



CLARIFICATION QUESTIONS

RFT: **POLP 2026/001**
File: AP_6/19/4
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To: Interested Service Providers
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Subject: Request for tenders (RFT): 2026 POLP-001 : Consultancy to Develop National Action Plan (NAP) on Plastics in Cook Islands.

Question 1:

Does the consultancy require Cook Island's based consultants or is there potential for a blended team approach?

Response:

This RFT specifies that the tenderer must be a Cook Islands National, residing and legally entitled to work in Cook Islands.

Question 2:

- **Section 2 Scope**
Section 2 of the RFT appears to include four parts. Could SPREP please confirm whether only Sections 1.1 and 1.2 are relevant to this specific consultancy, or whether tenderers are expected to address all four parts under this RFT?
- **Travel and workshop costs**
For costing purposes, could SPREP confirm whether travel to all inhabited Pa Enea is an expectation to complete this NAP and whether tenderers are expected to include these costs in a submission.

Response:

Section 2: Scope

- Section 2 of the TOR refers to some background information for the POLP Project undertaken in Cook Islands. It includes a Table that summarises the project components of the whole Project in Cook Islands supported by SPREP/ POLP. Component 1 refers to the National Action Plan. This section is for information purposes.
- Section 4 of the TOR refers to the Scope of works outlining the activities for the consultant to address for this Tender.

Travel and workshop costs:

- Yes, estimated travel and workshop costs are expected to be included in the consultation plans as part of the submissions. Consultations for the NAP are encouraged to be conducted



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in a strategic and effective way considering the efficient use of resources. This could be reflected in the technical proposal.

- Travel and workshop costs are facilitated separately from the consultancy contract. Please ensure that these are not included in the quoted consultancy costs.
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