



Terms of Reference

Consultancy

Develop and implement a rapid methodology for monitoring the effectiveness of established Fish Conservation Zone in 15 villages in Champassak Province.

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Duration:	23 days
Start date:	12 June 2019
End date:	12 July 2019
Base location:	Pakse, with travel to Khong and Mounlapamoke District, Champassak Province, Lao PDR
Supervised by:	Siphandone Phase-2 Project Manager, WWF-Laos

Background

WWF has been working in Laos since the late 1980s in cooperation with the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry. Our country programme office was first established in Vientiane in 2001. Since then, our team has grown to over 40 Lao, international and volunteer staff working on over 10 projects countrywide with offices in Vientiane, Champassak, Salavan and Sekong provinces. WWF-Laos is part of the WWF Greater Mekong Programme Office, which operates in 5 countries: Vietnam, Thailand, Myanmar, Cambodia and Laos. Find out more at www.panda.org/laos.

WWF's vision for Laos is that the human footprint stays within the country's capacity to maintain the full spectrum of biological diversity and ecosystems, and the key services they provide, to enhance Lao people's livelihood resilience and contribute to the sustainable conservation of the overall ecological integrity of the Greater Mekong Region.

WWF Laos with support from the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) is implementing a 3-year project aiming at improving food and income security of local people along the Mekong River through sustainable natural resources management and biodiversity conservation. This project supports fishery co-management through the creation of fish conservation zones and fisheries management committees in Champassak Province.

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In addition, the project aims to monitor the effectiveness of established Fish Conservation Zone (FCZ) in 15 villages, this task should serve as monitoring model and guideline for the fishery administration for their further development, thus the project is seeking to hire a national consultant to lead the task.

Rationale and objectives

The objective of the consultancy is to provide technical lead to WWF project that aims to monitor the effectiveness of 15 established FCZs in Khong and Mounlapamoke District, Champassak Province to ensure FCZs benefit to the local communities and natural resources in a sustainable manner. The consultant will work closely with WWF technical staff, government officers and under the supervision of the WWF project manager.

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Key Tasks

Preparation

- Desk review and coordinate with project staff and government officers to select 15 out of 30 established FCZs based on geography and size of FCZ
- *Produce map and location of 15 selected villages*
- Design base line survey questionnaire and share with project team at least 7 days in advance of planned field work. The questionnaire should be designed to conduct focus group interviews with community representatives to study the effectiveness of FCZ in 4 main areas including of: 1.) community income, 2.) ecological status, 3.) abundance of fish species and aquatic animals, 4.) governance as well as willingness by communities to continue their engagement in FCZ. Challenges and recommendation on implementation and monitoring for sustainability of FCZ to be identified by this consultancy. Discuss with WWF team, review and finalize.

Field work and analysis

- Meet with project staff and local government counterpart in Pakse to briefly introduce the work plan, interview questionnaires and technique to apply for the study and agree field trip schedule.
- Visit each community with WWF support to assess FCZ effectiveness. Conduct interviews as described in the preparation phase.
- Consolidate data and review.

Deliverables

- Preparation: An agreed field work plan, map of 15 selected FCZs and finalized interview questionnaire
- Final deliverables comprising of:

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1. Study report maximum 30 pages with an executive summary of 15 FCZs that examine 4 main areas including of: 1.) Community income, 2.) Ecological status, 3.) Abundance of fish species and aquatic animals, 4.) Governance as well as willingness by communities to continue their engagement in FCZ and challenges and recommendations by the consultant in English and Lao version
2. A brief power point presentation report of the study in English and Lao languages maximum 10 pages per each.
3. A brief FCZ monitoring guideline in English and Lao version, maximum 15 pages per each with table of content and assessment forms. This guideline will serve government officers in the province and districts level to continue the monitoring FCZ with target communities in and around the province.

Indicative schedule

Total 20 working days:

- Preparation: 3 working days
- Field work: 15 working days
- Final report and guideline production: 5 working days

Required qualifications

- Master degree in Fishery management or equivalent;
- 5 years' experience in fishery management in the Lao PDR;
- Demonstrated experience in fishery analysis;
- Experience in Champassak Province an advantage;
- Excellent Lao language skills; working English language skills;
- Capacity to travel and work in the field

Interested consultants are requested to submit:

1. CV with signature and three references;
2. Proposal letter identifying experiences in conducting similar assignment;
3. Proposed work plan and methodology;
4. Proposed budget including specification on daily fees and other costs.

Send all above required documents to

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