



## INTERNATIONAL BIDDING

### REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

**Implementation Agency:** Foundation for Biodiversity Conservation - BIOFUND

**Project:** Biodiversity Conservation Program

**Consulting service:** National Elephant Census

**Country:** Mozambique

**Funding Source:** Sweden International Development Agency (SIDA)

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1. The Foundation for Biodiversity Conservation (BIOFUND) is an independent, private non-profit Mozambican organization, with public utility status, established in 2011, dedicated to financing biodiversity conservation in Mozambique. The BIOFUND was established in 2011 and its primary focus is on supporting the national protected areas system, contributing to the country's balanced and sustainable development.

2. BIOFUND and the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA) signed a five-year agreement on November 25, 2022, to fund the Biodiversity Conservation Program in Mozambique (2023-2027). The program aims to strengthen biodiversity conservation and enhance climate adaptation and resilience in the country, in close collaboration with the National Administration of Conservation Areas (ANAC, IP).

3. In this context, BIOFUND, in coordination with the ANAC, IP, intends to use part of the *Biodiversity Conservation Program* funds to hire consulting services to conduct the National Elephant Census.

4. The overall objectives of the national elephant survey are:

- Provide a comprehensive assessment of the numbers, trends and distribution of Mozambique's elephant populations;
- Document the type and spatial distribution of human-related activities, with a particular focus on conservation threats and habitat condition within survey areas;
- Estimate the population size and distribution of other species of interest;

- Provide training prior and during the surveys to support capacity development in aerial survey methods for ANAC staff and personnel from conservation areas who will participate in the survey, including training potential observers.

5. Therefore, BIOFUND invites eligible consulting firms with at least 10 years of relevant experience in similar projects to express their interest in providing the aforementioned services. Consultants are required to submit information demonstrating their qualifications for this type of work, including brochures, descriptions of similar projects, relevant experience, and details of qualified staff, among other supporting materials.

6. Consultants may form consortiums with other firms to strengthen their qualifications and expertise. In the case of a joint venture, all partners will be jointly and severally responsible for the entire contract if selected.

7. The consultants will be selected in accordance with the procedures outlined in the BIOFUND Procedures Manual. The selection method to be used is "QCBS" (*Quality and Cost-Based Selection*).

8. The criteria for evaluating Expressions of Interest are as follows:

- i. The firm's core activities and years of experience
- ii. The firm's experience in similar work.

9. For more information and the detailed Terms of Reference (TOR), please contact us via email at [concursos@biofund.org.mz](mailto:concursos@biofund.org.mz).

10. The Expressions of Interest must be written in *English* and submitted electronically to [concursos@biofund.org.mz](mailto:concursos@biofund.org.mz) by 16:00 hrs, on March 06<sup>th</sup>, 2025 (Mozambique time), with the following subject line: ***Expression of Interest No. 40/BIOFUND/SIDA/QCBS/CS/25 - National Elephant Census.***

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