

Payment for Environmental Services (PES) Consultancy
Global Forest Generation

Location: Remote
Application Deadline: May 10, 2022
Duration of Initial Contract: A maximum of 4 weeks beginning by May 15, 2022

Global Forest Generation (GFG) is a lead strategic partner of *Accion Andina*, which seeks to restore and protect one million hectares of high Andean polylepis forests over the next 25 years. This ambitious initiative will require long-term, diverse, and sustainable finance mechanisms to achieve its goals. Payment for Ecosystem Services (PES) schemes such as carbon markets and water funds will be one avenue through which we seek to equip local implementing partners with the resources needed to reach scale.

GFG is beginning to develop PES projects across the *Accion Andina* partnership network in the high Andean region, and is receiving interest from international clients looking for high quality environmental credits, including carbon, water and in the future possibly biodiversity and landscapes credits. The PES Consultant will complete a desk study of current knowledge and regulatory framework around PES in the Andean region, and will compile important information that will lead to the development of an internal PES Strategy for Acción Andina. The PES Consultant's main point of contact will be GFG's CEO and/or program staff. Weekly progress meetings will be required to assure timely delivery of products.

The products of the Consultancy will be

1. **Presentation of a draft outline and work plan for the consultancy**, summarizing key products, an outline/draft of the final consultancy report and deadlines; schedule supervision and final meetings. To be delivered at the end of the first week of the consultancy.
2. **Main deliverable: Final PES desk study package including key knowledge documents.** The study should address topics including available science and PES figures, the current regulatory framework of PES in each target country, existing projects and involved agencies, and best suited standards and methodologies. The product outline will be produced by the Consultant in partnership with the CEO and will include the following topics and others along with expected timelines:
 - **Carbon:** review and summarize available literature and existing carbon project information in the high Andes in all Andean countries, mainly for Polylepis forests and other high Andean peatlands and wetlands; related sequestration and future modeling figures for each ecosystem type and location (e.g. at different altitudes); identify gaps in expertise, data, institutions and the legal framework in each country; outline standard valuation methodologies and contract cycles; present

expected risks (e.g. climate, tenure, legal and policy framework); identify existing in-country and regional funding tools

- **Water:** review and summarize available literature and existing water project information in the high Andes in all Andean countries, mainly for Polylepis forests and other high Andean peatlands and wetlands; related sequestration figures for each ecosystem type and location (e.g. at different altitudes); identify gaps in expertise, data, institutions and the legal framework in each country; interview *Accion Andina* water fund partners for additional context and information; present expected risks (climate, legal)
3. **Final consultancy report** with executive summary of produced knowledge products and recommendations for next steps.

Qualifications and Background:

- Experience in PES or environmental economics in Latin America, with in knowledge of the Andean region, including scientific PES knowledge.
- Fluency in both Spanish and English.
- Possess technical knowledge of PES standards, available methodologies, and markets, including REDD+ mechanisms and water funds.
- Excellent cross-cultural communication skills to communicate complex PES issues to GFG's international team and *Accion Andina* partner network

Diversity is a core value and we welcome applicants of all backgrounds. We encourage applications from all genders, races, ethnicities, and ages, as well as veterans and people with disabilities. We are passionate about building and sustaining an inclusive working environment.

To apply: Please send a brief cover letter and CV to sondra@globalforestgen.org. Interviews will be scheduled on a rolling basis.