

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (INDIVIDUAL CONSULTING SERVICES)

KIRIBATI

NAME OF PROJECT: P4: PACIFIC REGIONAL OCEANSCAPE PROGRAM (PROP)
Assignment Title: MONITORING CONTROL AND SURVEILLANCE (MCS) GAP ANALYSIS AND NEEDS ASSESSMENT ADVISOR - Kiribati Offshore & Inshore Fisheries.

Reference No. MFMRD-CS-IND-3

Background

The Government of Kiribati has received financing from the World Bank for a Programmatic Preparation Advance (PPA) for the PROP Project and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The Kiribati offshore fishery is broadly defined as those resources fished beyond territorial waters and includes migratory species of tuna and billfish caught within the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) and includes flag state responsibilities for Kiribati flagged fishing vessels. Under the Fisheries Act, the Ministry Fisheries and Marine Resources Development (MFMRD) is mandated with sustainable management and utilization of marine resources within the country's EEZ.

MFMRD is also responsible for legal operation of all fishing and fishing vessels flagged and licensed to Kiribati. The offshore transboundary and high seas fisheries across the Pacific region and beyond are an evolving and dynamic sector with an increased focus on the rights of resource owners and the integration of fishing with increased onshore benefits. MFRMR operates with limited resources in a climate of increasing national, regional and international obligations.

One of the core roles of the MFMRD offshore Division is effective monitoring, control and surveillance (MCS) functions. This includes ensuring resources are in place for the monitoring and compliance requirements of fishing vessels and processing operations including IMS, VMS, observers, inspections and log-sheet monitoring. At the same time, many countries in the Pacific including Kiribati have expressed interest in emerging technologies such as the e-Reporting and e-Monitoring regimes and increased flag and port state responsibilities under international agreements.

Objective

The Government of Kiribati in cooperation with the World Bank is committed to further enhancing effective management of Kiribati oceanic and coastal fisheries. To this end, effective implementation of MCS and enforcement in Kiribati offshore and coastal fisheries is planned as significant part of the Kiribati Pacific Regional Oceanscape Program.

The consulting services ("the Services") include assisting in identifying priority project related MCS investment in both offshore and coastal fisheries, the Government of Kiribati seeks the

services of an MCS Fisheries advisor to carry out a gap analysis and needs assessment to enhance and implement Kiribati's national (MCS) services including in the areas of : (i) necessary MCS facilities and systems in Betio (Tarawa) and Kiritimati, (ii) facilities and equipment for the collection, storage, analysis and distribution of national MCS related information (National Fisheries Information Management System), (iii) equipment and capacity building services to implement e-monitoring and e-reporting in offshore fisheries, and (iv) capacity building services to enhance MCS and enforcement in offshore and coastal fisheries.

The MCS Advisor will carry out a National MCS gap analysis and national MCS needs assessment to identify shortcomings associated with MCS capacity. Information prepared by the MCS Advisor will contribute to the formulation of the Kiribati PROP Project. The primary focus of the gap analysis is to consider current and projected offshore and coastal fisheries Division's MCS needs, highlighting existing capacity and strengths, needs and concerns of MFMRD offshore Division MCS staff, existing limitations in resources and work program delivery, the nature of institutional structures and steps that may be taken by MFMRD to leverage opportunities for enhanced divisional performance.

The Ministry of Fisheries, Marine Resource Development now invites eligible individuals ("Consultants") to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services (attach curriculum vitae with description of experience in similar assignments, similar conditions, etc.). Firms' staff may express interest through the employing firm for the assignment and, under such situation, only the experience and qualifications of individuals shall be considered in the selection process. The criteria for selecting the Consultant are:

Expert level

- Understanding of current regional systems for MCS and combating IUU Fishing in the Pacific (7 years),
- Developing national and international MCS procedure and laws/regulations/measures in response to IUU fishing (7 years),

Advance Level

- Experience and knowledge on Observer Program, VMS, Compliance Operations, Licensing (5 years),
- Knowledge of Electronic reporting and electronic monitoring systems and equipment (3 years)
- Implementing systems for traceability and catch documentation particularly with respect to tuna fisheries (5 years),
- Knowledge of setting up national Fisheries information systems and associated securities/data protocols associated with distributed information (5 years),
- Knowledge of MCS facility design, operation and maintenance (5 years).

Working Knowledge level

- Procedures, tools and forums for maintaining national and regional Maritime domain security, Awareness (3 years)
- Fisheries management framework, application of the precautionary principal, social and environmental sustainability (3 years).

- WCPFC and FFA MCS related activities (3 years).

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be obtained at the address given below:

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Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form preferably by e-mail in pdf format also to the address above, no later than 9th of August, 2019.