

Request for Proposal (RFP)

Four-Year Landscape/Seascape Strategic Plan for the GEF SGP Phase-7 Programme

Request for proposal (RFP) to develop a Four-Year Landscape/Seascape Strategic Plan for the GEF SGP Phase-7 Programme in Buffer Areas in the Balangtieng Watershed (Bulukumba Regency, South Sulawesi), Nantu Wildlife Reserve (Gorontalo), Bodri Watershed (Kendal and Wonobo Regencies, Central Java), and Sabu Island Marine Protected Area (East Nusa Tenggara).

I. General background information on the context of the engagement:

The GEF Small Grant Programme (SGP) was established in 1992, the year of the Rio Earth Summit. The programme provides financial and technical support to CSOs with focus on poor and vulnerable communities for conserving and restoring the environment and at the same time enhancing people's well-being and livelihoods. Indonesia has involved in this programme since 1992. During the last 30 years, the GEF SGP Indonesia Country Program has provided support to grassroots movements in conserving biodiversity, mitigating the impacts of climate change, halting land degradation and reducing pollution of international waters. Over the years, GEF SGP Indonesia has successfully supported a total of 635 projects, for a total disbursement of close to USD 12.0 million that have built its constituents' capacities and generated significant impacts in sustainable environment management, livelihoods, and poverty reduction.

The Country Program has grown in line with the dynamics of community-based natural resource governance and environmental protection efforts. Since the early stages of program implementation, GEF SGP Indonesia placed a high priority on establishing direct partnerships with community-based organizations and their supporting non-governmental organizations. In its initial stages, grants were provided for a wide variety of community, NGO, and university or research institution projects. In recent years, the Indonesia SGP Country Program has also participated in a number of strategic pilot initiatives, providing opportunities for community groups to work collaboratively on regional and landscape-wide initiatives.

The seventh Operational Phase (OP7) of the GEF Small Grants Programme (SGP) in Indonesia aims to build upon the long-standing achievements of SGP in the country, specifically involving strengthening civil society organisations and improving socioeconomic conditions for local communities through implementation of participatory conservation, restoration, and climate change mitigation interventions.

With the aim of achieving impacts at scale and ensuring sustainability of results achieved, the programme level strategy of the Upgraded Country Programme (UCP) of the SGP is based on a landscape approach, following the UNDP approach of community-driven planning and management of socio-ecological production landscapes and seascapes. The four selected landscapes in the Wallacea biogeographical region in Indonesia (1) Sabu Raijua District, East Nusa Tenggara Province; 2) Nantu-Boliyohuto Wildlife Reserve buffer zone; Gorontalo Province; 3) Balantieng Watershed, South Sulawesi Province; and (4) Bodri Watershed, Central Java Province cover expansive and complex geographies. Globally significant biodiversity in these landscapes faces a variety of threats influenced by a variety of drivers, e.g., infrastructure development and increased global demand for food and plantation commodities. These factors, many of which have been exacerbated by the impacts of climate change, have led to biodiversity loss, degradation of fragile ecosystems, and restricted opportunities for local communities to sustain nature-based livelihoods. Many of the local communities in the target landscapes also lack knowledge and access to clean energy solutions. The project strategy aims to generate multiple benefits for biodiversity, climate change, land degradation, and the well-being of local communities through participatory, integrated land and resource management approaches implemented across socio-ecological production landscapes.

Reaching an estimated 5,000 direct beneficiaries, 50% of whom are women, the project will facilitate community-driven interventions that generate global environmental benefits, including bringing an estimated 33,950 ha under improved management practices, restoring 2,050 ha of degraded ecosystems, and increasing adoption of renewable energy and energy efficient solutions at the community level, resulting in the mitigation of more than 314,612 tons of carbon dioxide equivalent of greenhouse gas emissions (lifetime direct). The durability of the results achieved will be ensured through implementation of integrated landscape approaches, supported by multi-stakeholder platforms that foster enabling partnerships among civil society organisations, national and local government entities, private sector enterprises, and academic-research institutions

The Four-Year Strategic program is needed to give direction in implementing activities in those four- targeted areas. The four-year strategic program will consist of GEF tracking tools and output of implementation of phase-7 program.

The preparation of the Four-Year Strategic Plan will use assessment methods and approaches using resilience indicators in SEPLS (socio-ecological production landscapes and seascapes), systemic thinking, and theory of change.

The main objective for implementing SGP Indonesia program for phase-7 is to build social, economic, and socio-ecological resilience through community-based activities for global environmental benefits and sustainable development in accordance with the following five perspectives of the *Satoyama* Initiative.

