Sustainability of Taunsa Conservation Centre and Rescuing Dolphins in Indus River

Terms of References (ToRs)

1. GENERAL

This document contains Terms of Reference (TOR) for the Consultant, to be engaged by WWF-Pakistan (hereinafter called the Employer) for Sustainability of Taunsa Conservation Centre and Rescuing Dolphins in Indus River.

2. OBJECTIVES

To Sustain Taunsa Conservation Center to facilitate the communities. The aim is to strengthen community stewardship towards protection of Indus dolphin and its habitat through capacity building in reducing dolphin by-catch, safe release of entangled dolphins, canal monitoring, plantation sites monitoring, etc.

3. CONSULTANT'S SCOPE OF SERVICES

The sustainable research centre and sustaining dolphins include following activities but not limited to:

i. Organizing tour of different stakeholders from media, industry to the centre and provide them information on the water quality and aquatic life and culture of the area

ii. Awareness raising among the communities regarding the conservation activities and rescue techniques for the dolphins as well as water quality testing of downstream of industries nearby.

iii. Strengthening community stewardship towards protection of Indus dolphin and its habitat through capacity building in reducing dolphin by-catch, safe release of entangled dolphins, canal monitoring, plantation sites monitoring, etc.

iv. Strengthen role of Indus River Dolphin Conservation and Information Centre to raise awareness on the Indus River dolphin conservation

v. Water quality testing to check impact of industrial effluents at downstream of river.

The expected outputs of the consultancy are as follows:

1. Strengthening and enhancing community stewardship towards protection of Indus dolphin and its habitat through capacity building in reducing dolphin bycatch, safe release of entangled dolphins, canal monitoring, plantation sites monitoring, etc.

2. Establishment of a network of five sustainable fishing zones to regulate fishing nets, monitor dolphin mortality, protect associated biodiversity through monitoring and community awareness raising through stakeholder's participation.

3. Deploy community guards for monitoring of irrigation canals to minimize bycatch of dolphins by controlling the use of illegal nets and collection of dolphin sighting and mortality data.

4. Build capacity of fishers to operate tours and guide tourists about the dolphins, local heritage and culture and historical monuments and renovate one boat to use for dolphin watch safaris

5. Strengthen role of Indus River Dolphin Conservation and Information Centre to raise awareness on the Indus River dolphin conservation

The consultant shall periodically update the Employer of the status of the consultancy and objectives achieved.

4. REQUIRED QUALIFICATION/ SKILLS OF CONSULTANT

A company having relevant field experience of 7-10 years in conservation activities. Previous work in funded development sector projects will be preferred.

5. TIME FRAME

2 months