Consultancy advertisement: Development of a proposal to Combat Wildlife Crime (CWC) in Southern Africa

IUCN Eastern and Southern Africa Regional Office (ESARO) is working with USAID and other organisations to jointly develop and test innovative and transdisciplinary approaches to reducing wildlife crime that can be disseminated throughout the southern Africa region, with a particular focus on elephants and rhinos.

IUCN ESARO is seeking a suitably qualified consultant to develop a detailed proposal and full budget building on a concept document that is currently under review by USAID. This concept is focused on *improving understanding of the role of communities as the first line of defence against wildlife crime in southern Africa*. This will be a multi-million dollar proposal that is expected to form an important component of a multi-year regional programme working in and across a number of transfrontier conservation areas in southern Africa and generating lessons and guidance for improved policy and practice in combating CWC across the region.

The assignment is expected to take approximately four weeks beginning on the 15th of August 2016. The final proposal document is due to be submitted to USAID no later than 9th of September 2016. The work will be desk-based but will require extensive and frequent communication with IUCN, USAID and partner implementing organisations in the southern Africa region.

Desired experience and qualifications:

- A demonstrated track record in successful development of USAID proposals, and familiarity with relevant USAID results frameworks, requirements and terminology is required
- 2. Excellent writing and budgeting skills
- 3. A higher degree (MSc or PhD) in conservation, natural resources management or equivalent
- 4. In-depth understanding of biodiversity conservation issues and concepts essential. Familiarity with the thematic focus of the proposal, particularly wildlife crime and community-based natural resource management is required
- 5. Experience working in and/or extensive knowledge of the southern Africa (SADC) region, its conservation policies and practice a distinct advantage
- 6. Working knowledge of Portuguese would be an advantage

Interested consultants are requested to send, by email, a brief expression of interest, detailed CV(s) and an indication of daily rate to:

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The deadline for submissions of expressions of interest is the 5th of August 2016.