



FFA

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Oceans Partnerships Project

Project Number: P128437

PNA FAD Management Scheme

The Pacific Islands Forum Fisheries Agency (FFA) is implementing the Ocean Partnerships for Sustainable Fisheries and Biodiversity Conservation Project (OPP) in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean region. OPP is financed by the World Bank with funds provided by the Global Environment Facility.

FFA intends to use OPP funds to commission a series of studies on behalf of, and in collaboration with, the Parties to the Nauru Agreement¹ (PNA) to consider the use of fish aggregating devices (FADs) by industrial fleets fishing in PNA zones and whether not PNA should become involved in the ownership and management of FADs and/ or FAD tracking buoys used in the fishery.

Scope of Work:

The studies will entail:

1. Review of FAD use within the WCPO, including available information on the density and distribution of FADs, numbers deployed, FAD design and manufacture, FAD tracking systems, the logistics of deployment, current ownership arrangements, leasing systems and trading, and options for FAD management.
2. Consideration of the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats (or risks) of PNA implementing an adaptive FAD management scheme to determine the economic and environmental merit of the concept, and the legal implications.
3. Development of a business case for a FAD or tracking buoy leasing scheme including PNA involvement in owning and renting FADs/ FAD buoys and joint ventures.

¹ The Parties to the Nauru Agreement are eight Pacific Island countries that control the world's largest sustainable tuna purse seine fishery supplying 50 percent of the world's skipjack tuna. They are the Federated States of Micronesia, Kiribati, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, Nauru, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, and Tuvalu.

Key Qualifications:

The Consultants will be required to provide the services of a team comprising:

Team Leader: The project team leader will have undertaken strategic and related studies in Pacific purse seine fisheries in the WCPO, and have demonstrated ability to lead a multi-dimensional team. The Team Leader will have responsibility for coordinating the inputs and outputs of the other team members and ensuring on-time adherence to reporting obligations.

Business Analyst: The Business Analyst will have demonstrated success in business analysis, planning and development, preferably with knowledge of the Purse Seine Vessel Day Scheme (PS VDS).

Fisheries Technical Policy Analyst: The Fisheries Technical Policy Analyst will need to demonstrate direct industry experience in fishing logistics, as well as knowledgeable in FAD deployment and trading

FFA now invites eligible consulting firms (“Consultants”) to indicate their interest in providing the services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. The shortlisting criteria are:

- Qualifications and experience of proposed team members in respect of the technical expertise required for this assignment.
- Number of years the firm has been in consultancy services
- Extent of assignments completed by the firm in the last 5 years involving two or more team members. Related to each assignment, firms should provide information on the client, sector of assignment, brief description of the assignment, contract value, duration and team members.
- Experience in similar recent assignments (in the past 5 years).

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by fax, or by e-mail) by 17:00 on Friday 11 August 2017, Solomon Islands time – UTC +11:00.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 1.9 of the World Bank’s Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants [under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants] by World Bank Borrowers [January 2011] (“Consultant Guidelines”), which may be found at:

<http://go.worldbank.org/U9IPLUDCO>,

setting forth the World Bank’s policy on conflict of interest. Consultants may associate with other firms in the form of a joint venture or a sub-consultancy to enhance their qualifications.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Consultants’ Qualification Selection (CQS) method set out in the Consultant Guidelines.

Interested consultants may obtain further information at the address below from 08:30 to 17:00 on weekdays.

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