



Request for Proposals (RfP) GEF full-size project preparation

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Welcome to this Procurement by IUCN. You are invited to submit your proposals by the deadline of 10:00 AM on 10/10/2023. For more information, please contact the Procurement Officer at procurement@iucn.org.

4.7. Your proposal must remain valid and capable of acceptance by IUCN for a period of 90 calendar days following the submission deadline.

4.8. *Withdrawals and Changes*

You may freely withdraw or change your proposal at any time prior to the submission deadline by written notice to the IUCN Contact. However, in order to reduce the risk of fraud, no changes or withdrawals will be accepted after the submission deadline.

5. EVALUATION OF PROPOSALS

5.1. *Completeness*

IUCN will firstly check your proposal for completeness. Incomplete proposals will not be considered further.

5.2. *Pre-Qualification Criteria*

Only proposals that meet all of the pre-qualification criteria will be evaluated.

5.3. *Technical Evaluation*

5.3.1. *Scoring Method*

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6. EXPLANATION OF PROCUREMENT PROCEDURE

- 6.1. IUCN is using the Open Procedure for this procurement. This means that the contracting opportunity is published on IUCN's website and open to all interested parties to take part, subject to the conditions in Section 7 below.
- 6.2. You are welcome to ask questions or seek clarification regarding this procurement. Please email the IUCN Contact (see Section 2), taking note of the deadline for submission of questions in Section 3.1.
- 6.3. All proposals must be received by the submission deadline in Section 3.2 above. Late proposals will not be considered. All proposals received by the submission deadline will be evaluated by a team of three or more evaluators in accordance with the evaluation criteria stated in this RfP. No other criteria will be used to evaluate proposals. The contract will be awarded to the bidder whose proposal received the highest Total Score. IUCN does, however, reserve the right to cancel the procurement and not award a contract at all.
- 6.4. IUCN will contact the bidder with the highest-scoring proposal to finalise the contract. We will contact unsuccessful bidders after the contract has been awarded and provide detailed feedback. The timetable in Section 3.1 gives an estimate of when we expect to have completed the contract award, but this date may change depending on how long the evaluation of proposals takes.

7. CONDITIONS FOR PARTICIPATION IN THIS PROCUREMENT

- 7.1. To participate in this procurement, you are required to submit a proposal, which fully complies with the instructions in this RfP and the Attachments.

- 7.1.1. It is your responsibility to ensure that you have submitted a complete and fully compliant proposal.

- 7.1.2. Any incomplete or

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and some 10,000 experts. It is a leading provider of conservation data, assessments and analysis. Its broad membership enables IUCN to fill the role of incubator and trusted repository of best practices, tools and international standards.

IUCN provides a neutral space in which diverse stakeholders including governments, NGOs, scientists, businesses, local communities, indigenous peoples organisations and others can work together to forge and implement solutions to environmental challenges and achieve sustainable development.

Working with many partners and supporters, IUCN implements a large and diverse portfolio of conservation projects worldwide. Combining the latest science with the traditional knowledge of local communities, these projects work to reverse habitat loss, restore ecosystems and improve people's well-being.

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ATTACHMENT 1

Background of the project:

IUCN, International Union for Conservation of Nature, is the world's largest and most diverse environmental network. IUCN's work focuses on valuing and conserving nature, ensuring effective and equitable governance of its use, and deploying nature-based solutions to global challenges in climate, food and development. In 2014, IUCN became an accredited Project Agency of the Global Environment Facility (GEF).

The GEF funded Blue and Green Islands Integrated Program is one of 11 integrated programs formulated under the GEF 8 programmatic directions. The overall Program Objective of the Integrated Program whose development is led by UNDP is to "Move towards an Equitable, Nature-positive, Carbon neutral and pollution free world". The programme will be focusing on three broad areas to advance transformational systems regionally and globally.

The Republic of Palau's project, "Transforming productivity in Palau's food systems through nature positive innovations" child project EOI with IUCN as the GEF Agency was selected by GEF Secretariat to be funded under the GEF 8 Blue Green Islands integrated program.

The project aligns directly to the BGI's two main components of integrating nature into fiscal policies (for food systems) and implementation of Nature-based Solutions at landscape and seascape levels while supporting transformation of Palau's food systems with support from the tourism industry. This

IUCN/SPREP/SPC-led Communities of Practice, that will facilitate the exchange of information and best practices among stakeholders. This system will include tools such as peer-to-peer learning exchanges, workshops, and training sessions, as well as an online platform for sharing information and resources. This will align with the SIDS Nature-Based Solutions Accelerator and SIDS Private Sector & Finance Facility (PS&FF) to ensure learning from NbS implementation in FSM can be harnessed for replication and scaling.

This project will be funded through the Blue Green Islands Integrated Program and biodiversity / land degradation focal areas of the GEF, up to USD 6,000,000 STAR allocation with USD 2,000, 000 IP incentive and is expected to mobilize USD 11,700,000 in co-financing. The project preparation grant (PPG) available for this project is up to USD 200,000. The approved project is presently in the form of a draft concept note and can be shared upon request.

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Completion of GEF and IUCN Validation and submission to CEO	10%
After GEF CEO approval following addressing feedback from GEF Secretariat	10%

The budget requested for the preparation of the project will have to be aligned with the PPG funds available (see project background in part 2 above)

Travel

The contract will require the Consultant to travel to the region as agreed with IUCN. Cost of travel will be provided in the bid and will have to comply with the IUCN policy on travel.