

Technical Consultant (Ecosystem Zoning Plans)

Project: Meeting the Challenge of 2020 in The Bahamas
Post title: Technical Consultant
Duration: 3 months
Duty station: Home-based

Expected Outcomes and Deliverables

The Technical Consultant's main duties and responsibilities are to develop and finalise ecosystem-wide zoning plans for the five (5) target areas under the GEF 2020 Project and include;

- Review all available information, existing spatial data, and potential holders/sources of data for the 5-target areas
- Stakeholder mapping exercise to identify stakeholders and their patterns of use in each of the 5 target areas
- Conduct a skills gap assessment of MPA management agencies as it relates to zoning
- Work with the marine protected area managers (BNT) in the stakeholder engagement exercises to ensure data and knowledge from stakeholders are incorporated into the zoning plan
- Develop a series of maps for each of the target areas (including biological resources, stakeholder usage, land use, and zones (protected areas boundaries, zoning categories, etc)
- Develop zoning plan for each of the 5 target areas
- Work closely with the consultant responsible for the development of the spatially-based decision support system (SDSS) to ensure data and knowledge from the zoning plan process is standardized and incorporated into the SDSS (e.g. imagery, metadatabases etc).

Reporting structure

The Technical Consultant will report to the NPC and the NEA.

Qualifications

Education

A minimum Master's Degree in the field of Urban and Regional Planning, Geographic Information Systems, Environmental Planning, Land-use Planning, Environmental Sciences, or similar field for the lead consultant ii. Evidence of the ability to develop GIS based spatial plans

Required Skills

- The consultant shall have excellent spatial planning, analytical, report writing and communication skills, and excellent knowledge of English.
- The consultant will be expected to collaborate with national, regional and international institution/individuals involved in the GEF 2020 project.
- The consultant will also be required to lead and participate in workshops and seminars with key stakeholders during the consultancy.
- The consultant will at a minimum be required to lead the Inception Workshop and Validation Workshop and participate in at least two other workshops with stakeholders.

Experience

- The Lead Consultant shall have minimum 15 years of professional experience in the field of Physical/Spatial/Land-use planning and a sound track record of at least 10 successfully completed Zoning Plans or Spatial/Land-use Plans, out of which s/he shall have been the lead consultant or lead expert in a minimum of 5 (to be clearly stated in the CV provide evidence of such).
- The Consultant should demonstrate capacity to develop GIS based Spatial and Land Use Plans by attaching copies of Zoning Plans.
- Previous experience/knowledge in incorporation/mainstreaming of MPA, Climate Change issues in the development of Spatial Plans or Zoning Plans shall be considered an advantage.
- Familiarity with The Bahamas is desirable.

Language

Fluency in English is required.