

# Terms of reference for the Consultant Assistant to help out completion of ClimVar & ICZM project activities

## Post: Consultant Assistant

### Scope & Duration

Scope: This ToR refers to the tasks related to the finalisation of the PAP/RAC activities within the GEF project "Integration of climatic variability and change into national strategies to implement the ICZM Protocol in the Mediterranean"(the ClimVar & ICZM).

Duration: February 1<sup>st</sup> 2015 – June 31<sup>st</sup> 2015.

### Background

1. The general background and information concerning the GEF project "Integration of climatic variability and change into national strategies to implement the ICZM Protocol in the Mediterranean" are provided in the Project Document, Inception Report and Annual reports. The structure of the project is presented in Annex I.
2. The Climate Variability Project – complementary to the overall GEF/UNEP/World Bank Strategic Partnership for the Mediterranean Sea Large Marine Ecosystem (the MedPartnership) initiative - has been designed to support the implementation of the ICZM Protocol in the Mediterranean. The objective of the project is to create an enabling environment for the integration of climatic variability and change (CV&C) coping strategies into ICZM policies, plans and programs of Mediterranean countries by (i) strengthening the understanding of the impacts of CV&C on the coastal zones of the Mediterranean region and (ii) establishing the needed information exchange mechanisms, capacity and regional pilot experiences.
3. This ToRs primarily falls under Component 2 "Strengthening the knowledge base on regional climate variability and change", activity 2.1.2. "Assessment of environmental and socio-economic impacts and evaluation of response options in two critically vulnerable sites". This activity is one of the central activities of this project. However, it is of particular importance to link the results of this component with the PAP/RAC activities of the Component 3, but also with the activities and results of the MedPartnership project. Three particularly important integrations are the following two:
  - assessment of the environmental and socio-economic impacts and evaluation of response options for the Šibenik-Knin County and the Coastal Plan for the same zone;
  - assessment of the environmental and socio-economic impacts and evaluation of response options for the Croatian coast and the MedPartnership replication project – Marine and Coastal Strategy for Croatia;
  - Climagine participatory method results with the Šibenik-Knin County Coastal Plan.

In addition, experience from the Component 2 is to be presented in the methodological document, at the Regional Workshop, in the locations of the assessments but also within the new module of the MedOpen, internet training course on ICZM which will be supplemented with the module on climate variability and change adaptation – in the framework of this project.

## Key Tasks

- Assisting PAP/RAC project Task manager in:
  - securing full integration and use of the results of “Assessment of environmental and socio-economic impacts and evaluation of response options in two critically vulnerable sites” with the PAP/RAC tasks of the Component 3;
  - organising presentation of the results of the assessment for Croatia, and for Šibenik-Knin county;
  - organising Regional Workshop to present the results and the methodology of the assessments;
  - assistance in integrating Climagine results into Coastal Plan for Šibenik
  - organising Final ClimVar & ICZM workshop;
  - finalisation and wrapping-up of the project activities;
  - administrative tasks related to the project management;
  - assisting in organising other meetings and presentations of results as needed.

## Detailed deliverables

Three (3) Progress Reports containing description of the activities performed in the due period.

## Responsibility and Communication

The Consultant will work in a close collaboration and will be directly responsible to the project Task Manager and Task Assistants.

## Qualifications

The consultant should have the following educational and professional qualifications:

- Professional level with some experience in ICZM and/or climate change, preferably/ partly in the Mediterranean;
- Recognised high-level qualification in ICZM and/or climate change;
- Some experience and ability to use GIS;
- Some experience/training in Climagine/Imagine participatory method or in sustainability indicators;
- Ability to analyse issues and information and prepare briefs and summaries on key ideas;
- Strong research skills, combined with superior communication and interpersonal skills;
- Strong English skills, both in written and oral format; knowledge of French will be an advantage.

## Input

3 months of the contract period.

## Outputs and Deadlines

Outputs	Deadline
a. 1 <sup>st</sup> Progress Report	15 <sup>th</sup> March 2014
b. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Progress Report	1 <sup>st</sup> May, 2014
c. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Progress Report	31 <sup>st</sup> June, 2014

## Annex I

### “Integration of climatic variability and change into national strategies to implement the ICZM Protocol in the Mediterranean”

#### The Climate Variability Project - Structure

##### **Component 1: Establishment of a CV&C information sharing platform**

- 1.1.1. Assessment of regional and national programs for monitoring and tracking CV&C and its impacts, including capacity assessments
- 1.1.2. Regional consensus and validation of synthesis report and agreement on ToRs of MedICIP (Mediterranean Integrated Climate Information platform)
- 1.1.3. Development of the Online Multi country Information Sharing Platform on CV&C monitoring data in coastal areas

##### **Component 2: Strengthening the knowledge base on regional climate variability and change**

- 2.1.1. Regional analyses of sea-level rise and storm surges, of changes in water characteristics and marine acidification, and with special focus on river deltas and on the identification of vulnerable areas/hotspots.
- 2.1.2. Assessment of environmental and socio-economic impacts in two critically vulnerable sites, and evaluation of response options.
- 2.1.3. Regional assessment of socioeconomic impacts of CV&C and adaptation options in coastal zones for various scenarios.
- 2.1.4. Synthesis of regional scientific information and regional trends on climate variability and change and ICZM.

##### **Component 3: Support to ICZM Protocol implementation and capacity building**

- 3.1.1. Methodology and tools for mainstreaming climate variability considerations into national ICZM planning and practices developed considering synergy with other related national plans (IWRM, NSSD, CCA, etc)
- 3.1.2. Integrated management plan developed in one of the locations 2.1.2.
- 3.2.1. Existing inter-ministerial coordination mechanisms capacitated to mainstream climate variability and change issues into ICZM planning processes.
- 3.2.2. Awareness raising, policy dialogue and capacity building processes on implications of climate variability on ICZM protocol and other related national policies for policy makers and stakeholders supported.
- 3.2.3. Mediterranean Clearing House Mechanism established to disseminate knowledge on most efficient tools to address CV&C impacts in coastal areas across the region
- 3.3.1. Project web site

##### **Component 4: Project Management**