



REQUEST FOR CONSULTANCY

Consultancy: Turtle NPOA for PNG

WWF Pacific is working together with communities and partners towards: All Pacific peoples and nations are empowered, climate resilient and prosperous, with nature thriving and visibly and measurably recovering - a 'People and Nature Positive Pacific'.

From Papua New Guinea with the third largest tropical rainforest in the world and home to over seven percent of the world's total number of species, to the Solomon Islands with record numbers of fish species; to the world's third longest continuous barrier reef system in Fiji. The richness and diversity of species found in the Pacific is globally significant. Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands both form part of the Coral Triangle, the centre of the world's marine biodiversity. Some of the most coral reefs less exposed to climate change are found in Fiji and Solomon Islands. WWF works across Papua New Guinea, Fiji, and Solomon Islands with offices in each country and a regional hub to serve communities and protect this region's rich and unique biodiversity.

We have three goals that outline our ambition and the cross-cutting nature of our work and what we are working towards long-term: empowered Pacific peoples, integrated ocean management and climate resilient Pacific nations. Our overarching focus is on community and ecosystem resilience combined with area-based conservation, working towards 30x30 and safeguarding the lands and waters of the Pacific. We focus on conservation priorities across 30x30: community-led conservation, sustainable fisheries and blue foods, conserving marine species, reducing deforestation, Pacific policy leadership, Gender Equality, Disability and Social Inclusion (GEDSI) mainstreaming and sustainable blue economy.

Two of WWF's Pacific countries are also part of the Coral Triangle Initiative, Coral Reefs, Fisheries and Food Security (CTI-CFF) – Solomon Islands and Papua New Guinea (PNG). While the CTI-CFF's Regional Plan of Action (RPOA) 2.0 provides an overarching regional framework and plan of high level activities for the CTI-CFF, the development of a Regional Conservation Plan for Threatened Species (RCPTS) is being stalled due to the lack of national assessment and resultant National Plan of Action (NPOA's) being developed by the CT6 countries. The NPOA for marine turtles is outstanding for Timor Leste and PNG. Both these countries have committed to completing their NPOA for marine turtles by end of 2024.

While both countries are data poor, given the recent burst of scientific information available for PNG and the government's willingness to prepare a draft NPOA for marine turtles by end

of 2023, a rapid and initial desktop draft is to be developed ready for further stakeholder consultation in 2024.

Scope of Works

- Engage with relevant PNG government officials, not-for-profits and researchers, and complete a desktop literature review of marine turtle biology, ecology, social, cultural and economic valuation of marine turtles in PNG as the preamble for the NPOA by 26 November 2023
- In consultation with the PNG Conservation and Environment Protection Agency, develop an initial draft NPOA for marine turtles in PNG by 3 December 2023 and distribute to WWF/CEPA officers for review
- Consolidate initial comments and feedback for a revised draft NPOA ready for community and broader consultation by 22 December 2023

Deliverables

The consultant is expected to deliver the following:

1. Literature review document completed and relevant parts included as the preamble for the NPOA
2. Draft NPOA developed for initial review
3. Revised NPOA submitted as draft for stakeholder consultation

Required Qualifications & Experience

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

- Masters or Phd in Marine Science or equivalent
- Marine turtle knowledge and at least 2 years work experience directly relating to marine turtles.
- Experience and skilled in strategy development and action plan preparation
- Experience in working with governments, not-for-profit organizations and communities

Competencies:

- Strong assessment and analytical skills
- A clear, organized and practical approach in carrying out work
- Excellent written and spoken communication skills
- Dynamic team player
- Demonstrate WWF behaviours: Strive for Impact, Listen Deeply, Collaborate Openly, and Innovate Fearlessly
- Identify and align with the core values of the WWF: Courage, Integrity, Respect & Collaboration.

How to Apply?

Interested parties are requested to submit a curriculum vita and a cover letter with the subject line **“WWF Consultancy: Turtle NPOA for PNG”** to: ppo.hr_recruit@wwfpacific.org **Please also include in your application how you found out about this advert.**

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: 5pm (Fiji Time) on Wednesday, 08th November, 2023. 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, 22 December 2023.