

## ANSWERS TO CLARIFICATION QUESTIONS

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Subject: Request for tenders: **Consultancy to formulate and Register the Port Resolution (Tanna, Vanuatu) Community Conservation Marine Protected Area Management Plan and Business Plan.**

**Q1 - What support can the consultant expect to receive from SPREP in the delivery of the services, particularly in relation to stakeholder engagement and any relevant ecosystem assessments?**

Response: SPREP has a project officer based in Tanna, he will be available to support the successful tender with logistics and community engagement. Ecosystem assessment support will come from the Departments of Forestry/Fisheries and Environment.

**Q2 - What is the scale and timeframe for ongoing financial support from SPREP to establish the MPA and any implementation of the Business Plan beyond this project budget?**

Response: PEBACC will conclude mid-2020. It is anticipated that the business plan, together with a separate sustainability plan will be implemented by the end of the project. A small sustainability granting mechanism is proposed for Port Resolution, this should help with ongoing funding of livelihood activities.

**Q3 –How will the deliverable of registration of the Community Conservation Area be measured? In particular is SPREP able to accept risks associated with;**

**A) Vanuatu Government processing delay.**

Response : As long as the completed registration application has been submitted by the end of the proposed project period, we accept that the physical registration can take time.

**B) the Port Resolution community or one of the key stakeholder groups not providing support for the registration process**

Response: Every attempt has been made to mitigate this risk, to date we have buy in from all the major community stakeholder, with more wanting to become involved. It is important to retain their interest through regular updates and equitable benefit sharing mechanisms.

**Q4 - The requirement to "Capture, source and collate all environments and socio-economic baseline information required for the development of the management and business plans". Is SPREP able to indicate what might be a satisfactory basis to bound the scope of this requirement; i.e. by time, expense or level of detail for any biodiversity assessments?**

Response: For the management plan this will be bound by the requirements needed in the CCA Guidelines. (Attached)

**Q5 - The Terms of Reference for the tender lists required qualifications and expertise and the Request for Tenders lists evaluation criteria which are different to the required qualifications, can you explain how the two are used to inform the procurement decision? In particular, the required qualifications list knowledge of local stakeholders and of Ni-Vanuatu kastom but this does not seem to be reflected in evaluation criteria and is important to understanding how to prepare a proposal.**

Response: The knowledge of Ni Vanuatu Custom is a given, it is not included in the evaluation criteria as it is an essential criteria. It was an oversight that this was not stated.