

CLARIFICATION QUESTIONS

RFT: **POLP 2026/003**
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To: Interested Service Providers
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Subject: Request for tenders (RFT): 2026 POLP-003 : Consultant to conduct Feasibility Study for Plastic Shredder in Aitutaki, in Cook Islands.

Question 1:

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

Response:

A blended approach for international and national consultants is acceptable in this Tender.

Question 2:

- **Baseline assessment approach**

Could SPREP confirm whether the baseline waste assessment is intended to include a physical waste audit? If this is required, would it be acceptable for Aitutaki NES and waste management staff to carry out the physical audit locally (under the direction of the consultant team), while the consultant team focuses on analysis and interpretation of the collected data?

Additionally, is it acceptable to use available import figures and existing waste data sources instead of a physical waste audit?

- **Zero Waste Strategy reference (Section 5.4)**

Section 5.4 refers to a "Zero Waste Strategy for Aitutaki – Proposed interventions and alternatives.". Could SPREP clarify whether tenderers are expected to develop a standalone Zero Waste Strategy for Aitutaki under this RFT, or whether the intent is limited to providing specific input on request by NES related to a shredder intervention and alternatives if required during the course of the contract?

Response:

Baseline assessment approach

- Proposed methodologies are to be presented in a detailed technical proposal. Options are acceptable for preferred baseline waste data collection approaches.
- POLP/NES will discuss the preferred approach with successful applicant.

Zero Waste Strategy reference (Section 5.4)

- Tenderers are expected to develop a standalone Zero Waste Strategy for Aitutaki under this RFT.