

CLARIFICATION QUESTIONS

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Subject: Request for tenders: Consultancy services to implement the Local Management Approaches for the MACBLUE project in Malaita Province, Solomon Islands

Question 1:

To commence the FPIC process, the LMA site will need a pre-work visit to brief the community on the project and seek their permission. Is it expected that the consultant's team will include in their budget travel costs to participate in and/or undertake these pre-visits? Or will these pre-visits be undertaken by SPREP and their team?

Response:

For Fiji, all relevant community visits for the FPIC process will be done by the consultant and these costs should be reflected in the budget proposal.

The approach is the same for PNG and Solomon Is. For Vanuatu, the FPIC has been obtained for Vanuatu, however, the consultant is required to conduct a community visit and consultation as part of the project inception.

Question 2:

Will the consultant have the support of the MACBLUE project's National Coordinator to arrange provincial support for the project? Do any travel or related expenses by the National Coordinator's involvement need to be included in the budget?

Response:

The consultant will have the support of the project's National Coordinators based in the four project countries. There is no need to budget for the National Coordinators' engagement, however, there is a need to budget for the engagement of the officers from the Provincial Council and at least 2 from government (i.e Environment and/or Fisheries and/or Forestry etc).