

Terms of Reference Consulting

“Systematization of information, analysis results and diseases detected in wildlife seized in wildlife rescue centers.”

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 "Systematization of information, analysis results and diseases detected in wildlife seized in wildlife rescue centers " seeks to identify the health dangers present in wild animals victims of illegal wildlife trafficking and the existing gaps to reduce and manage existing risks.

II. Requirement

WCS is interested in selecting a consultant to systematize the existing information on diseases present in wildlife rescue centers in Peru and the existing management mechanisms.

III. Consultant Profile

- Veterinarian, biologist, or related professional title, with knowledge in the management and health of wildlife. Knowledge on wildlife ex-situ management 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.
- 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.
- Immediate availability.

Other:

- Member of the International Alliance Against Health Risks 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 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
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Output 1: Systematization of information, regulations and health requirements for wildlife rescue centers including transportation.	30 days after the start of the consultancy
Output 2: Systematization of available diagnostic tests and results of disease analysis in wildlife rescue centers in Peru.	40 days after the start of the consultancy
Output 3: Proposal to include diagnosis of diseases in wildlife rescue centers.	60 days after the start of the consultancy
Output 4: Final report (max. 15 pages) consolidating Outputs 1, 2 and 3, and recommend strategic changes in policies and procedures to reduce the risks of the emergence of pathogens in wildlife rescue centers and strengthen the management protocols for confiscated and translocated animals, and improve the management plans of rescue centers.	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	Output 1: Systematization of information, regulations and health requirements for wildlife rescue centers including transportation.	30 days after the start of the consultancy	20%
2	Output 2: Systematization of available diagnostic tests and results of disease analysis in wildlife rescue centers in Peru.	40 days after the start of the consultancy	20%
3	Output 3: Proposal to include diagnosis of diseases in wildlife rescue centers.	60 days after the start of the consultancy	20%
4	Output 4: Final report (max. 15 pages) consolidating Outputs 1, 2 and 3, and recommend strategic changes in policies and procedures to reduce the	80 days after the start of the consultancy	20%

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5	Output 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 at wcsperu@wcs.org, convocatoriaswt@wcs.org and alice.brandt@giz.de until November 5th, 2024 indicating the name of the consultancy along with the applicant's curriculum vitae (or portfolio), including professional references.