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ANSWERS TO CLARIFICATION QUESTIONS

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Date: 27 September 2020
To: Interested suppliers
Contact: Maraea S. Pogi maraeap@sprep.org
Subject: Request for tenders: **Development of the first Nauru State of Environment Report**

Question 1:

Can you indicate/ confirm if it is possible to submit a bid via email attachment at the indicated email address (most preferred option)?

And in such a case, as a bid sent by email attachment cannot be sealed, how is the protection of the content until the opening date by SPREP official is assured.

Response:

Yes via email is the most preferred option. Tenders received by email must be on the secured email address provided and will not be accessible to anyone (other than the Records and Archive Officer and the Procurement Officer) until the Opening of the Tenders meeting.

Question 2:

Can SPREP please provide an indicative budget?

Response:

We are open to all offers provided they meet the evaluation criteria and provide the best value for money. There will be minimum 2 virtual sessions of a few hours maximum each (one to explain the SoE development process at SPREP, and one to explain how to use the Nauru Environment Data Portal). It is up to the successful consultant if more guidance by SPREP is preferable. Based on this time estimation, the consultant is able to calculate the expected budget.

Question 3:

Should the costs of copy editing be included or is there a separate budget for this?

Response:

There is a separate budget for copy editing, so these costs should not be included. The final draft from the consultant is required to be free of grammatical errors and adhere to the SPREP style guide



Question 4:

Should the costs for layout be included or is there a separate budget for this?

Response:

There is a separate budget for layout and design, so these costs should not be included.

Question 5:

At what point is the contract considered completed with the 14 month period. ie. when a draft is supplied ready for copy editing or should layout and copy editing be included within the 14 month period.

Response:

SPREP will be responsible for the copy-editing process and the layout process (including addressing final comments by the country on layout).

The contract is considered completed when a final version of the report is available in Word, approved by the country (all questions/comments regarding the content are addressed; all photos, tables, images, etc. are available in high quality – no print screens but original files). The contract is considered completed when all outputs related to the SoE report have been delivered and approved by SPREP (see full list under paragraph 3 in the TOR).

Question 6:

If corona allows would travel to Nauru be an option?

Response:

If travel is fully allowed and feasible, without the risk of getting stuck in Nauru or in transit, SPREP might re-reassess this is a possibility. Please note however that the project set-up with the hiring of a national SoE coordinator should avoid the need to travel. Travel is not expected in this consultancy.

Question 7:

Section 2.2 Can you please confirm that the expected delivery date is within 14 months of the commencement of the project?

Response:

The earlier the report is finalized, the better. The actual delivery date will depend on the successful consultant, and the national validation process (organization of stakeholder meetings, data collection, data upload, etc). If the SoE process ends up taking longer due to unforeseen circumstances, SPREP can assess a contract amendments/prolongation.

Question 8:

Section 3.1 v. Many of our work outputs are confidential, will it be acceptable to provide targeted aspects of these reports relevant to your requirements eg. examples of graphics and data interpretation?

Response:



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Please note that all content of the SoE report will be public, and all data collected/interpreted/mentioned in the report will be public. Confidential data should not be shared in the report. SPREP and Nauru government will have full access to the actual data / graphics being used and interpreted, for verification reasons. Preferably this is non confidential data, but if needed, SPREP can sign a data agreement to not share the raw data with third parties.

Question 9:

Section 4.3 Are you able to provide an estimate of the expected budget for this work?

Response:

Refer Q2. There will be minimum 2 virtual sessions of a few hours maximum each (one to explain the SoE development process at SPREP, and one to explain how to use the Nauru Environment Data Portal). It is up to the successful consultant if more guidance by SPREP is preferable. Based on this time estimation, the consultant is able to calculate the expected budget.

Question 10:

Section 2.2.2 Is the consultant expected to conduct quality assurance on the data provided or will this be already conducted by SPREP prior to supplying the data?

Response:

Data will be provided by the Nauru government and other national stakeholders. This process will be supported by the national SoE coordinator. Data collection and quality control will not be conducted by SPREP.

The consultant is expected to conduct quality assurance on the data provided by Nauru or point out the data constraints in the SoE report.

