

Questions on NOFO: (Countering Wildlife Trafficking in Central and South America)

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Question 1:

Indicators: The “Appendix A: Terms and Definitions” section of the Performance Indicator Reference Sheet Template document says “For FY22, the only requirements are that there be 1) at least one outcome indicator, associated with a main project goal; and 2) at least one outcome indicator for which progress is expected at least every six months. These may be the same indicator. Beyond that, collect data you will use and no more.” But on page 15, the NOFO indicates that the “Change Map includes indicators for each goal and objective.” The Change Map template seems to indicate that there should be an indicator for each activity. Can you please clarify how many indicators are required? Is it the case that an indicator is required for each objective and each activity, or rather, just as many as are needed for effective project management?

INL Response:

The indicators may be negotiated during the review process, but many activities, objectives, and sub-objectives may not have associated indicators. However, all project goals should have at least one indicator, and all training activities should track the number trained, disaggregated by gender.

Annexes: The templates for the Annexes include sections that are to be completed by INL, or by the applicant after award. Specifically, the Change Map has a section to be completed by INL. The Performance Indicator Reference Sheet has sections to be completed after award. Should these sections be left blank and included in those annexes with submission of the proposal?

INL Response:

INL staff are responsible for filling in the strategic alignment section of the Change Map, if the application is selected. If selected, Grantees will need to complete a Performance Indicator Reference Sheet (PIRS), in which all indicators listed in the Change Map are fully detailed. the application, it is only necessary to complete three outcome indicators. Sections that will be filled out if an application is selected should be left blank upon submission.

On page 9, the NOFO says “Refer to Appendix A for additional guidance on drafting a proposal narrative.” Appendix A covers the Performance Monitoring Plan, not drafting a proposal narrative. Does INL wish to share additional guidance on drafting a proposal narrative?

INL Response:

The “Refer to Appendix A for additional guidance on drafting a proposal narrative.” sentence has been removed from the NOFO. The revised NOFO is now uploaded on Grants.gov.

Question 2:

Page 4 of the solicitation mentions illegal logging. Does INL consider that illegal logging is an equal environmental threat to regional biodiversity as wildlife trafficking?

INL Response: INL-funded projects are to strengthen the capacity of civil society and governments to detect, investigate, prosecute, and adjudicate cases on environmental crimes in order to disrupt transnational criminal activity. Environment crimes include protected species of timber.

Question 3:

Does INL wish to include the threat of unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing in wildlife trafficking? Are marine species protected under CITES considered part of wildlife trafficking as defined by the solicitation?

INL Response: Other wild plants may not be included in a proposal. Marine animals may be included where relevant. Note, this should not focus on the broader issues of Illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing; if included, the focus should be solely on trafficking in marine species. Also note marine wildlife should only be CITES-protected species, and should not be a major program focus.

Question 4:

Can INL confirm whether Colombia may be included as a focus country for this activity?

INL Response: Colombia may not be included as a focus country for this opportunity.

Question 5:

The NOFO refers to "trafficking of wildlife and timber". Please confirm whether marine animals, and/or other wild plants, can be included.

INL Response: Other wild plants may not be included in a proposal. Marine animals may be included where relevant. Note, this should not focus on the broader issues of Illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing; if included, the focus should be solely on trafficking in marine species. Also note marine wildlife should only be CITES-protected species, and should not be a major program focus.

Question 6:

The Overview indicates “... *counter wildlife trafficking (which may include illegal logging)*...”. Can you expand on the proposed relationship with illegal logging? Is Illegal logging being considered in itself as wildlife trafficking? Or is it being considered to the extent that illegal logging activities are sometimes, directly or indirectly, associated with wildlife trafficking?

INL Response: INL-funded projects are to strengthen the capacity of civil society and governments to detect, investigate, prosecute, and adjudicate cases on environmental crimes in order to disrupt transnational criminal activity. Environment crimes include protected species of timber.

Question 7:

The NOFO includes information on requirements for addressing Participants and Audiences on both p. 5 and references it in the instructions for the Gender, Equity, and Inclusion analysis on p. 9. Could INL please clarify if there is a preference for where this information is included in the applicant proposal?

INL Response: Where it is applicable for each proposal to identify target audiences, specific demographics, and/or the region(s) in which the project will be implemented. This could be identified for the overall proposal and/or for each activity that may target audiences, specific demographics, and/or region(s).