Terms of Reference

Title: Baseline study report on Nino Konis Santana National Park (NKSNP), Timor Leste

Type of contract: Individual Consultant Contract

Level: Middle

Contract period: 21 September – 30 November 2020

Duty station: Home based

I. Background

The Government of Timor-Leste is in the process of finalizing the nomination dossier for the submission of Nino Konis Santana National Park (NKSNP) as a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve, with the objective of ensuring the sustainable long-term management of the NKSNP and its surrounding buffer and transitional areas under this new international status - including in due course the possible scoping of additional UNESCO-designation as UNESCO Global Geopark and/or natural/mixed World Heritage site, if relevant.

The current UNESCO Country Strategic Document for Timor-Leste, UCSD, will end by 2021. As an important document to improve UNESCO's efficiency and performance at the country or regional level as well as a tool for dialogue with stakeholders, donors and partners, UNESCO Jakarta has initiated a process to formulate the next strategic document for the period of 2022-2026, which will be integrated with the United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (UNSDCF) for Timor-Leste, 2021–2025. The UNSDCF focuses on developing capacities and strengthening systems of Timorese institutions and on empowering the most vulnerable rights-holders (women, children, the poor and rural communities) to ensure that no one is left behind.

The UNSDCF will focus on six interrelated priority outcomes: (1) nutrition, food security and sustainable agriculture; (2) sustainable economic opportunities and decent work for all; (3) access to quality education and lifelong learning outcomes and skills; (4) quality health care and well-being; (5) accountable, inclusive and participatory governance and quality public services; and (6) sustainable management of natural resources and resilience to climate change.
The successful nomination of NKSNP as a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve will make a significant contribution towards outcome (6), as well as contributions towards (1), (2) and (3).

II. Purpose of the Assignment

- Establishment of baseline information on the importance of NKSNP and its potential contributions towards the UNSDCF and Timor-Leste’s national development priorities once it is inscribed as a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve;
- Revision and updating of the existing draft NKSNP Biosphere Reserve nomination dossier from 2015;
- Identification of remaining actions to be taken to ensure the successful nomination of NKSNP as a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve by 30 September 2021;
- Scoping and outline of potential UNESCO activities in support of the nomination process and in line with priorities in UNSDCF Timor-Leste.

III. Duties and Expected Output

Under the authority of the Director of UNESCO Jakarta, and direct supervision of the Senior Programme Specialist for Water and Environmental Sciences, the consultant shall:

1. Conduct a desk study and multi-stakeholder, multi-level survey to establish baseline information on the importance of NKSNP and its potential contributions towards the UNSDCF and Timor-Leste’s national development priorities once it is inscribed as a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve;

2. Develop and present a recommendation report from the desk and stakeholder survey analysis for UNESCO Jakarta, for consideration in developing the new UNESCO Country Strategic Document;

3. Review the existing draft NKSNP Biosphere Reserve nomination dossier from 2015, update and revise the document to reflect current developments, and identify remaining actions (such as community consultations among others) required to ensure the successful nomination of NKSNP as a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve in 2021;

4. Scope and outline of potential UNESCO activities in support of the nomination process and in line with priorities in UNSDCF Timor-Leste.
IV. Timetable and deliverables

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V. Qualification

- A Master’s or PhD degree equivalent, preferably in Environment, Development studies or other relevant field
- Proven track record on development policy recommendation, reviews and collating inputs for report writing
- At least 10 years of previous engagement with United Nations agencies, INGOs, similar entities will be an advantage
- Proficiency in written and spoken English

VI. Working conditions and schedule

- Due to covid-19, it is recommended for home-based work with regular contact with UNESCO Dili Antenna Office and UNESCO Jakarta.

VII. Copyright, Patents and Other Propriety Rights

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VIII. Application

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