

CLARIFICATION QUESTIONS

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Subject: Request for tenders: Cook Islands CITES Management Gap Analysis

Question 1:

Typically, a cost-benefit analysis (CBA) is time and data intensive. For this project it will be more feasible to capture the benefits qualitatively in a report, compared to quantitatively in a CBA in the absence of readily available and good quality data. While we will be able to deliver a high-level CBA for this project, we do not believe this type of analysis is fit-for-purpose and will provide value-for-money. With this in consideration, will SPREP entertain a non-compliant bid (with additional justification) in which we will complete a qualitative description of the costs and benefits in lieu of a quantitative CBA?

Response:

CBA qualitative is fine.

Question 2:

What data/reporting can be shared by SPREP to complete this proposal?

Response:

All data and reports relating to CITES management systems and processes will be with the Cook Islands authorities and will be provided as part of the collaborative approach with the authorities there. SPREP does not hold any data or reports. Some data is of course available on the CITES web site.

Question 3:

What is SPREP's intention for a cost benefit analysis? For example, would a CBA be necessary to justify additional funding for acceding to CITES?

Response:

The intention of the CBA is to assist the Cook Islands government assess whether it is the best approach to accede to CITES.