



3.1.2 Identification and planning of new MPAs to extend the regional network and enhance its ecological representativeness

3.1.2.5 Planning for the management of the Marine Protected Area of Sallum Bay (Egypt)

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Socio-economic study regarding the Marine Protected Area (MPA) of Sallum Bay

1. BACKGROUND

The Regional Activity Centre for Specially Protected Areas (UNEP/MAP-RAC/SPA) has received the financial support of the European Commission (EC), the Spanish Agency for International Cooperation to Development (AECID) and the French Global Environment Facility (FFEM) to implement a Regional Project for the Development of a Mediterranean Marine and Coastal Protected Areas (MPAs) Network through the boosting of MPA Creation and Management (MedMPAnet Project).

The MedMPAnet project is part of the UNEP/MAP-GEF MedPartnership “Strategic Partnership for the Mediterranean Sea Large Marine Ecosystem”. This partnership enables a coordinated and strategic approach to catalyze the policy, legal and institutional reforms, and the investments necessary to reverse the degradation trends affecting this unique large marine ecosystem, including its coastal habitats and biodiversity.

The objective of the MedMPAnet project consists in enhancing the effective conservation of regionally important coastal and marine biodiversity features, through the creation of an ecologically coherent MPA network in the Mediterranean region, as required by Barcelona Convention's Protocol concerning Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean (SPA/BD Protocol). This will effectively expand the existing network of MPA managers in the Mediterranean to include the rest of the Mediterranean and assist the partner countries to implement the prioritized elements of the Strategic Action Programme for the Conservation of Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean Region (SAP BIO) through the provision of a series of enabling activities at national, sub-regional and regional levels. The twelve following Mediterranean riparian countries are beneficiaries of this Project: Albania, Algeria, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Croatia, Egypt, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Montenegro, Lebanon, Tunisia and Turkey.

Initially, the Project did not include any biodiversity-related pilot activity for Egypt. However, thanks to additional funds from EC over the 2014 – mid-2015 period, RAC/SPA was able to provide some support to the efforts of development of marine and coastal protected areas in the Egyptian Mediterranean coasts.

Taking into account the Project available resources and time and with reference to the outcomes of the technical coordination meeting held in Cairo (Egypt) on the 18th of January 2015, between the Egyptian Environmental Affairs Agency (EEAA) and RAC/SPA, the proposed activity for Egypt, at this stage, aims at carrying out a literature review and a socio-economic study on the Sallum Bay Marine Protected Area. Following this preparatory phase, a second phase will be implemented over the 2016-2017 period and will be dedicated to the elaboration of a management plan.

2. OBJECTIVE

To carry out a literature review and collect data on the relevant socio-economic activities related to the Sallum Bay Marine Protected Area.

3. TASKS TO BE PERFORMED

The Consultant(s) will perform the following tasks:

1. Literature review and data collection to fill gaps in fisheries knowledge by establishing a description of fisheries in the area, in particular the small-scale fishery, and assessing the following aspects:
 - Fleet and boat characteristics;
 - Spatial and temporal distribution of fishing effort;
 - main characteristics of fishing grounds;
 - Analysis of historical fishing statistics;
 - Characteristics of marine resources;
 - Marketing structure and mechanisms.
2. Analysis of the touristic and any other relevant activity in the area,
3. Identification and analysis of the sector-based development plans for fishing, tourism and for basic infrastructure (projects for roads/motorways, ports, marinas, etc.),
4. Identification and analysis of stakeholders through a technical expertise: (i) identify stakeholders (individuals and organized groups) to participate in the MPA management process, (ii) survey needs and demands from stakeholders and (iii) propose the outlines of a participatory mechanisms tailored to the Sallum Bay MPA,
5. Preparation of a report compiling the reviewed literature and collected data.

The Consultant(s) will collect and supplement the available data by field surveys using questionnaires directly to the concerned administrations, fishermen, local population, tourist operators, etc.

For the good running of the above-mentioned tasks, the Consultant(s) will be working in close collaboration and under the supervision of the EEAA and RAC/SPA.

4. FORMAT OF DELIVERABLES

The report of the present study will be submitted in Arabic and translated into English. The report format to be used, including logos to be included, will be provided by EEAA and RAC/SPA.

5. DURATION

The effective number of working days needed to perform the tasks set out in Section 3 (Tasks to be performed) is estimated at 25 days. The Contract shall terminate upon satisfactory and timely completion of all tasks to be undertaken, but not later than 30 April 2015.

6. REMUNERATION

RAC/SPA shall pay the Consultant the sum of 6,600 Euros (the equivalent of 7,500 US Dollars) as remuneration for the services performed under these terms of reference/Contract.

This budget includes all the Consultant(s) mission related fees (local transportation, field surveys, framework/bilateral meetings, data collection and compilation, telecommunications, secretariat, etc.).

7. APPLICATION

Who could apply: Only national (Egyptian) experts having proven technical expertise in socio-economics related to the marine environment and/or fisheries. National (Egyptian) experts having proven expertise in related fields such as fisheries economics, fisheries science, marine environment and marine protected areas, could also apply.

How: Please send your CV and a brief covering letter to Mr. Mohamed Said Abd El-Warith: mohamed7j@hotmail.com and Mr. Atef Limam: atef.limam@rac-spa.org

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