



## Legal Researcher – Congo River Legal Protection - Request for Proposals

### About International Rivers

International Rivers envisions a world in which healthy rivers and the rights of local communities are valued and protected. Since 1985, International Rivers has been at the heart of the global struggle to protect rivers and the rights of communities that depend on them. Armed with on the ground evidence and cutting-edge research, International Rivers mobilizes civil society and communities to advocate for improved river basin governance, transparent and accountable energy infrastructure, and human rights.

### Consultancy purpose and background

International Rivers is seeking a consultant to produce an analysis outlining the prospects for the permanent protection of portions of the Congo River Basin. This work entails preparing an overview of the legal regimes governing rivers in the basin toward identifying and informing which legal approaches are most promising and likely to be effective in securing permanent protection in law, including the possible application of a rights of nature approach. This will include an assessment of legal tools, including constitutional provisions, litigation and decisions; existing laws, international agreements, conservation areas, and Indigenous and customary law. It will also entail presenting to and consulting with stakeholders including legal experts, civil society, and relevant authorities, and integrating feedback into the report.

**Consultant location:** Remote, preferably from the Africa region.

**Language:** Competence in English and French

**Application deadline:** 09 August 2024

**Start date:** 26 August 2024

**Reports to:** Africa Program Director and works closely with the Latin America Director and Africa Program Senior Campaign Coordinator.

**Duration of consultancy:** 26 August 2024 – 30 December 2024

### Deliverables and Responsibilities

Provide an overview of legal regimes in the Congo Basin related to river governance, including key factors influencing their practical application. This should encompass the possible application of rights of nature principles, existing legislation, and relevant court cases.



Conduct an assessment to determine which legal regimes offer the best opportunities to secure and deliver protections for the Congo River and its tributaries.

Offer recommendations for a strategic framework aimed at securing permanent protections for portions of the Congo River and its tributaries.

The report should detail specific strategies, approaches, and likely activities to attain legal safeguards.

## How to Apply

### **Fee:**

A fee up to US \$10,000 will be paid for this project. Prospective candidates should submit a financial proposal with expected hourly or daily fee and breakdown of project costs along with their application.

### **How to apply**

Interested applicants are required to submit the following:

- A letter of interest including: CV/resume
- Your fixed fee/hourly or daily rate (including taxes if applicable), including a breakdown of costs.

To apply, email your proposal to [jobpost@internationalrivers.org](mailto:jobpost@internationalrivers.org) with the subject line Legal Researcher – Congo River.

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