



## Project “Promoting Sustainable Forest Management”

### *Adoption of the Code of Practice for Sustainable Forest Harvesting*

Consultancy type	Supervisor name	Department
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### I. Background

The project "**Promoting Sustainable Forest Management**" aims to improve sustainable forest management in Suriname, by promoting Reduced Impact logging (cfr. greenhouse gas reducing wood extraction methods) among forest concession holders and community forests and improved forest management information systems. The project implementation started in 2021 and is expected to be completed by the end of 2023.

To strengthen sustainable forest management (SFM), the Foundation for Forest Management and Production Control (SBB) has developed step by step guidelines, starting by monitoring logging, timber transport, timber export and finally enforcing harvest planning activities. During 2018 and 2019, IDB/CATIE supported SBB on the development of the Suriname Forestry Information System Suriname (SFISS). SFISS is a forest monitoring virtual platform that aims to track logging activities in Suriname with the objectives to improve sustainable forest management, enhance transparency, improve the services towards private companies and local communities and reduce illegal logging. SFISS is also integrated under the national forest monitoring system for REDD+ activities.

In 2012, a draft Code of Practice (COP) for SFM was developed by SBB and Tropenbos International Suriname. This draft was created in a participative process with the relevant forestry stakeholders. Nevertheless, the draft was never finalized nor sanctioned. Meanwhile new insights were gathered, and new developments took place in the forestry sector. Such new developments include the SFISS, Climate Smart Forestry/ Reduce Impact Logging for Carbon (RIL-C) opportunities, promotion of small-scale and community logging enterprises, and increased demand for tropical timber on the global market. Therefore, it is important to review and align this COP with the new developments, validate the critical elements through stakeholder engagements, implement constructive feedback and finalize it. The guidelines and indicators mentioned in the COP will be the basis to assess forestry operations' sustainability.



## II. Objectives of the consultancy

The objectives for this consultancy are:

1. Finalize the previous COP so that it is aligned with the new developments and innovations in the forestry sector, including feedback collected through an engagement process with stakeholders and experts.
2. Provide a proposed framework that can be used to measure compliance of the field operations with the COP.

## III. Required activities

1. Finalize the previous COP.
  - 1.1. Study the draft COP and list all proposed improvements based on the new developments in Suriname's wood sector and international standards.
  - 1.2. Hold internal discussions within SBB to make sure that the improvements are aligned and complete.
  - 1.3. Finalize the updated draft COP and distribute it to relevant stakeholders.
  - 1.4. Provide a framework and methodology to consult and validate the COP with the relevant actors.
  - 1.5. Implement all consolidated input and finalize the COP.
2. Proposed framework to measure compliance of the field operations with the COP.
  - 2.1. Study the indicators used to measure compliance, amongst other the indicators used in the RIL-C forestry module for VERRA.
  - 2.2. Provide national indicators discussed with relevant actors and stakeholders.

The consultant will have to work closely with SBB through close interaction and frequent communication process. Therefore, a routine of weekly progress updates by conference calls will be applied or a mutually agreed alternative.



#### IV. Expected outputs and results

**Table1. Summarize the objectives, results, and products expected under this consultancy.**

Activities	Results	Specific products
1.1 Study the draft COP and list all proposed improvements based on the new developments and relevant Sustainable Forest Management standards (Legal Source, PEFC, FSC).	- Overview of new developments and proposed improvements	- Report
1.2 Hold internal discussions within SBB to make sure the improvements are aligned and complete	- Results of the internal discussions with SBB including the proposed improvement by SBB	- List of proposed improvements. - Overview of how the proposed improvements can be included or processed.
1.3 Finalize the updated draft COP and distribute it to relevant stakeholders	- Updated draft CoP - List of relevant stakeholders receiving the updated draft	- Updated draft CoP - List of relevant stakeholders that received the draft CoP
1.4 Provide a framework and methodology to consult and validate the COP with the relevant actors.	- Framework and methodology	- Outcome of the consultations and validation process applying the framework and methodology
1.5 Implement all consolidated input and finalize the COP	- Overview of all inputs - Report how the input how the input is processed	- Final Code of Practice published on the SBB-website



