

CLARIFICATION QUESTIONS

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To: Interested Service Providers
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Subject: Request for tenders: Environmental and Social Safeguards Specialist to develop Pacific Ecosystem-based adaptation to Climate Change (PEBACC+) Environmental and Social Management Plan

Question 1:

I understand the project is for 4 years and will cover Fiji, Vanuatu, Solomon Islands, New Caledonia and Wallis and Futuna.

Response:

PEBACC+ will have an implementation period of 3 years only.

Question 2:

Who drafted the ESCP and how old is it? Is there a reason it drafted prior to the ESIA, GEDSI analysis and ESMP being prepared?

Response:

Current ESCP was drafted internally based on AFD ESCP's template, as part of the requirements for the signature of the project financing agreement in March 2022.

Question 3:

Does the ESIA prepared need to comply with national environmental regulations in all countries (as listed above) in addition to the AFD and SPREP ESS standards?

Response:

ESIA should comply with national environmental regulations in addition to the AFD and SPREP ESS standards, ensuring that the highest standards of the three are met.

Question 4:

Are you expecting one ESIA for each country or one combine ESIA for the five countries? Likewise for the ESMP.

Response:

A project-wide ESMP based on country-level ESIA's.

Question 5:

Is it possible for the Consultation and Participation Plan, Project GRM and Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP) to be consolidated into the one document to avoid duplication and confusion? Can you clarify whether you want a SEP for the entire project or just for the E&S scope? In my experience stakeholder engagement is a project management function and sits outside the ESMP (stakeholder engagement is part of the ESIA and ESMP, however for continuity and sustainability it is best if this function is owned by the communications person in the PMU).

Response:

Consultation and Participation Plan, Project GRM and SEP can be combined into one document. SEP is for the entire project.

Question 6:

Does the PMU have a communications person?

Response:

PMU includes a Communications and Outreach Officer, based at SPREP Office in Suva.

Question 7:

How big are you expecting the team to be to deliver this? What is the budget? Are the 57 days allocated intended to be shared amongst the team or is that the timeframe for the task (irrespective of how many team members are working on each deliverable)?

Response:

57 days are indicative and are intended to be shared amongst the team. Team is expected to include in-country consultants.

Question 8:

How many sites are in each country to include in the consultation rounds? Will there be one validation workshop or is a validation workshop required in each country?

Response:

Project includes two sites in Fiji (Taveuni and Savusavu), two sites in Solomon (Barana NHP and Honiara Botanical Garden), three sites in Vanuatu (Lenakel and Port Resolution in Tanna, Port Vila water catchment), two sites in New Caledonia (Northern and Southern Provinces). Sites in Wallis and Futuna are yet to be confirmed.