

ANSWERS TO CLARIFICATION QUESTIONS

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RFT: 2021/017
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To: Interested suppliers
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Subject: Request for tenders: **Development of resources for the Pacific Marine Biosecurity Toolkit.**

Question 1:

Does this project consider only invasive marine pests, or does it also consider aquatic animal diseases?

Response:

Aquatic animal diseases are outside the scope of this work.

Question 2:

Are you able to specify the available budget?

Response:

We have estimated that this work will cost around USD 30,000

Question 3:

Can you please clarify the geographical scope? I read as follows:

2.2 a) Should cover each and every of the 22 SPREP member countries and territories? Is this correct? [Yes refer to RFT and Terms of Reference](#)

2.2 b) The list of 25 species should be for the whole region, not each country? Is this correct? [Yes refer to RFT, Terms of Reference](#)

2.2 c) As per b)? [Yes refer to RFT, Terms of Reference](#)

2.2 d) Separate, specific ID guides will be developed for Tuvalu and RMI? Is this correct? Why are these 2 countries prioritised? (they are both low risk for marine pests compared to other countries in the region) [Yes this is correct.](#)

Question 4:

We note that RFT:2021/017 is an output that sits within the overall GEF6 Regional Invasive Project (GEF6 RIP). GEF6 has a focus on four member states: Marshall Islands, Niue, Tonga and Tuvalu. Can you please clarify whether the scope of RFT:2021/017 is limited to considering risks from marine invasive alien species to these four countries or is intended to cover risks to all of the 21 Pacific Island Countries and Territories (PICTs) that comprise the members of SPREP?

Response:

All of the SPREP Member countries and territories.

Question 5:

Is the scope of RFT:2021/017 limited to marine pests (i.e., plants and animals) or is it also intended to cover disease causing agents (i.e., pathogens and parasites)?

Response:

Plants and animals only. Refer Question 1.

Question 6:

Does SPREP have a specific risk assessment framework that it expects respondents to use to develop risk scores for introduced and invasive marine species or is it up to the respondents to decide on an appropriate scoring method?

Response:

No

Question 7:

Output 2.2 includes review of literature, documents and data to identify key marine invasive alien species already occurring in the countries or at the verge of potential invasion. Can SPREP identify what data sources that it may be able to provide to the successful respondent to inform this review (e.g., existing data on shipping within the PICTs, consolidated biodiversity databases, etc.)

Response:

We have some information and access to various databases, none of which could be described as complete or comprehensive.

Question 8:

Is there an indicative budget for the project?

Response:

Refer Question 2.