



REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

CONSULTANCY SERVICES

ANALYSIS OF DRIVERS OF DEFORESTATION AND FOREST DEGRADATION AND IDENTIFICATION OF RESPONSE STRATEGIES

Fiji National REDD+ Programme

The Ministry of Fisheries and Forests invites eligible consulting firms to indicate their interest in providing services to deliver a detailed analysis of drivers and underlying causes for deforestation and forest degradation and identification of strategy options to address those. This assignment forms an important basis for the development of Fiji's National REDD+ Programme.

Objectives of the consultancy are to:

- Identify and analyse all drivers and agents (both direct and underlying) of deforestation and forest degradation (including mangroves) and how past and current policies, governance, economy, culture, and social demands play a role in influencing these drivers;
- Identify and assess the barriers to, and the agents for, forest conservation, sustainable management of forests and forest carbon stock enhancement at the national, subnational and local level and how past and current policies, governance structures, economic status, local culture, and social demands play a role in influencing these drivers;
- Determine land use and forest cover change trends and assess associated drivers;
- Identify strategy options and key interventions to address the drivers of deforestation and forest degradation and barriers to forest conservation, sustainable management of forests and forest carbon stock enhancement.

The Ministry encourages the inclusion of local experts and a capacity development plan that accompanies the work plan. The process requires extensive consultation and stakeholder participation throughout Fiji.

Interested Consultants must access the detailed Terms of Reference from the Fiji REDD+ website: <http://fiji-reddplus.org/content/drivers-tor> or request a copy from redplus.fj@gmail.com. Deadline for applications is Friday, 26 August 2016, 2 pm local time.