

Draft Terms of Reference
“Hiring an Agency to identify Drivers of Deforestation”

1. Background: The Government of Meghalaya, with financing and technical support from the World Bank, is preparing a project titled “Community Led Landscape Management Project”. The objective of CLLMP is:

- To strengthen community led natural resource management in different landscapes in Meghalaya.
- To facilitate community-led planning by providing support, technical inputs and funding. The community will be engaged at the early stage of the project planning.
- The Meghalaya Community Led Landscape Management Project (MCLLMP) will work with the communities broadly in the area of land forest and water and will help in identifying activities for degraded forest, soil and water conservation, rejuvenation of springs and water bodies, nature based tourism, agro-forestry and homestead forestry. The project will enhance skills and technical capacity of communities along with strengthening support to social system. For more details please visit www.mbda.gov.in

2. Purpose/Objective of the assignment:

To identify potential drivers leading to deforestation viz. faulty agricultural practices, social & cultural practices, mining activities, industrial pollute and other forms of developments.

3. Scope of work:

- Identify sample areas of deforestation in different regions in a manner that different socio-economic status, tribal groups and bio-physical and physiography are covered
- Conduct surveys in the identified sample sites following appropriate methodology
- Analyse the drivers of deforestation based on the survey and other field studies
- Conduct stakeholder consultation after the preliminary findings
- Finalised the report including strategy to address the deforestation in different regions
- Report should also indicate estimate of deforestation in qualified manner to the extent if it is possible
- To conduct Assessment of community conservation practices and knowledge
- To conduct demand supply of wood, fuel wood and charcoal at village/watershed level
- To prepare Strategy on rehabilitation of population displaced due of mines

4. Key Results Expected: Drafting Strategy paper to address the deforestation activities with specific issues related to ecosystem management in the state in view of its unique constitutional sixth schedule status.

5. Activities: The following activities are expected to be performed by the firms:-

- (a) Collection of data and discussion with the State Govt. Officers

(b) Series of both formal and informal consultation with legal Experts, Administration, Policy makers, Researchers and Activists (Shillong) and Traditional Institutions – to gather inputs for the Study.

(c) Gathering of legal materials (Statutory Precedential and Administrative).

(d) Drawing lessons from experience in the field (at the grassroots)- from line agencies, local bodies, research and voluntary organization and communities and at the Policy-making levels – senior levels of administration, related agencies of state, law and policy maker.

(e) Assessment of existing laws, regulation, orders, operating rules and forest rights etc.

(f) Preparation of draft report

(g) Preparation of final report and Strategy Paper.

6. Time Frame

The assignment is to be completed within a period of 6 (six)months from the date of signing the contract.

7. Key experts for the assignment:

S#	Position	Desired Education	Desired Qualification
1	Team Leader	Doctorate in Environmental Sciences/Forestry Sciences	10 Years Experiences in conducting Baseline Study on Deforestation/Retired HOD under State and Central Govt Forest & Envtt Dept will be preferred.
2	Deputy Team Leader	Master in Environmental Sciences/Forestry Sciences	5 Years Experience in the field of Forest Degradation
3	Subject Matter Specialist	Master in Environmental Science or Master in Forestry	5 Years Experience in the field of Environmental Degradation.
4	Junior Research Fellow	Graduates in Environmental Sciences/Forestry Sciences	5 Years Experience in the field of Environmental Degradation

8. Reporting

The agency will work closely with MBDA Technical Team.

9. Monitoring of Study

The CEO of MBDA/MBMA will designate nodal person to follow up and monitor the study. The designated person will closely follow up with the selected agency and provide necessary guidance during the training of enumerators, questionnaire development, field testing, data collection, data analysis, consultation, preparation of reports. The progress of the assignment will be reviewed on fortnightly basis.