

Q&A regarding the consultancy

- 1.** Regarding the training and guidance effort, we understand that it will be tailored to the capacity level of the eight rangers. To better plan our approach, could you kindly provide information about the current level of computer competencies of these individuals? Additionally, we would like to know what their expected level of proficiency should be after the successful completion of the project.

Rangers are young adults from Brownsveg. Their computer experience level is different, but they all have received basic training in GPS use and map reading from ACT, during the rangers training (April-May 2023). They also had to make a practical test for collecting/measuring in the field. However, we ask for the record that during your training you should assume that you must start at point zero. The goal of this training is that this team should be able to independently collect the necessary field data for you. As field collection team for the consultant.

- 2.** We acknowledge that there is a scarcity of available manuals on using GIS for monitoring. Considering the potential impact on our budget, could you please elaborate on the level of detail required for this manual? Understanding the minimum acceptable level of detail would help us allocate appropriate resources for its development.

The training manuals must be structured in such a way that the trainee can use the information during the practical implementation and after the training as reference (for the use of tools, data collection, reporting format and more).

- 3.** In relation to the two-week training mentioned in the RFP, we presume that it primarily involves providing technical support and guidance. However, to ensure a comprehensive plan, could you kindly outline the specific expectations from our team during the training period? We would like to know if any logistical arrangements or community outreach activities are expected from us.

No community outreach is expected from the consultant. The consultant is expected to take care of all logistics for the performance of his work. A budget has already been reserved for catering during the 2 training sessions and the 1-day workshop. The representatives of the local community must be invited to the 1-day workshop.

- 4.** With regards to the two-week training on remote satellite viewing and analyses, we are interested in gaining a deeper understanding of the anticipated outcomes. We have learned that SBB employs a system where

they investigate satellite images, analyze observed changes, and take corresponding actions on the ground. Is this approach something you would like us to adopt and build upon during the training?

The goal of the remote viewing is indeed, as SBB already does, to be able to act in the field when observations are made. But also, to be able to continuously add data for better management of the Brownsberg Nature Park.

- 5.** In preparing the budget for the project, we want to ensure we cover all necessary aspects. Hence, could you please confirm if the budget should solely encompass expert costs, or if there are other budget lines that need to be included, such as transport, logistics, software, consumption, and any additional expenses?

Please include all costs in your budget, including the logistics for the rangers. The only costs that are already reserved in another "budget line" are the costs for catering during the 2 training sessions and the 1-day workshop.

- 6.** Is it clear which elements exactly need to be shown on the map? The map could be as simple as a boundary and topographic information. But it could also contain data about sites, trails, animal spotting locations and much more. If it is not clear yet, there would need to be an activity added to the workplan to discuss the elements that need to be included on the map.

The elements to be included in the map are data about sites, trails, research locations, but also the locations damaged by illegal activities that need to be rehabilitated and more.

- 7.** We would also need to receive existing data from STINASU if possible, to review this and potentially update and use this information on the new map.

STINASU will provide the consultant with all available information for the updating of the map.

- 8.** We currently have the boundaries of BNP. Should this exact boundary be used, or will it be adjusted? If it will be adjusted, who will provide/determine the new boundary?

The boundaries of BNP will not be adjusted. They will remain the same.

- 9.** Which stakeholders should be included at the workshop in Paramaribo for validation and gathering of new input?

Government-, NGO-, research-, local community-, tourism- stakeholders as well as potential new partners for BNP.

10. Will the community members from Brownsveg be present?

Yes, they need to be invited to also give their input.

11. How many people need to be trained for activity 5 (Remote sensing training)?

8-10 persons

12. Who will cover the cost for accommodation, travel and consumption be during the trainings and workshops?

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