

**APHR Consultancy Notice**

**Report Writer**

**International Parliamentary Inquiry - Southeast Asia:**

**Inquiry on the Adverse Impacts of Industry Activities on the Environment in Indonesia.**

**A. Project Title**

International Parliamentary Inquiry - Southeast Asia: Inquiry on the Adverse Impacts of Industry Activities on the Environment in Indonesia.

**B. Background**

Industries across Southeast Asia significantly impact the environment, from resource generation, production, and waste management, they can affect conservation efforts and degradation of air quality, water, and land. In these, local communities bear the impact, positive or negative, of these activities. This region is particularly susceptible to economic decline if global temperatures continue to rise rapidly. Economic losses from the impacts of climate change in Southeast Asia could be **60% higher than previously estimated**, reducing the region's gross domestic product (GDP) by up to **11% by 2100**, according to a new Asian Development Bank (ADB) study.

Industries can lead the fight against climate change as there are an estimated **71 million** micro, small and medium sized enterprises (MSMEs) in Southeast Asia as reported by the Asian Development Bank in 2020. This number encapsulated **97% of all businesses in the region with 67% of the working population** being employed by these businesses. An analysis, **done in 2022**, of the top 100 listed companies across six Southeast Asian countries - Thailand, Vietnam, Malaysia, Singapore, the Philippines and Indonesia examined that a **majority of businesses (56%)** identify climate-related opportunities, compared with **less than half (47%)** sharing plans on risk mitigation.

Deforestation is the permanent destruction of forests and trees to make land available for other uses, such as agriculture, mining, and urban development. According to data from the Ministry of Environment and Forestry, Indonesia lost over **6 million hectares** of forest cover from 2000 to 2012. This deforestation has caused significant environmental problems such as soil erosion, flooding, loss of wildlife habitats, and changes to the local climate. A just energy transition, crucial in light of the Asia Pacific Region's responsibility for **51% of global GHG emissions**, demands a nuanced policy shift from a one-size-fits-all perspective.

Meanwhile, Rising temperatures and sea levels, and extreme weather events threaten to severely impact coastal and marine resources, and the industries and activities that rely on them. In **2005**, the estimated population living within **100 km** of the coast reached

about **452 million people**, equivalent to about **79%** of the region's total. Rising temperatures also lead to a reduction in fish production, threatening the entire region's potential as the **world's largest producer of fish and marine products**.

In addition, Water quality in Southeast Asia is **under threat** from many sectors including **agriculture, manufacturing and waste management**, due to **insufficient wastewater treatment, chemical overuse** and other factors. Climate change and the need for **adaptation** are of growing importance.

Given the above, APHR is undertaking a parliamentary inquiry to examine the **environmental effects** of various industries in Southeast Asia, the **implications** for local communities, and the **recommendations** needed to facilitate a sustainable transition to **cleaner energy sources**.

**Specific emphasis will be placed on:**

How various industries impact the **environment and local communities**. Specifically exploring how it affects their health, livelihoods, and social dynamics. This inquiry aims to uncover and propose recommendations for environmental impacts such as **Large Scale Deforestation, Depletion and Degradation of Marine and Coastal Resources and Pollution of Natural Water Resources**.

The Inquiry aims to identify industry activities that have the most detrimental impacts to the environment and understand; how these industry activities affect local communities, and even communities across borders. And analyze the results of the inquiry and present specific recommendations and action plans of what can be done by parliaments, governments, business industries, and other key holders to mitigate (or stop) further environmental degradation.

### C. Scope of Work

APHR is looking for a **skilled report writer** to support the Inquiry through documenting, synthesizing and highlighting the key findings of the inquiry in all **three countries (Indonesia, Thailand and the Philippines)**.

**The consultant will be responsible for:**

#### Developing the Overall Report Framework

- Developing the overall inquiry report framework together with the team.
- Curating key questions for the inquiry committee to utilize during the hearing.
- Reviewing research reports, data, and findings from the country researchers.
- Synthesizing the research findings from all three countries into a

comprehensive report and identifying common themes, trends, and differences across the inquiries.

- Providing an overview of the state of **Large Scale Deforestation, Depletion and Degradation of Marine and Coastal Resources** and **Pollution of Natural Water Resources**.

### Consolidating Recommendations

- Consolidating and analyzing recommendations from committee members, ensuring recommendations are directed to appropriate institutions or individuals
- Identifying overarching recommendations that can be applied regionally.

