



**Conservation and equitable use of biological diversity in the SADC region – AID9695**

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**Call for Application**  
**Service contract on**  
**Coordinator Veterinary Component**  
**(COD: VET-9-2021)**

<i>Title</i>	Coordinator Veterinary Component - Analysis of the environmental determinants of the interactions between wildlife and livestock in transboundary protected areas.
<i>Duty Station</i>	Mozambique, South Africa
<i>Starting date</i>	ASAP
<i>Duration</i>	Until 31 <sup>th</sup> December 2021
<i>Apply to</i>	<b>email:</b> <a href="mailto:info@secosud2project.com">info@secosud2project.com</a> <b>with subject:</b> VET-9-2021
<i>Deadline for application</i>	<b>26<sup>th</sup> of October 2021–12.00 PM (Maputo time)</b>
<b>Please note that the selection, up to the actual signing of the consultancy contract, can be suspended or cancelled at any time in case of termination or suspension of the project or lack of necessary funds.</b>	

**BACKGROUND**

The Project SECOSUD II (<http://www.secosud2project.com>) is funded by the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation and implemented through the collaboration of Sapienza University of Rome and Eduardo Mondlane University in Maputo with their Biology Department.

SECOSUD II aims to consolidating the capacities of decision-makers responsible for land planning and management of natural resources, as well as promoting their use in support of the harmonization of land management processes at the national, regional and international level. The final objective is to boost biodiversity conservation and sustainable economic development in the SADC region, consistently with the CBD goals and in synergy with those of UNCCD and UNFCCC.

The project works on strengthening the capacity of the scientific network of the SADC Region, particularly the reference centres for ecosystem-based land planning and management, to fill the gap existing between scientific research and governmental institutions in charge of



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environmental management. This will help research institutions to fulfil their function of science and knowledge development, and also provide the administrative bodies with adequate instruments and capacities to address the challenges of environmental conservation and sustainable development.

The SECOSUD II Project (Aid 9695) "Conservation and equitable use of biodiversity in the SADC area" integrates among its components the Sustainable management of protected areas in the SADC region: Great Limpopo and Lubombo Transfrontier Conservation Areas. The SECOSUD project intends to improve and / or implement tools for integrated trans-boundary management of protected areas in the SADC region, in particular the GLTFCA, and the Lubombo Transfrontier Conservation Area (LTFCA), which includes Maputo Special Reserve (REM) in Mozambique, Tembe Elephant Park in South Africa and Lubombo Conservancy in Swaziland. For the GLTFCA, the objective is to implement integrated fire, water and biodiversity management tools as Disease control and research in the Wildlife/Livestock/Human interface with the dual aim of strengthening the cross-border management of the three parks and enhancing the planning and management capabilities of the LNP and GNP, benefiting from the KNP experience through the collaboration between the technical staff of the three parks. In accordance with this, a veterinary research activity program has been launched with the aim of promoting research activity in transboundary conservation areas. The aim is to provide data on the impact of the main neglected zoonotic diseases on: public health, zootechnical production, land use and wildlife health. All while promoting a multidisciplinary One Health approach.

The activities developed so far by the Project are the following:

- Prevalence and genotyping study of cystic echinococcosis in the Limpopo National Park area and buffer zone, Gaza province, Mozambique;
- Prevalence and genotyping study of cystic echinococcosis in the Kruger National Park area, South Africa;
- Study on the transmission of pathogenic parasites in the Wildlife / Livestock interface in the area of the Maputo Special Reserve and buffer zone;
- Vaccination campaign against rabies of the canine population of rural communities in the area of the district of Massingir, Gaza, Mozambique and of the communities living within the Limpopo National Park;
- Several theoretical / practical workshops, with international facilitators, for the improvement of laboratory diagnosis skills against diseases of wildlife and domestic animals;
- Supervised the dissertation work of several Mozambican students of the Eduardo Mondlane University, Maputo, Mozambique;
- Published scientific papers in international journals and conferences.

