The Government of Belize, in collaboration with the World Bank (WB) is implementing the project entitled “Belize REDD+ Readiness Project”. The objective of the REDD+ Readiness Project is to carry out Readiness Preparation through a participatory and inclusive process to strengthen Belize’s capacity to participate in future REDD+ carbon payment transactions. The REDD+ Readiness Project is being implemented by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, Forestry, the Environment, Sustainable Development and Immigration (MAFFESDI) through a dedicated REDD+ Coordination Unit (REDD+CU) with Fiduciary Management by the Protected Areas Conservation Trust (PACT).

Implementation of the Belize REDD+ Readiness Project will be over a three (3) year period. The project has five (5) components:

- Component 1: REDD+ Organization Framework, Consultation and Grievance Redress;
- Component 2: Preparation of REDD+ Strategy;
- Component 3: Development of a National Forest Reference Emission Level and a Forest Reference Level;
- Component 4: Design of National Forest Monitoring and Safeguards Systems;
- Component 5: Design of Monitoring and Evaluation Framework;

REDD+ is seeking to recruit an Individual Consultant with the critical minimum requirements listed below:

- Master’s degree in Social Sciences, including social work, sociology, psychology, anthropology or a similar field;
- At least 10 years of proven experience in social assessment in developing countries;
- Familiar with social issues associated with forest in the Central American Region and the Caribbean;
- 5 years of demonstrated working experience in the REDD+ related activities;
- Familiar with the World Bank Social Safeguard policies; Experience in Belize is an asset;
- Demonstrated track record of having worked with indigenous communities in Belize;