

**NFWF's Guam Habitat Conservation Initiative
2023 Request for Proposals - T&E Species Surveys
Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)**

Q: Do the locations need to be completed in a particular order? Do some locations have higher priority for completion than others?

A: Preferably, the Threatened and Endangered (T&E) Species surveys will be conducted in the following order:

1. Masso
2. COTAL
3. Pagat
4. Anao
5. As Gadao
6. Quinene Road Plantation

If this preferred sequencing is not possible or ideal, please detail in the proposal the proposed schedule and reasoning.

Q: The implementation plan only includes acreages for Masso, Anao, and Pagat. Please provide the size of COTAL, As Gadao, and Quinene Road Plantation.

A: The sizes for the following locations are:

- COTAL – approx. 500 acres
- As Gadao – approx. 100 acres
- Quinene Road Plantation – approx. 30 acres

Q: Will any special permission be required to access any of the sites? Will NFWF/Dept. of Agriculture coordinate that?

A: The Guam Department of Agriculture will assist in facilitating access to the sites.

Q: For previous T&E surveys, we have used 5m transects or 10m transects, depending on the client and the purpose of the survey. The method will affect the level of effort required. Does NFWF have a preference?

A: The spacing of transects will depend on the available habitat. For open, grassy areas, 10m or even 15m transects may be appropriate, while 5m transects would be required for areas with dense vegetation and high probability of listed species, such as in limestone forest sites with higher native plant diversity. NFWF would be open to a plan that includes varying transect distances based on predominant vegetation types. If field conditions have changed significantly due to typhoon, fire, etc., the transect plan may be revised to reflect the level of effort necessary, with NFWF approval.

Q: Is there a data dictionary for GPS data collection available?

A: NFWF will work with the Navy and the Guam Department of Agriculture to determine what data dictionary will be used for the survey work.

Q: In addition to T&E species, some clients request information on host plants. For example, does NFWF expect host plants for the Mariana eight-spot butterfly (*Procris pedunculata* and *Elatostema calcareum*) to be documented?

A: Host plants – and any life stages present on the plants – should be recorded.

Q: The Task 1 deliverable schedule states that fieldwork will be conducted during July and August 2024; this is a short window of time during the wet season. Would it be possible to compress the planning phase and begin fieldwork earlier in the year (perhaps in May) to allow for a longer field season and avoid conducting all the surveys during the wet season?

A: NFWF is open to an alternate timeline as described in the question. If a different schedule and timeline is preferred, please detail in the proposal for consideration. Please consider the amount of time needed to finalize the Contractor's contract after awards are announced (typically 2-3 months), as well as the time needed to complete Task 1a Deliverable, whereas the draft written survey protocols must be submitted, reviewed, and approved by NFWF prior to conducting the surveys.