

CLARIFICATION QUESTIONS

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To: Interested Service Providers
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Subject: Request for tenders: Regional desktop review of the clean boats – Clean ports framework and national priority identification for inter-island biosecurity.

Question 1:

Are the 15 assessments the results of the initial regional assessment of the Clean boats, clean ports framework?

Response:

Yes

Question 2:

15 assessment forms mean 1 per country?

Response:

Yes

Question 3:

Are the assessment forms already in a data base or will the consultant have to enter it?

Response:

The data is in a spreadsheet and will be shared with the selected consultant.

Question 4:

Why does the phase 2 will only cover 4 countries?

Response:

SPREP will select 4 countries for further action based on available funding and donor requirements.

Question 5:

On which criteria will the 4 countries of the phase 2 be chosen? The countries which more request technical assistance?

Response:

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Question 6:

Do results of phase 2 will open the possibility that there will have a specific support from SPREP to those countries for the next steps of the POI programme?

Response:

Phase one will inform further support to the region from SPREP and the POI programme. This support will be delivered when funding becomes available.

Question 7:

Our first question is regarding the evaluation criteria 'Experience' section; 'Demonstrated expertise in biosecurity related to marine invasive species (preferably in the Pacific) 10%'. The clean boats-clean ports framework seems to be designed to minimise the risk of incursion for terrestrial pests and weeds, with some mention of marine Biosecurity. For the RFP is there a specific focus on Marine invasive species, or is the experience related to the vectors of concern being vessels/boats?

Response:

Some experience in marine invasives would be beneficial, however, the framework is focussed on reducing the risk of terrestrial pests and weeds. The desired experience is with regards to the vessels and other vectors of incursion.

Question 8:

Secondly, is there an indicative budget for the project we should be mindful of?

Response:

We are seeking the best value for money offer. Please note, no in-country consultations are expected so no travel should be quoted.

Question 9:

What is the format of the data/assessment forms in (i.e. to inform the regional analysis)?

Response:

The data will be made available in a Excel spreadsheet.

Question 10:

Which stakeholders have completed the assessment forms?

Response:

The assessment has been completed by 7 Pacific territories and 8 Pacific Countries.

Question 11:

I note that no travel is stipulated in the Terms of Reference. However, I just wanted to check whether there are expectations for travel to deliver or discuss final report?

Response:

No travel is expected for the delivery of this service.



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Question 12:

Is there an associated (or indicative) budget for the project?

Response:

We are seeking the best value for money through this call for tender.