Expression of Interest for Consultancy Services for the
Mami Wata Project

The ocean area of the Abidjan Convention encompasses 22 countries and a number of important biodiversity and fishing areas. Despite progress towards good ocean governance, its marine environment remains under threat, with limited management capacities and expertise identified as a reason.

Working with the Abidjan Convention Secretariat, the Mami Wata project will strengthen expertise and cooperation, increasing individual and institutional capacity and knowledge transfer for improved marine management in support of NBSAPs and the Convention on Biological Diversity’s Programme of Work on Protected Areas (PoWPA), focusing on:

(1) Ecologically or Biologically Significant Marine Areas (EBSAs),
(2) Coastal and Marine Spatial Planning (MSP)
(3) State of the Marine Environment (SoME) Assessments within Ecosystem-based Management

Pilot projects (in Benin, Cote d’Ivoire and Ghana) will generate hands-on capacity building opportunities and inspiration for upscaling and replication. Activities will be embedded into a framework facilitating exchange and cooperation with and between regional and national institutions.

GRID-Arendal is seeking an independent consultant to assist in the project.

The consultant will be engaged in the Mami Wata Project’s:

- Output 2: Build capacity among national planners and decision-makers dealing with marine and coastal management, applying SoME Reporting.
- Output 3: Innovative tools, methods and processes to facilitate more practical use of SoME information and processes for integrated ocean management (IOM).

The Consultant will be focusing on:

1. Supporting State of Marine Environment Assessments
   1.1. Review SoME drafts reports of Benin and Côte d'Ivoire;
   1.2. Take part in SoME validation workshops in Benin and Côte d'Ivoire;
   1.3. Deliver expert elicitation training workshops in Benin and in Cote d'Ivoire;

2. Reviewing the project’s guidance material on SoME, EBSAs and MSP
   2.1. Assessing of the usefulness of the tools with reference to project indicator IV.2 (“at least 90 % of participants in the implementation of the pilot projects confirm the usefulness/benefit of the project’s tools”)
   2.2. Collecting lessons learnt from their application from national pilot projects and Centres of expertise
   2.3. Making recommendations for their revision.
3. Strengthening the post-project sustainability of the project

3.1. Assessing current relevant national and regional institutions’ ability to apply IOM tools, methods and processes

3.2. Assessing further capacity needs be the Centres of Expertise specifically

3.3. Developing a post-project sustainability strategy with and for the Network of Centres of Expertise

Preferred qualifications are:

- extensive experience with marine and coastal assessments
- extensive experience with marine and coastal management processes
- track record of working with government actors in the region
- track record of working as a consultant
- fluent in French and English
- experience working in the region and with project partners would be an advantage

Duration: Approximately 3 months
Starting date: 01 July 2020
Ending date: 30 September 2020
Type: Independent Consultancy Contract
Location: Remote

Application

Applications should include the following:

- Brief covering letter, including relevant experience and information about availability
- CV (including contact details of at least 2 referees for whom similar work has been undertaken)
- Your daily rate, based on an 8-hour working day (in USD or NOK, including VAT) for the contractual period.

Consultants replying to this Expression of Interest should send applications to: hr@grida.no and mark in the subject "Expression of Interest – Mami Wata Project" by close of business on 19 June 2020.

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