

**Terms of Reference (ToR) for**

**Consultancy Service to oversee Environmental and Social Assessment and Risk Management  
Process and finalization of marine conservation project proposal 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, in addition to developing a full proposal for the project which takes into account the results of the 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 and consultants will be recruited to conduct specific aspects of it. One of these deliverables is an assessment of the specific project risks from a human rights perspective, particularly access to livelihoods, respect for customary tenure rights, right to safety, right to participation in decision-making affecting their lands.

The consultant will simultaneously oversee and manage the deliverables of two other consultants (one conducting an environmental and social impact assessment, and the other producing a multi-risk assessment and mitigation plan), ensure their work is in line with the agreed deliverables, ensure the full proposal incorporates the recommendations and learning from these individual consultancies, and engage stakeholders by developing feedback mechanisms to ensure they can input into the 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 is to coordinate the Environmental and Social Risk Management process by working with the applicant consortium and recruited external consultants to complete agreed deliverables as per the ESMS scoping document, terms of reference, as well as ensuring the learning

and recommendations from these assessments are integrated into the full proposal of the project. The consultant will also be responsible for the specific task of appraising the risks to human rights (access to livelihoods, respect for customary tenure rights, right to safety, right to participation in decision-making affecting their lands).

### **The Scope, Duration, Cost and Resources Needed**

The work will be carried out within a time frame of XXXX, working a total of 30 days from the day the contract is signed.

### **Specific tasks to be undertaken:**

1. Appraising the risks of this project on human rights of stakeholders (particularly communities) and providing mitigation recommendations
2. Working with the consortium to provide technical assistance into a rights based framework for the implementation of the project
3. Oversee the Environmental and Social Assessment and Risk Management process by ensuring the consortium adheres to the agreed deliverables as per the ESMS scoping document
4. Provide technical assistance on the tools developed by the consortium as agreed in the ESMS scoping document
5. Oversee the work of the consultant conducting the Environmental Impact Assessment (Principle 1) to ensure deliverables are produced as per terms of reference and contract.
6. Oversee the work of the consultant conducting the Multiple Risk Assessment (Principle 3) to ensure deliverables are produced as per terms of reference and contract.
7. Provide technical assistance to the proposal development to ensure learning and recommendations are included in both the draft and final versions.
8. Engage relevant stakeholders through feedback mechanisms to ensure their buy in to the project, and ensure their feedback is incorporated into the project design.

### **Deliverables**

The deliverables of this consultancy will be

- Written report appraising the risks of this project on human rights and providing mitigation recommendations
- Coordination and management of consultants recruited for work under Principles 1 and 3
- Coordination and management of work conducted internally by the consortium for Principles 2, 4, 5, 6 and 9
- Written validation of work produced by consultants relative to Principles 1 and 3
- Providing technical assistance to finalise the BAF E and S scoping tool, based on the various assessment results for Principles 1 to 10.
- Written validation of work / tools produced by the consortium relative to all other principles as stated in ESMS scoping document.
- Facilitate a proposal development workshop with the consortium partners and other relevant stakeholders.

- Draft full project proposal which integrates recommendations from the full Environmental and Social Risk Management process (external consultants and consortium)
- Final full proposal which integrates final recommendations from Blue Action Fund.

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 scale:**

Deliverables relating to the risk assessment 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. A draft full project proposal must be submitted by the 30<sup>th</sup> of November 2022, with the full proposal being submitted by the 20<sup>th</sup> of February 2023.

**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: proposals must be submitted to Carmel Moran [carmel.moran@united-purpose](mailto:carmel.moran@united-purpose) 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.