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ANSWERS TO CLARIFICATION QUESTIONS

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To: Interested suppliers
Contact: Maraea S. Pogi maraeap@sprep.org
Subject: Request for tenders: **Building capacity of Fiji to address regulatory and legal obligations relating to CITES with respect to some Appendix II listed coral, live rock and giant clam species**

Question 1:

The above tender title is clear but in *Section 2. Specification: statement of requirement* of the *Request for Tender* document, it states the consultant is to lead the preparation of a number of NDF's for hard coral, live rocks, and giant clams with the Ministry of Environment, as well as addressing the legal responsibilities of the CITES MA and SC authorities in relation to export and permitting.

The requirement of the NDF's to be completed for each Appendix II item is clear. This is a reasonably large task given the number of items and the breadth of information to be considered following the recommended Shark template. Can you please clarify how the NDFs are to be achieved involving the CITES MA and SC? Both of these groups are multi-departmental in government with others participating such as the aquarium traders. What is the nature of the process you envision? It appears that there are two objectives that have some overlap. The single objective in the tender title doesn't account for the large undertaking of the NDF's. It appears both are required.

Response:

As described in Annex 1, the suggested approach is that the contractor will:

1. Provide training to officers from the Ministry of Environment and other relevant Ministries to build their capacity in the development of the NDFs for the listed species.
2. Prepare NDFs for each of the listed species in Annex 2 for review by Fiji's Scientific and Management Authorities before finalising.
3. Develop two management plans in consultation with key stakeholders, one for corals and live rocks and the other for giant clams for review by the Fiji CITES Scientific Council and Fiji CITES Management Authority.

Applicants are asked to provide a costed workplan setting out the activities to be undertaken and timings of the activities. This is the opportunity for applicants to recommend a process to deliver the requirements of the contract and will provide the basis for agreeing the final approach that is taken.

Question 2:

In the Annex 2 list of CITES item, the subtitle lists Live Rocks (farmed only). Is this the case where the project concentrates on *farmed only* for the NDF? It also lists *Physeter* teeth which I guess is a mistake or maybe not? I assume this should have read *Tridacna* spp., correct?

Response:

Yes, the contractor is only expected to provide NDF for farmed Live Rocks.



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An NDF for Physeter teeth is not required. NDFs for Tridacna species are required.

Question 3:

As our team is of two people I assume that you require one application, 2 CV's with the *Detailed Technical and Financial* reports. How do these to attached reports (Technical and Financial) differ from the information supplied in Criteria 3 of the application which requires a *Costed Workplan of Activities and Timeline*? Is it simply adding more discussion and detail?

Response:

Yes, only one application, 2 CV's with the *Detailed Technical and Financial* reports are required. The *Detailed Technical and Financial* reports should include a *Costed Workplan of Activities and Timeline*.

Question 4:

Do you have a ceiling on consultancy fees. I am aware that the overall budget is USD 20,000.

Response:

There is no ceiling on consultancy fees but the total budget available is USD 20,000.