REQUEST FOR CONSULTANCY

The “Improving Fisheries Transparency in Fiji” project is coordinated through WWF US, and managed and implemented on the ground by WWF Pacific. It has been developed with the aim of supporting the Fiji Ministry of Fisheries to implement and strengthen transparency and effective management in fisheries.

The purpose of this consultancy is to review Fiji’s MCS strategy and to scope options for a pilot program that can fit within Fiji’s current MCS framework to strengthen transparency in the offshore fisheries sector. This will support the overall project objectives to support the Fiji Ministry of Fisheries to implement and strengthen transparency in the fisheries sector.

Scope of Works

The consultant is required to:

1. Review Fiji’s current MCS strategy implementation against the FFA RMCSS four overarching priority objectives for the regional MCS framework; through working with the Ministry of Fisheries in identifying specific national needs to help improve and strengthen MCS implementation through incorporating elements of transparency.
2. Identify MCS priorities, challenges and opportunities including regional and national government, non-government and commercial initiatives;
3. Develop a Pilot Programme for a third party service provider(s) to address the MCS challenges and supports national MCS work/ Implementation;
4. Discuss the legal framework for a third party service provider(s) to implement supporting MCS activities in collaboration with the Fiji government;
5. Outline the support required to enable the Pilot Programme.

WWF Pacific will assist with logistical support should face-to-face meetings be required as part of this consultancy.
Deliverables

The deliverables will include the following:

1. A report which covers the following:
   - Analysis of the current Fiji MCS strategy implementation against the FFA RMCSS four overarching priority objectives for the regional MCS framework highlighting elements of transparency;
   - Discussion on Fiji’s MCS priorities, challenges and opportunities including regional and national government, non-government and commercial initiatives;
   - A plan for a Pilot Programme that includes a third party service provider(s) which addresses the MCS challenges and supports national MCS work/Implementation;
   - Discussion on the legal framework for a third party service provider(s) to implement supporting MCS activities in collaboration with the Fiji government;
   - Discussion on support required to enable the Pilot Programme.

2. Presentation to relevant stakeholders as agreed to with WWF-Pacific.

Qualifications

The successful person(s) is required to meet the following criteria:

1. a professional background and preferably with experience working on environmental conservation, living resource management, and oceans governance;
2. an understanding of MCS strategies and the legislation and regulations that govern the use and management of Fiji’s offshore fishery;
3. an experience leading/working in a multi-disciplinary environment with system base knowledge;
4. knowledge of regional and international instruments relating to sustainable fisheries management;
5. knowledge and understanding transparency and its role in resource management

How to Apply?

Interested parties are requested to submit a completed fees/pay structure, curriculum vita and a cover letter with the subject line “Consultancy: Improving Fisheries Transparency in Fiji” to:
ppo.hr_recruit@wwfpacific.org

Other Requirements:

1. Taxation or exemption Certificate (if eligible)
2. Taxation Number
3. Names of 2 referees to confirm credibility of past engagements
Deadline for applications: 4.30pm (Fiji ST) on Thursday, 21st September, 2022. Work is expected to begin from the date of signing. The expected end date for completion of the deliverables report is no later than Friday 10th November, 2023.