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## NATURE CONSERVATION AND PROTECTED AREAS

*Nature Conservation Action for a Resilient Pacific*

## ANSWERS TO CLARIFICATION QUESTIONS

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To: Interested suppliers  
Contact: Maraea S. Pogi [maraeap@sprep.org](mailto: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 (Readvertisement)**

### **Question 1:**

How does SPREP and the Government of Fiji propose to engage then through this project. Can you please advise if industry will be included and will SPREP and the Government of Fiji assist in organising virtual communications with these stakeholders?

### **Response:**

The industry is to be included as a key stakeholder in the consultation process to develop the management plans. It will be up to the successful consultant to work with the Fiji Ministry of Environment to undertake the consultation.

### **Question 2:**

Just wondering if you could give me some information about the current management regimes for these animals? Whether there is one in place firstly, and if the management would be acceptable to move into the NDF assessment process immediately, or if there are steps that need to be taken first to get the management arrangements up to the task?

### **Response:**

We are expecting consultants to develop new management plans for: a) corals and live rocks and b) giant clams.

### **Question 3:**

If I could put it another way - In terms of what you are seeking expertise from the consultancy for:

- Is it to make recommendations for a management regime for the wild harvest/aquaculture of these animals to ensure that they meet requirements to ensure their trade does not impact sustainability?

Or

- Are you seeking consultancy services to write a report evaluating the effectiveness of the management regime with recommendations with the goal of achieving a positive NDF finding to ensure future sustainability through the CITES permitting process?
- I assume that you are also looking for advice on the development of some sort of administrative process for ensuring that the management agency can issue the permits to



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only those operators outlined as approved to harvest by the scientific authority under a yet to be undertaken NDF process.

### **Response:**

Please refer to the ToR which explicitly identifies what the expected outcomes are:

- Provide training (virtual if necessary) 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.
- Prepare NDFs for each of the listed species in Annex 2 for review by Fiji's Scientific and Management Authorities before finalising. Note that a Regional NDF Template developed in 2016 for use by Pacific Island Countries for listed shark species will form the basis of the NDFs to be prepared for corals, live rocks and giant clams. The template essentially reflects the Worksheets from the six-step process in the CITES NDF Guidance for Shark Species, and can easily be tailored for other marine species. It will be made available to the successful consultant upon contracting.
- Develop two management plans in consultation with key stakeholders (virtual if necessary), 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.