

# CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

## Independent Mid Term Review (MTR) of Summit to Sea project

### 1 Project background

The Summit to Sea/O'r Mynydd i'r Môr (S2S) project was intended to be the first in Britain to establish a dynamic ecosystem from mountaintops to the sea. With the idea of establishing a continuous nature-rich zone of at least 10,000 ha of land and 20km<sup>2</sup> of sea from the top of Pumlumon - the highest point in mid- Wales – down through wooded valleys to the Dyfi Estuary and out into Cardigan Bay. Demonstrating a ground-breaking model for conservation and natural resource management that could be replicated in other areas of Wales and the UK.

The goal being to provide ecosystem services through the restoration of natural processes, to support the transition to a resilient, self-sustained nature-based economy, providing a sustainable future for local communities with alternative livelihoods, as well as creating opportunities for people to reconnect with wild nature.

A successful bid to the [Endangered Landscapes Programme](#) secured funding over five years. Currently, there are changes being made to the original project proposal based on feedback from the community over the last year. The current review will serve to understand the successes and failures of the development and implementation phases focusing on the governance and partner contributions and processes and to identify lessons and recommendations for the redesign of the project.

#### 1.1. Independent review objectives and scope

Specifically, the objectives of this independent review of the Summit to Sea project are:

1. To understand what worked well/what could be improved, including how the partnership and governance worked; determining the main factors that impeded or contributed to the delivery of the project;
2. To identify lessons from the project conception and management, from current and former project partner staff, to help inform the next phase of S2S or its successor as well as the effectiveness of other landscape scale projects in the future.

This review will only focus on aspects Relevance & Design, Efficiency and Effectiveness, as per the specific questions for the evaluation in the TOR.

The review should cover two phases of the project, the development phase (2017/2018) and implementation phase (1st Jan 2019 - 31 May 2020)

#### 1.2. Key deliverables

1. **Inception report** – the inception report should finalize the key evaluation questions; define the methodologies to be employed and the time frame. This should be consulted with S2S Steering Group (SG) and agreed by the evaluation Working Group (WG); June 2020
2. **Presentation of initial evaluation findings in a meeting with the SG** immediately after the interviews; July 2020

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| <b>3. Draft Evaluation report</b> – <i>this should be no longer than 30 pages</i>  | August 2020    |
| <b>4. Final Evaluation report</b> – <i>This should be no longer than 30 pages, minus annexes, with recommendations for current S2S partners plus generic recommendations for landscape scale projects.</i> | September 2020 |

## 2 Evaluation arrangements and professional requirements

An Independent evaluator will conduct a mid-term review to Summit to Sea project **between June and September 2020**. The assignment is estimated to require approximately **20 workdays** during that period.

The consultant should be independent from all partner organizations, with the following key skills and expertise as described below:

### **Key skills and expertise**

- Experience evaluating landscape and seascape programmes;
- Experience of conflict resolutions;
- Technical expertise in multi-stakeholder approaches and governance structures of resource management, socio-economic analysis, livelihoods and links to conservation programmes;
- Experience on partnerships;
- Experience of applying participatory approaches;
- Demonstrable skills in report writing;
- Local knowledge of the area would be desirable;
- Good command of spoken and written English and ability to deliver interviews in Welsh (desirable).

The evaluation working group will select the Independent Evaluator after consultation with Summit to Sea steering group; the selection will be based on the strength of the qualifications provided through the expression of interest.

Interested candidates should include in the expression of interest:

1. An updated CV;
2. A letter specifying their experience in the key skills areas itemized above;
3. A statement of availability for the entire duration of the assignment;
4. A budget.

***The deadline to submit expressions of interest for the review is by close of business on Monday 15th June. Applicants should submit a complete expression of interest via e-mail to [mtortajadasuils@wwf.org.uk](mailto:mtortajadasuils@wwf.org.uk) and indicate: 'Summit to Sea review' in the e-mail's subject line.***