Annex 3: Specifications for Local Experts

1. Prior and proven knowledge and practical experiences of the specific local context, culture and living conditions and on governance and territorial interrelationship of indigenous peoples, traditional communities, or smallholders whose MU will be evaluated.

2. Knowledge of the local language is desirable but not mandatory.

3. Experience in forest management, FSC requirements and FSC audits is desirable but not mandatory.

4. Being able to work independently.

5. Having access to the required technology.

6. Having sufficient technical skills to use the required technology incl. capabilities to share documents and participate in meetings online.