

PROCUREMENT REFERENCE NUMBER 07-15.2-2024

**Analysis on the current forest governance situation in Indonesia in the
evolving global context: sustainable forest production and climate change
commitments**

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Question 1

Could EFI clarify if there is a required number of stakeholder consultations (e.g., specific regions or sectors) beyond what is stated in the TOR? Will EFI provide contact details for government and non-government stakeholders, or is the contractor responsible for identifying and engaging all relevant parties?

Answer for question 1

The tenderer should indicate in their proposal the approximate number/types of stakeholders that they consider relevant and feasible to consult in the context of the study. EFI will provide contact details for key central government stakeholders, but beyond that the contractor is expected to identify and engage relevant stakeholders.

Question 2

The TOR refers to thematic analyses conducted previously (2023-2024). Will these documents be shared with the contractor, and if so, when will they be made available?

Answer for question 2

Yes, these documents will be shared with the contractor in the beginning of their assignment.

Question 3

While the TOR focuses on timber legality and sustainability, will other forest commodities (e.g., rubber, coffee) be included in the scope of the analysis, or is it strictly limited to timber and palm oil?

Answer for question 3

The scope is limited to timber and palm oil.

Question 4

The TOR refers to the role of forest-based businesses and other land uses (e.g., palm oil plantations) in achieving the FOLU Net Sink 2030. Should the contractor also assess other emerging sectors (e.g., mining or renewable energy projects) and their impacts on deforestation and carbon sequestration?

Answer for question 4

The scope of the study is limited to forestry and agricultural (palm oil) land-uses. Mining and other industrial land uses have been a topic of another thematic analysis.

Question 5

The TOR specifies that the Team Leader (referred to in section 4.1) and other experts must speak Bahasa Indonesia. Could you clarify if it is acceptable to propose a Team Leader who does not speak

Bahasa Indonesia, with the support of a translator? Additionally, is this requirement evaluated on an "all or nothing" basis, or can partial points be awarded?

Answer for question 5

TOR specifies that the Team Leader must speak Bahasa Indonesia.

Question 6

Will EFI specify certain regions or provinces in Indonesia for travel, or is the contractor responsible for identifying key locations for stakeholder consultations?

Answer for question 6

The Contractor is responsible for identifying key locations.

Question 7

The TOR requires the thematic briefing to be produced in both English and Bahasa Indonesia. Will EFI provide support for translation, or is the contractor fully responsible for this?

Answer for question 7

This is the responsibility of the contractor.

Question 8

The contract is described as a lump sum agreement. Could you clarify whether payments will be tied to specific deliverables or milestones, or is there flexibility in the payment schedule?

Answer for question 8

Payments are linked to specific deliverables taking into account partial advance payment.

Question 9

Could you confirm if reimbursement for travel expenses and a per diem allowance are included in the EUR 100,000 budget, or are they considered additional costs? If they are part of the budget, should contractors factor in logistical costs (e.g., flights, accommodation, local transportation) within the lump sum, or is there a separate reimbursement mechanism?

Answer for question 9

All cost are part of the budget of EUR 100,000

Question 10

The TOR mentions alignment of the natural forest moratorium with the EU Deforestation-free Regulation (EUDR). Should the analysis also consider alignment with other international agreements, such as those from ASEAN or global bodies like the UN?

Answer for question 10

Other international agreements are not included in the scope of this study.

Question 11

Will EFI expect the contractor to include risk management and contingency planning in case key stakeholders (government or non-governmental) are unavailable for consultations, or if travel within Indonesia becomes limited?

Answer for question 11

Contingency planning is not expected.

Question 12

Is EFI open to the idea of involving local subcontractors or experts for specific areas of the analysis (e.g., field consultations, data gathering), especially given the geographical and contextual complexity of Indonesia's forest governance system?

Answer for question 12

The contractor is responsible for proposing a team that can deliver the analysis and expected deliverables.

Question 13

Should the comparison of SVLK and ISPO (Indonesia Sustainable Palm Oil) with other certification schemes be limited to private certification schemes within Indonesia, or should it also include comparisons with international schemes like FSC or RSPO?

Answer for question 13

The study should consider all relevant certification schemes with preference to internationally recognised schemes.

Question 14

Given the focus on deforestation reduction, would EFI encourage the use of satellite-based deforestation monitoring tools (such as Global Forest Watch) to complement field data collection?

Answer for question 14

The contractor needs to propose its methodology and the tools it plans to use in the analysis to respond to the research questions.

Question 15

The TOR mentions the shift from the EU Timber Regulation (EUTR) to the EU Deforestation-free Regulation (EUDR). Should the analysis provide recommendations on how Indonesia's SVLK system could evolve to meet future EU regulatory changes beyond the EUDR?

Answer for question 15

This is not the focus of the study. It has been a topic of another thematic analysis.

Question 16

The TOR mentions the role of community forest management in reducing deforestation. Should the contractor focus on existing programs only, or also consider recommending new models or best practices from other countries that could be adapted to Indonesia?

Answer for question 16

The contractor can recommend new models or best practices from other countries, but they should also reflect on their adaptability/feasibility in the Indonesian context.