



MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY AND CLIMATE CHANGE

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Terms of Reference for a Firm or Institution to conduct an Evaluation of Ecosystem Goods and Services for Seychelles' Protected Area System

Country:	Seychelles
Name of Project Implementation:	Third South West Indian Ocean Fisheries Governance and Shared Growth Project (SWIOFish3)
Project No.	P155642
Name of Consulting Assignment:	Evaluation of Ecosystem Goods and Services for Seychelles' Protected Area System

The Seychelles Marine Spatial Planning (MSP) Initiative was initiated in 2014 and focuses on resilience and sustainable use of marine ecosystems. The MSP is identifying zones for marine protection that meet high and medium biodiversity objectives (15% of the EEZ each in each zone). In February 2018, the first phase of the process was completed with the creation of two new protected areas covering a total area of more than 200,000 km². The MSP Initiative has now entered the second phase, with the ultimate goal of 30% of Seychelles' marine environment zoned for conservation and sustainable-use by 2020. Meeting these targets will pose challenges stemming from the socio-economic impacts that may result from changes in how users access the resources. It is therefore vital to consider the trade-offs between socio-economic impacts, which may be short-term in nature, and the long-term benefits from ecosystem goods and services, which are poorly understood or quantified in Seychelles.

The Ministry of Environment, Energy and Climate Change is now recruiting a Consultancy Firm or Institution to conduct an Evaluation of ecosystem goods and services for Seychelles' existing and proposed protected area system.

The consultancy will consist of two main work streams.

- Firstly, a gap analysis will be undertaken to document and compile relevant data and research on the proposed zones, identifying clear gaps or constraints for the application of methods commonly applied in evaluating marine ecosystem goods and services.
- The output from the gap analysis will then be used to select applicable methods for evaluating ecosystems goods and services, which in the second stream will be applied to an analysis of the goods and services to Seychelles from the existing and expanded protected areas.

Consultants can indicate their interest in providing the services by submitting an Expression of Interest (EOI), which shall consist of a cover letter, profile of firm or institution and curriculum vitae. **The deadline for submission of EOI is 7th September 2018** and should be clearly marked using the Subject Line "**Evaluation of MPA Ecosystem Goods and Services**". Interested applicants may obtain the full Terms of Reference and further technical details from the Director General Biodiversity Conservation and Management Division (m.mjeremiemuzungaile@env.gov.sc). Shortlisted firms will be requested to prepare technical and financial proposals. The procurement process will be conducted according to the World Bank's procedures. Complete EOI should be delivered in hard copy or by email to:

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