



Consultancy Ref No: 79/ILES/CENTRAL/23-24

# **RFP FOR CONSULTANCY SERVICES WWF-PAKISTAN**

## **SUBJECT:**

**Revamping of Taunsa Conservation and Information Centre**

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### **Application Submission:**

Interested consultants should submit the Proposal on **Application Form Available Online** or can access through following Link:

<https://forms.gle/qazomXoWh7FSWcL29>

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## 1) INTRODUCTION & BACKGROUND

Contract type:	Consultancy and Services
Duration of assignment:	January-August 2024
Type:	Firm and Individual both

### Background of Project & Assignment:

The Indus River dolphin *Platanista minor* is a flagship species, which is listed as Endangered (EN) in the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species. The Indus River dolphin is only found in the Indus River system, with the only viable population located within the geographical boundaries of Pakistan, with only a few dolphins having been reported in the Beas River in India, a tributary of the Indus. Indus river dolphin conservation is challenging because of the enormous pressures on its habitat and in future, as water infrastructure plans develop and the challenges of climate change exacerbate, the viability of the species needs to be ensured through collective actions. The Indus River Dolphin Conservation Adoption Project supported by the Engro-Foundation aims to enhance the efforts to protect the Indus River dolphin and its innate habitat and halt the threats by using advanced tools and approaches. The project focuses on its core habitat between the Taunsa and Sukkur barrages.

## 2) GENERAL CONDITIONS

- 1) The WWF-PAKISTAN reserves the right to reject or accept any proposal. The WWF-PAKISTAN reserves the right to proceed with the implementation of any Service, in whole or in part, as described in the Proposal.
- 2) The WWF-PAKISTAN reserves the right to engage in discussions with any BIDDER to clarify responses or discuss certain issues with regards to the proposal or services requested. The WWF-PAKISTAN has no obligation to notify the other BIDDERS of the discussions, clarifications, or other information provided by a BIDDER. Any additional information required for preparation of the BID shall be distributed to all participants at the same time.
- 3) The WWF-PAKISTAN reserves the right to award the proposal based on experience, qualification, completion date, service cost and other criteria, and not necessarily the lowest cost.
- 4) Based on the RFP BID the WWF-PAKISTAN is entitled to change/replace or omit any clause/part of the preliminary defined scope of services of the proposal. The WWF-PAKISTAN shall conduct negotiations with WWF to achieve the full compliance to the requirements.
- 5) The WWF-PAKISTAN reserves the right in the event the successful CONSULTANT fails to comply with the terms and conditions as listed, to cancel this contract and award it to another CONSULTANT without penalty or action against the WWF-PAKISTAN. The RFP does not constitute an agreement or order.
- 6) The RFP is not a binding agreement between the parties, submission of a proposal or response by a proponent is voluntary.
- 7) By submitting a bid, the BIDDER is deemed to have acknowledged all of the undertakings, specifications, terms and conditions, **WWF Fraud and Corruption Prevention and Investigation Policy and WWF's Environment Social & Safeguard for consultant agreement** and to be bound by them if the BID is accepted. All expenses incurred by the Bidder in connection with the preparation of its proposal are to be borne by the RFP participant, and the WWF-PAKISTAN shall not incur any obligation whatsoever toward the Bidder regardless of whether such bid is accepted or rejected.

## 3) PURPOSE

### a. Objective of the Consultancy:

Taunsa Centre, near Taunsa Barrage, Kot Addhu, has been established to support aquatic and riverine biodiversity conservation along the Indus River for nearly two decades. Another key objective of this facility is to enhance awareness of local communities and citizens about the importance of wildlife and important natural resources, particularly the Indus River Dolphin. The Centre aims to serve as a catalyst for the protection of these vital resources.

The primary objective of this consultancy is to heighten awareness, specifically targeting the youth and communities,

about the invaluable and endemic biodiversity within the Indus River. The emphasis is placed on shedding light on the Indus River Dolphin and other riverine ecosystems, along with the various challenges confronting these species and ecosystems. The scope of the assignment encompasses the evaluation and enhancement of the existing educational materials and displays at the Taunsa Conservation and Information Centre. Additionally, the consultancy aims to address degradation concerns and facilitate the inclusion, enrichment, and modernization of the centre. This involves introducing new displays and interactive elements, with a specific focus on the Indus River and other key biodiversity aspects. The ultimate goal is to create an engaging and informative environment that fosters a deeper understanding and appreciation for the diverse ecosystems along the Indus River.

