

Terms of reference Consultancy

FishMPABlue 2 Interreg project “capitalisation phase” WP5 – Assessment for mainstreaming and institutional uptake of the project results

Fishing governance in MPAs: potentialities for Blue Economy

BACKGROUND / INTRODUCTION

Small-scale fisheries and environmental conservation have a long history in the Mediterranean basin, with many common features but also numerous conflicts on the use and management of the marine resources. The FishMPABlue 2 project is the follow up of FishMPABlue 1 project, which developed a regional-based toolkit for small-scale fisheries governance in and around Marine Protected Areas (MPAs). In this second phase, the project will test the toolkit with a bottom-up approach in order to explore its actual application in different MPAs settings and involvement process with stakeholders.

FishMPABlue 2 aims at providing results and specific guidance for the management of artisanal fisheries in MPAs through testing the process of a governance toolkit, bringing capacity building for stakeholders (MPAs managers and local fishers groups) and supporting policy recommendations in order to set up fishery management models. These models will allow MPAs management bodies to preserve marine ecosystems and species, assuring sustainable exploration of marine resources, and therefore assuring the sustainability of small-scale fisheries in and around Mediterranean marine protected areas.

The project has started in November 2016 and will end in October 2019. It is led by the Italian Federation of Parks and Natures Reserves (Federparchi) and involves many partners: the Mediterranean Protected Areas network (MedPAN), the National Inter-University Consortium for Marine Sciences (CoNISMa), the University Nice Sophia Antipolis, the WWF MedPO, the Association of Var for a small coast fishing and sustainable maritime activities (founders of MedArtNet, the Mediterranean platform of artisanal fisheries) and the IUCN Centre for Mediterranean Cooperation (IUCN-Med).

As Associated Partners of the project are General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean of the FAO, the Ministry of Environment and Nature Protection in Croatia, the Mediterranean Wetlands Initiative (MedWET), the French MPA Agency (AAMP), the Regional Activity Centre for Specially Protected Areas (RAC/SPA), Institute of the Republic of Slovenia for Nature Conservation and the Spanish Ministry of



Agriculture and Fishery, Food and Environment.

The 11 MPAs pilot sites involved are:

- Marine reserve of Es Freus, Spain (coordination WWF Mediterranean)
- Cabo de Palos Marine Reserve, Spain (coordination WWF Mediterranean)
- Fisheries reserve of Cap Roux, France (coordination UNS)
- Côte Bleue Marine Park, France (coordination MedPAN)
- Bonifacio natural reserve, France (coordination MedPAN)
- Torre Guaceto MPA, Italy (coordination Federparchi / Conisma)
- Egadi islands MPA, Italy (coordination Federparchi / Conisma)
- Portofino MPA, Italy (coordination Federparchi / Conisma)
- Telascica natural park, Croatia (coordination WWF Adria)
- Strunjan Landscape park, Slovenia (coordination WWF Adria)
- Marine natural park of Zakynthos, Greece (coordination UNS)

EXPECTED RESULTS OF THE FISHMPABLUE2 PROJECT

- To maintain biodiversity and natural ecosystems through strengthening the management and networking of Protected Areas;
- To test the “governance toolkit” for small scale fisheries” in different typologies of MPAs in order to have an upgraded version of it. This testing will be carried out in 11 MPAs assisting them to improve their conservation-related effectiveness and their capacity in managing one of the main human-based pressures for Mediterranean MPAs;
- To disseminate the experiences on the toolkit among the maximum feasible number of Mediterranean MPAs;
- To enhance integration of principles and recommendations in national and international policies to ease informal/formal engagement of stakeholders in small-scale fishery management within MPAs.

IUCN Med is the Coordinator of WP5 “Capitalising” (see below – Annexes part)

All information on FishMPABlue2 development <https://fishmpablue-2.interreg-med.eu/>

OBJECTIVES OF THE CONSULTANCY

An analytical work to support the extension of MPAs, where the FishMPABlue network toolkit will be adopted for easing the cooperation between small-scale fishers and MPA management sites bodies, could be useful and achievable. It would focus on worldwide available best practices on FishMPABlue toolkit measures (e.g. incentives for fishers' engagement, such as valorisation of local fishery products, skills and training, improved access rights).

