

COMPETITIVE BID NOTICE

Request for Expression of Interest to Carry Out Restoration Activities of Degraded Forest Patch (es) in Bugoma Central Forest Reserve (CFR) Managed by the National Forestry Authority Located in Kikuube District.

Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) and the Chimpanzee Sanctuary and Wildlife Trust, also known as Chimpanzee Trust (CT), are implementing a three-year project titled **"Recovery of Eastern chimpanzees (*Pan troglodytes schweinfurthii*) by de-risking their suitable habitats in the Albertine rift of Uganda"** with funding support from the **U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service**. The project started in June 2022 and aims to reduce the loss and degradation of suitable habitats for chimpanzee conservation in Uganda's portion of the Albertine Rift, mainly targeting selected Central Forest Reserves and the neighbouring communities.

WCS and CT are working closely with the National Forestry Authority (NFA) to restore selected degraded sites measuring Eighty (80) hectares in Bugoma CFR, in Kikube district.

In line with the above, NFA, WCS, and CT invite bids from suitable companies to undertake forest restoration activities, including but not limited to restoration planning, planting of native tree species—especially those preferred by Chimpanzees, maintenance/protection of the restored sites from fire, vandalism, and replacement of poorly growing or destroyed tree seedlings for a period of one year before handover to NFA for full naturing and protection of the restored sites. Bids should include the following:

- Technical and Financial proposals for forest restoration and maintenance.
- Technical experience for the contractor company and leading technical team members.
- Company profile and government licenses/ tax certificates.
- Other relevant professional certificates of operation.

To Note:

1. Bidding will be conducted in accordance with WCS bidding policies.
2. Interested bidders may visit and inspect the sites to be restored. Communication for intent to visit the sites should be addressed to the contacts in the Table.

Institution	Contact
National Forestry Authority (NFA)	Range Manager Budongo Systems Range, Masindi Office: P. O. Box 176, Masindi, Uganda Tel: 0392 752548
	NFA Kisindi Sector manager, Hoima sector Office, next to the Office of the RDC in Hoima City
Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS)	WCS Project officer, Hoima Office in Kijungu next to Kijungu Hill hotel

3. Detailed Terms of Reference for bidders can be accessed through the following ways.
 - a. WCS website <https://uganda.wcs.org/>
 - b. NFA Range Offices for Budongo System, Masindi Municipality.
 - c. NFA Kisindi sector management, Hoima City.
 - d. WCS Field Office, Hoima City.
4. Interested bidders should address bids to:
The Chairperson Procurement Committee,
WCS, P.O Box 7487, Kampala.

Tender documents, written in English, should be submitted by email ONLY to mnyago@wcs.org with copies to gnangendo@wcs.org no later than **5 pm on Friday, April 28th, 2023**. The subject line should be: **"Expression of Interest to Carry Out Restoration Activities in Bugoma CFR."**
5. WCS and CT, in partnership with NFA, reserve the right to accept or reject any bids.
6. If you don't hear from WCS by Friday, May 9th, 2023, consider your expression of interest unsuccessful.