



CONSULTANCY TERMS OF REFERENCE:

SENIOR ADVISER, ALIGNING SPATIAL PLANNING AND RIVER BASIN PLANNING: A STRATEGIC APPROACH

Summary

WWF is calling for expressions of interest from international experts in regional and/or urban planning who are interested in acting as senior advisers to the authors of a book on Aligning River Basin Planning and Spatial Planning.

Timeframe: June 2018 – March 2019

Required inputs: Provide technical and strategic advice on spatial planning approaches. Review draft content for the book, and contribute written inputs where necessary. Attend project workshops with GIWP (if required).

Estimated input required: 10-20 days over 12 months

Express interest: Expressions of interest should be sent by email to: Procurement@wwf.org.uk no later than 17:00 GMT on Thursday 24th May 2018. Your response should include information about day rates, cv(s) and a covering letter (2 page maximum) outlining key areas of skill and expertise.

Reimbursement of travel expenses for attending project meetings will be subject to written agreement with the WWF project manager, and subject to submission of receipts

Background

WWF has an ongoing collaboration with GIWP, part of the Chinese water ministry, to explore strategic water management challenges. The main outputs of the collaboration have been a series of books, published through UNESCO, which have formed the basis for guidelines that GIWP issues to water managers across China. The book series sets out state-of-the-art guidance for planners and policy makers in government ministries/agencies, development finance institutions and the wider natural resource management community. The series can be accessed at <https://www.wwf.org.uk/strategic-water-management>. This is a flagship project for the global WWF Freshwater Practice, which uses the books to inform its work to influence water management across the globe.

WWF and GIWP are now developing three new books in the series, covering i. Strategic Groundwater Management, ii. Water Infrastructure, and iii. Aligning River Basin Planning and Spatial Planning.

The book on Aligning River Basin Planning and Spatial Planning will synthesise case studies of alignment between river basin and spatial planning processes (especially regional and urban planning), summarise key grey and academic literature, and set out emerging challenges in this field. It will then describe a strategic framework which can guide alignment of policy and planning processes, including a set of "golden rules". The book will also include material on relevant institutional and financing issues, monitoring and evaluation and key tools and procedures which can help planners and policy makers grappling with the intersecting challenges of strategically managing land and water resources.

The drafting process for each book is co-ordinated by a lead author(s), contracted to WWF. The lead author draws on contributions from Chinese experts (in GIWP and beyond) and other international contributors. The role of the senior adviser, working closely with the lead author and the WWF project manager, is to ensure that the book represents state-of-the-art; that it draws on the most salient experiences from policy, planning and research communities; and that it provides an innovative and strategic contribution to the international professional community.

WWF is now calling for expressions of interest from international spatial planning experts who can act as senior adviser to the authors of the book on Aligning River Basin Planning and Spatial Planning. Those expressing interest should be able to demonstrate:

- Substantial international experience at senior levels in regional and/or urban planning policy and practice, as well as familiarity with relevant academic spatial planning literature.
- A track record in policy making and strategic planning, preferably within China or other emerging economies.
- Sympathy with the wider aims of the WWF-GIWP collaboration, to enable better planning and management of our precious land and water resources, incorporating protection and restoration of critical ecosystems and biodiversity.
- Openness to new ideas and concepts and to operating effectively within an international team of authors.
- An ability to deliver advice and written contributions effectively and efficiently.

Deliverables and timeline

Initially, the main deliverable – during summer 2018 – will be a review of an existing draft of the central chapters of the book.

Subsequently, specific tasks will be agreed between the senior adviser, the lead author and the WWF project manager but are likely to include reviewing annotated chapter outlines, commenting on detailed draft text, providing draft written material for specific chapter sections and suggesting relevant supporting literature and case studies.

The senior adviser might be required to join project meetings with WWF and GIWP experts in autumn 2018 and/or spring 2019. The timing and location of any such meetings will be confirmed in due course.

Roles & responsibilities

The overall project manager and contact point within WWF will be David Tickner in WWF-UK.

Guy Pegram and Alexis Shaffler (Pegasys Consulting) are lead authors of the book and will liaise directly with the expert consultant on a day-to-day basis.