

Sustainable production (silk and biodiversity) consultant

Call for expression of interest

The University of Cambridge Institute for Sustainability Leadership (CISL) is a globally influential Institute developing leadership solutions for a sustainable economy. We inspire and equip individuals and organisations to deliver a sustainable economy.

We are looking for an experienced freelance sustainability consultant/researcher that would like to work with us on delivering an exciting new project with a luxury fashion company focused upon the impact of silk production on biodiversity.

This would be on a sub-contracted basis, working as an extended member of the CISL project team. It is not a full or part time position.

Project details:

AIM: A fashion company wants to confirm their approach, support and engagement with silk supply chains are positive for biodiversity.

To deliver on this aim we are looking for support to *review activities thought to be positive/negative for biodiversity in silk production.*

Undertake expert consultation and short literature review/desk-based search to scope a list of activities considered to be positive and negative for biodiversity and silk.

Follow this initial scoping, a comprehensive literature review will determine what supply chain approaches and interventions positively contribute to biodiversity in the production of silk. The review will consider evidence from up to 25 years ago.

It is anticipated that the available literature may be limited. As such it will be supplemented with expert opinion. A number of experts should be engaged and interviewed to establish and verify what good practice consists of.

Summary of tasks

1. Establish expert group and gain their insights on silk production activities (via email or short interviews)
2. Outline what activities/interventions to assess in silk production based on desk research and expert group findings (to inform literature review criteria)
3. Literature review based on criteria defined in 2.
4. Summary write up

Output

A summary document including:

- a) current interventions both positive and negative for biodiversity for silk production;
- b) summary of the literature review and expert consultation of interventions both positive and negative of biodiversity for silk
- c) summary of possible additional interventions/prioritisation of interventions that could be appropriate for silk supply chains.

Note: The write up of the results must use a common language that is understandable by the business and can be useable by others.

Skills, capabilities and experience required:

- Strong interpersonal skills and ability to build rapport and relationships with senior business leaders and technical experts
- Experience of producing high quality primary and secondary research using a range of methodologies and sources, including detailed literature searches, interviews with experts and assessment of business operations
- Analytical skills
- High quality written, presentation and design skills, especially in MS PowerPoint and Word
- Project management and organisation skill with experience managing projects to time and on budget
- Experience in the biodiversity impacts of raw material production

We hope to identify suitable candidate to be employed as a part-time consultant under sub-contract. Please send a 1 page expression of interest and CV to Business&Nature@cisl.cam.ac.uk.

This piece of work has a fixed budget available of £5,750 but there may be opportunity for additional future work.

Please apply by 9 November at the latest; however, applications will be considered as they are submitted so candidates are encouraged to apply at the earliest opportunity.