



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

<b>Job Title</b>	Socio-economics Specialist		
<b>Division/Department</b>	FAO- Country Office, Trinidad and Tobago		
<b>Programme/Project Number</b>	Improving Forest and Protected Area Management in Trinidad and Tobago		
<b>Location</b>	Port- of -Spain, Trinidad		
<b>Expected Start Date of Assignment</b>	15/01/2013	<b>Duration:</b>	8 weeks within Jan - July 2013
<b>Reports to</b>	FAO Country Representative, Trinidad and Tobago		

**GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF TASK(S) AND OBJECTIVES TO BE ACHIEVED**

**Background:**

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.

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.

**Tasks:**

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.

- Conduct stakeholder analysis and assess stakeholders' role in PA management
- Conduct socio-economic analysis to assess forest dependence and socio-economic status of communities in project sites and identify the opportunities to provide socio-economic benefits through the project.
- In collaboration with the Ecotourism Specialist, conduct feasibility studies of potential ecotourism activities and propose plans for making them operational and designing a user fee system.
- Assess the main economic benefits of the project to the country.
- Analyze potential risks to realize the outcomes of the project and propose mitigation measures.
- Conduct a survey amongst the Forestry Division staff to assess the improvement needs.
- Along with the Biodiversity Specialist and Environmental Economist, assess the investment requirements needed for enhancing management effectiveness.
- Provide inputs to assess the areas to build capacity related to sustainable financing in PAs.
- Along with the Biodiversity Specialist, prepare brief reports on every project site in an agreed format.
- Provide inputs to prepare collaborative reports and thematic notes.
- Help the Environmental Economist to design component 3 of the project 'development and testing of sustainable financing system' and provide inputs for developing others.
- Provide necessary inputs to fill out GEF tracking tools.
- Along with the Biodiversity Specialist, organize and facilitate stakeholder consultations/workshops.
- In collaboration with other consultants, assess the implementation capacity of the proposed project and propose measures to improve it.
- Propose cost-effective communication and co-ordination strategies to minimize communication gaps.
- Work with the Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist to evolve cost-effective plan for public education and awareness.
- Along with other consultants, propose how gender issues will be incorporated into the project.
- Provide the baseline data on socio-economics and finance related aspects of PAs for project analysis.
- Perform all other related tasks essential for preparing the project document.

**KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS**

**Expected Outputs:** 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).

**Required Completion Date:** To be agreed

**REQUIRED COMPETENCIES**

**Academic Qualifications**

Advanced University Degree in Economics

**Experience Requirements**

Five years of experience in socio-economic analysis related to natural resource management, preferably with biodiversity conservation in Trinidad and Tobago.

**Other competencies/skills/abilities**

**a. Essential**

1. Demonstrated analytical, coordination and advisory skills
2. Quality of both oral and written communication skills in English

3. Ability to work in a team and interpersonal skills
4. Familiarity with the geographical region and the forests and PAs therein

**b. Preferred**

5. Experience with GEF projects
6. Experience with UN organizations

*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.