

**TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR A BASELINE CONSULTANT ON THE PROJECT  
TITLED “RESTORATION FOR RESILIENCE AND RECOVERY (3R) OF SUSTAINABLE  
AGRI-FOOD SYSTEMS”**

The project is funded by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations with Knowledge for World Conservation (KWC) as the main service provider of the 3R project.

### **1. INTRODUCTION**

Following multi-stakeholder meetings/roundtable discussions, sensitization and awareness creation for government regulatory agencies, CSOs, cocoa farmer cooperatives and timber companies exporting into the European Union in Ashanti, Eastern and Western Regions on the EUDR, the highlight was that most of the participants showed some level of ignorance about the regulation. Hence, a baseline survey to be carried out to assess stakeholders' level of knowledge for EUDR compliance by both operators and producers. Based on the knowledge gap a capacity building workshop will be conducted for them to be compliant to the regulation.

### **2. RATIONALE**

This action seeks to leverage on existing opportunities to increase demand for sustainable and deforestation-free wood and cocoa to support the sustainable development and expansion of more productive and climate resilient smallholder deforestation-free agri-food systems and improved livelihoods.

- It is expected that the action will ultimately contribute to raising the capacities of local communities. This will especially benefit members of Forest and Farm Producer Organisations (FFPOs), particularly those in the Ghana Federation of Forest and Farm Producers (GhaFFaP). It will also support timber companies exporting to the EU and smallholder cocoa farmers. The aim is to help them comply with the EUDR by producing legally, traceable, and sustainable cocoa and timber.
- The output will be used to develop training materials and the ultimate outcome of the stakeholders being better informed about the EUDR, able to understand the kind of information needed by the EU buyer.

### **3. PURPOSE**

The consultant with support from KWC staff will conduct a baseline study to assess the readiness gaps of smallholder cocoa farmers and SMFEs in the Ashanti, Eastern, and Western North regions of Ghana regarding EUDR compliance.

### **4. RESPONSIBILITIES AND TASKS:**

The consultant to be engaged will conduct baseline surveys in three (3) regions among cocoa farmers and timber companies assessing their readiness for EUDR compliance. With the support of project staff, the consultant will:

- Collect information on their current knowledge about the EUDR.

- Develop a comprehensive checklist or questionnaire (should address traceability, deforestation-free production, and due diligence etc.) to assess the level of awareness and readiness of stakeholders regarding EUDR compliance.
- Test the questionnaire before administering.
- Conduct surveys among smallholder cocoa farmers (GhaFFAP members) and timber companies exporting into the EU in the Ashanti, Eastern, and Western North regions.
- Analyse the field data and draft a comprehensive baseline survey report for review.
- Submit the draft report of the baseline study findings to the project team for review before finalization.

## **5. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

- i) Desk and secondary data study report.
- ii) Baseline survey checklist/questionnaires
- iii) Data analysis
- iii) Baseline study report with findings.

## **6. HIERARCHICAL LEVEL**

Responsible to the Project Coordinator

## **7. QUALIFICATIONS**

- i. Master's degree in Nat. Res Management, Environmental Sci, and other related field.
- ii. At least five years' experience in forestry,
- iii. Knowledgeable in EUDR, EUTR, voluntary certification systems, FLEGT//VPA/LAS, legal issues in Ghana
- iv. Able to communicate in Twi (one of the prominent local language).

## **8. FIELD OF SPECIALISATION**

Forest legality issues, Social research, Extension and training.

## **9. LEVEL OF EFFORT**

The consultant will be allocated twelve (12) working days over two (2) calendar months under project life (December 2024- December 2025).