## **DESCRIPTION OF THE EXPECTED ACTIVITIES AND DELIVERABLES**



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Under the supervision of the Project coordinator, based on the already developed activities, the expert will operate in the following activities:

### Strategic planning and Program development

Lead the development of a strategy for the SECOSUD II in Mozambique and South Africa in line with and linked to relevant regional and global strategies.

- Lead the development of a One Health program of work in Limpopo National Park, Kruger National Park and Maputo Special Reserve (and beyond as needed) as required, based on agreed project commitments and donor requirements.
- Promote SECOSUD II program to government and civil society stakeholders in countries across SADC region.
- Contribute to identify opportunities and support project fundraising efforts for SECOSUD II in the SADC region.

### Program management and implementation:

- Support ongoing and new project-specific activities Mozambique and South Africa in line with the Convention that establishes the SECOSUD II Project as a university cooperation project, financed by the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation, and implemented by Sapienza University of Rome and Eduardo Mondlane University of Maputo.
- Support program and project-specific activities in additional countries in SADC as the SECOSUD II program expands.
- Undertake regular duty travel as necessary to ensure smooth implementation of programmatic activities.
- Ensure effective training and orientation workshops (virtual and in-person, as circumstances allow), including administrative and logistical support to project implementation including the organization of workshops, meetings and consultations.
- Facilitate establishment of SECOSUD II processes in partner countries.
- Track specific project commitments and ensure the collection, collation, and reporting of all project data and documents, and be responsible for the submission of technical progress reports, as well as all regular reports according to the agreed formats, reporting schedules and deadlines.
- Develop in synergy with local partners systems for the diagnosis and control of the main neglected zoonotic diseases in the target areas of the Project.
- Train local staff for data collection and processing of biological samples in the target areas of the Project.



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### Requirements

**Education:** Academic profile with degrees in Veterinary Medicine, Veterinary Science or related degree in a relevant subject. At least one post-graduate specialist qualification in the same areas of interest. has developed proven experience, also with publications in international journals, in the following fields:

- Parasitology (especially related to zoonotic diseases);
- Wildlife Health;
- Laboratory analysis;
- Collection and processing of biological samples from live animals and in *post-mortem* inspection.

**Work experience:** 5+ years work internationally on activities related to veterinary medicine and in particular in protected areas.

**Language Proficiency:** Fluency in written and spoken English is a must, knowledge of Portuguese.

### CONTRACT AND REMUNERATION

The contract, as service provision, will be stipulated locally in Mozambique by the PMU under the UEM Faculty of Sciences and will be subject to local regulations.

The remuneration will be calculated according to education and professional experience of the selected candidate, taking into consideration the parameters and limits defined in art.11, 6 of deliberation n. 220 of 2013 of Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation.

### APPLICATION MODALITIES

The application must include:

1. **curriculum of his / her scientific and professional activity, in English;**
2. **any scientific publications;**
3. **copy of a valid identity document.**

The deadline for application will be the **26<sup>th</sup> of October 2021–12.00 PM (Maputo time)**. The applications received after the deadline will not be considered as valid for the selection procedure. It's recommended not to present an application in case of not fulfilment of the compulsory requirements mentioned in this announcement.

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The PMU could use interviews or tests to verify the real competences of the shortlisted candidates.

The PMU of the project has the right to suspend or cancel the recruitment procedure following a decision by the contracting authority (UEM), as well as in case of lack of sufficiently competent candidates or lack of financial coverage for the contracting of the selected candidate. The final classification of this selecting procedure could be used for recruitment of homologous positions with same competences within the project.

### **SELECTION CRITERIA**

The evaluation criteria are determined by the Commission, will be expressed in hundredths and will include, with appropriate weights, the following items:

- Academic titles;
- Relevant publications and other research products;
- Relevant experience on the field;
- Interview.

All applications will be treated with the necessary privacy and secrecy by the PMU and evaluation commission.

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