level economic incentive supporting the management plan of the particular/relevant zone(s) with a specific aim to enhance sustainable environmental management and business opportunities, suitable for the local context. For example, eco-products, eco-tourism or agricultural activities in line with an ecological approach to sustainable livelihoods and resource utilisation. The Eco-Business Plan can also form part of other documents such as Management Plans.

Lubombo Eco Trails (LET) refers to the macro-level landscape recognising the LTFCA as an outstanding adventure and cultural tourism opportunity, with the potential to provide the overall economic driver for local community development, as well as a strong incentive for the conservation of biodiversity at the landscape level.

Eco Lubombo Programme (ELP) in LCG-UTF TFCA encompasses two mutually reinforcing components: Eco Business Planning (EBP) and the Lubombo Eco Trails (LET).

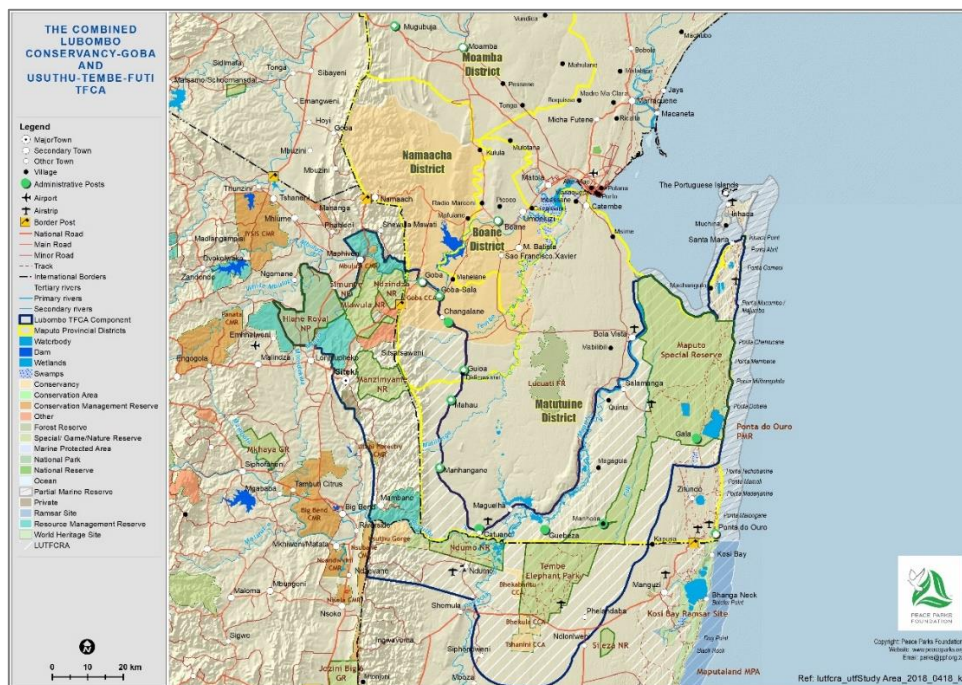


Figure 1: EBPG Project-specific landscape context - LCG-UTF TFCA

METHODOLOGY AND PHASES

The EBPG should be completed over twenty-eight (20) non-consecutive days within a three (3) month period, commencing upon signature of a Service Level Agreement (SLA) with Peace Parks Foundation (PPF). The consultant will report to a Supervisory Team (ST) who should be timeously informed of all planned activities. Limited Project Operational funding is available for relevant Stakeholder Engagements subject to prior approval by the Supervisory Team.

PROPOSAL SUBMISSION AND REVIEW

Applicant to submit a 4 (four) page maximum written motivation indicating how the EBPG objectives will be achieved including an interpretation of the TOR, approach, time frame, cost breakdown and relevant expertise or previous experience. Attach Curriculum Vitae.

- ❖ Electronic Proposal to be submitted via email for revision by the Supervisory Team and feedback on the Proposal to the applicant by _____ 2018.
- Mr Seth Maphalala - Manager, LTFCA Project Management Unit: masethana@yahoo.com
- Ms Nita Verhoef - Planner, Peace Parks Foundation: nverhoef@ppf.org.za

INITIATION AND INCEPTION

Appointment and Service Level Agreement (SLA) signed with Peace Parks Foundation with the support of the PMU and SNTC. As part of the initial project introduction and scoping phase, a joint planning and coordination meeting will be held with the Supervisory Team.

PROJECT BUDGET

LCG-UTF TFCA Eco Business Planning Guideline					
Phase	TASKS and DELIVERABLES	STAKEHOLDERS	BUDGET EU	US \$	DUE
1	ToR, Proposal Submission, SLA, Appointment	SNTC, PMU, PPF, GIZ			Q3/18
3	Project study and strategy development				Q3/18
4	Draft Report: Review and Approval				Q4/18
5	Dissemination and Implementation	PSC			Q3/18
6	<i>Presentation to TFCA Network: GIZ to facilitate</i>	TFCA Network			Q4/18 Tbc
		TOTAL			

APPENDICES

APPENDIX 1: BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS [\[click HERE to access on shared Google Drive folder\]](#)

Lubombo Transfrontier Conservation Area -

LUBOMBO NDUMU-TEMBE-FUTI TRANS-FRONTIER CONSERVATION AND RESOURCE AREA PROTOCOL, 2000

LUBOMBO PONTO DO OURO-KOSI BAY MARINE AND COASTAL TRANS-FRONTIER CONSERVATION AND RESOURCE AREA PROTOCOL, 2000

LUBOMBO CONSERVANCY-GOBA TRANS-FRONTIER CONSERVATION AND RESOURCE AREA PROTOCOL, 2000

PROJECT PROPOSAL FOR GIZ-SADC SUPPORT LUBOMBO AND MALOTI-DRAKENSBERG TRANSFRONTIER CONSERVATION AREAS, DECEMBER 2016.

INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE COMBINED LUBOMBO CONSERVANCY-GOBA AND USUTHU-TEMBE-FUTI TRANSFRONTIER CONSERVATION AREA, DRAFT V2.0, MARCH 2014.

MAPUTO SPECIAL RESERVE – TEMBE ELEPHANT PARK CORE AREA JOINT OPERATIONAL STRATEGY JULY 2013

SADC TFCA STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT GUIDELINES 2018 (DRAFT)

The Republic of Eswatini and Protected Areas -

The Lubombo Plateau and relevant Administrative Districts -

ALL RELEVANT INFORMATION AND STUDIES