



# Network Activities Group (NAG)

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## Vacancy Announcement

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### 1. Background & Objective of the Project

Since the new Myanmar Constitution was passed in 2008, several states and regions, including Ayeyarwaddy have drafted freshwater fishery laws. Whilst Union level legislation had focused on revenue collection, in 2012, Ayeyarwaddy Region was the first to draft fisheries legislation that included the first steps in securing the rights of small-scale fishers. The 2012 Law also recognized the existence of small-scale floodplain fishers and allowed the year-round use of 16 types of tax-free small-scale fishing gears. In 2016, encouraged by the perceived success of NGO led co-management pilot projects, the Regional Government implemented the selective allotment of more than 400 low value, (< 4,000,000 kyat) tenders or *Inn*, or those with a history of conflict, to fishing communities at the 'auction floor price'. A new Ayeyarwaddy Freshwater Fishery Law was enacted on 4th April 2018 that provided a legal basis for community fisheries. In the current fishing season, 781 *Inn* and tenders have been allocated to community fisher groups.

The new Ayeyarwaddy Freshwater Fishery law and pro-poor policies have changed the 'rules of the game' with regards to fisheries governance in the Region. The objective of this comprehensive study of Ayeyarwaddy's community fisheries is to understand the issues in fishery sector more clearly and it will be carried out during the period Oct – Dec 2019. The study will also act as a comprehensive and accessible database of Ayeyarwaddy's community fisheries co-management that can be used as baseline further studies.

### 2. Research Questions

The below research questions will be addressed by the study

1. How are small-scale fisher communities benefitting from the new law and policies?
2. How has small-scale fisher relationships with other stakeholders changed?
3. How much has State revenue collection from fisheries changed since the selective allocation to community groups?
4. To what extent are communities complying with the new fishery law?
5. How effective is the Department of Fisheries being in implementing the new law and policies?

### 3. Methodology

NAG is interested to receive technical proposals that outline convincingly how answers to the above research questions can be realised. The precise methodology is flexible but applicants are encouraged to consider some or all of the below approaches:

- Township Revenue Study
- Community Co-management Study
- Stakeholder Relations Study

### 4. Outputs

The study expect to produce the following outcomes

- An improved understanding of the impact that policies are having on small-scale fisher communities and recommendations for further legal/policy reform to consolidate the gains achieved.
- An improved understanding of how stakeholder relationships have changed, (including the ways that individuals and small influential groups are able to subvert the pro-poor policies process to their own advantage), and suggestions on how the bylaws and working practices can be strengthened to prevent elite capture.
- An understanding of the impact that the selective allocation for communities' policy is having on Regional revenue collection and suggestions on how this can be improved.
- An understanding on whether the new law and policies are alleviating or accelerating natural resource degradation
- The role of the DoF in community co-management and how this might be made more efficient in future.

### 5. Required Qualification

This contract is open to **International and National** consultant, company, institution and or staff team should have:

- Extensive local knowledge and work experience in Myanmar: preferably in Ayeyarwady Region
- Proven expertise in carrying out similar policies and natural resources governance studies in Myanmar or the region.
- Excellent oral and written skills in English (knowledge of Burmese would be an advantage).
- Experience in quantitative and qualitative data collection methods and analysis.

- Strong network and existing contacts amongst local CSOs and Stakeholders in the Region

## **6. Location and Duration**

This is open for international and national consultants. The job will be based in Yangon, Myanmar with extensive field visits within the country. The selection of consultant will be based on the relevant qualification and experience, and the most competitive proposal.

Closing Date of the Application is 28<sup>th</sup> October 2019 and only shortlisted consultant will be notified. The successful consultant should be available to commence no later than 31<sup>st</sup> October 2019.

## **7. How to Apply**

Please submit CV, including application letter and contact detail of two referees (no other supporting documents are required for this stage), indicating the position in the subject of the application to: HR department.

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## **8. Background on the Implementing Organization**

Network activities Group (NAG) works towards achieving a peaceful, prosperous and sustainably developed society that values equity and diversity. NAG facilitates social and economic development through collaborative, community-driven projects focused on empowering communities, strengthening civil society and promoting good governance. NAG works effectively across organizations, sectors and borders. Its strength is its ability to create inclusive networks and partnerships that ensure the self-determined needs of poor and vulnerable communities are met.