Question 11:

Section 2.2.3 Can you please provide an indication of the expected duration of the workshops.

Response:

Usually 2 consultation workshops are held: one write shop (starting point is a first SoE draft, to collect data and information from stakeholders) and one validation workshop (review of the final SoE draft). The expected duration of the workshops depends on the content that needs to be discussed. In Nauru's case, a total of 29 environmental indicators will be discussed by stakeholders divided into parallel groups (relevant set of indicators).

A write shop can be 1 or 2 days depending on input that can be provided; a validation workshop is usually 1 day only.

Question 12:



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Section 2.2.10: Will the photographs provided be able to be used by the consultant eg. ensure copyright for use by a third party

Response:

Yes, the SoE consultant will be able to use the photos provided by the government of Nauru (or other stakeholders), but only for the SoE report. The photos need to be credited accordingly. Please note that the designer needs to have access to the original photos. Usually this is done in mutual agreement (no contracts have been signed for previous SoE processes, but can be arranged if preferable).

Question 13:

Section 2. 4.4 Are you able to identify the 30 environmental indicators and the amount of data available for each indicator? This knowledge will assist us to determine how much time to allocate to data assessment, interpretation and delivery.

Response:

For more details, please refer to ANNEX 1 – “Nauru environmental indicators – Mapping of data holders and data sources”.



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ANNEX 1 - Nauru environmental indicators - Mapping of data holders and data sources

No	Indicator name	Definition	Data Holders / Data sources	Internal Notes
1	Environment Ministry budget allocation	% of national budget allocated to Environment Ministry or equivalent.	Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Environment (department of Climate Change). Ministry of Finance.	
2	MEA reporting requirements	% of MEA reporting requirements met on time.	Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Environment.	
3	Approved development proposals with conditions	% of approved development proposals with conditions imposed.	Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Environment.	SoE approach: writeup of Nauru's recent commitment to adopting formal EIA requirements and procedures + tracking.
4	Environmental cases prosecuted	Number of environmental cases prosecuted.	N/A	Depends on new Environment Bill; too early now to assess. SoE approach: Discussion about importance of Environment Bill. No score.
5	Native tree cover	% native tree cover of total land area.	Department of Agriculture (focal point for FAO matters). Quarantine department (food security, data on export/import). Last vegetation survey by Randy Thamen. Landowners.	Nauru has no Forestry Department. Vegetation survey: map early 2000 - compare with BLUECHAM data - check if data/maps are available on the Nauru data portal (original CD's)
6	Wetlands	% cover of wetlands, mangroves, and seagrass	BIORAP dataset. Lands Management department. Home Affairs department - Heritage Act.	Nauru has some wetlands in the north.
7	Live coral cover	% of live coral cover in coastal and marine environments.	Fisheries department (contact advisor Being Yeeting). Coral cover survey during BIORAP.	Check if there are periodic surveys (more updated info). Challenges to have data access.



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8	Lagoon water quality - <i>reef crest/near shore marine waters (boat harbour 1 and 2)</i>	<i>Enterococci</i> levels in water samples.	Integrated water resource management project. Ridge to Reef project (how land effects coastal waters).	No current data collection/monitoring of the near shore waters. <u>SoE approach</u> : add to discussion + recommendation to start collecting samples.
9	Freshwater quality - <i>groundwater boreholes, tap water, desalination/osmosis plants.</i>	<i>E. coli</i> levels in water samples.	Identify responsible Ministry (check with Public Health, check capacity to monitor, check resourcing). Check data on monitoring of desalination plants.	No current monitoring of groundwater. <u>SoE approach</u> : add to discussion + insert standard monitoring procedure (should be done on periodic basis). Identify responsible Ministry. Challenges with data sharing. Check SPC channel (David H?)
10	Terrestrial protected areas	% of land area formally protected for conservation.	GEF7 proposal is aiming for a protected area (still in development phase). SPREP.	No protected area currently. <u>SoE approach</u> : add a recommendation for a protected area.
11	Marine protected areas	% of EEZ formally protected for conservation.	Check PROCFISH assessments.	New Act "Coastal fisheries and agriculture Act" > allocate 1 area for conservation. <u>SoE approach</u> : discussion and recommendation on identifying a location for the first marine PA.
12	Commercial pelagic fishes	Trends in biomass of tuna species	Offshore Fisheries.	Challenges with data sharing (commercial information). <u>SoE approach</u> : draft indicator based on publicly available data from SPC + verify with department.
13	Fish biomass (<i>nearshore / reef</i>)	Fish biomass for inshore fish populations.	Coastal Fisheries. Check public data, including BIORAP data.	



