



FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS  
OFFICE OF FAO REPRESENTATIVE, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO  
PROJECT VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Job Title	Environmental Economist		
Division/Department	FAO- Country Office, Trinidad and Tobago		
Programme/Project Number	Improving Forest and Protected Area Management in Trinidad and Tobago		
Location	Port- of –Spain, Trinidad		
Expected Start Date of Assignment	15/01/2013	Duration:	6 weeks within Jan - July 2013
Reports to	FAO Country Representative, Trinidad and Tobago		

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF TASK(S) AND OBJECTIVES TO BE ACHIEVED	
<p><b>Background:</b></p> <p>The Global Environment Facility (GEF) approved in June 2012 the concept note of the project titled 'Improving Forest and Protected Area Management in Trinidad and Tobago'. It intends to conserve biodiversity in Trinidad and Tobago by consolidating the protected area system and enhancing capacity and finance for conservation management. Subsequently, GEF approved a project preparation grant of US\$119,000 in September 2012. The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) is currently developing the full project document, in collaboration with relevant departments in Trinidad and Tobago and in consultation with diverse stakeholders for submission to GEF by August 2013 for endorsement.</p> <p>This consultancy's purpose is to study in detail various technical aspects of the project and provide inputs to design the project components as proposed in the Project Identification Form, and as agreed with the stakeholders at the Inception Workshop in Trinidad and Tobago during 31 October- 01 November 2012. The key results of the consultant's activities will provide the project's baseline data and constitute the foundation for developing the project document.</p> <p><b>Tasks:</b></p> <p>Under the general supervision of the FAO Country Representative (Trinidad and Tobago), the technical supervision of Forestry Officer (Economics), FAO (Rome), and in close collaboration with other consultants and national counterparts, the consultant will do the following tasks.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Analyze current revenue streams and propose tools for revenue generation and mobilization.</li><li>Propose strategies and action plan for setting up the National Forest and Protected Area (NFPA) Fund.</li><li>Suggest tools for cost-effective management (including the actions to develop a sustainable financing system and pilot test in two PAs).</li><li>Examine the potential for new biodiversity-friendly income generation activities.</li><li>Quantify biodiversity and natural resources extracted from project sites.</li><li>Contribute to a survey amongst Forestry Division staff to assess the improvement needs.</li><li>Fill out the GEF tracking tools.</li><li>Estimate the annual expenditure needed for PA management and conduct quantitative analysis to find the gaps.</li><li>Assess the capacity related to sustainable financing in PAs and propose plans for capacity building.</li><li>Help other consultants to organize separate stakeholder consultations/workshops.</li><li>Prepare collaborative reports and provide inputs to prepare thematic notes.</li><li>Design component 3 of the project 'developing and testing of sustainable financing system' and provide their split up costs.</li><li>Propose the ways to ensure sustainability of the project outcomes and suggest measures for mainstreaming gender.</li><li>Provide the baseline data needed for project analysis.</li><li>Explore possible co-financing activities of the project.</li><li>Perform all other related tasks essential for preparing the project document.</li></ul>	
KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS	
<b>Expected Outputs:</b> Technical reports, workshop presentations, team and workshop reports and contributions to different sections of three main documents (GEF endorsement template, FAO project document and GEF tracking tool).	<b>Required Completion Date:</b> To be agreed
REQUIRED COMPETENCIES	
<p><b>Academic Qualifications</b></p> <p>Advanced University Degree in Economics</p> <p><b>Experience Requirements</b></p> <p>Five years of experience in economic and financial analysis related to natural resource management and biodiversity conservation in Trinidad and Tobago.</p> <p><b>Other competencies/skills/abilities</b></p> <p><b>a. Essential</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>Demonstrated analytical, coordination and advisory skills</li><li>Quality of both oral and written communication skills in English</li><li>Ability to work in a team and interpersonal skills</li><li>Familiarity with the geographical region and the forests and PAs therein</li></ol> <p><b>b. Preferred</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>Experience with GEF projects</li><li>Experience with UN organizations</li></ol>	

*Please note that all candidates should possess computer/word processing skills and should be capable of working with people of different national and cultural backgrounds.*

**HOW TO APPLY**

Please send your application to [FAO-TT@fao.org](mailto:FAO-TT@fao.org) by 24 January 2013, including the following documents: 1) Completed FAO Personal History Form (available at <http://www.fao.org/employment/current-vacancies/project/en/>; 2) Brief cover letter indicating your suitability, motivation and availability.