



## **TERMS OF REFERENCE**

### **Support the process of acquisition and finalizing approval of land leases for individual landowners in Conservancies**

#### **Background**

The African Wildlife Foundation (AWF) has supported the development of wildlife-based conservancies across Africa. In 2014, AWF proposed the concepts of conservancies to the Uganda Wildlife Authority (UWA) as a means of expanding habitat protection, diversifying tourism experiences and engaging landowners and communities directly in wildlife conservation through conservancies. UWA was very supportive of the idea and as a result AWF initiated in partnership with UWA the piloting of three conservancies in landscapes surrounding Lake Mburo, Murchison Falls, and Kidepo Valley National Parks (LMNP, MFNP, and KVNP) respectively.

The development of wildlife conservancies in Africa takes careful planning, deep engagement with communities, capacity building and formation of new partnerships. AWF provided technical guidance and support in the conservancies governance structures development (the Executive, the Constitution, Business plan and ecological assessment and management plans). However, considerable work remains to advance these conservancies, each of which faces a unique suite of challenges and opportunities.

AWF is currently implementing a five-year USAID-funded Biodiversity for Resilience activity in partnership with RTI, CTPH and Viamo which activity is building on the work that was initiated during the previous Bridge Program that focused on Conservancy development. One of the key roles AWF is to strengthen the governance structures within the three conservancies of Rurambira, Murchison Community Conservancy and Karenga Community Wildlife Area (KCWA).

AWF is now seeking to hire a consultant-surveyor service with experience in surveying to support the process of acquisition and finalizing approval of land leases for individual landowners in Conservancies

#### **1. Purpose:**

The overall purpose of the assignment is to support the process of acquisition and finalizing approval of land leases for individual landowners in Murchison Community Conservancy which will include handling the whole process from surveying, getting blueprints (deed plans) and approvals with the land offices with focus to secure the Title deeds for the land owners in the conservancy.

## **2. Scope of the assignment:**

The successful consultant is expected to work with AWF staff, B4R staff, communities and district local government and land office. The assignment will require travel to program implementation sites, and meetings with the landowners and district local government officials to expedite the process.

The consultant is expected to focus on the following tasks:

- i. Review reports and maps of parcels of land in the conservancies and process Title Deeds. The consultant will consult with the AWF staff on the process.
- ii. Develop a surveying plan to address needs of the landowners whose land is in the conservancy and how the surveyor will engage with governance/Executive committee
- iii. Meet the Executive and District Land Office and present to them the strategies to undertake the task
- iv. Undertake surveying and process twenty title deeds of size 20-40 acres) for land in the conservancy.
- v. Deliver the Title Deeds for parcels of Land to the Landowners in the Conservancies.
- vi. Prepare consultant's report on the assignment

## **3. Expected Outputs:**

The successful candidate is expected to have the following deliverables:

- i. Land survey mapped and delineated with mark stones.
- ii. Twenty Title Deeds of size ranging between 20-40 acres secured for landowners
- iii. Submit a final detailed surveying report including follow-up actions / support

## **4. Requirements:**

- i. Advanced degree in Surveying and any relevant field
- ii. Proven track record in organizing and handling surveying, getting blueprints (deed plans) and approvals.
- iii. Good relational and communication skills (in writing and verbally)
- iv. Advanced facilitation and interpersonal skills to interface with government, Local Government and local communities.
- v. Team building skills
- vi. Experience in planning, coordination and leadership in land surveying and securing title deeds necessary.

## **5. Time Frame:**

The consultant is expected to give an indicative timeframe within which he/she expects to accomplish the assignment. This activity however is urgent.

## **6. Application:**

Interested individuals should submit a letter of interest, detailed CV, and technical and financial proposal to AWF within ten (10) working days from the date of this advert to: [UGProcurement@awf.org](mailto:UGProcurement@awf.org) for the attention of the Country Director, African Wildlife Foundation.