**b. Specific Tasks:**

- Rehabilitation, enrichment, and modernization of the Taunsa Conservation and Information Centre.
- Development of new displays and interactive items, with a focus on the Indus River and other key biodiversity aspects.
- Develop and install awareness signage, games and any other items that highlight the significance of the Indus River Dolphin and other riverine ecosystems.
- Support in data collection using River Health Assessment (RHA) report card

#### 4) Deliverables

- Conduct a comprehensive assessment of the Taunsa Conservation and Information Centre, evaluating its current state and identifying areas for improvement. Develop a detailed plan outlining the necessary enhancements, modifications, and additions to optimize the overall effectiveness and educational impact of the centre.
- Improve and repair existing displays at the Taunsa Conservation and Information Centre
- Develop and install signage/education material focusing on key aspects of the biodiversity along the Indus River, enhancing visitor understanding.
- Creation and installation of interactive games and boards within the Information Centre, promoting a hands-on and engaging learning experience.
- Specifically designed and fabricated displays highlighting the significance of the Indus River Dolphin, including engaging and informative content.
- RHA based monthly data collection for atleast three months

#### 5) REQUIREMENTS

- a. Qualification: A minimum of a Bachelor's degree in Environmental Science, Biology, Conservation, or a related field. A Master's degree is preferred. Demonstrated expertise in biodiversity conservation, particularly in aquatic and riverine ecosystems. Familiarity with the ecology and conservation issues related to the Indus River Dolphin and other riverine species.
- b. Eligibility: Proven experience in designing and implementing educational programs or exhibits related to wildlife conservation, preferably in a similar context. Ability to collaborate effectively with local communities, youth groups, and relevant stakeholders to ensure successful awareness campaigns. Strong communication skills, both written and verbal, to effectively convey conservation messages to diverse audiences.
- c. Experience: At least 5 years of professional experience in the field of biodiversity conservation, with a focus on aquatic ecosystems and riverine biodiversity.

#### 6) CORRESPONDENCE & SUBMISSION OF PROPOSAL

**1. Application Submission:**

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2. If Any **Queries** may send through Email by attention to the Following:

**To:** Faiza khan ([fakhan@wwf.org.pk](mailto:fakhan@wwf.org.pk))

**Cc:** Muzzammil Ahmed ([mahmed@wwf.org.pk](mailto:mahmed@wwf.org.pk))

The RFP submission deadline mentioned on WWF-Website.

3. Any information and responses to enquiries will be made in writing and distributed by email to all proponents. Enquiries after the foregoing deadline will not receive a response.

## 7) FORMAT OF THE PROPOSAL

The BID submitted by the participant must be structured as per the below provided instructions:

- 1) **Application Form available at WWF-Website** - General information about the Bidder, covering qualification and experience, CV and all related Information.
- 2) **Experience:**
  - a) **Description of the complete projects:** the list and general information about the complete projects, description of the role in the project, other accomplishments of the Consultant.
- 3) **Proposal outlining scope consultancy service-** Description of scope and working process, stages, deliverables, exclusions, conditions;
- 4) **Provide template of already complete similar type of reports-** the WWF-PAKISTAN may request additionally;
- 5) **Service Provision Timeline** – Provide Detailed Work Plan as per Deliverable and TORs.
- 6) **Financial Proposal-** the prices shall be provided in Pak Rs, the total price shall include all costs related to service provision including applicable taxes.

**Note:**

Templates of all Information is provided on Application form available at WWF-Website. Any Additional Information related to the RFP can be attached along with application Form.

## 8) FINANCIAL PROPOSAL

The proposed prices shall be provided in PKR, the total price shall include all costs related to service provision including all Direct and Indirect taxes, Travel, Boarding & Lodging shall be based on actual receipt up to max Ceiling (If Any).

The consultant will submit the cost of the assignment in a lump sum, including all applicable taxes according to the Government of Pakistan and the Government of KP

**The Payment Term:** shall be defined by the contract to be concluded between WWF -Pakistan and the consultant.

## 9) EVALUATION PROCESS

Applicant's proposal shall be evaluated based on Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) method. Under QCBS both technical and financial proposals shall be evaluated as per following criteria against a maximum score of 100 points.

- A) Technical Proposal (70%)
- Detailed workplan

- Expression of interest (EOI)
- Company's Profile
- Detailed methodology

B) Financial Proposal (30%)

- Detailed financial proposal which should be inclusive of all applicable taxes and out of pocket expenses. The financial proposal should follow a breakdown structure i.e., specifying cost(s) to each head and subhead
- Company's registration certificate
- NTN detail(s)
- Any legal or technical certification required for the task
- Audited Accounts Report (if available) of last FY

Note: Late/ incomplete submissions will not be accepted. Only three (03) top-ranked firms will be included in the comparative process

## 10) DOCUMENTATION AND CONFIDENTIALITY

All documents completed based on requirements of the present RFP shall be the property of the WWF-Pakistan, and shall not without the consent of the WWF-Pakistan be used, reproduced or made available to third parties beyond what is necessary in respect of the fulfilment of the Project. All documents issued and information given to the BIDDER shall be treated as confidential.

## 11) BUDGET

Total Budget for this activity inclusive of all taxes and Out of Pocket expenses is **PKR 1 million.**