Based on the results of previous phases/Work Packages – i.e. assessment of project implementation results (socio-economic and environmental), training on the toolkit governance in MPAs, dissemination at national level (countries where the project is conducted), the objective of this consultancy is to:

- First, to **review examples of voluntary measures** implemented through FLAGs (in the EU) and other initiatives that have good replication potential.
 - Whilst the funding is EU, there is no reason to exclude non-EU examples (from the Med or elsewhere) if they demonstrate good practices.
 - A survey of enabling conditions (such as national laws, ad hoc funds, special mechanisms) for each best practice would be useful.
- Second, to **co-write with IUCN team the project final report**.
 - The report could provide the basis for another project, and/or to inform RPoA working groups and national delegations.

IUCN and the associated partners of the project can provide to the consultant all background documents and results that will come from their works:

EXPECTED OUTPUTS AND DELIVERABLES

The following deliverables will be submitted by the consultant to the Project Team:

1. An **analytical report** on worldwide available best practices on FishMPABlue toolkit measures (e.g. incentives for fishers' engagement, such as valorisation of local fishery products, skills and training, improved access rights). It should include examples of voluntary measures implemented through FLAGs (in the EU) and other initiatives that have good replication potential if they demonstrate good practice.

2. A **survey** of existing enabling conditions, if needed (national legislation, ad hoc funds, special mechanisms)

3. A **final project report**, including the basis for another project, and/or to inform RPoA working groups and national delegations. (done in collaboration with IUCN)

TASKS AND ACTIVITIES

The Consultant is expected to work closely with the IUCN Project Coordinator (focal point), with the other project partners and WPs' leaders.

The consultancy will be conducted as follow:

- i. Attend an initial meeting (could be remotely) with the project coordinator to discuss the project framework and ensure a good comprehension of all the issues;
- ii. Develop a work plan, which outlines methodology and timelines;
- iii. Throughout the consultancy, work closely with the relevant project partners to ensure that the outputs are consistent with their needs;
- iv. Attend the final conference in Rome in October 2019;
- v. Draft a first document to get feedback from partners before the Final conference;
- vi. Final project report.

All documents will be submitted in English. Logos to be included will be provided by IUCN. The final product is EU property (as any Interreg project).

SCHEDULE OF DELIVERABLES

This schedule will be precised and up-dated while preparing the contract with the consultants.

Deliverables	Tentative Timeline (2019)
Inception report	Included in the answer of the call
1 draft report on examples of voluntary measures + Survey of enabling conditions	30 September 2019
Final project meeting in Rome with the partners	1-2 October 2019

Final project report, including the basis for another future project

15 November 2019

QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

Speaking language: English

The company/consultant and/or the persons involved in the activities should have experience:

- on environmental governance and especially on marine environment governance related to sustainable fisheries and MPA issues
- on linking the field experimentation and implementation with governance models and policy
- on EU policy (at global, regional or local level)
- good written English skills

In addition, experience and/ or knowledge will be valuable and appreciated regarding:

- involvement in previous EU projects (Interreg, Life,...)
- any publication or success initiative on monitoring and evaluation of MPA and/ or SSF
- ability to work within a multi-cultural framework
- the Mediterranean context (especially in the countries where the project is implementing)

MAXIMUM BUDGET AVAILABLE

The maximum budget available for this assignment for the consultancy is **10 000 EUR** (including all taxes).

Logistical support (travels) if needed to implement the activities will be covered by IUCN-Med under pre-arrangement.

TIMING

The expected timeframe for the consultancy is **1.5 months** (the time frame should be revised regarding the way the project has been implemented in the previous phases)

SUBMISSIONS

Experience and technical proposal

- a) Personal CV indicating all past experiences in the field environment and marine activities (including fisheries), main skills of the candidate and the topics he/she has worked on (past/present)
- b) Brief description of why the candidate is the most suitable for the assignment

Financial proposal

Financial Proposal in Euros that indicates the all-inclusive fixed total contract price.

