

TERMS OF REFERENCE

INSTITUTIONAL CONTRACT FOR A CONSULTANT/CONSULTANCY FIRM FOR CENTRAL ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORITY FOR CARRYING OUT A DETAILED SCIENTIFIC STUDY, (DATA COLLECTION AND PREPARATION OF A DETAILED STUDY REPORT) ON GONAMERIYAWA WATER SPRING AND SURROUNDING AREA AT KEBITHIGOLLAWA, WHICH IS PROPOSED TO BE DECLARED AS AN ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AREA UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL ACT

Title : Carrying out a detailed scientific study, data collection and preparation of a detail study report on Gonameriyawa water spring and surrounding area at Kebithigollawa which is proposed to be declared as an Environmental Protection Area under the provisions of the National Environmental Act

Report to : Consultants Procurement Committee

1. Purpose

The Terms of reference has been developed to obtain services from a consultant/consultancy firm for carrying out a detailed scientific study to assess the suitability for declaration of proposed area (Gonameriyawa water spring and surrounding area) as an Environmental Protection Area (EPA) under the provisions of the National Environmental Act (NEA).

2. Background

The Central Environmental Authority of Sri Lanka has declared 13 Environmental Protection Areas (EPAs) under the provisions of Sections 24C and 24D of the National Environmental Act. These designations aim to protect, conserve, and ensure the integrated management of these areas while providing legal protections for their sustainable existence.

To ensure that the declared EPAs meet the necessary environmental, socio-economic, and legal criteria, the CEA seeks to conduct a detailed scientific study to assess their suitability. This study will provide a scientific basis for long-term conservation strategies and regulatory measures. Accordingly, the Terms of Reference (TOR) has been developed to carry out this study by a qualified consultant/consultancy firm. The study will be used to evaluate the suitability of these areas for designation as EPAs.

3. Objectives of the Consultancy

The objective of this consultancy is to carry out a detailed scientific study to assess the suitability for declaration of proposed area as an Environmental Protection Area for task given in the item No.1.

4. Scope work

The expert shall be responsible for

- i. Carrying out detailed scientific study with respect to the environmental, ecological, hydrological, geological, biodiversity with socio- economic aspects, land use of proposed area, recommendations for suitability for declaration of this area as an EPA.
- ii. Collection and analysis of data and information of the subject areas indicated in above 4 - i
- iii. The consultant/consultancy firm is free to decide the methodology to be adopted for the study.
- iv. During the study consultant/consultancy firm shall consider present and future development plans of the area, proposed projects and activities;
- v. Preparation of detailed study report relevant to the detailed scientific study as mentioned in the item No.1;
- vi. Providing recommendations based on detailed scientific study for suitability of declaration.
- vii. Providing details on proposed boundaries, activities which can be permitted within the area and conservation and management strategies
- viii. Submission of collected raw data and information
- ix. The study shall be completed within 30 working days period of time from the date of awarded;
- x. Any additional information where necessary can be incorporated to this study.

5. Report & schedule of deliverables

	Action / delivery
i.	Preliminary report on study plan, work schedule and methodology need to be submitted within 7 days upon receipt of the letter of award.
ii.	Submission of the final study report (2 hard copies & soft copy of the study report should be submitted to the CEA). Need to be submitted within 30 working days upon receipt of the letter of award.
iii.	Submitting collected raw data and information

6. Duration

Estimated duration of the study is 30 working days period from the date of acceptance of the work by the expert and to the date of submission of final report of the study.

7. Specifications of the expert

The consultant/consultancy firm should possess the following academic qualifications and experiences.

Academic qualifications of the consultant/ if a consultancy firm (Team Leader)	Having a B.Sc. in the relevant fields.
Qualifications of the other experts involve in the study	Graduates in relevant field
Experiences	Minimum 10 years of experience in relevant field.
Similar assignments	At least 2 previous similar assignments
Availability of appropriate skills among staff (field assistants, supportive staff, etc.)	

The consultant/consultancy firm should carry out detailed scientific study with respective to the Scope given under the item number 4.

8. Method of Hiring

The suitable consultant/consultancy firm will be hired on least cost basis.