

**Terms of Reference (ToR) for Consultancy Service to conduct Environmental and Social Assessment of a potential marine conservation project in Senegal.**

**Introduction/Background**

In July 2021 United Purpose (UP), in consortium with Nebeday and Réseau Régional d'Aires Marines Protégées en Afrique de l'Ouest (RAMPAO) submitted a concept note *Community-based MPAs for socio-economic resilience* (the project) to Blue Action Fund in response to a call for proposals focusing on advancing marine conservation and supporting sustainable livelihoods on Africa's Atlantic Coast. The concept note was accepted by Blue Action Fund and the consortium was invited to embark on the full proposal development process. This involves an extensive Environmental and Social Assessment and Risk Management process. The requirements (deliverables, methodology and stakeholders) for the Environmental and Social Assessment and Risk Management process have already been identified by the consortium and validated by Blue Action Fund. Based on this, we are recruiting a consultant to conduct an Environmental and Social Assessment to look closely at pre-identified risks associated with the potential implementation of this project.

**Information on the project**

The full concept note for the project will be made available to the successful candidate.

Intervention zones: 16 CMPAs across Senegal. Primarily we will be working in 12 CMPAs in the Sine Saloum and Casamance.

Duration: 4 years

Financial scope: 4 million EUR.

Project objectives

- ❖ Overall objective: Networks of globally significant marine protected areas and their sustainable use zones are conserved.
- ❖ Objective 1: Improve the governance of marine protected areas
- ❖ Objective 2: Improve the management of marine protected areas
- ❖ Objective 3: Improve the socio-economic development of communities within marine protected areas

**Objectives of this consultancy**

The overall objective of this consultancy is to carry out an Environmental and Social Assessment of the following risks, if the project were to be implemented:

- environmental degradation of intervention zones or surrounding areas
- unsustainability of the action with regard to local context, stakeholders, laws
- loss of livelihoods caused by improved governance or management
- loss of habitats and ecosystem destruction
- climate vulnerability of the local population
- gender based violence
- social conflict (over natural resources for example)

The impact assessment will determine the potentially adverse environmental and social effects of the project, and develop a plan to mitigate these risk, as well as tools for the consortium to do so, and monitor and evaluate risks during project implementation. The mitigation plan will specifically state what measures the consortium should and shall adopted to reduce or eliminate these adverse effects.

**Scope:**

The assessment will require desk based analysis and field level stakeholder engagement to better understand the risks and potential impacts of this project. Travel will be required in the Sine Saloum and Casamance in order to engage with a range of community, civil society and government stakeholders in addition to governance structures of CMPAs.

**Approach and Methodology**

The consultants should provide the most appropriate and relevant methodology (including the development of questionnaires, sampling and sample frames) for the mapping and analysis of the potential significant adverse social and environmental effects of project activities on the intervention zones (including beneficiaries and stakeholders). The use of Focus Group Discussions (FGDs), semi or structured interviews, Key Informant Interviews (KII), Individual Interviews (II) and randomized sampling is strongly encouraged. The proposed approach and methodology presented by the consultant will be extensively discussed and agreed upon before commencement of the research.

**Deliverables:**

The output of this part of the assessment will be

1. Report containing appraisal of and description of specific risks of negative impact identified above
2. Report detailing mitigation recommendations
3. Environmental and social mitigation plan specific to the project. Based on this, the consortium should be able to draft specific safeguard instruments (such as grievance mechanism etc.)
4. Environmental and Social mitigation monitoring and evaluation tool
5. Completion of the E and S assessment, and safeguard development section of the BAF E and S development tool

All deliverables must be written in English although we will accept draft versions in French before final translation, at the cost of the consultant.

**Time frame:**

Deliverables must be submitted and validated by the consortium by the 4<sup>th</sup> of November 2022. We are therefore seeking a consultant who is available immediately to carry out the work.

**Bid Requirements/Study Cost and Application Procedures**



- I. A technical proposal inclusive of previous experience, methodology, detailed workplan, parties to the proposal, availability, and commencement period.
- II. Financial proposal
- III. CV of consultant or team of consultants

**Application procedure:**

Email: applications should be emailed to Carmel Moran at [carmel.moran@united-purpose.org](mailto:carmel.moran@united-purpose.org) by 11:59pm on the 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022. Proposals can be submitted in either French or English but the final versions of the deliverables must be submitted in English.