

# ADVERTISEMENT FOR CONSULTANCY

## TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE PRODUCTION OF A CHECKLIST OF 100 OF THE MOST SERIOUS INVASIVE PLANTS IN KENYA, UGANDA AND TANZANIA

### 1. Introduction

UVIMA (a swahili acronym that can be translated as “Taxonomy for Development in East Africa”), a BioNET-EAFRINET Project of leading institutions in East Africa supported by SwedBio (the Swedish International Biodiversity Programme) and SDC (the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation), is advertising for a **Regional Consultancy** to produce **checklists** of 100 of the most serious **invasive** plant species in Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania.

The UVIMA project aims at consolidating and mobilizing existing taxonomic information in order to generate tools and products to address the environmental, food and poverty crises in Africa, with a focus on three areas; **pollinators, invasive alien species and pests**. Invasive alien species (IAS) are key drivers of change in ecosystems, often severely compromising the delivery of ecosystem services. Pests are a constant challenge to agricultural productivity and trade. Pollinator decline in diversity and abundance is likely to cause the next agricultural crisis in Africa.

### 2. Specific Tasks of the Consultancy

UVIMA is looking for a consultant or a consortium of consultants (“consultant”) to develop a **checklist of 100** of the most serious invasive plant species in East Africa (Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda).

Please find **guidelines** for checklist production and **template** (in excel) to guide your work.

### 3. Outputs

The main output of the consultancy will be the invasive checklist. The consultant will also be required to submit a 2-paged (excluding bibliography) report outlining the background information, methods used and results achieved.

### 4. Qualifications and Background

The consultant should have at least an MSc with a background in any of the following disciplines; agriculture, biology, environmental science or any other relevant field and knowledge and experience of invasives of Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda.

## **5. Deadlines**

Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> July 2010:	Submission of applications
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2010:	Selection of consultants and award of contract
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> August:	Submission of draft invasive list and report
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> August:	Submission of final checklist and report

## **6. Recruitment of consultant**

Interested experts are hereby invited to apply by submitting (as an expression of interest to undertake the consultancy) a 5-page (maximum) concept note which should include;

- a) A work plan (intent of how to undertake the task including methods, invasive species selection justification, etc)
- b) Budget, including charge of consultancy
- c) CV(s) of the consultants, indicating **relevant experience only**

The application should be sent by email to [uvima@museums.or.ke](mailto:uvima@museums.or.ke) by close of business on **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2010**.

For further information, visit <http://eafrinet.museums.or.ke/uvima>

Only considered candidates will be contacted.