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Invitation for Tendering

Consultant to conduct Mid-term Review of the SEAFDEC/UNEP/GEF Project

The SEAFDEC/UNEP/GEF project “Establishment and Operation of a Regional System of Fisheries *Refugia* in the South China Sea and Gulf of Thailand” (the Project) has been implemented by SEAFDEC as the Project Executing Agency with the total Project duration from 2016 to 2022. The Project has objective to operate and expand the network of fisheries refugia in the South China Sea and the Gulf of Thailand for the improved management of fisheries and critical marine habitats linkages to achieve the medium and longer-term goals of the fisheries component of the Strategic Action Program for the South China Sea. To evaluate the Project from the beginning of its implementation until the present and to obtain recommendations for the remaining Project period, SEAFDEC is seeking for an independent consultant to conduct the Mid-term Review of the Project.

Scope of the Mid-Term Review

The scope of the Mid-term Review will cover all activities undertaken in the framework of the Project. The consultant will compare the planned outputs of the Project with the actual outcomes, and assess the actual results to determine their contribution in attaining the Project objectives. The evaluation will diagnose problems and suggest necessary corrections and adjustments. The Consultant will also evaluate the efficiency of project management, including the delivery of outputs and activities in terms of quality, quantity, timeliness, and cost-efficiency. The evaluation will also determine whether the project is likely to achieve the outcomes and impact as specified in its goals and objectives. The term of reference of the Mid-term Review is attached as Annex 1.

Qualification:

- At least a Master’s Degree in the field of natural resources management/ environment management or related fields.
- A minimum of ten (10) years of professional experience.
- At least five (5) years of experience related to Monitoring and Evaluation in national/international context.
- Experience in evaluation of GEF project, especially the project with cross sectoral management of fisheries resources.
- No association with the design and implementation of the Project.

Workplace:

There is high possibility that the consultant would have to work from home due to travel restrictions brought about by the COVID-19 situation in Southeast Asia. However, if required, working space could be arranged for the consultant at the Project Coordinating Unit (PCU) at SEAFDEC Training Department in Phrasamutchedi, Samut Prakan, Thailand.

Period:

The period of the consultancy work for Mid-term Review is three and a half months, tentatively from **15 October 2021 to 30 January 2022**.

Application:

To apply, please submit your detailed curriculum vitae, with a recent photo including the past experience in conducting project review together with relevant documents, *e.g.* review report. The applicant is also requested to provide short description on the proposed methodology and financial proposal for the Mid-term Review. All documents should be submitted to the following contact person by 6 October 2021, 17.00 hrs. (UTC+7:00)

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For further information about the Project, please visit <https://fisheries-refugia.org> .