

**PROCUREMENT NOTICE****44568****Project Implementer: Indian Ocean Commission****Project: Western Indian Ocean Highway Development and Coastal and Marine Contamination Prevention Project****Financing: The project will be funded by GEF through the World Bank****Abstract: Consultants specialists in (1) Oil Spill Contingency Planning, (2) Environmentally Sensitive Areas Mapping and (3) Ecosystem Evaluation to provide services in the beneficiary countries which are Comoros, Kenya, Madagascar, Mauritius, Mozambique, Tanzania, Seychelles and South Africa.****Sector: Consultants****Loan/Credit Number: Trust Fund N090304. Project ID No.P078643.****Deadline: 31 July 2008**

The Indian Ocean Commission (IOC) now invites interested consultants to register their interest for the above referred specialists' short term time-based consultancy services.

Selected consultants will thereafter be invited to submit Proposal for Services on a time – based short term contract to provide specific services in the project beneficiary countries for the preparation of Oil Spill Contingency Plans, Environmentally Sensitive Areas maps and for Ecosystem Evaluation.

**Indian Ocean Commission (IOC)** is an Inter-Governmental Organisation created in 1984 under the General Agreement of Victoria (Seychelles) and it comprises the following five countries: Comoros, France (Reunion), Madagascar, Mauritius and Seychelles.

Amongst its many missions, it is responsible for the implementation of marine and coastal projects under COMESA and to promoting maritime safety and the prevention, reduction and control of marine environment degradation from sea-based activities including spills at sea from bilge etc. In this particular project, IOC is collaboration with South African Marine Safety Authority (SAMSA) will be responsible for the implementation of the above referred project.

**The WIOMH project**

The main project will be implemented under a triangular agreement between WB/South Africa (SAMSA), WB/IOC and SAMSA/IOC. The project as a whole will be implemented under the direction of the Regional Coordinator based in South Africa. However Components b and C of the project dealing with oil spill contingency planning and coastal resources protection will be implemented by the IOC, as further indicated below.

The overall project's medium to long-term global environmental goal is to reduce the risk of ship-based environmental contamination and to strengthen the capacity of countries to respond to oil or chemical spill emergencies in the region.

The project has three specific global environmental objectives. The first is to ascertain the economic, technical, and institutional feasibility of introducing modern aids to navigation systems in the region, such as an electronically supported marine highway, to guide ships through sensitive areas and to encourage monitoring of the movements and activities of fishing and other vessels operating within countries' territorial waters. The second objective is to support widening the existing regional agreement (June 5, 1998) on port state control and implementation of its provisions. The third objective, focusing on Kenya, Mozambique, South Africa, and Tanzania, is to reduce risks of environmental damage to beaches, fishing grounds, and other domestic resources from spills of oil and chemicals.

## **Terms of Reference**

### **Activities to be carried out by the IOC under the project Agreement**

#### **Component B capacity Building for the prevention of Coastal Marine Pollution**

Carry out activities to enhance knowledge in the prevention of coastal and marine contamination within the region including,

1. Conducting comprehensive capacity building program to include seminars, workshops and training of trainers on, inter alia, promote safe marine navigation, development and implementation of national contingency plan, prevention of marine and coastal pollution , risk assessment and development of appropriate responses strategies enforcing of fisheries regulations , and related matters;
2. Supporting the development of the site specific pollution prevention and contingency management plans for coastal and marine biodiversity hotspots with high risk profiles;
3. Supporting the development of a methodology to carry out baseline studies to identify key environmental resources; and
4. Supporting the development of a regional database and geographical information system on marine and coastal resources.

#### **Component C: Building capacity for regional oil response**

1. provision of advisory services to participating states for the adoption and implementation of International Maritime Organization conventions;
2. Carrying out activities to assist participating states to develop or update national oil spill contingency plans and support the development of the marine ecosystem sensitivity map
3. Assess the needs and preparing specifications for oil spill response equipments;
4. Carry out activities to facilitate the regional integration for monitoring environmental conditions and causes of environmental degradation and damage.

## **Responsibility**

The consultants will be recruited to provide specific inputs in achieving the goals of the project which are as follows:

1. Initiate, train and assist in the preparation of National Oil Spill Contingency Plans.
2. Initiate, train and oversee the preparation of Environmentally Sensitive coastal areas maps
3. Initiate, train and assist in the ecosystem evaluation of coastal and marine resources.

***Qualifications and experience of the consultants are as follows:***

Consultants are expected to have at least an MSC University degree in Environment in the relevant field for the satisfactory discharge of their missions (ii) they should have at least 5 years of proven practical experience in similar projects and in areas of their speciality at regional or international level and (iii) be very fluent in spoken and written English and French and knowledge of Portuguese would be an advantage

☞ **additional requirements**

Good familiarity with the national institutional, policy and regulatory frameworks relating to maritime affairs and environment and knowledge of international laws and conventions relevant to the project such as IMO conventions and UNCLOS

☞ Good knowledge and working experience in the region is highly desired

☞ Good communication and report writing skills;

☞ Understanding and sensitivity to the diversity of cultures, traditions and languages of Western Indian Ocean region would be an advantage.

☞ Familiarity with the policies, programmes and operating styles of the local and national governments that are participating in the Western Indian Ocean Highway Development and Coastal and Marine Contamination Prevention Project would also be an asset

Consultants/s will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the World Bank's *Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants by WorldBank Bank Borrowers* (May 2004 Revised October 2006).

The IOC now invites interested but suitably qualified Consultants to register their interest with the Indian Ocean Commission, and submit the following information: (1) General information on the Consultant's experience in the field of the assignment, description of previous assignments/works, references and other relevant experiences and (2) Information on availability for the assignment, experience and remuneration history etc must be provided.

Following the evaluation of the registered interests, the short listed consultants will be invited to submit their proposals for final selection and contract signature.

Interested Consultants must register their interest with the Indian Ocean Commission by **31<sup>st</sup> July 2008**.

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