



CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST TO BE A MEMBER OF THE IUCN EXPERT ASSESSMENT GROUP FOR THE GREEN LIST (EAGL) FOR VIETNAM

Dear Madam/Sir,

The IUCN Green List of Protected and Conserved Areas (IUCN Green List for short) programme is a recent IUCN initiative officially launched in 2014 at the World Parks Congress to recognise and promote fairly governed and effectively managed protected and conserved areas around the world. The main objective of the programme is to encourage protected and conserved areas to measure, improve and maintain their performance through globally consistent criteria that benchmark (i) good governance, (ii) sound design and planning, (iii) effective management and, (iv) successful conservation outcomes. For more details on the IUCN Green List programme, please visit www.iucn.org/greenlist

The Expert Assessment Group for the Green List (EAGL) is at the heart of the IUCN Green List implementation process and has to be established in every participating country. This expert body has to evaluate and assess applications of protected / conserved area's to become a Green Listed Area according to a global standard that is adapted to the national context. The EAGL will assess applications based on evidence provided by the applicant protected / conserved areas, and will evaluate all applications based on their knowledge and expertise. All Applications are submitted based on a voluntary commitment to being Green Listed by the site manager. For more information about the competencies and roles of EAGL members see Appendix 1 further below (excerpted from the User Manual).

The EAGL is formed through a Call for Expressions of Interest such as this one and a subsequent selection process for between 5 to 15 members. Benefits of becoming an EAGL member include advancing protected area management effectiveness and fairly governed protected areas in Vietnam; membership with the IUCN World Commission on Protected Areas; and an opportunity to become part of a global community of protected and conserved area practitioners and stakeholders in more than 25 countries today and growing. It is important to note that EAGL members are expected to work on a voluntary basis, in their personal capacity, and according to their expertise without representing any organisation.

Interested individuals are kindly requested to submit all of the following information no later than **30 October 2017** to Mr. Nguyen Duc Tu at tu.nguyenduc@iucn.org:

1. A complete and current CV.

- **2.** A short statement (max 350 words) on why you are interested to join the EAGL, based on meeting the competency criteria listed in Appendix 1 below.
- **3.** Confirm your commitment to an average of 6 to 8 days of volunteer time per year (0.5 to 0.7 work days per month) to the EAGL tasks, over an expected term of at least two years. All travel logistic expenditures will be covered.

The IUCN World Commission on Protected Areas (WCPA), the host organisation - IUCN Vietnam office, and an independent reviewer will evaluate all applications and select a group of between 5 to 15 individuals to form the EAGL. All applicants will have an opportunity to join the WCPA as members, so long as they meet the WCPA membership criteria.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch with Mr. Nguyen Duc Tu (<u>tu.nguyenduc@iucn.org</u>; +84 24 37261575, ext. 135) should you wish to find out more about the IUCN Green List and the EAGL or if you have any other queries.

Yours sincerely,

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APPENDIX 1: COMPETENCY CRITERIA AND ROLES OF EAGL MEMBERS

- Candidates for membership in the EAGL shall meet the following competency criteria:
 - 1) At least 10 years of work experience with public or private protected or conserved areas (P/CAs) in a professional capacity, such as:
 - ➤ P/CA management and specific knowledge of P/CAs in Vietnam
 - Government ministry or protected areas (PA) agency
 - Community or economic development
 - Independent auditing or assessment of P/CAs
 - Scientific research within or about P/CAs
 - ➤ Other academic research within or about P/CAs, including social sciences
 - Sustainable development or environmental issues at a management, operational, technical, policy or governance level
 - Community or indigenous stakeholder organisations, if relevant in the context of the jurisdiction
 - 2) Good network of regional contacts to be able to reach out to key actors and experts
 - 3) Ability to analyse and integrate diverse information from various sources and derive a conclusion from this information
 - 4) Strong oral communication skills, ability to craft and deliver messages in an articulate manner
 - 5) Fluent in Vietnamese
 - 6) Basic command of written and spoken English is desirable

Roles and responsibilities of EAGL:

- Receive training on the IUCN Green List Standard, its Generic Indicators and its associated User Manual as appropriate (at least at commencement of appointment and after scheduled Standard, Indicator and User Manual revisions)
- Establish a working relationship with the assigned Reviewer(s)/ Associate
 Reviewer(s) to enable formation of the EAGL, adaptations of the Generic Indicators and evaluation of P/CAs
- 3) If necessary, adapt the Generic Indicators as per the rules and procedures of the User Manual to make them applicable to the respective jurisdictional context
- 4) Evaluate P/CAs for compliance with the approved indicators following the User Manual's rules and procedures and recommend P/CAs for addition to the Green List if they are found to comply with all Indicators
- 5) Deal with received alerts to potential triggers for unscheduled reviews of Green Listed P/CAs
- 6) Coordinate its work with the nearest representatives of the IUCN Green List Programme, WCPA and, wherever possible, with relevant authorities
- 7) Support IUCN Green List communication efforts of the Operational Team and Green List P/CAs where needed and appropriate