



Special Call for Consultants

Advertisement to maintain the International Professional Consultancy Roster for Global Crop Conservation Strategies

The Global Crop Diversity Trust is an international organization with Headquarters in Bonn, Germany whose mission is to ensure the conservation and availability of crop diversity for food security worldwide. For further information about the Global Crop Diversity Trust, consult the web page at <http://croptrust.org>

To ensure that Crop Trust is able to call upon a professionally qualified, gender balanced, geographically diverse, linguistically able and highly motivated corps of professionals for a range of temporary assignments, our International Professional Consultancy Roster requires strengthening in the area of **Global Crop Conservation Strategies**.

The Crop Trust therefore invites qualified individuals, including existing consultants, to submit their expression of interest (EOI) to be considered for future short- or long-term consultancy assignments at the Crop Trust for work in the framework of the Crop Trust's project "[Breathing New Life into Global Crop Conservation Strategies](#)" on developing Global Conservation Strategies for a number of crops.

In particular, the Crop Trust would like to identify expertise for the following crops or groups of crops:

1. Temperate forage species
2. Potato
3. Yams (*Dioscorea*)
4. Groundnut/peanut
5. Pea
6. Peppers & chillies
7. Crops in the genus *Brassica*
8. Millets
9. Sunflower
10. Eggplant
11. Sorghum
12. Crop in the genus *Citrus*
13. Crop in the genus *Vigna*

Under the leadership of the Crop Trust's Head of Global Initiatives, a consultant selected to work on a global conservation strategy for one of the above crops will typically:

- Contribute with her/his crop specific expertise to the development of crop diversity trees (<https://www.genebanks.org/resources/diversity-trees/>).
- Carry out surveys to assess current coverage and status of *ex situ* and *in situ* conservation of the relevant crop.
- Liaise with stakeholders to access data about existing *ex situ* collections of relevant crops (including visits to certain collections, if required).
- Conduct background research of relevant scientific literature.



- Analyze data about existing *ex situ* collections of the relevant crop and data obtained through surveys.
- Contribute to the organization and participate in meetings of crop stakeholder communities for the relevant crop.
- Liaise with other experts to get input and feedback on crop diversity tree(s).
- Write and update crop strategies for the crop of his expertise.

Outputs:

- Expert surveys and other types of consultation results
- Literature survey
- Draft of a Global Conservation Strategy for a specific crop or group of crops (see here for examples: <https://www.croptrust.org/our-work/supporting-crop-conservation/conservation-strategies/>)

Qualifications, Skills and Experience

- In-depth knowledge and recognized expertise on plant genetic resources and its diversity of one of the following crops or crop groups: Temperate forage crop species, potatoes, yams (*Dioscorea* species), groundnut/peanut, pea, peppers & chillies, crops in the genus Brassica, millets, sunflower, eggplant, sorghum, crop species in the genus *Citrus*, crop species in the genus *Vigna*;
- Ability to lead the development and publication of documents co-authored by a group of experts;
- Minimum of 5 years relevant work experience, preferably in an international environment;
- Strong computer skills including good knowledge of database, MS Office applications;
- Excellent English written and spoken required; knowledge of other languages will be an advantage;
- Demonstrated initiative, judgement, creativity and analytical abilities;
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills and ability to interact effectively with a wide range of collaborators from different cultural backgrounds.

Interested candidates are asked to send a recent CV and a detailed cover letter outlining your qualifications to trustvacancy@croptrust.org with the subject line "Consultant Roster - Global Crop Conservation Strategies" **as soon as possible as projects are already ongoing in 2020, however, no later than 31 December 2020**. The cover letter should indicate the main area of crop expertise (from the list above), suggested daily fees in EUR, as well as a description of previous relevant experience.

A Crop Trust team will review the applications and identify suitable individuals for the roster. Those applicants who have not worked for the Crop Trust before may be contacted for further assessment. All applicants selected for the roster will be contacted to confirm their willingness to work for the Crop Trust for specified activities.