



TERMS OF REFERENCE

Ref: Expert consultant for the analysis of Global Environment Facility's experience on marine protected areas.

Context:

The Global Environment Facility (GEF) unites 182 countries in partnership with international institutions, civil society organizations (CSOs), and the private sector to address global environmental issues while supporting national sustainable development initiatives. Today the GEF is the largest public funder of projects to improve the global environment. As an independently operating financial organization, the GEF provides grants for projects related to biodiversity, climate change, international waters, land degradation, the ozone layer, and persistent organic pollutants.

Since 1991, the GEF has achieved a strong track record with developing countries and countries with economies in transition, providing \$11.5 billion in grants and leveraging \$57 billion in co-financing for over 3,215 projects in over 165 countries.

The GEF, in its role as the financial mechanism of the CBD and consistent with its mandate, funds the incremental cost of achieving the global benefits of biodiversity conservation and sustainable use. To achieve this goal, the GEF-5 (2010-2014) biodiversity focal area strategy encompasses five objectives including (i) improve the sustainability of protected area systems, (ii) mainstream biodiversity conservation and sustainable use into production landscapes/seascapes and sectors, (iii) build capacity to implement the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, (iv) build capacity on access to genetic resources and benefit-sharing, and (v) integrate CBD obligations into national planning processes through enabling activities.

The GEF recognizes the protected areas as to be the main tools for biodiversity conservation within the CBD processes, and for the conservation community as a whole. The GEF plays a unique role in helping Parties to the Convention mobilize sufficient resources to achieve the biodiversity targets related to marine issues. Since its inception, the GEF has supported the management of a total of 1,119 MPAs protecting 231.77 million hectares. The amount and the number of MPA projects have considerably increased since GEF's inception, demonstrating the willingness of GEF recipient countries to advance MPA identification, demarcation and management.

Proposed Short-Term Consultancy to analyze GEF experience in Marine Protected Areas

Considering the substantial number of projects, the long-standing experience and the different approaches supported; an analysis of GEF experience will help inform future programming strategies and contribute to knowledge generation in supporting MPA development.

In June 2012, the Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel (STAP) worked on an advisory document on MPAs. This document intended to provide guidance to assist the GEF-STAP in screening Project Identification Forms and in providing advice in the design of MPA projects. Later this year, the GEF secretariat has started to gather data related to GEF MPA projects in order to develop a database. These preliminary works will feed the study.

The study will be conducted based on the existing list of projects that GEF has supported, and on interview of key experts and some of the MPAs managers. The study will analyze how the GEF finance has been used for MPA management, showing notably which kind of activities has been funded, for which IUCN category, and in which financial context. The study will also highlight the spatial and temporal investment done by the GEF in MPA, since its inception. The study will help to determine to which extent some type of support has potential advantages, what conditions are necessary to ensure the success of GEF support to MPA, and what has been the GEF project outcomes in MPA management to date.

The study will deliver two main outputs:

- (i) Upgrading the GEF MPA database by compiling relevant information on all GEF projects that financed and supported MPAs and by developing filters helping the analysis of the portfolio,

- (ii) Analysis of trends with respect to the GEF experience on MPAs.

Activities and Timeline:

The consultancy will be 20 days, and all work must be completed during the period from May 15 – June 28, 2013. Specific activities and proposed delivery dates are as follows:

Activities	Products	Product delivery
Meet the GEF secretariat to gather detailed information on the ToR	Minutes of the meeting, clarifying the methodology and timelines – Product 1	May 15, 2013
Read GEF documents, major articles on MPA financing, and interview of key experts and MPA managers	List of reviewed literature and Interviewed people – Product 2	May 30, 2013
Formulation of the database and submission for discussion to GEF secretariat	-	May 30, 2013
Review of all MPA projects funded by the GEF and inclusion to the database	GEF database completed – Product 3	June 15, 2013
Develop an analysis on the GEF experience on MPA, based on the information extracted from the database, interviews, and project evaluation reports. Submission for discussion to GEF secretariat	-	June 19, 2013
Integration of comments to the analysis	Analysis of GEF experience on MPA – Product 4	June 23, 2013
Preparation of the material for a brochure on MPA	Material of the MPA brochure available – Product 5	June 28, 2013

Qualifications:

Applicants for the consultancy must meet the following criteria:

- Post graduate degree in Environmental Sciences.
- Minimum 5 years of proven experience in database development and analysis.
- Minimum of 5 years of proven experience in Marine Protected Areas field.
- Excellent writing in English.

Application Process:

CV and Expression of Interest should be submitted by email to Charlotte Gobin at cgobin@thegef.org, by April 24, 2013. Only selected candidates will be contacted for interview.