**Senior Expert on Biodiversity conservation (Category 1)**

**1. Objective(s) and linkages to Reforms**

The Reform Support Team (RST) at the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Natural Resources of Ukraine (MEPNR) is composed of a group of Ukrainian professionals (non-civil servants) funded on a temporary basis by international donors to provide targeted technical support and assists the Ministry in the design and implementation of priority reforms. The RST will assist in filling the capacity gaps in the design and implementation of priority reform strategies and programs, while strengthening links and partnerships between the MEPNR’s priorities and relevant donor support.

**2. Position and reporting line**

**A highly qualified professional is needed in order to draft, supervise and support the necessary products (documents) related to the European integration of Ukraine in the field of environmental protection.**

The Senior Expert will be subordinated to the RST Director.

**3. Duration and proposed timeframe**

The initial consultancy assignment is expected to start in May, 2023 and has an estimated duration up to five months including 2-month probation period.

**4. Main Duties and Responsibilities**

**Main Duties and Responsibilities:**

* Preparation of the update of the draft Law "On the Territories of the Emerald Network"
* Preparation of a draft law on determining the powers of central executive bodies (for the Ministry of the Environment, the Ministry of Agrarian Policy, the Ministry of Economy, the Ministry of Regions, the Ministry of Infrastructure, the State Forestry Agency, the State Fisheries Agency, the State Production and Consumer Service, the State Customs Service) regarding the handling of invasive alien species of flora and fauna, including the introduction of countermeasures and prevention distribution of such species
* Preparation of proposals (in the form of drafts of relevant acts) on amendments to regulatory acts on defining the mechanism and procedure for preventing the penetration, removal, implementation of control over the spread and mitigation (minimization) of the adverse impact of invasive alien species of flora and fauna in various spheres of economic activity (acts of the Ministry of the Environment, the Ministry of Agrarian Policy, the Ministry of Economy, the Ministry of the Regions, the Ministry of Infrastructure, the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Health, the State Eco-Inspection, the State Fisheries Agency, the State Forestry Agency, the State Production and Consumer Service, the State Customs Service)
* Support the Ministry in the development of the strategic documents in the field of biodiversity, a draft biodiversity strategy for the period up to 2030, National Recovery Plan in the chapter “Ecological safety”, land legislation

**5. Qualifications, Skills and Experience**

 **Qualifications and skills**:

* Master’s degree in Forestry or Biodiversity conservation/ Law/ Environmental science/ Environmental management / Ecology/ Biology/ Chemistry
* Strong analytical, communication and presentation skills
* PC literacy (advanced PowerPoint, Project, Excel, Word skills)
* Fluency in Ukrainian and English

 Professional experience:

* 10 years of general professional experience

 Specific professional experience:

* Minimum 3 years of relevant experience, expertise in the field of biodiversity conservation would be considered as an advantage
* Preferably good understanding of environmental agenda and familiarity with the reform agenda in Ukraine
* Proven knowledge and professional experience in legal acts elaboration
* Experience with the reform implementation in Ukraine, Experience with government entities and their mandate and processes is an asset
* Prior experience of work in donor funded projects or in public authorities is a plus.

**6. Funding Source**

The funding source of this assignment is the EBRD Ukraine Stabilization and Sustainable Growth Multi-Donor Account (MDA). Contributors to the MDA are Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Sweden, Switzerland, the United Kingdom, the United States and the European Union, the largest donor.

Please note, selection and contracting will be subject to the availability of funding.

**7. Submissions**

Submissions must be prepared in English only and be delivered electronically by 1 May 23.59 (Kyiv time), 2023 to rst.mepr@gmail.com . All submissions must include a completed Application Form [*provide link to download*], NDA Form, the candidate’s Curriculum Vitae and Reference Letter from a recent supervisor (original in English, or Ukrainian with English translation) together with the contact details for two further referees who, if contacted, can attest to the professional and/or educational background of the candidate.

Download Application Form

Download NDA Form

Only applications which have been submitted using the correct template and are fully completed will be considered.

**8. Selection Procedure**

Following the evaluation of all applications received, selected candidates may be invited to the tests. Only shortlisted candidates will be invited to the interview.