

Verde Ventures Fund: Feasibility Assessment

The Verde Ventures Fund (VV), an enterprise investment fund for biodiversity conservation at Conservation International Foundation (CI), is seeking to retain a **consulting firm** to prepare a **feasibility assessment to determine the viability of a separate Verde Ventures Fund, independent of CI**. The successful consulting firm will include **experts on fund development, emerging markets, legal, financial and SME finance and development**.

CI's Verde Ventures Fund, with the support of KfW Entwicklungsbank (KfW), is seeking consultants to determine the feasibility of transforming the Verde Ventures Fund **into a fund separate and independent from** Conservation International Foundation.

Verde Ventures Funds invests directly in SMEs by providing debt and equity financing to businesses that benefit healthy ecosystems and human well-being, such as businesses in the sectors of alternative energy , agroforestry, ecotourism, sustainable harvest of wild products and marine and fisheries initiatives. VV's investments enable such business partners to advance the important role of small business in conservation and responsible development. They employ local people in jobs that give them and their communities a personal and economic stake in safeguarding their local natural resources.

The consultant(s) will prepare a feasibility assessment for an independent and significantly scaled- up Verde Ventures Fund and present it to CI and KfW for their review and approval.

It is expected that the successful consulting firm will include experts on fund development, emerging markets, law and SME finance and development.

The successful team will be required to present a feasibility assessment to KfW and CI in order to consider the viability and legal implications of an independent and significantly scaled- up Verde Ventures Fund. This feasibility assessment will identify the primary and secondary considerations in the short, medium and long term for the establishment of this independent fund based upon the following factors:

1. SME market supply and demand assessment;
2. Fund structure and fundraising.

The team will provide options for consideration in the form of a written report and a presentation to the appropriate decision making bodies at KfW and CI.

The submission deadline is November 26, 2010. A draft report is expected by March 15, 2011; to be followed by discussion with the principal parties. A final report will be prepared and presented to KfW and CI by April 15, 2011.

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