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No	Indicator name	Definition	Data Holders / Data sources	Internal Notes
14	Invasive species under management or eradicated	% of invasive species eradicated from defined areas or under formal management.	Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Environment. Quarantine department.	Fruit flies - challenges with control of this pest.
15	Priority sites with invasive species managed	Number of priority sites with multi-invasive taxa management programmes.	Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Environment. Quarantine department.	Land rehabilitation - focus on native species? Role in invasive species management? No rehabilitation at the moment.
16	IUCN red list summary	Number and types of species listed as threatened on the IUCN red list and a summary of their threats.	Publicly published information. Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Environment. Report Randy Thamen. BIORAP.	To early to be involved into IUCN process of policy development etc. No local/national list of priority/critical species at the moment. <u>SoE approach</u> : could be a goal or recommendation.
17	Status of threatened, endemic or migratory species - <i>focus on indicator species</i>	Population abundance of identified species.	No responsible department at the moment - Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Environment.	Discuss possible migratory bird species, and fish species related to food security. Possible mobile data collection. Identify potential sites to monitor. Important species: Black noddy, Micronesian pigeon, Frigatebird. Tuna. <u>SoE approach</u> : add discussion and recommendation.
18	Land under cultivation	Percentage of total arable land that is under cultivation.	Agriculture department. GEF7 proposal also deals with arable land.	Remote Sensing products BLUECHAM - LandLive product. Check info on arable land - presentation consultant.
19	Trend in Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions	Trend of nationally determined contribution.	New Climate Change department (UNFCCC focal point). Third National Communication report.	



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20	Trend in consumption of ozone depleting substances (ODS)	Trend in consumption of ozone depleting substances (ODS).	Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Environment. Customs Department. Montreal reports (historical data).	
21	Renewable energy	Trend in percentage production of energy from renewable sources.	New Climate Change department.	
22	Climate-related deaths	Number of climate-related deaths from declared disasters.	New Climate Change department.	No current data - guidance on why important and how to monitor.
23	Climate-related disaster losses	Total dollars of financial loss occurring due to climate-related disasters, defined as cyclones, flooding, landslides and drought.	New Climate Change department.	No current data - guidance on why important and how to monitor.
24	Funding for ecosystem management	Total funds received to implement ecosystem-based approaches to climate adaptation.	Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Environment.	Needs better understanding / definition. No current data - guidance on why important and how to monitor.
25	Climate adaptation and mitigation funding	Total funds received for climate adaptation and mitigation projects.	New Climate Change department.	Needs better understanding / definition. Develop national index (check with CC).



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No	Indicator name	Definition	Data Holders / Data sources	Internal Notes
26	Household waste captured rate	% of total household waste captured by authorised provider.	Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Environment. PacWaste Plus project. Nauru Rehabilitation Cooperation (NRC).	Ministry takes lead in policy and planning. NRC takes lead in operation and managing dumpsite; no collection for the communities.
27	Per capita generation of municipal solid waste	Annual per capita generation of municipal solid waste.	Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Environment. PacWaste Plus project. Nauru Rehabilitation Cooperation (NRC).	
28	Household waste recycled	% waste recycled.	Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Environment. PacWaste Plus project. Nauru Rehabilitation Cooperation (NRC).	No recycling at the moment, only segregation.
29	Access to and quality of sewage treatment	% of households connected to central sewage system.	Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Environment. EIGIGU Corporation.	No current sanitation management. All households are managed by 1 treatment plant. Ministry takes lead in policy development. EIGIGU Corporation (manages outfalls; pump access septic waste and transport to treatment plant).