**Request for expressions of interest: Development of key legislation documents for the biodiversity protection in forests: adaptation of the Ukrainian law regulation to the EU requirements**

**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR CONSULTING SERVICE**

***Ukraine***

***EUROPEAN NEIGHBORHOOD AND PARTNERSHIP INSTRUMENT EAST COUNTRIES FOREST LAW ENFORCEMENT AND GOVERNANCE II PROGRAM (ENPI East Countries FLEG II Program)***

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**Assignment Title:** *Development of key legislation documents for the biodiversity protection in forests: adaptation of the Ukrainian law regulation to the EU requirements*

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WWF Danube Carpathian Programme(through WWF International) has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the regional Program ENPI East Countries FLEG II, and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The consulting service (“the Service”) involves development of key legislation documents for the biodiversity protection in forests: adaptation of the Ukrainian law regulation to the EU requirements.

A consultant will be hired to fulfill the assignment that will include development of amendments to the existing provisions and proposals of new legislative acts for improvement of biodiversity protection in Ukrainian forests for harmonization to EU Directives and other international treaties (transposition changes and amendments) building on the information already assessed in the first year of the program, including the EU-Ukraine Association Agreement, as well as considering deep consultations with the forest authorities of the State Forest Resources Agency of Ukraine.

The consultant is expected to work closely with representatives of relevant national government institutions contributing to the implementation process.

The expected time of commencement of the service is early February 2015 and the assignment will last till the end of June 2015. Additional details are described in the Terms of Reference, attached to this announcement.

WWF Danube Carpathian Programme now invites eligible candidates (the “Consultants”) to submit CVs to indicate their interest in providing the Service. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Service.

The shortlisting criteria are:

* At least 5-10 years required for consultant's experience in forestry areas;
* Biodiversity conservation or forest management studies and experience (university degree);
* Very good knowledge of the Ukrainian nature protection and forestry system and legislation. Experience in biodiversity/forestry policy or management is an advantage;
* Good knowledge of relevant international treaties and agreements including EU nature protection legislation;
* Written records and experience on harmonization UA and EU legislation framework are an advantage;
* Excellent communication skills;
* Good knowledge of Ukrainian and English;
* Computer literacy (Word, Excel, Power Point).

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 1.9 and 1.11 of the World Bank’s Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants by World Bank Borrowers” dated January 2011 (the “Consultant Guidelines”), setting forth the Bank’s policy on conflict of interest and eligibility: <http://siteresources.worldbank.org/INTPROCUREMENT/Resources/278019-1308067833011/Consultant_GLs_English_Final_Jan2011.pdf>

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Selection of Individual Consultants method set out in the Consultant Guidelines. The best qualified and experienced candidate shall be selected. Interviews might be held, if deemed necessary. The best qualified consultant will be invited to contract negotiation.

Further information can be obtained and application documents must be delivered (in a written form) to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by e-mail) by **29 January 2015**.

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