

## **INVITATION TO APPLY**

### **“Sustainable Financing and Management of Eastern Caribbean Marine Ecosystems” Project**

Loan No: TF010220

The Nature Conservancy has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Sustainable Financing and Management of Eastern Caribbean Marine Ecosystems Project and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services. The Nature Conservancy invites eligible consulting firms (“Consultants”) to apply for the **Monitoring and Evaluation (Indicator Set) Specialist** position. For more details, please review the attached Terms of Reference.

#### ***Duration:***

The expected duration of this consultancy is approximately seven months from the date of execution of contract.

#### ***Objective of the Consultancy:***

The purpose of this consultancy is to develop an Eco-Regional Monitoring Management and Evaluation Plan for the marine protected area systems of Participating Countries (Antigua & Barbuda, Grenada, St. Kitts & Nevis, St. Lucia, and St. Vincent & the Grenadines). This plan will outline (a) the biophysical and socio-economic indicators to use for each country or across countries to monitor the status of and trends in the protected areas systems, (b) how to collect these indicators, and (c) the roles, responsibilities and frequency for collection.

#### ***Objectives of the Sustainable Financing and Management of Eastern Caribbean Marine Ecosystems Project:***

To address threats to the region’s marine and coastal resources and management challenges, especially the lack of sustainable conservation funding, the 5-year (2011 - 2016) “Sustainable Financing and Management of Eastern Caribbean Marine Ecosystems” project will:

- i. Establish a system of long-term financing mechanisms to sustainably fund protected areas (PAs) in the participating countries:
- ii. Protect over 100,000 hectares of sensitive marine habitat through the gazetting of new protected areas in participating countries, and the establishment of two Marine Protected Areas demonstration sites in the Eastern Caribbean; and

- iii. Establish a regional monitoring system to help restore managers in the region measure progress toward protecting and restoring marine ecosystems and the lives and livelihoods they support.

***Firms will be shortlisted based on:***

- I. *Masters' Degree and Experience of 5 or more years that demonstrates the ability to develop sets of both biological and socio-economic indicators to monitor the status of and trends in marine protected areas systems.*
- II. *A basic knowledge of data platforms and an in depth knowledge of data input requirements*
- III. *A demonstrated ability to work with diverse stakeholders in collaborative data collection.*
- IV. *An understanding of the resources required to establish sustainable monitoring programs in regions with limited financial and human resources*
- V. *Experience in monitoring of marine protected areas with limited funding and capacity*

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 1.9 of the World Bank's *Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants [under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants]* by World Bank Borrowers *Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants* by World Bank Borrowers, May 1, 2010 ("Consultant Guidelines"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest. A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Selection Based on the Consultants' Qualifications method set out in the Consultant Guidelines.

Consultants may associate with other firms in the form of a joint venture or a subconsultancy to enhance their qualifications.

*If you are interested in providing the above services for this project, please send a letter of interest and curriculum vitae to arrive no later than **May 10, 2013** to:*

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Looking forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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