DELIVERABLES

The consultant shall submit the following deliverables: see above in the previous section

All report deliverables shall be submitted in English in hard and electronic versions

MONITORING, CONTROL AND VALIDATION OF THE WORK

The consultants will work under the supervision of IUCN Mediterranean Centre of Cooperation/ marine department. The service provider will hand in the final version 15 days after the monitoring committee has made its observations and comments on the draft scientific document and after the webinar.

HOW TO APPLY?

Interested candidates, who meet the criteria for this consultancy, may send their resume and cover letter to: marieaude.sevin@iucn.org, cc: alessia.iovinelli@iucn.org and lourdes.lazaro@iucn.org no later than the **5th September 2019**. Only selected candidates will be contacted for interviews.

Evaluation Criteria for the offer

Evaluation Criteria			Maximum Point
General experience and technical references			
Experience in environmental governance and policy (40%)	Nature and number of projects		
	Completion date of the most recent work		
Knowledge and experience on MPA and sustainable fisheries (40%)	Nature and number of studies/ projects		
	Completion date of the most recent work		
	Organization and planning		
Language proficiency (10%)			
	Language proficiency		
Financial Offer (10%)			
Total			

Annex II

WP5: Capitalising

Description and objective

WP6 will issue policy-related recommendations to promote mainstreaming and institutional uptake of the project results, primarily through incorporation of the governance toolkit principles into national/regional/international policies, to:

- a) Identify at national level the gaps and hindrances in terms of legal and administrative framework for a successful implementation of the “governance toolkit”
- b) Propose the inclusion of some principles of this new governance approach in national juridical frameworks
- c) Propose new concepts and procedures (starting from the “Governance toolkit”) for associating conservation (MPAs) and sustainable fisheries (FRAs) tools in the International Institutions/initiatives recommendations or decisions.

Each goal will be developed thanks to the involvement of the Associates partners, since their competency on specific topics or organizations.

At national level (in each of the 6 countries), “discussion panels” will be held between relevant country based PP (exceptions: WWF MedPO for Spain and ECOMERS for Greece) and the relevant responsible bodies (mandated administrations for nature conservation and fisheries) for identifying the gaps and hindrance in the national juridical framework in relation with MPAs and FRAs. The integration of toolkit principles in national policies and some changes in national regulatory frameworks will be proposed, as well as a support to national authorities in the identification of other sites where such an approach could be developed.

At Mediterranean regional level, thanks esp. to some project partners (IUCN Med, WWF MedPO and MedPAN), Associates (GFCM, MedWET and RAC/SPA) and to their strong contacts with the main organizations in charge of policies and strategies (DG MARE, UfM, MAP, EUSAIR), WP5 will work for the inclusion of new governance approaches associating conservation (MPAs) and sustainable fisheries (FRAs) approaches in the international recommendations or decisions

Target groups involvement

1. Policy makers at national level of the concerned countries (e.g. Ministries of Environment and Ministries of Fishery) through transferring knowledge (communication tools) and discussing possible solutions (national panels)
2. Regional (Med)/international Institutions/Initiatives such as GFCM, UfM, Barcelona Convention, EUDGs Mare and Environment, EUSAIR, etc. through transferring knowledge (communication tools), participating in events organized by the Regional (Med)/international Institutions/Initiatives, and organizing bilateral meetings with them

Durability and transferability of main outputs of this WP

The legal and institutional reviews at national level can serve as framework for improving legal and administrative framework for MPAs/FRAs of each country, during the project and beyond.

The dissemination of all the project outputs in the platforms of the project partners will make them exploitable by different actors for further decisions and/or actions. Main projects outputs are replicable in European and likely even in non-European countries, because they have been developed on an actual sample (11 MPAs) representing different features and juridical frameworks (6 countries); moreover, in WP Capitalization a particular effort is done towards the international framework, also taking in account some non-EU countries.

In addition, the involvement (as partner or Associates) of national and international institutions is a guarantee for the replicability in other MPAs of the project outputs also beyond the project end.

