## **Terms of Reference for the Development of the Camping Site and Hiking Trails near Mokhe, Adigeni**

The National Forestry Agency, with the technical support of the consortium between Zavita d.o.o, Stritih d.o.o, and WWF Caucasus, is implementing a project called Measures for the Sustainable Use of Forest in Adigeni Municipality—Phase 2. The project aims to improve the sustainable use of forests and the socio-economic conditions of the local population. Slovenian International Development Cooperation funds the project.

The project beneficiaries are the National Forestry Agency of Georgia, the state institution responsible for protecting and managing forests and selling timber and other forest products, and the rural local communities of Adigeni organised in Community Unions involved in the conservation agreements, which would develop modern forestry services and a forest products value chain.

One of the project activities is implementing the Forest Recreation Plan for Adigeni, which includes building and marking hiking trails and developing pilot camping sites for visitors.

Due to the relatively gentle slopes and high altitude, a variety of hiking trails serving beginner and advanced hikers can be developed. These may include short, easy walks near settlements and main attractions as well as demanding hikes to or between the high peaks. At present, the use of trails is low, so hiking trails are mostly combined with forest roads, where cycling and quad driving can also take place. Once the number of hikers and other users increases in certain areas, the roads and trails for different user groups should be separated. This is both for safety reasons and to ensure the quality of the experience.

At the moment, the number of visitors to the Adigeni area is very low. This is partly due to the low level of recognition of the area’s attractions and partly due to the lack of accommodation in the area. Camping sites provide the basic level of accommodation to skilled and motivated visitors/tourists with a limited level of investment and relatively low maintenance costs.

The first hiking trail planned to be implemented is the trail from Mokhe village to the Kvabliani River along the Mokhe waterfall. Below the waterfall, a camping site is also planned. In June 2024, a volunteer camp with Slovenian and Georgian participants is planned to support the construction and testing of the Mokhe hiking trail and camp site.

WWF Caucasus is seeking proposals from qualified organisations to participate in the construction of the hiking trail and camp site in cooperation with the local community and the camp volunteers. The Terms of Reference (ToR) outlines the project requirements, scope of work, tender procedures, and timeline for interested organisations to submit their proposals.

## **Scope of Works and Deliverables**

The selected organisation is expected to implement construction activities related to the development of:

1. A hiking trail from Mokhe village to Mokhe waterfall and Kvabliani River
2. A camp site below the Mokhe waterfall.

The work will be done in cooperation and coordination with the participants of the volunteer camp to be held in Mokhe form June 12 to 18, 2024.

Within the scope of the assignment, the organisation is expected to deliver the following works:

1. Waterfall trail

* Community engagement activities to gather input from stakeholders, raise awareness about the project, and encourage participation in trail stewardship.
* Participate in trail design and layout, including the determination of trail lengths, difficulty levels, signage placement, and amenities (e.g., rest areas, trail markers);
* Provide a master carpenter to design and build a fenced observation platform at the waterfall (size approximately 3\*5 m) and guide the building of the necessary wooden bridges (3 log bridges 4m long) and fences (approximately 20 running meters) on the trail
* Provide the gravel for covering the trail (30 m3)
* Improved arrangement of the water spring at the top of the trail to serve as the trailhead
* Clean and manage vegetation and trail cover, such as removing debris, branches from the trees, stones and rocks;
* Development of a maintenance plan concept to preserve trail integrity, manage vegetation, manage waste along the trail, and address other environmental concerns.

1. Campsite

* Build a traditional wooden fence against cattle for the tents (100 running meters, 2 gates)
* Build a covered eating area for 30 persons with a space to prepare food (approximately 8\*5 m) with a photovoltaic set (panel, battery, LED lights) to provide light at night
* Build a water supply line of approximately 700 meters with an elevation drop of 100m, with a constructed caption at the spring, a pressure release valve at the end of the pipeline and a water through with four faucets
* Build two wooden latrine toilets
* Build four half-log benches (4m long) around the campfire pit
* Development of a maintenance plan concept to preserve camp site integrity, manage the infrastructure and waste, and address other environmental concerns.

The National Forest Agency will provide the wood needed for these works. The contractor must prepare a detailed specification of the wood needed for the purposes above and secure all the other materials needed for the construction listed above.

After the completion of the works, the company is expected to participate in the opening ceremonies and present the works performed. Details of the upcoming events will be negotiated with the selected organisation at least a month before.