



REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

CONSULTANCY SERVICE TO CONDUCT AN EVALUATION OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE BELIZE INTEGRATED COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT PLAN (ICZM) (2016)

The process for the development of the draft ICZM Plan started in 2010 and was completed in 2013. However, challenges with the endorsement process mandated by the Coastal Zone Management (CZM) Act resulted in the ICZM plan being put on hold until 2014 when the CZM Board was re-established. An Implementation Plan and Monitoring Protocol was developed in 2015 to ensure successful implementation and reporting on the progress towards implementation of the ICZM plan. Subsequently, the ICZM Plan was endorsed by the Government of Belize in 2016 and the implementation of the plan commenced.

However, the CZM Act stipulates that the Plan shall be revised during the period of four years commencing from the date of its coming into operation, and during such revision, the provision of subsections (2), (3) and (4) shall apply in respect of the revision.

As a result, the Coastal Zone Management Authority and Institute (CZMA) has received funds for the project “Strengthening Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM) Planning in Belize” under a regionally funded project from the Global Environment Facility (GEF) entitled “Integrated Ridge to Reef Management of the Mesoamerican Reef System (MAR)” which aims to contribute to the conservation and sustainable use of fresh water, coastal and marine shared resources, in the transboundary MAR eco-region. The project aims for the implementation of a Ridge to Reef approach, therefore ensuring economic benefits and sustainable means of life for participating countries and communities.

To this end, CZMAI is seeking the expertise of a suitably qualified and experienced consulting firm to conduct an external evaluation of the implementation of the ICZM Plan in order to report on progress, achievements, gaps and challenges as well as to outline the strengths and weaknesses of the Plan. Furthermore, the evaluation should assess mainstreaming of the recommendations of the ICZM Plan across the various Government Departments involved in the decision-making process on issues impacting the coastal zone and include the practical and feasible recommendations for addressing these.

The expected outputs of the consultancy include a report on the findings of the evaluation with specific recommendations and solutions to improve delivery and address bottlenecks and mainstreaming challenges with the institutionalization of the ICZM Plan as well as a case study



Proyecto Manejo Integrado "De la Cuenca al Arrecife" de la Ecorregión del Arrecife Mesoamericano -MAR2R- documenting the process used and lessons learnt during the development and implementation of the Plan that can serve as a knowledge sharing tool for the MAR region.

The Consulting Firm is expected to include a minimum of two (2) members with expertise in coastal and marine resource management, integrated coastal zone management, environmental management or natural resource management and planning or institutional development studies.

Professional and Skills requirements:

1. The **Lead Consultant/ICZM Expert** must possess at minimum of a Master's Degree and 10 years' experience in area of expertise.
2. The **Institutional Development/Planning Specialist** must possess at least a Bachelor's Degree and at least five (5) years of demonstrated experience in planning, policy development in the field of natural resource management.

CZMAI hereby invites eligible Consulting firms to submit a technical and financial proposal indicating competence, relevant experience and appropriate budget for completion of the work. Packages should also include Curriculum Vitae (for each individual consultant).

For additional information on the consultancy, interested Consulting firms may send an email to director@coastalzonebelize.org. Interested Firms should submit electronic packages no later than 5:00 pm (Belize Time) on October 30, 2020 to:

Director
Coastal Zone Management Authority and Institute
Re: "Consultancy -Evaluation of the Implementation of the ICZM Plan (2016)"

CZMAI shall not be bound to defray any cost incurred by Consulting Firms in preparing and submitting their Expressions of Interest.