2.1 Study the standards/ indicators used to measure compliance, amongst other the indicators used in the RIL-C forestry module for VERRA.	- First draft of the model to measure the compliance with the COP.	- Report
2.2 Provide proposed national indicators validated within the consultation sessions to measure various levels of compliance with the COP	- Proposed model to measure the compliance with the COP	- Report

## V. Reporting requirements

The Consultant must submit the following products:

- Workplan including the approach, methodology and timeline for all project activities
- A Progress Reports on the implementation of the workplan, respectively after 2 months with the draft Code of Practice attached
- Final report after 4 months with the final Code Of Practice attached, a proposal for the national indicators and overview of all consulted stakeholders.

All reports need to be delivered digitally to the deputy director of the department of research and development, Miss. Sarah Crabbe (e-mail: [s.crabbe@sbb.sr](mailto:s.crabbe@sbb.sr)). A cc should be sent to [secretary@sbb.sr](mailto:secretary@sbb.sr) and [m.lew@sbb.sr](mailto:m.lew@sbb.sr).

The Code of Practice and the proposal for national indicators can be written in Dutch and should be shared in a PDF and a MS Word-format. The workplan, progress report and final report shall be written in English and should be shared in a PDF and a MS Word-format. These reports will be considered approved when feedback provided by both officers is included and the reports are validated by both officers as indicated above.



## VI. Consultancy term

The consultants-consortium is responsible for the planning and execution of the necessary activities to achieve the objectives of this contract in an estimated period of 4 months (target period to implement the consultancy goes from May 2023 to August 2023 (four months) for 50 working days. Any extension of this term in advance must be granted and approved in writing by mutual agreement of the signing parties.

## VII. Profile & Qualification Requirements

The consultant needs to have a good understanding of the forestry sector and the recent developments within this sector related to the promotion of local processing and REDD+.

The consultant needs the following skills and competencies:

- University degree in forestry, environmental management, natural resource management with more than three years experience or a related technical degree with more than five years of relevant experience;
- Demonstrated experience in Reduced Impact Logging and/or climate smart forestry activities (RIL-C)
- Demonstrated experience in social and community development.
- Demonstrated experience in Environmental assessments.
- Demonstrated skills for the synthesis and writing of technical documents.
- Knowledge of English, Dutch and preferably Sranan
- Excellent team players, and preferable residence in Suriname

## VIII. Resources and facilities to be provided by the contracting entity

The SBB will provide the Consultant with relevant information and documentation, as well as the accompaniment required to carry out the tasks assigned to him/her in the context of the SBB work on forest monitoring and forest management. The focal point of the Consultant should have regular meetings with the project core team to ensure suitable progress for the project.

SBB will cover the additional costs related to workshops, field visits and other engagement activities if applicable. The consultant is responsible for his/her own work instruments.



## IX. Deliverables and Payment Schedule

Upon completion of the work described, the Consultant must submit all reports with SBB's approval. In addition, copies of products generated by the Consultant under this contract and a detailed inventory must also be submitted no later than the expiration date of the Contract; these will become the property of the SBB.

Table 2 shows the estimated payment dates for the products or deliverables of the consultancy once these are deemed satisfactory by SBB. Payments will be made after they have been authorized by the SBB Project coordinator. The Consultant must provide an accounting invoice for each payment.

**Table2. Deliverables and Payment percentage.**

Specific Result	Specific output (Deliverable)	Period	%
Workplan for proposed activities	First report with Workplan	2 weeks	10%
Final Code of Practice available and validated	Definitive version CoP (Code of Practice)	10 weeks	50%
National indicators measure various levels of compliance with the COP available and validated	Model	4 weeks	40%