

Request for Proposals

Title: Consultancy to develop a roadmap for Liberia Conservation Fund, integration and capacity building of GoL partners with respect to financing mechanism.

RFP No: *CIL-2025-CONSULTANCY-05*

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1. Background

Conservation International (CI) has been protecting nature for the benefit of all for over 30 years. Through science, policy, and partnerships, CI is helping build a healthier, more prosperous, and more productive planet. CI is a global organization active in Liberia for over 20 years, working closely with communities, the private sector, government, and civil society leaders to support conservation and sustainable development. Liberia is at a vital point in its development history, with an enormous wealth of natural resources. It has an opportunity to encourage investors and promote development initiatives that support economic growth and development while maintaining Liberia's critical natural capital for future generations. Proper stewardship of Liberia's resources may prove to be the key to the future well-being of the Liberian people.

To this end, CI Liberia, in collaboration with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), is implementing a Global Environment Facility (GEF)-funded Project, the Nature Capital Accounting (NCA).

2. Project Overview

In February of 2020, the Liberia Environmental Protection Agency, in partnership with the Liberia Maritime Authority, Liberia Institute of Statistic and Geo-Information Services, Ministry of Finance and Development Planning, and Forestry Development Authority, with support from Conservation International, started implementing the GEF-funding project *Conservation and sustainable use of Liberia's coastal natural capital* (the GEF-NCA project). The project's objective is to improve conservation and sustainable use of Liberia's coastal natural capital by mainstreaming the value of nature into Liberia's development trajectory. A core part of this project is the implementation of a System of Environmental-Economic Accounting (SEEA) and Ecosystem Accounting (EA) to demonstrate the value that coastal ecosystems deliver to societal benefits and economic development in Liberia, and ultimately to further momentum for adoption of environmental economic accounting in the country. This consultancy is tailored under component two to link funding sources for the sustainable management and restoration of coastal ecosystems to increase. The Liberia Conservation Fund (LCF) was created by the Government of Liberia with support from CI and other partners as a means to support the national protected area system as well as community-based conservation efforts.

The project has three components as follows

- Component 1: Natural Capital Accounting in coastal ecosystems: This component of the project aims to develop Liberia's first mangrove account within a Natural Capital Accounting (NCA) framework, to ensure that the value of biodiversity and ecosystem services, particularly for coastal areas, is incorporated into national decision-making.
- Component 2: Innovative financing schemes for conserving coastal natural capital: aims at increasing and diversifying resource flows for the sustainable management and restoration of mangrove and coastal ecosystems. Conservation finance includes an array of financing mechanisms such as tourism-related taxes and fees, debt-for-nature swaps, conservation trust funds, and payments for environmental services.
- Component 3: Community incentives to conserve and sustainably manage natural capital in coastal ecosystems: aims to incentivize conservation by providing benefits to local communities, who are often the stewards of important conservation areas. The project will demonstrate a performance-based system that improves stewardship and management of natural capital by local communities.

3. Submission Details

- a. **Deadline.** Proposals must be received no later than (**April 20th, 2025, at 11:59 PM GMT**). Late submissions will not be accepted. Proposals must be submitted via email to (hrliberia@conservation.org). All proposals are to be submitted following the guidelines listed in this RFP.

- b. Validity of bid.



- c. Clarifications. Questions may be submitted to (hrliberia@conservation.org) by the specified date and time in the timeline below. The subject of the email must contain the RFP number and title of the RFP. CI will respond in writing to submit clarifications by the date specified in the timeline below. Responses to questions that may be of common interest to all bidders will be posted to the CI website and/or communicated via email.
- d. Amendments. At any time prior to the deadline for submission of proposals, CI may, for any reason, modify the RFP documents by amendment, which will be posted to the CI website and/or communicated via email.

The subject line of the email must reference the RFP No. of this solicitation. Hard copies in a sealed envelope can be delivered to Cat the following address:

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