

# **Request for Proposals for ASEAN Nature Finance Advisory**

## **Purpose**

Global Canopy (GC) and Asia Investor Group on Climate Change (AIGCC) invites expressions of interest from consultancies or experienced individuals in the ASEAN region to support Global Canopy in delivering a Southeast Asian Nature Risk Toolkit for financial institutions. The toolkit's objective is provide a step-by-step foundation for financial institutions to integrate nature into their risk and investment processes through regionally relevant tools and insights. Outputs draw on existing platforms, datasets, and policy developments relevant to the region's financial and ecological context.

Southeast Asia is a global centre of biodiversity, home to critical ecosystems such as tropical forests, coral reefs, and river basins. At the same time, the region is facing accelerating nature loss, with real implications for sectors like agriculture, fisheries, tourism, and infrastructure. While there has been progress in aligning finance with biodiversity goals—through national taxonomies, sustainable finance roadmaps, and voluntary initiatives—financial institutions are still struggling to connect high-level frameworks, such as the Global Biodiversity Framework, with their day-to-day decision-making.

The consultant will be responsible for leading the research and analysis across key components of the toolkit, with a focus on policy and compiling region-specific nature scenarios. The toolkit may include components such as country-level readiness assessments, data and tool mapping, and compiling a compendium of regionally-relevant risk scenarios. They will also contribute to selected sections of the toolkit and support other components such as data and tool mapping. The project would focus on the following countries for assessment: Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Thailand, Vietnam and Singapore.

## **Who we are and what we do**

### **Global Canopy**

Global Canopy is a data-driven not for profit that targets the market forces destroying nature. We do this by improving transparency and accountability. Our focus is on open data, aligned metrics and strong regulation, to help powerful organisations stop

nature-related impacts and realise opportunities for positive action.

We do this through an interlinked portfolio of programmes:

1. Our **Supply Chain Transparency Programme** delivers a step change in the transparency of the trade and financing of high-risk commodity supply chains – like soy, palm oil and cattle (see [Trase](#)).
2. Our **Corporate Performance Programme** works to improve the quality and uptake of sustainability and social metrics for the global companies most impacting forests and nature ([Forest 500](#), [ForestIQ](#)).
3. Our **Nature-related Finance Programme** creates the tools and frameworks to help Financial Institutions, corporates and governments to shift global financial flows away from nature-negative outcomes and toward nature-positive outcomes (see [ENCORE](#) and [TNFD](#)).

Our tools and platforms are used by Fortune 500 companies, major financial institutions, national and regional governments, and some of the world's most effective campaigning organisations.

GC is supported by governments including the UK, Norway, Germany and Switzerland; by major trusts and foundations including the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation, Quadrature and the Waterloo Foundations; and by a growing group of individual major donors and family offices. We have deep partnerships with the UNEP Finance Initiative, Stockholm Environment Institute, UNDP, WWF and ZSL among others.

We work globally, but have focal regions in Latin America, Indonesia, Europe and China. Our team of around 60 people is mostly based out of our Oxford office, but we have team members also based across forest regions and major markets worldwide.

## **AIGCC**

The Asia Investor Group on Climate Change (AIGCC) is an initiative to create awareness and encourage action among Asia's asset owners and financial institutions about the risks and opportunities associated with climate change and low carbon investing. AIGCC provides capacity and a trusted forum for investors active in Asia to share best practice and to collaborate on investment activity, credit analysis, risk management, engagement and policy related to climate change.

With a strong international profile, the AIGCC network also engages with government pension and sovereign wealth funds, family offices, and endowments, AIGCC represents the Asian investor perspective in the evolving global discussions on climate change and the transition to a net zero emissions economy.

## **What work do we want a consultant to do?**

Global Canopy (GC) and AIGCC invites expressions of interest from consultancies or experienced Nature Finance professionals in the ASEAN region. The work will take place over 3 months from August to October for 2-3 days per week. Global Canopy's Indonesian-based consultant will be leading the work together with Global Canopy's

UK-based team, and AIGCC. The consultant needs to be able to work independently and collaborate with Global Canopy, the rest of the project team, AIGCC, and external partners.

The consultant will be responsible for research and delivery of key components of the Toolkit. This includes compiling data of regulatory alignment and financial sector momentum in each ASEAN country and compiling regionally-relevant nature-risk scenarios to support financial analysis. The consultant may also contribute to the drafting of selected toolkit sections and support other components such as the compilation of relevant nature-related datasets, tools, and platforms.

**Key tasks and activities include:**

- Conduct research and analysis on the pace of nature's integration into financial decision-making in ASEAN countries.
- Compile regionally relevant nature-related scenario assumptions that can support stress testing and forward-looking analysis in the region.
- Help to shape methodologies based on discussion with Global Canopy, AIGCC, and key stakeholders in the ASEAN region.
- Draft selected sections of the Toolkit and validate findings with partners where needed.
- Provide input on and review other related deliverables, including the compilation of relevant nature-related datasets, tools, and platforms applicable to financial institutions in the region.

**Expected Outputs**

- Readiness scorecard on nature-related policy and market conditions in ASEAN countries.
- A finance-relevant shock library linking ecosystem risks with potential sectoral financial impacts to support scenario analysis and stress testing.
- Input and review on other components of the toolkit, including the compilation of relevant nature-related datasets, tools, and platforms applicable to the region.
- Draft content for selected sections of the nature-finance toolkit for financial institutions in Southeast Asia.

**Qualifications and experience**

A successful consultancy has expertise in sustainable finance, nature-related financial risks and in the ASEAN policy landscape for nature. The applicant(s) should have a degree in environmental economics, finance, sustainable development or environmental/natural science or equivalent experience. You will be motivated by leveraging data to generate actionable insights and tools to drive forward practices and

policies to halt nature loss and improve economic activities towards generating nature positive outcomes.

### **Essential**

- Extensive experience in sustainable finance, nature-related risk, environmental policy, or ESG integration.
- Knowledge of ASEAN financial systems, regulatory frameworks, and biodiversity policy.
- Demonstrated experience in producing analytical publications or tools on nature for finance audiences.
- Strong communication and stakeholder engagement skills, including in cross-cultural Southeast Asian contexts.

### **Desirable**

- Familiarity with tools such as ENCORE, IBAT, TNFD, ISSB, or GBF frameworks is desirable.

### **Other information**

Our office base is Oxford. The consultant role is fully remote, and the candidates ideally will be based in the ASEAN region. The position is available from August to October 2025, two to three days a week, for a total of 30 days.

### **How to apply**

Interested individuals or consultancies should submit the following via [Workable](#) by 9am GMT **1 August 2025**, including:

- A short proposal (max. 4 pages) outlining your approach, timeline, and relevant experience
- CV(s) and work samples/portfolio demonstrating relevant expertise
- Daily rate in USD and availability during the assignment period

We welcome early applications, and expressions of interest will be considered as they are received. We reserve the right to close the application window early should we receive a strong applicant pool.

By submitting your application, you consent to us holding your data in line with our [policies](#). GC is under no obligation to engage anyone as a result of this search. Individual contracts will be negotiated as we initiate the work.

Note: Candidates who are invited to interview will have their application data shared with AIGCC as part of the interview process.