



## **South West Indian Ocean Tuna Forum (SWIOTUNA)**

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### **TERMS OF REFERENCE**

#### **CONSULTANCY TO ESTABLISH THE STATUS, ACHIEVEMENTS AND IMPACTS OF COLLABORATIVE FISHERIES MANAGEMENT APPROACHES IN THE SWIO REGION**

##### **BACKGROUND AND CONTEXT**

Collaborative fisheries management involves shared responsibility between government agencies and the fishery stakeholders. In the South West Indian Ocean (SWIO) region, collaborative fisheries management approaches among the government agencies and the fisher folk have emerged over the years. These approaches foster active participation of local fishing communities in managing fisheries resources and their associated ecosystems. The stakeholder groups are ready, willing and able to assume greater responsibility in utilizing and managing fisheries resources. The ability of fishers to organize themselves to participate in the management process depends, in part, on the existence of social networks and trust among the key actors involved.

Collaborative fisheries management features distinct seascapes, sites and structures. In Kenya and Tanzania for instance, a co-management area is an area in which the Beach Management Unit (BMU) undertakes fisheries management activities jointly with the government agencies. In Madagascar, the concept is enshrined in Locally Managed Marine Areas (LMMAs). Collaborative fisheries management in Mozambique has been practiced through fishing resources community management committees.

Despite the efforts made towards strengthening collaborative fisheries management to enhance self-regulation and user compliance with fishing regulations in the different countries, however, the co-management approach has not yet been effective in addressing the challenges of sustainable fisheries. It is envisaged that this study will identify comprehensively challenges facing collaborative management, innovative solutions and the success stories to be up-scaled.

## **GEOGRAPHICAL SCOPE**

The geographical scope of this consultancy is limited to the South West Indian Ocean (SWIO) range states. The outcomes of the study will inform adaptive and effective fisheries co-management strategies not only in the case study countries but all the SWIO range states.

## **OBJECTIVE OF THE ASSIGNMENT**

The main objective of this consultancy is to establish the status, achievements and impacts of collaborative fisheries management approaches in the SWIO region with a view to addressing remaining barriers and scaling out successful prototypes. This would help in adapting new and innovative ways for strengthening effective co-management as a tool for sustainable development and management of small-scale fisheries resources in the SWIO region.

Specific objectives are as follows;

1. identify impactful sustainable collaborative fisheries management interventions or its resemblance that are being implemented by the national fisheries management agencies, coastal communities and other non-state actors in the SWIO region.
2. identify the barriers, challenges and constraints to effective and efficient collaborative fisheries management.
3. define a set of strategies and recommendations that WWF, the relevant SWIO governments and development partners could implement to ensure effective and efficient all-inclusive sustainable collaborative fisheries management in the respective SWIO range states.

## **WORK TO BE CARRIED OUT BY THE CONSULTANT**

The consultant will perform the following task as assigned to this work:

1. Review existing information, reports, documents and data with regard to collaborative fisheries management in the SWIO region.
2. Conduct interviews with relevant CSOs and coastal communities, and visit some of the community based collaborative fisheries management initiatives in the select countries and sites in the SWIO region.
3. Capture photographs that will accompany the case studies on collaborative fisheries management in Kenya, Tanzania, Madagascar and Mozambique and have them appropriately presented in the report.
4. Identify and document best practices, experiences and/or interventions carried out by coastal communities in a collaborative fisheries management approaches.
5. Collate, synthesize and package the information in the most appropriate way to produce the report that highlights the best practices and interventions implemented in a collaborative arrangement, main barriers and how these can be addressed.

6. Present to SWIOTUNA Secretariat the draft consultancy report for review and any feedback.

## **DELIVERABLES TO SWIOTUNA**

1. The inception report with details on the methodology and work plan for executing this assignment.
2. Report on status, achievements, lesson learnt and best practices on collaborative fisheries management.

NOTE: Further works or revisions of the study report may be required and if the final document does not meet the requirements of the TOR, it may not be accepted and the client (SWIOTUNA) will be at liberty to reject it with service provider (Consultant) bearing the liability

## **IMPLEMENTATION**

The selected consultant will have overall responsibility of the project. SWIOTUNA Coordinator will facilitate day-to-day administration and management of this assignment for effective guidance and leadership to ensure deliver of the results as outlined in this TOR.

## **COMPENSATION**

SWIOTUNA will pay the consultant a professional fee to the winning bidder.

## **INDICATIVE TIMELINE**

The duration of the assignment is within one and a half calendar month although actual implementation plan could be discussed and agreed by both parties. It is expected that the whole task should be finished within 6 weeks from the starting date. The assignment is expected to commence immediately, and takes max 50 days, which includes desk review, preparation, field work, report-writing and submission of final report.

## **REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE**

1. An undergraduate University degree in fisheries science, natural resources, biology, technology, or other relevant field, complimented with some background engagement in sustainable fisheries management and co-management.
2. At least 10 years of working experience in fisheries and related disciplines in the in the SWIO region, including fisheries management, fisheries research, fish quality and safety, fish trade and policy.
3. Expertise and profound knowledge with sustainable collaborative fisheries management at the SWIO region.

4. A good understanding of the SWIO region and working local fishing communities, knowledge in English, both written and spoken.

## HOW TO APPLY

Those interested are required to submit their letter of intent in English to the undersigned with the following;

1. A technical proposal outlining the methodology
2. A financial (USD Currency) proposal highlighting the budget of the entire consultancy including the work program and costs.
3. A profile and CVs of the consultant(s) undertaking the work indicating relevant experience and contribution of each one of them in this assignment.
4. Necessary brochures and other relevant information showing past experience in related field, demonstrate your expertise by showing the experience, academic background, an inventory of past and current assignments of similar nature.
5. Contact addresses (Postal, email and telephone) of at least three referees and any other information that may show the consultant's ability to carry out the assignment to satisfaction

The letter of intent, technical and financial proposal in electronic format should reach the undersigned on or before the 12<sup>th</sup> August of 2021 at 12.00hrs (East African Time) via email [info@swiotuuna.org](mailto:info@swiotuuna.org) with cc to [swiotuuna@gmail.com](mailto:swiotuuna@gmail.com) with the **marking Collaborative Fisheries Management**. No letter of intent and proposal will be accepted after the deadline. Consultants will be selected in accordance with the procedures and criteria set out by SWIOTUNA and their decision shall be final.