- Resource use within the carrying capacity and resilience of the environment
- Cyclic use of natural resources
- Recognition of the value and importance of local traditions and cultures
- Natural resource management by various participating and cooperating entities
- Contributions to local socio-economies

The project strategy as the GEF alternative aims, at removing the barriers outlined above in the Development Challenge section through achievement of the following mutually supportive outcomes:

Component 1: Resilient landscapes for sustainable development and global environmental protection

- Outcome 1.1: Ecosystem services and biodiversity within targeted landscapes and seascapes are enhanced through multi-functional land-use systems that improve resilience and ecological connectivity
- Outcome 1.2: Sustainability and productivity of agro-ecosystems is strengthened through community-based initiatives promoting agro-ecological practices, landscape strategies developed by this project
- Outcome 1.3: Livelihoods of communities in the target landscapes are improved by developing ecofriendly small-scale community enterprises and improving market access
- Outcome 1.4: Increased adoption (development, demonstration and financing) of renewable and energy efficient technologies and climate mitigation options at community level

Component 2: Landscape Governance and adaptive management for upscaling and replication

- Outcome 2.1: Multi-stakeholder governance platforms strengthened/in place for improved governance of target landscapes and seascapes for effective participatory decision making to enhance socioecological landscape resiliency
- Outcome 2.2: Knowledge from community level engagement and innovative conservation practices is systematically assessed and shared for replication and upscaling across the landscapes, across the country, and to the global SGP network

Component 3: Monitoring and evaluation

Outcome 3.1: Sustainability of project results enhanced through participatory monitoring and evaluation

II. Scope of the assignment:

The objective of the assignment is to assist SGP National Coordinator and National Steering Committees:

- a. to conduct a seascape-wide baseline based on a developed set of indicators for resilience in socio-ecological production seascapes/landscapes;
- b. to develop the four-year GEF SGP Indonesia Phase-7 Country Programme Landscape/Seascape Strategy for each targeted area based on Prodoc (Project Documentation) of GEF SGP-7 Indonesia;
- c. to develop a monitoring system for community-based project allowing to disaggregate direct and indirect impacts derive from the project interventions to give recommendation for implementation GEF SGP Indonesia work plan;
- d. to develop Monitoring and Evaluation Plan together with Secretariat GEF SGP Indonesia;
- e. to refine the project results framework to add gender-based qualitative indicators and to refine the gender action plan to include gender based qualitative indicators and gender related trainings;
- f. to revise the project results framework to include indicators that qualitatively measure the changes of women and other marginalized groups, leadership in community-based landscape/seascape;
- g. to design the host organization's requirements and their job descriptions, as well as guidelines for proposals for community-based projects;
- h. to assist SGP secretariat for implementing Strategic Plan for each targeted area;
- i. to conduct two stakeholder workshops (stakeholder consultation and dissemination landscape/seascape strategies);
- j. to conduct community-based capacity building for developing proposal;
- k. to develop mid-term report, final report, and policy-paper.

III. Deliverables

- a. The Four-year strategic plan including a results and resources framework for each targeted area of SGP Indonesia Phase-7 through developing of indicators for resilience in socio-ecological production seascapes/landscapes (*duration: 3 months*);
- b. A monitoring system for community-based project allowing to disaggregate direct and indirect impacts derive from the project interventions (*duration: 1 month*);
- c. A monitoring and Evaluation Plan (*timeline: from 2023-2026*);
- d. The revised of project results frame work (*duration: 1 month*);
- e. The recommendation for implementation of Workplan and log frame of GEF SGP Indonesia Phase7 (*duration: 3 months*);
- f. At least two reports on the process consisting of: a) at least four case studies of community-based projects; b) stakeholder engagement and workshop implementation (*timeline: from 2023-2026*);
- g. Community-Based Project Proposal Guideline. (*duration 2 months*);
- h. Criteria of Host organization and community-based project proposals (*duration: 1 month*).

IV. Who may submit proposals: All of activities may be organized by an appropriate, experienced consortium of national or subnational NGOs or academic institutions as an on-the-ground capacity building project and financed by a grant. The proposal will clearly present the experience of the applicant and its partner's organizations in the issues to be addressed.

V. Competencies:

- a. Demonstrated capacity for strategic thinking, and expertise in seascape management.
- b. Proven experiences in working with community-led initiatives.
- c. Proven capacity to produce high quality qualitative research and ability to absorb, analyze and synthesize large amounts of complex information within tight deadlines.
- d. Strong presentation and facilitation skills.
- e. Exceptional writing skills of policy and communication materials for a variety of audiences, including the civil society and policymakers.
- f. Excellent command of English with exceptional writing, presentation, communication and facilitation skills.

VI. Location and Target Beneficiaries:

The selected organization will work in Jakarta and 4 targeted landscapes. The selected organization is also expected to work collaboratively with local government partners, local NGOs/CBOs, Ministry of Environment and Forestry, University/Research Institutions, and other related stakeholders. The organization will be responsible to remain in regular communications with secretariat GEF SGP-7 Indonesia.

VII. Budget: The maximum amount per grant award for such baseline assessment project will be limited to \$150.000, with applicants required to provide a detailed budgetary estimate.

VIII. Period of services (if applicable): 01 November 2022 – 31 May 2026.

IX. For proposal submission and more information, contact:

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The completed proposal (please use **GEF SGP OP7 STRATEGIC PROJECT TEMPLATE and Request For Information Template**) should be received by the SGP National Coordinator no later than October 25, 2022 with subject: ***RFP Strategic Grant for Developing Strategy GEF SGP-7 Indonesia***; email: **gefsgp7info@gmail.com**