

CLARIFICATION QUESTIONS

RFT: 2025/014
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To: Interested Service Providers
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Subject: Request for tenders: Supply of High Spatial Resolution Pre-processed Satellite Imagery and carry out analysis with Land Use/Landcover mapping of EREPA project sites in Solomon Islands.

Question 1:

Are SPREP able to share any further details on the location of the two project sites selected for land cover classification and, if not, the approximate area in square kilometres of the sites?

Response:

The Key Biodiversity Boundaries KML file for the four provinces can be found in link below. The two selected sites are: 1.Malaita and 2Ren Bellona

KML File in the google drive link below

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ApKJ9iSHCDkvX14X4j0sN4qzhja9xH7o/view?usp=drive_link

Question 2:

Are there any existing LiDAR, Digital Surface Model or Canopy Height Model data available for the areas of interest? If so, can SPREP please provide the date?

Response:

No LIDAR data available for Solomon Islands.

Question 3:

Regarding the classification categories, can SPREP please clarify what they would like to be included in the 'Habitat' category?

Response:

For the habitat categories can be Forest, Grassland, Crop/farms/Agriculture

Question 4:

Will SPREP be able to provide any ground control points (i.e. ground truthing data at GPS locations) to support the imagery classification?

Response:

The only data SPREP is the KBA boundaries which is shared as KML files.

Question 5:

Are SPREP able to disclose a maximum budget for the services described in the RFT?

Response:

Proposals over USD 69,000 will not be considered.

Question 6:

Provide the latest 50cm 4 bands (Visible + infrared) satellite coverage pre-processed satellite images - What is the aerial extent of the imagery that is required?

Response:

The extend of the imagery is in the kml file that was shared as part of the response to Q1.

Question 7:

Undertake landcover classifications derived from the satellite imagery including oceans, freshwater, bare soil, Habitat, Urban area, Paths / roads, Sparse vegetation, Low vegetation, Shrubby vegetation, tall vegetation, Wetlands and mangroves. for 2 sites - Aerial extent of the 2 sites for which LULC mapping needs to be done. / Access limitations including roads, telecommunications and climate.

Response:

The extent of the area is also shared on the KML file referenced in Q1. Archive image may also be used for this.

Question 8:

Creation of an online system accessible for the delivery of the final products where end users can view and download final product and results. - Who will host this system upon completion of the assignment?

Response:

The link is to be shared so the Solomon Islands are able to access the data. SPREP would also need to have access to the data.

Question 9:

What is the duration of this assignment?

Response:

Both the provision of the image and l/use L/cover are to be completed by mid-May at the latest.

Question 10:

Please confirm that the tender is open to consulting companies from any country in the world.

Response:

Correct, if they have carried out similar activities in the region and are familiar with limitations and challenges.

Question 11:

Could you please clarify the registration requirements 3.1 on page 2 of the RFT?

Response:

Must meet registration requirements in the country where the company/business is based. Provide business licence or company registration.

Question 12:

Do you want a single final price that includes the deliverables expressed on page 7? Or would you prefer a price per phase? In that case, would it be possible to have a price form?

Response:

Yes. Single final price.

Question 13:

Please confirm that the area to be mapped is:

a) 4,307 km² for Malaita; b) 897 km² for Temotu, c) 5,336 km² for Guadalcanal, d) 671 km² for Rennell-Bellona

Response:

These are the areas of the KBA layers as in the attached KML

Question 14:

What is the minimum cartographic unit?

Response:

By provinces

Question 15:

In the Evaluation Criteria Does point viii, under the "experience" section, imply that we need to redefine the classification system according to the local requirements expressed by the stakeholders? If the answer to the previous question is no, could you kindly clarify your expectations from point viii?

Response:

This section implies that there is a need to have some understanding of the local (Solomon Islands) context.

Question 16:

Could you please clarify point vii under the "experience" section of the Evaluation Criteria?

Response:

Demonstration of previous work in the Pacific, especially in Solomon Islands.