Environmental Crime and Corruption Research Consultants

Locations: Bolivia, Peru, Indonesia, Uganda, Malawi, Ukraine
Contract size/period: 10 days per topic and country
Timeframe: June–December 2022

Basel Institute on Governance

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The Basel Institute’s Green Corruption programme focuses on applying our in-house expertise and experience in relation to the prevention of corruption and the enforcement of anti-corruption and anti-money laundering standards to the environmental sector. The programme covers corruption and financial crime related to the illegal trade in wildlife, forestry and timber products, fish and mining.

Project: Mapping environmental corruption

As part of its effort to systematically approach environmental corruption, the Basel Institute’s Green Corruption team is engaging on a new research effort. This engagement will cover a range of priority countries: Bolivia, Peru, Uganda, Malawi, Ukraine and Indonesia. In each country, we are seeking to apply a common methodology to map common environmental crimes and the role that corruption plays in facilitating them.

The research effort will take place during the remainder of 2022 and be led by the Green Corruption team’s Environmental Crime Specialist.

Country and topic coverage

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<th>Wildlife trafficking</th>
<th>IUU fishing</th>
<th>Deforestation and subsequent land use (plantations / forest product trafficking)</th>
<th>Illegal and unsustainable mining</th>
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In each country, we anticipate recruiting two short-term consultants:
- one focusing on environmental crime, and
- one on the corruption dimension of environmental crime.

The consultants will produce one joint report for their target country, covering both dimensions (environmental crime / corruption) for each of the highlighted topics.

Candidates are welcome to apply as individuals or country teams (i.e. two researchers). Individuals should be prepared to work closely with the second consultant to conduct the research, including joint interviews where appropriate, and jointly author the report.

**Assignment**

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<td><strong>Desk research:</strong> Conduct desk research on environmental crime and corruption in country plus existing administrative/government systems set up to address these challenges. Together with Environmental Crime Specialist, develop list of approximately 10 interviewees per topic.</td>
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<td><strong>Data gathering:</strong> Conduct semi-structured interviews based on existing questionnaire.</td>
<td>August to September 2022</td>
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<td><strong>Drafting:</strong> In discussion with Environmental Crime Specialist, interpret the results and prepare first report draft in accordance with template provided by research lead. Consultation meeting on preliminary data gathered (with internal and external stakeholders). Final draft preparation.</td>
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<td><strong>Final report:</strong> Final editing and public briefing on results.</td>
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Deliverables

- One desk research report (approximately 10 pages) on environmental crimes and corruption, including the government systems set up to address these.
- 10 interviews per topic by each consultant (interviews can be conducted jointly where this makes sense) and coded response notes.
- Draft report (approximately 10 pages per topic).
- Final report based on feedback received.
- Participation in (virtual or in-person) event to present findings.

Timeframe

For each country, the programme will allocate 10 days per topic for each consultant. The number of days therefore depends on the number of environmental topics covered, as per the table above. As an example, for Bolivia we are allocating 20 days (two topics, IWT and mining) for the environmental crime consultant and 20 days for the corruption consultant.

The field research is expected to take place between June and August 2022.

Profile

- Advanced degree in a relevant field (political science, biology, public administration, etc).
- At least five years’ experience in either environmental crime or corruption/governance and deep knowledge of such issues in the target country.
- Excellent research (desk and interviewing), drafting and communication skills in English.
- Full fluency of research country language.
- Experience studying governance systems.
- Flexibility, creativity and constructive attitude.

NB: This position will be based in the capital city of the country where the respective research activities will take place. Only nationals/residents of the respective countries are eligible to apply.

Application

Please send your written application at your earliest convenience, but no later than 13 June 2022, by email to: proposal@baselgovernance.org
In the subject line, please indicate if you’re applying as an environmental crime OR corruption consultant. Also in the subject line, please indicate your country of expertise.

In addition to a CV, please include an original research writing sample you have produced (up to two pages).

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