### Structuring the Report

- Structuring the report in a logical and coherent manner.
- Developing clear sections and subsections to organize the content effectively.
- Ensuring consistency in formatting, language, and style throughout the report.

### Collaboration & Coordination

- Collaborating with the **country researchers**, subject matter experts, and stakeholders from each country to clarify information and address any discrepancies.
- Coordinating with the program coordinator and other team members to ensure alignment with project objectives and requirements.

### Ensuring Accuracy & Quality

- Fact-checking information and ensuring the accuracy of data and references.
- Proofreading and editing the report to eliminate errors and improve clarity.
- Maintaining a high standard of quality and professionalism in the final product.

## D. Expected Outputs and Deliverables

Expected Deliverables	Timeline
Inception Meeting: presentation of the project, sharing of concept note and research brief, etc.	<b>1st May 2024</b>
Draft report framework (outline of the inquiry report )	<b>17th May 2024</b>

Draft report #1 with findings and recommendations from the first inquiry.	<b>17th June 2024</b>
Draft report #2 with findings and recommendations from the second inquiry.	<b>30th September 2024</b>
Draft report #3 with findings and recommendations from the third inquiry. <b>[Final Comments]</b>	<b>21st October 2024</b>
Submission of Finalized Inquiry Report	<b>30th October 2024</b>

#### **E. Institutional Arrangement**

The consultant will liaise closely with the Climate Change and Human Rights Program Coordinator. She will provide the consultant with guidance for the report writing. They will decide with the consultant on the outline and structure of the report before he/she starts writing and remain available at all times for support and coordination. The consultant will report to the Programs Coordinator for Climate Change and Human Rights.

#### **F. Duration of Work**

1 May 2024 to 30 October 2024. The consultancy will be considered finished once a final report has been provided by the consultant and approved by the Programs Director.

#### **G. Duty Station**

Remote

#### **H. Qualification of the Successful Contractor**

Education
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A relevant bachelor's or master's degree in environmental science, ecology, natural resource management, environmental policy, sustainable development, journalism, or a related field.</li> </ul>
Experience
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proven experience in writing and producing high-quality reports, preferably in the field of environmental research, policy analysis, or sustainability.</li> <li>Familiarity with conducting literature reviews, synthesizing complex information, and presenting findings in a clear and compelling manner.</li> <li>Experience working with governmental or non-governmental organizations involved in environmental advocacy, research, or policymaking.</li> </ul>



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## Skills

- Excellent writing and communication skills, with the ability to convey technical information in an accessible and engaging manner.
- Strong analytical skills to interpret research findings, identify trends, and draw meaningful conclusions.
- Proficiency in conducting research, gathering data, and synthesizing information from diverse sources.
- Attention to detail and ability to ensure accuracy, consistency, and coherence in written content.

## Knowledge

- In-depth understanding of environmental issues, including large-scale deforestation, marine and coastal resource management, and water pollution.
- Knowledge of relevant policies, regulations, and international agreements related to environmental conservation and sustainable development.
- Awareness of regional dynamics and challenges in Southeast Asia, particularly in Indonesia, Thailand, and the Philippines.

## Qualities

- Ability to work independently and collaboratively within a multidisciplinary team, managing multiple tasks and deadlines effectively.
- Adaptability and flexibility to navigate complex and evolving research environments and address unforeseen challenges.
- Integrity and ethical conduct in handling sensitive information and interacting with stakeholders.
- Cultural sensitivity and respect for diverse perspectives, particularly when addressing environmental issues in different countries and contexts.

### I. Recommended Presentation of Offer

Applicants may submit the following requirements to [procurement@aseanmp.org](mailto:procurement@aseanmp.org), copy to [savita@aseanmp.org](mailto:savita@aseanmp.org) with subject heading “ClimateChangeIPI@ReportWriter” by **Friday 5 April 2024**:

1. Cover letter (1 page max) including why the individual considers him/herself as the most suitable for the assignment, and a methodology, if applicable, on how they will approach and complete the assignment.
2. Personal CV indicating all relevant past experience.
3. Writing sample of a briefer or report on a similar issue published for advocacy purposes or for a broad and wide audience (avoid academic publications).
4. A quotation which informs a fixed amount of your proposed fees for the above-mentioned consultancy services.

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*Please note that only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.*

*APHR is committed to diversity and inclusion within its workforce, and encourages qualified candidates of all genders from all nationalities, religious, and ethnic backgrounds, including persons living with disabilities, to apply.*

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