

## CALL FOR TENDERS FOR CONSULTANCY SERVICES TO PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO THE HIGH CARBON STOCK APPROACH ON FINALISING GUIDANCE FOR AND APPLICATION OF THE SOCIAL REQUIREMENTS OF THE HCSA

The High Carbon Stock Approach is a methodology for ending deforestation which distinguishes forest areas for protection from degraded lands with low carbon and biodiversity values that may be developed. It includes 14 Social Requirements (SRs) to ensure that the rights and aspirations of affected communities, workers and farmers are respected when forests are identified and conserved. In 2019 the HCSA will develop further guidance for SRs implementation, trial their application and conduct trainings. The HCSA is seeking consultancy bids to assist the HCSA to carry out this work. The activities that the consultancy service is expected to oversee and carry out are outlined below.

### Activities to finalise guidance for and application of the Social Requirements of the HCSA from July 2019 to June 2020

**Activity 1:** Finalise the remaining draft sections of the Social Requirements, specifically, SRs 5, 11 and 13.

**Activity 2:** Develop indicators for all 14 of the Social Requirements to assist developers and technical assistants to implement them.

**Activity 3:** Develop a matrix showing which sections of the SRs are covered by certification standards, including the RSPO and the FSC.

**Activity 4:** Develop guidance on Social Impact Monitoring to complement and expand the existing text on impact monitoring in the SRs Implementation Guide.

**Activity 5:** Develop implementation guidance for SR 5 on Securing Livelihoods and Local Food Security.

**Activity 6:** Develop implementation guidance for SR 10 on Grievance and Remedy.

**Activity 7:** Develop implementation guidance for SR 13 on Implementing the SRs when applying the HCSA to existing operations.

**Activity 8:** Arrange expert participation in workshops and trials of the SRs.

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### Qualifications and experience of tender applicants

- At least 5 years of experience working with multi-stakeholder and membership organisations, public, private, or not-for-profit;
- Proven ability to understand and work with technical aspects of sustainability particularly related to land use conservation and management and related supply chains;
- Understanding of consensus decision making processes.

## Skills and abilities

- Ability to engage and coordinate senior stakeholders at high levels of public and private sector;
- Demonstrated ability to facilitate negotiation processes and ensure neutral judgement when conducting interviews, conceptualising, analysing feedback and producing recommendations;
- Possess good technical knowledge;
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills with experience in producing formal technical and policy documentation; fluency in English is a requirement;
- Excellent project planner/manager and time management skills;
- Strategic, holistic and conceptual thinker with an eye for detail.

For a copy of the HCSA Social Requirements, the HCSA SRs Implementation Guide and the SRs Work Plan for 2019-2020, please contact [info@highcarbonstock.org](mailto:info@highcarbonstock.org).

Tender proposals should be submitted to [info@highcarbonstock.org](mailto:info@highcarbonstock.org) by **25 July 2019** at **5:30 pm (Kuala Lumpur time)**.

For all queries relating to this tender please also contact [info@highcarbonstock.org](mailto:info@highcarbonstock.org).