



Consultancy services for scientific support to the Advisory Board on Ecosystem Services.

Introduction

LifeWatch ERIC is a prominent e-Science and Technology European Infrastructure that plays a crucial role in facilitating users and stakeholders in addressing societal challenges related to biodiversity and ecosystems. This infrastructure is particularly relevant for tackling issues associated with climate change, resource efficiency, food security, agriculture, sustainable development, energy supply, security, and health.

The consultant will provide technical support to IUCN and the Ecosystem Services advisor of LifeWatch ERIC to deliver the Ecosystem Services Advisory Board program and reports. This



- I Project activities reporting
 - (1) Keep true and accurate records of the discussions held during each of the meetings related to project.
 - (2) Ensure the completion of the tasks referred in annex 1 "Scope and Methodology"
 - (3) Support the development of preliminary reports on Ecosystem Services that will be used as reference framework to inform the discussions of the Advisory Board Meetings.
 - (4) Deliver summary reports for each of the three thematic "Blocks" in which the program and deliverables are structured.
 - (5) Ensure all deliverables of the IUCN LIFE Watch ERIC Agreement are finalised in a timely manner.

- II. Provide support in analysing the ecosystem services in the context of the Andalusian, National and EU legal frameworks in order to assess opportunities for governance scenarios based on Ecosystem Services approaches.

- III. Lead the preparation of working documents and forecasts

Deliverables

- Partial report at midterm
- Advisory body meetings minutes (English and Spanish versions).
- Final report
- Photo



Annex 1 SCOPE AND METHODOLOGY

All tasks will be organized in workshops previously agreed between LifeWatch ERIC and IUCN and will be discussed with experts and collaborating entities prior action. The initial WP s are described below:

Stage I: Habitats Directive, Habitats definition Criteria, and Critical Ecosystem Services.
Main tasks will be:

- a) Gap Analysis and assessment of the defining conservation status assessment criteria, for both Community Interests and Priority Habitats in relation with their functionality and capacity to serve as unit or proxy

