

**Terms of Reference for Amazon 2.0 Project Consultancy, “Development of a training manual for community-based environmental monitors, Indigenous communities, Guyana”**

**General Information**

Organization: Amerindian Peoples Association  
Location: 200 Charlotte Street, Georgetown, Guyana  
Reports to: Executive Director, APA  
Start date: May 17, 2021  
Closing date: July 16, 2021

**About the Organization**

Amerindian Peoples Association, (APA) is an indigenous peoples’ organization that seeks to promote and defend the rights of indigenous peoples in Guyana. The membership of the APA are derived from the units that are found in indigenous communities in Guyana. The APA is led by an Executive Committee comprising the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, 13 regional committee members, a women's representative, and a youth representative.

APA's mission is "to promote the social, economic, and political development of Indigenous communities in solidarity with each other and to promote and defend their rights."

The objectives of APA are: to secure legislative and political changes to protect indigenous rights in all instances; promote representation of indigenous peoples by indigenous peoples themselves; provide information to indigenous communities about their rights under national and international law; promote the sustainable use of natural resources by indigenous peoples and to ensure the protection of the environment; to secure participation in development activities and decision-making processes that affect the lives of the indigenous peoples of Guyana; and to ensure that the state fulfils its obligations in providing basic services to indigenous communities such as health, education, transportation and communication services.

**About the Amazon 2.0 Project**

The consultancy supports a larger project, the Amazon 2.0 project that seeks to help reduce deforestation of tropical forests in six countries: Guyana, Suriname, Colombia, Brazil, Ecuador, and Peru. Generally, the Amazon 2.0 project aims to strengthen forest governance models in indigenous and campesino territories of the Amazon biome by strengthening local capacity for good governance of territories and forests through consolidation of a “community oversight” model developed in South America. This is being done through community forestry monitoring, and coordination of a social and technological platform to help spread and process data on threats to forests and actions taken to mitigate them. The project also seeks the support of a network of partners to promote an agenda of public policy advocacy at the regional level based on the territorial management models it generates. The project is a collaborative regional initiative financed by the European Union and implemented since 2017 under the coordination of IUCN South America in conjunction with IUCN Brazil, Fundación Natura (Colombia), Fundación EcoCiencia (Ecuador), ECO REDD (Peru), Amazon Conservation Team – Suriname or ACT

(Suriname) and the Amerindian Peoples Association (APA) of Guyana. Guyana joined the project in 2020.

Amazon 2.0 applies a comprehensive model with interconnected elements:

- 1) Monitoring: strengthening the commitment, capacities and social and technological tools for local monitoring and better governance;
- 2) Advocacy on national and regional policies on climate change and forests, to contribute to decision-making processes at the local, provincial and national levels, based on the information obtained through monitoring;
- 3) with the two previous elements, contribute to better territorial management in indigenous territories, and 4) cumulative efforts that help the conservation and sustainable use of ecosystems in Amazonian landscapes.

An interactive regional platform was built and established within the framework of the 6 indigenous and peasant territorial units. This allows for the registration, analysis and reporting of information in real time to contribute to the monitoring of deforestation (pressures, threats and illegal traffic of wild animal resources), and for the monitoring of governance processes and REDD + safeguards.

For 2021, the APA-led component of the project is planning to, among other things, train monitors using hands-on knowledge of the geography of the region as well as current technology to collect, process and store data. A consultant is being hired to produce a training manual for community-based monitors using best practices and technologies currently available.

### **Objective of the Consultancy**

The main objective of the consultancy is to design a training manual for indigenous communities in Guyana so that they have the knowledge to carry out environmental monitoring activities within their territories.

### **Activities to be Carried Out**

There are 3 main activities to be carried out under this consultancy:

1. Analyze and possibly include the methodology currently used by the APA for the training manual;
2. Review current generic environmental monitoring protocols for suitability and inclusion;
3. Design and compile a training manual on community-based monitoring to be used in training of community monitors;
4. Use photos, charts, graphs and other graphics for demonstration purposes where suitable;
5. Produce an electronic version and one hard copy of the manual to be delivered to the APA.

### **Expected Deliverables**

The expected deliverables are:

1. A draft outline of the content for training manual;
2. A first draft of the training manual;
3. A final version of the training manual of no more than 20 pages for community based environmental monitoring for use by indigenous communities.
4. Related annexes to the training manual.

### **Qualifications and Expertise**

1. A University Degree/Certification in Geography, Remote Sensing, GIS or community-based environmental training methods;
2. At least 5 years' experience in working with indigenous communities in environmental monitoring;
3. Five years' experience in working with indigenous communities in Guyana on environmental issues;
4. At least three (3) years experience in GIS and Mapping in Guyana.
5. A good understating of the technological and other limitations to training in environmental monitoring in Guyana.

Knowledge about environmental monitoring;

At least 10 years' experience in community governance and training processes;

Good knowledge and practical experience with the indigenous communities in Guyana and in particular in the North Pakaraimas;

Experience with education, training experience with indigenous peoples of Guyana;

Experience developing audio visual educational materials;

Experience working with formal and informal education process;

Knowledge about forest and environmental institutions in Guyana;

Knowledge about forest and environmental problems in Guyana.

### **Coordination and Reporting**

The consultant will report to Ms. Jean La Rose, APA Executive Director, and coordinate with Mr. Paul Atkinson, Project Coordinator.

### **Timeline**

This consultancy is for two months and will start as soon as a contract is signed with the consultant but no later than May 17, 2021. Specific milestones for individual products will be negotiated with the consultant upon acceptance of the consultancy.

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