

Queries for Tender “Updating the Manipur Biodiversity Strategy Action Plan, 2002 and Meghalaya Biodiversity Strategy Action Plan, 2019: RFQ no. 83467552”

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S. No	Reference Clause	Page No.	Existing Clause	Query	Response
1.	Section 3 , point 3	5	To review the Manipur’s SBSAP, 2002, Meghalaya’s SBSAP, 2019 and other relevant reports develop from NERAQ project in alignment with draft NBSAP (ongoing) in communication with National Biodiversity Authority.	What is the extent of coordination expected with the NBA for the purposes of this assignment? Would it be through GIZ or directly by the contractor? Would some of the experts be expected to travel to Chennai for this purpose?	The agency does not need much coordination with the NBA, and there is no mandatory travel to Chennai. The agency can coordinate with the NBA through GIZ or directly to obtain a draft NBSAP copy, which may be done through email or telephonic conversation.
2.	Section 3, last point	5	All the activities above will be carried out in close coordination with the Member Secy. Biodiversity Boards, Technical Advisors & Nodal Officers-NERAQ project Manipur & Meghalaya.	In Manipur, given the prevailing situation related to security aspects, consultation process with some of the stakeholders may be constrained. What is GIZ’s expectation related to nature and extent of consultation with community groups and civil society in Manipur for this assignment?	Consultation with community groups and civil society will be limited. The focus of the consultation will mainly be with state departments located in the city. If necessary, consultation may also be conducted through virtual means. GIZ will promptly communicate and update on relevant safety and security-related matters in Manipur.

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3	Section 5, Technical Eligibility Assessment	7	The agency must have handled at least One (1) Project in technical support for preparation or updating Biodiversity Strategy & Action Plan in at least one of the Northeastern states in the last 6 years with minimum commission value of Euro 5,000.	The technical eligibility criteria are very restrictive in terms of specific requirements of preparation and updation of Biodiversity Strategy & Action Plan. It is suggested to include the organization experience of working on biodiversity aspects with State Government Departments of Northeast. This will enable the participation of more organizations and fair competition. The suggested revised clause is given below: The agency must have handled at least One (1) Project implemented with State Government by providing the technical support on aspects related to biodiversity with at least one of the Northeastern states in the last 6 years with minimum commission value of Euro 5,000.	The proposed assignment must be completed within a limited timeframe. Therefore, it is essential to engage agencies with experience in similar activities to ensure the task is accomplished smoothly and on schedule. The agency must have experience directly related to the specific goals of the activities.
4.	TOR			Is there any scope of visit to any Protected area or any critical ecosystem?	Visit to any Protected area or any critical ecosystem is not required.
5.	TOR			Is there any scope for community interaction or community involvement during the process?	There will be limited consultation /interaction with community during the process. If feasible, the interaction with representatives of the community may be suggested.
6.	TOR			Where the regional workshops and inception meetings would be held?	The regional workshops and inception meetings can be conducted virtually. If in-person attendance is feasible, the workshop location will be decided

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					through discussions with GIZ.
7.			<p>Consortium guidelines – <input type="checkbox"/> The lead partner/agency should provide the documentary evidence of its own agency (and not of consortium partners) to meet all the criteria’s defined under “Grid for assessing the eligibility of firms.”</p>	We request you to consider the combined experience(s) of Lead + consortium partner(s) to fulfil eligibility of firms. Please confirm	Documentary evidence of lead agency (and not of consortium partners) will be considered to meet all the criteria’s.
8.			<p>Technical Eligibility Assessment: <input type="checkbox"/> The agency must have handled at least One (1) Project in technical support for preparation or updating Biodiversity Strategy & Action Plan in at least one of the Northeastern states in the last 6 years with minimum commission value of Euro 5,000</p>	<p>We request you to broaden eligibility criteria and include projects done in the areas like: <input type="checkbox"/> Restoration and Re-development of Ecotourism park and preparation of long term management and conservation planning for Wildlife Sanctuaries; <input type="checkbox"/> blue-green intervention projects in Northeast region; <input type="checkbox"/> ground-water level study & documentation projects in Northeast region for future climate-resilient water management planning. Please confirm</p>	The proposed assignment must be completed within a limited timeframe. Therefore, it is essential to engage agencies with experience in similar activities to ensure the task is accomplished smoothly and on schedule. The agency must have experience directly related to the specific goals of the activities.
9.			<p>General</p>	Can parent company claim the experience of its subsidiary companies and vice-versa? We request you to allow	Proven experience related to the activities will be taken into consideration irrespective of the parent company or its subsidiary companies.