

INVITATION TO TENDER

Dear Sir/Madam,

The Findhorn, Nairn, and Lossie Rivers Trust (FNLRT) invites your submission of a tender to provide services in accordance with the scope of work detailed below.

TENDER H: **Upland Herbivore Management Consultancy**

1. Scope of work – To work with FNLRT to engage the Findhorn watershed’s landowners, land managers, the Monadhliath DMG, and other relevant key stakeholders around issues of upland herbivore management, and support the development of a coordinated approach which enables the restoration of riparian woodland and other ecological restoration priorities.
2. Outputs –
 - a. Liaison with individual estates and MDMG, and appraisal of existing herbivore management plans
 - b. Develop proposal for coordinated catchment-wide approach
 - c. Work with FNLRT to secure buy-in from key parties towards implementation of proposed approach
 - d. Provide dynamic oversight and support through implementation to ensure successful delivery
3. Timeframes –
 - Output a) to be underway and invoiced before 31 March 2023
 - Output b) completed and invoiced by 31 May 2023
 - Outputs c) and d) to be delivered over the coming 12 months, and invoiced monthly until March 2024
4. Location – Upper Findhorn Catchment; from Coignafearn to Drynachan (Map 1)
5. Additional notes: Please provide a breakdown of costs by output in your bid

This scope of work contributes towards a wider project – the [Findhorn Watershed Initiative](#) (FWI) – a landscape-scale vision for ecological restoration in the River Findhorn catchment. Advice gathered and surveys undertaken will inform the prioritisation of intervention areas going forward, and equip the FNL Rivers Trust with the information to implement a highly strategic, efficient and effective delivery phase of the project.

Your tender response should be submitted by email to Elle Adams at elle@fnlrt.org.uk by **17.00 Friday 17 March 2023**. We ask you to please provide both an outline of how you would go about delivering the tender outputs, as well as costings. Please note that submission of bids does not create any obligation on the Findhorn, Nairn, and Lossie Rivers Trust to award the contract, or to award it to the lowest bidder.

Should you wish to discuss any aspect of the brief before submitting please email Elle Adams at elle@fnlrt.org.uk and Robert Laughton at director@fnlrt.org.uk.

FNLRT welcomes submissions of a combined bid from any Bidder who wishes to deliver services for multiple open tenders as one contract of work.

If any provider wishes to propose modifications to the tender scope of work (which may provide a better way to achieve the Trusts's specification or add more value) these may, at FNLRT's discretion, be considered as an Alternative Offer. The Bidder must make any Alternative Offer in a separate letter to accompany the Tender explaining the reasoning behind the proposed alternative approach. The Trust is under no obligation to accept Alternative Offers.

The service provision shall be effective immediately on signing the contract.

This work is financed thanks to funding from NatureScot's Nature Restoration Fund and the Scottish Government's Just Transition Fund.

We look forward to receiving your bid and thank you for your interest in supporting our work.

Yours faithfully,

Robert Laughton
Director, Findhorn, Nairn, and Lossie Rivers Trust



Map 1: Upper Findhorn catchment