



Republic of Kenya

**MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK, FISHERIES AND COOPERATIVES
(MoALFC)**

State Department of Fisheries, Aquaculture and Blue Economy (SDFA&BE)

Kenya Marine Fisheries and Socio-Economic Development Project (KEMFSED)

Credit No: 6540-KE: Project ID. No. 163980

**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST
CONSULTANCY SERVICES – INDIVIDUAL**

Contract No. KE-MOALF-C2-2021-007-ICS

REOI Consultancy Services to develop National Plans of Action (NPOAs) for Sharks, Seabirds and Sea Turtles.

The Government of Kenya, through the State Department for Fisheries, Aquaculture, and Blue Economy (SDFA&BE) and with support from the World Bank, is implementing the Kenya Marine Fisheries and Socio-Economic Development (KEMFSED) project, and intends to apply part of the proceeds for this consulting service.

The consulting services (“the Services”) include:

Brief description: As a background, the KEMFSED project has an overall goal to promote sustainable development of marine fisheries resources in the blue space by enhancing fisheries governance, management and supporting fisheries related infrastructure as well as enhancing economic benefits and coastal livelihoods from marine fisheries and coastal aquaculture while safeguarding associated ecosystems’ integrity. The development of NPOAs for sharks, sea turtles, sea birds, is in line with the FAO Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries (CCRF) that calls for the sustainable use of aquatic ecosystems and requires that fishing be conducted with due regard for the environment. The KEMFSED is supporting the development of NPOAs for sharks, sea turtles and sea birds, guided by FAO technical officer to ensure conformity with FAO guidelines and international best practice.

Objective of Assignment: The objective of this assignment is to support and guide the development of 3 NPOAs that reflect and promote best practice in the conservation and management of sharks, sea turtles and seabirds.

Component 1 aims to support improvement of management of marine fisheries in Kenya Fisheries waters including enhancing governance of marine fisheries and blue economy, improving management of nearshore fisheries and support infrastructure development.

1. Scope of Service

The consultant will undertake the assigned tasks in two phases as follows:

- i. Undertake and complete the draft NPOA-Sharks in the first phase;
- ii. Undertake and complete the drafts of the NPOA-Seabirds and a Sea turtles Action Plan in the second phase.

The consultant will be required to undertake the following specific tasks in each of the above tasks:

- i. Provide an overview of national measures in place to conserve and manage shark stocks, seabirds and sea turtles;
- ii. Work closely with the technical team to provide a baseline /assessment report, including an Ecological Risk Assessment (ERA report) for each NPOA;
- iii. Work closely with the designated KeFS fishery experts and the technical teams tasked with overseeing the development of the three specific NPOAs;
- iv. Provide technical support and guidance to the preparation, validation, and implementation of each NPOA;
- v. Provide advice in relation to cost effective management options to prevent overfishing of shark stocks, and the reduction or prevention of incidental captures of sharks, seabirds and sea turtles;
- vi. Assess the effectiveness of these measures and management options from multiple perspectives, i.e. sustainability of shark stocks, utilization of product, compliance with regulations, etc. as required in national law and as per provisions in the IOTC CMMs;
- vii. Provide advice on mechanisms for promoting the full utilization of sharks that are caught and retained, including from the point of transshipment or first landing;
- viii. Provide advice on shark species identification and data collection, including fin to carcass ratios of landed catches, for the purpose of improving fisheries monitoring and assessment;
- ix. Engage support and facilitate the national process of stakeholders' consultation as necessary;
- x. Work in collaboration with a qualified FAO/ IOTC Technical Assistant (TA) under the FAO's Experts for Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries and Countries in Transition Programme;
- xi. Develop draft NPOAs- Sharks, Seabirds and Sea turtles ready for adoption and approval, consistent with the following aims:
 - a) To ensure that shark catches from directed and non-directed fisheries are sustainable;
 - b) To assess threats to sharks, sea turtles and seabirds populations, determine and protect critical habitats and implement harvest strategies that ensure biological sustainability and rational long-term economic use
 - c) To identify, and provide special attention to, vulnerable and threatened shark stocks
 - d) To improve or develop effective consultation involving all stakeholders in research, management and educational initiatives;
 - e) To contribute to the protection of biodiversity and ecosystem structure and function;
 - f) To minimize incidental catches of sharks, seabirds and sea turtles while targeting other species, e.g. tuna, swordfish, etc. as per the FAO Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries, the IOTC CMMs;
 - g) To minimize incidental mortality, waste and discards from sharks that are caught;
 - h) To provide for capacity building in fisheries monitoring, data collection and management, and awareness training in the conservation of sharks, seabirds and sea turtles as vulnerable marine species;

- i) To identify the roles of and promote collaboration among relevant government agencies and other organizations to deliver efficient and sustainable outcomes in the conservation and management of sharks, seabirds and sea turtles.
- xii. Review the draft NPOAs and revise as needed, providing recommendations and action/implementation plans with regards to the long-term implementation of each NPOA;

The consultant will be reporting to the National Project Coordinator or designated officer during the course of this assignment, who will also be coordinating the process of the consultancy.

Each report must be in form of Hard copy (3 copies) and soft copy in editable MS-World format

The assignment is expected to take 90 working days phased into two within a period of two years; 30 days for NPOA sharks and 60 days for NPOAs for sea turtles and sea birds, starting immediately upon signing of the contract.

2. Qualification

The consultant should have some or all of the following qualifications:

- i. Minimum of a masters degree or equivalent level of qualification in Marine fisheries science, Fisheries management, Marine biology and ecology or similar qualifications;
- ii. At least 10 years of experience in marine fish stock status assessments, marine ecosystem assessments, ecological risk assessments, fisheries management planning and standards, or equivalent;
- iii. Proven ability to collect, verify and analyses information, and to finish and present work with a high degree of accuracy and technical quality, in relatively short time;
- iv. Ability to communicate effectively orally and in writing, in order to communicate complex, technical information to both technical and general audiences, including strong science-to-policy advice skills.
- v. A strong fisheries science background with evidence of similar assignments, or experience in the development of NPOAs will be an added advantage;

3. Selection method

Terms of References: Detailed TOR for the assignment can be: a) found on the following website: www.kilimo.go.ke b) requested by sending an email to: kemfsed@kilimo.go.ke/
info@kemfsed.org obtained at the address given below.

The Ministry through the SDFA&BE now invites eligible individual consultants to express 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. Shortlisting criteria include at least 10 years, experience in similar assignments, planning, fisheries assessment.

The attention of interested consultants is drawn to Section III paragraph 3.14, 3.16 and 3.17 of the World Bank's Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers Forth Edition November 2020 (Procurement Regulations) setting forth the World Bank 's policy on conflict of interest.

The consultant will be selected in accordance with the Individual Consultant Selection – ICS method set out in the World Bank's Procurement Regulations.

Further information can be obtained at the address below Monday to Friday during office hours 0800 to 1700 hours.

Expressions of Interest clearly marked on top (REOI Consultancy Services to develop National Plans of Action (NPOAs) for Sharks, Seabirds and Sea Turtles.

(Contract No. KE-MOALF-C2-2021-007-ICS) must be delivered in written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by e-mail or placed in the tender box located at **Maji House 3rd Floor on or before 4th October, 2021 by 10.00AM (EAT).**

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