

**Request for Proposals**

**Title: Financial Audit of CI GEF Reducing Deforestation from Palm Oil and Cocoa Value Chains Transitions (FOLUR)**

**RFP No: CIL-2025-CONSULTANCY-13**

**Date of Issuance: 29<sup>th</sup> Aug 2025**

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**1. Background**

Conservation International (CI) has been protecting nature for the benefit of all, for over 30 years. Through science, policy, and partnerships, CI is helping build a healthier, more prosperous, and more productive planet. Today, with offices in more than two dozen countries and a worldwide network of thousands of partners, CI has a truly global reach.

CI through support from the GEF is implementing the FOLUR Project, titled **Reducing Deforestation from Palm Oil and Cocoa Value Chains**, aims to promote biodiversity conservation and sustainable food systems for enhanced livelihood opportunities in Northwest (NW) Liberia Landscape through land use planning, restoration of degraded lands, and strengthening governance, policies, and market incentives for nationally replicable models of deforestation-free cocoa and palm oil value chains.

**2. Project Overview**

CI Liberia is soliciting proposals from eligible and interested Audit firms to undertake an audit of: CI GEF **Food systems, Land use and Restoration (FOLUR)** Project at our office in Monrovia, Liberia.

The project is implemented by four partners: Conservation International (lead partner), SCNL, FFI and RSPB. The Project duration is 15<sup>th</sup> Nov 2021 - 30<sup>th</sup> April 2028 and the total Project value is \$7,139,450 (Seven million, one hundred and thirty-nine thousand, four hundred and fifty).

**3. Objectives**

The objective of the Audit is to enable the auditor to express a professional opinion on the financial position of the project based on funds received and expenses reported.

The audit will cover the expenses reported from the 15<sup>th</sup> Nov 2021 - 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025 (Audit Period'). Projected Period Expenses amount to **\$2,638,457 (\$1,196,269 relates to implementing partners)**

The auditor should be given access to all legal documents, correspondence, and any other information associated with the project and deemed necessary by the auditor.

**4. Submission Details**

- a. Deadline. Proposals must be received no later than 17<sup>th</sup> September 2025. Late submissions will not be accepted. Proposals must be submitted via email to [hrliberia@conservation.org](mailto:hrliberia@conservation.org). All proposals are to be submitted following the guidelines listed in this RFP.
- b. Validity of bid. 30 days from the submission deadline
- c. Clarifications. Questions may be submitted to [hrliberia@conservation.org](mailto:hrliberia@conservation.org) by the specified date and time in the timeline below. The subject of the email must contain the RFP number and title of the RFP. CI will respond in writing to submitted clarifications by the date specified in the timeline below. Responses to questions that may be of common interest to all bidders will be posted to the CI website and/or communicated via email.



- d. Amendments. At any time prior to the deadline for submission of proposals, CI may, for any reason, modify the RFP documents by amendment which will be posted to the CI website and/or communicated via email.