

Terms of Reference Consulting

Disease risk analysis in paca (*Cuniculus paca*) bushmeat trade systems and other wildlife trade systems

Country: Peru

I. Background

The Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) is an international non-profit organization, founded in 1895, whose mission is to conserve wildlife and natural landscapes around the world through applied science, concrete conservation actions and education, and inspiring people to value nature.

In recent years, WCS has implemented several projects aimed at wildlife conservation in the region, with the support of different national and international agencies and organizations. Through these projects, WCS works with civil society and government agencies to improve decision-making procedures for wildlife and forest management. This work includes building capacities and mechanisms for international coordination and cooperation in law enforcement and informing, disseminating and communicating to civil society about the risks of threats to wildlife, including health problems in wild animals and emergency risk of zoonotic diseases.

In line with the activities foreseen in the project "*Strengthening Policy Frameworks for the Primary Prevention of Pandemics at Wildlife Trade Interfaces*" executed with the financial support of the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), WCS has been working to raise the understanding of the dynamics of wildlife trade and critical control points to reduce the risk of the occurrence of pathogens along the trade chains of these species. This project aims to inform about the need to review policies to strengthen the primary prevention of pandemics in Peru. The Disease risk analysis in paca (*Cuniculus paca*) bushmeat trade systems and other wildlife trade systems in Peru" seeks to identify the health hazards present in a wildlife trade system as an example to identify the existing gaps to reduce and manage existing risks and generate proposals to reduce these gaps.

II. Requirement

WCS is interested in selecting a consultant to develop the risk analysis in paca (*Cuniculus paca*) bushmeat trade systems and other wildlife trade systems in Peru.

III. Consultant Profile

- Veterinarian with knowledge of wildlife health and disease risk analysis. Knowledge of the wildlife trade will be appreciated.
- With at least 3 years of experience in public entities, non-governmental organizations or research related to wildlife health and/or wildlife management.
- Experience in scientific research and disease risk analysis.
- Knowledge of administrative procedures, regulations and current regulations related to the health and management of wildlife.
- High sense of responsibility and ethics, good organization and availability to present and communicate the progress of their work.
- Demonstrated writing and oral communication skills to effectively communicate project findings.
- Be comfortable working in complex and diverse cultural environments; the ability to adapt approaches to local cultures and the project situation, while maintaining a high professional standard.
- Proficiency in Spanish and English to search for up-to-date information.

Other:

- Member of the International Alliance against Health Risk in Wildlife Trade.
- With immediate availability.

IV. Responsibilities and activities

- Work to develop all the products proposed in the schedule, using updated information and through existing methodologies.
- Ensure overall continuous communication and coordination between its activities with WCS staff in Peru, and strategic partners.
- Deliver products under WCS consulting report formats.

V. Delivery Duration and Timeline

A standard contract will be signed between the consultant and WCS, with a duration of 3 months (90 days) from the signing of the contract. The product delivery schedule for this consultancy is as follows:

Product	Delivery date
Output 1: Identification of potential hazards to public health disaggregated by gender where relevant, agricultural health and species conservation associated with the trade system for paca bushmeat (<i>Cuniculus paca</i>) under management.	35 days after the start of the consultancy

Output 2: Health Risk Assessment: Assessment of identified health hazards.	45 days after the start of the consultancy
Output 3: Proposed health risk management, including risk communication, and risk monitoring and assessment.	60 days after the start of the consultancy
Output 4: Final report (max. 20 pages) consolidating Outputs 1, 2 and 3, and recommending strategic changes in policies and procedures to reduce the risks of the emergence of pathogens derived from wildlife trade based on the analysis carried out.	80 days after the start of the consultancy
Output 5: Presentation of the corrected final report.	85 days after the start of the consultancy

VI. Payment method

The Employer shall pay against the delivery of the products agreed upon in the contract, upon delivery and receipt to the satisfaction of the contract supervisor, as follows:

Delivery No.	Products to Be Delivered	Delivery date	Consulting Payment Percentage
1	Product 1. Identification of potential health hazards associated with the trade system for meat of majaz (<i>Cuniculus paca</i>) under management.	40 days after the start of the consultancy	20%
2	Product 2. Health Risk Assessment: Assessment of identified health hazards.	50 days after the start of the consultancy	20%
3	Output 3. Proposal for health risk management, including risk communication, and risk monitoring and assessment.	65 days after the start of the consultancy	20%
4	Output 4. Final report consolidating Products 1, 2 and 3, and recommending strategic changes in policies and procedures to reduce the risks of the emergence of pathogens derived from wildlife trade based on the analysis carried out.	85 days after the start of the consultancy	20%
5	Product 5: Presentation of the corrected final report.	85 days after the start of the consultancy	20%

VII. Supervision

The supervision of the execution and compliance with the obligations contracted by the consultant in favor of WCS will be in charge of WCS in Peru.

VIII. Work methodology

The consultant may propose methodological alternatives as he or she deems appropriate for the type of objectives pursued in each component and stage of the consultancy, but it is expected to develop a clear methodology with a consistent level of disaggregation of activities and aimed at achieving the objectives set in the established terms and deadlines.

IX. Confidentiality

Once the consultant is informed that he or she has been selected, the contractor will be obliged to maintain in strict confidentiality all the information exchanged, provided or created as a result of the relationship between him or her and the contracting entity, for the performance of the consulting study subject to these terms of reference. All information obtained by consultants, as well as their reports and the documents they prepare, related to the performance of the contract will be considered confidential, and may not be disclosed at any time to any person without the express written authorization of WCS. Consultants shall not use the confidential information for any purpose other than the exercise of their rights and the performance of their obligations under or in connection with the contract.

X. Submission of Proposals

The economic proposal (in local currency and equivalent in US dollars) must be sent to emails to wcsperu@wcs.org, convocatoriascwt@wcs.org and alice.brandt@giz.de until November 5th, 2024, indicating the name of the consultancy together with the applicant's curriculum vitae (or portfolio), including professional references