



## **CARRY OUT RESOURCE MAPPING AND FEASIBILITY STUDY OF PROPOSED NAMAREI COMMUNITY CONSERVANCY**

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### **TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR CONSULTANCY SERVICES (TOR)**

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#### **1.0 Preamble**

This consultancy will undertake Resource Mapping and Feasibility Study of the proposed Namarei community conservancy in Namarei located in Korr/Ngurnit Ward, Laisamis Sub County in Marsabit County on behalf of Marsabit Wildlife Conservancies Association (MAWICA) Kenya. The Consultant will work closely with the Marsabit Wildlife Conservancies Secretariat to ensure that the expectation of MAWICA and other state institutions mandated to regulate the registration of nascent conservancies such as the Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS) and the Kenya Wildlife Conservancies Association (KWCA) are met.

#### **2.0 Background**

The growth of conservancies' numbers in Marsabit county necessitated the formation of an umbrella regional organization, The Marsabit Wildlife Conservancies Association (MAWICA), that plays the role of coordination, capacity building, and fundraising for the conservancies in the region to set them towards the path of sustainable nature conservation to inspire resilient and equitable community development in the face of current and emerging challenges. MAWICA was established in January 2022 and officially registered locally with the ministry of labor state department of social protection as a CBO on 14th, July 2022, registration number MS(LAI)2022/CBO/01637.

The CBO represents the voice of communities and guides all the conservancies in Marsabit county to adhere to and to operate within the set statutory and legal frameworks that govern them. The Marsabit Wildlife Conservancies Association (MAWICA) has an established full-time secretariat that is in Marsabit county. MAWICA supports the communities in establishment of conservancies and builds their governance structure and capacity to effectively manage these conservancies



### **3.0 The consultancy**

MAWICA is seeking applications from qualified firms/consultants to undertake Resource Mapping and Feasibility Study of the proposed Namarei community conservancy. Conservancies provide a platform for the local communities to actively participate in nature conservation and in the decision-making processes to guarantee an equitable distribution of benefits that are generated from conservancies, as well as to improve community members' access to ecosystem and other administrative services. Community conservancies can lead to improved and sustainable livelihoods through:

- Economic benefits: Communities can generate income through ecotourism and other nature-based enterprises.
- Access to services: Communities can gain access to improved service delivery
- Leadership opportunities: Women and youth can be empowered and given leadership opportunities.
- Sustainable grazing: Communities can improve grazing practices within their rangelands.
- Wildlife and natural resources conservation: Communities can protect and conserve their natural heritage for posterity.

### **4.0 Purpose**

The purpose of hiring the services of the consultancy firm is to carry out Resource Mapping and Feasibility Study to assess the viability of the site proposed to be designated as a conservancy. The feasibility study findings will determine if the site is legally, technically, and economically feasible for a conservancy based on the criteria set aside in various statutory and legal frameworks that guide an establishment of new conservancies.

The primary requirement for a site to be set aside as a conservancy is communities' interest and their Free Prior and Informed Consent in setting aside their land for conservancy establishment. Other useful elements to check include human population density, distribution and settlement patterns, wildlife, land use types and their compatibility with conservation among others. Thus, feasibility study and resource mapping will tease out these elements to assist the relevant authorities to evaluate a site's suitability for a conservancy establishment.

### **5.0 Broad Objectives of the TOR**

The MAWICA with support from WWF-K plans to undertake Feasibility study for the proposed Namarei community conservancy by the end of January 2025.

The overall objective of this consultancy is to provide a resource map and feasibility study report of the proposed conservancy to determine if the proposed site is fit for the purpose proposed. MAWICA requires consultant(s) to undertake a thorough literature view and collate all



the relevant data for the site, conduct field visits and community engagement to collect relevant data for the feasibility study and resource mapping. This process aims to achieve the following specific objectives:

- Assess the status of the area – ownership, extent and size etc.
- Determine if the area is suitable for biodiversity conservation
- Identify gaps that prevent the area from meeting legal and statutory requirements for establishing a conservancy
- Provide baseline data on current land use practices and trends over time
- Determine the distribution of wildlife, livestock and human settlements
- Establish the impact of land use changes on the biodiversity and habitats
- Develop resource map of the proposed area
- Provide recommendations for future planning

#### **6.0 Specific Tasks/Deliverables**

The main deliverable for this consultancy is:

1. Resource Map
2. Feasibility Report
3. Presentation of the finding's summary to MAWICA

#### **7.0 Qualification and experience**

The Consultant must demonstrate previous experience and capacity to undertake the exercise and produce resource maps and a comprehensive feasibility study report as per the requirements of KWS and KWCA following the criteria spelt out in Wildlife Conservation and Management Act 2013 and any other relevant legal frameworks

#### **8.0 Duration**

This consultancy service will be for 1 month -January- February 2025 as outlined in 10.0 below.

#### **9.0 Work plan**

Given the TOR and the time duration of 1 month, the consultant is expected to come up with a clear work plan on task delivery and a comprehensive methodology to undertake the same

#### **10.0 Payment Schedule**

1. 40% on signing the contract and submission of an inception report and clear plan of work
2. 40% on completion of field data collection and submission of a draft feasibility study report and resource map for MAWICA's review and feedback



3. 20% on submission of final feasibility study report and resource map with all the feedback incorporated.

### **11.0. Implementation**

Consultants who are interested should send the following materials to [mawicacbo2022@gmail.com](mailto:mawicacbo2022@gmail.com) subject line "Consultation for feasibility study for proposed Namarei Community Conservancy" and it must be received by MAWICA Secretariat by 1st January, 2025.

The following documents are required:

1. A duly filled application form or EOI
2. A Technical Proposal aligned to the TOR
3. A Financial Proposal
4. CV(s) of personnel who will be assigned to this project, including at least the academic qualification, past relevant experience, contact information, current location, and so on. Each CV should be no more than four (4) pages long and should be included in the Technical Proposal.

**12.0** Registration certificate of the Consultancy Firm if applying as a Firm

### **13.0 Selection Process and Criteria**

A competitive selection procedure will be used to evaluate the applications received. Key evaluation elements include the quality of the Technical and Financial Proposals aligned to the TOR, previous similar experience of the consultant (s), staff qualifications, credentials, and knowledge and any other evidence provided to indicate the competitive advantage of the applicant for this consultancy.