

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
CONSULTING SERVICES FOR CONDUCTING A BIRDS AND BATS STUDY
ALONG THE PROPOSED 132 kV BACKBONE TRANSMISSION LINE ROUTE
IN UNGUJA

TANZANIA, ZANZIBAR
ZANZIBAR ENERGY SECTOR TRANSFORMATION AND ACCESS PROJECT
(ZESTA)

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Assignment Title: Consulting Services for Conducting a Birds and Bats Study Along the Proposed 132 kV Backbone Transmission Line Route in Unguja

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The Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar through The United Republic of Tanzania, has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Zanzibar Energy Sector Transformation and Access Project (ZESTA) and intends to apply part of proceeds for consulting services.

The consulting services (“the Services”) main objective is to establish baseline data by identifying the migratory routes and gather detailed information and knowledge of birds and bats distribution and flight activities in order to predict the potential effects of the proposed overhead transmission line infrastructure on the birds and bats in accordance with the Zanzibar Environmental Management Act 2005 and the World Bank Group’s Environmental and Social Frameworks on ESS6 “Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Management of Living Natural Resources” in the period of twelve (12) months.

The specific goals of the detailed birds and bats study are as follows:

- ✓ To establish baseline data on birds and bats along the proposed Transmission Lines.
- ✓ To identify the migratory route along side or crossing the proposed 132 kV Lines in relation to the above mentioned sensitive areas.
- ✓ Determine the potential for the proposed Transmission Line project to cause adverse impact on birds and bats by characterizing the use of the Transmission Line sites and surrounding areas by birds and bats under various environmental conditions throughout the year. Data collected prior to construction can be compared to information collected in a similar manner after the construction to determine which impact, if any, the project has on migrating and resident breeding and wintering birds and bats.

- ✓ Inform the routing of the proposed overhead transmission lines;
- ✓ Develop species protection plans (particularly for specially protected species); and
- ✓ Propose proper mitigation measures which will be included in the design of towers and conductors of the proposed Transmission Lines project.

The Zanzibar Electricity Corporation (ZECO) now invites eligible consulting firms (“Consultants”) to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. The shortlisting criteria are:

- i. The Consultant shall deploy experts with the demonstrable practical 5+ years’ experience in conducting birds and bats studies with specific experience on linear projects such as transmission line.
- ii. The Team will be headed by an Ornithologist in carrying out birds and bats studies and assessments.
- iii. The Study should refer to the IUCN Red List, CITES, Important Bird Areas (IBA), and other relevant documents.
- iv. Knowledge of the WB Environmental and Social Framework will be an added advantage.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 3.14 of the World Bank’s Procurement Regulations Nov 2020 (Fourth Edition), setting forth the World Bank’s policy on conflict of interest.

In addition, please refer to the following specific information on conflict of interest related to this assignment in the paragraph 1.9 of Consultant Guidelines

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment *can be found at the following website: www.zeco.co.tz/index.php/en/*

Consultants may associate with other firms in the form of a joint venture or a sub consultancy to enhance their qualifications.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Consultant Quality Selection (CQS) method set out in the Procurement Regulations.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours, 08:00 to 17:00. Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below in person (hard copy along with an USB drive), or e-mail by 20th November, 2021, by 02:00 hours,

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