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| International Consultant- Terminal Evaluation Of Sindhudurg Coastal and marine ecosystem (scme) | |
| **Location:** | Sindhudurg, Maharashtra, India |
| **Application Deadline:** | 31-May-17 **(Midnight New York, USA)** |
| **Time left:** |  |
| **Type of Contract:** | Individual Contract |
| **Post Level:** | International Consultant |
| **Languages Required:** | English |
| **Starting Date:** (date when the selected candidate is expected to start) | 18-June-2017 |
| **Duration of Initial Contract:** | 30 working days till July 2017 |

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| Background |
| The Sindhudurg Coastal and Marine Ecosystem (SCME), located on the west coast of India (Maharashtra) is one of the 11 ecologically and economically critical habitats identified along the Indian coast. The area is rich in mangroves, coral reefs, apart from varied marine flora and fauna including globally significant species like Whale shark, Indo-pacific humpback dolphins, Olive Ridley, Green and Leatherback turtles. Due to its high ecological importance, 29.12 sq. km of SCME was designated as the Malvan Marine Sanctuary (MMS) in 1987. SCME has enormous economic significance as well, being one of the major fish landing centers, and as a rapidly emerging tourism destination.  **Please note proposal has to be submitted strictly as stipulated in detailed Terms of Reference, online link has been given at the bottom of this document.** |
| Duties and Responsibilities |
| The primary drivers of ecosystem degradation in the SCME include unsustainable fishing by trawlers, an expanding tourism sector, and pollution from fishing vessels and other maritime traffic. The existing institutional arrangement in the SCME being inadequate in addressing these issues from a landscape perspective, the UNDP-GEF intervention aimed to address this through the following outcomes: (1) Cross-sectoral planning framework that mainstreams biodiversity conservation; (2) Enhanced capacity of sector institutions for implementing biodiversity-friendly fisheries management plan, ecotourism management plan and MMS management plan; and (3) Sustainable community livelihoods and natural resource use. By the project end, it has been envisioned that production activities in at least 6,327 sq. km of SCME mainstream biodiversity conservation objectives, in turn improving the conservation prospects of critical species and ecosystems, apart from contributing to the sustainable development of the region.  The immediate project objectives and long-term goal to which the project will contribute is the sustainable management of the globally significant coastal and marine biodiversity of India by mainstreaming biodiversity conservation considerations into production activities in the coastal and marine zones, while also taking into account development imperatives, need for sustaining livelihoods and addressing retrogressive factors such as the anticipated impacts of climate change. |
| Competencies |
| **Functional Competencies:**   * Highly knowledgeable of participatory monitoring and evaluation processes, and experience in evaluation of technical assistance projects with major donor agencies; * Previous evaluation/review experience of UNDP-GEF projects is an advantage; * Familiar with conservation approaches in Asia either through management and/or implementation or through consultancies in evaluation of conservation projects. Understanding of local actions contributing to global benefits is crucial; * Familiar with GEF rules, regulations and project reviews and evaluations; * Demonstrated ability to assess complex situations, succinctly, distil critical issues, and draw forward-looking conclusions and recommendations; * Ability and experience to lead multi-disciplinary and national teams, and deliver quality reports within the given time.   **Core Competencies:**   * Demonstrates commitment to UNDP's mission, vision and values; * Displays cultural, gender, religion, race, nationality and age sensitivity and adaptability; * Higher standards of integrity, discretion and loyalty; * Demonstrates commitment to UNDP's mission, vision and values. |
| Required Skills and Experience |
| **Academic Qualification:**   * Master’s Degree (preferably Ph.D.) in the field of natural /Environmental/ social- sciences or a subject closely related to coastal and marine biodiversity resource management. In-depth understanding of Seascape/landscape ecology conservation approaches and community-based natural resource management as well as experience in inter-sectoral coordination is desirable.   **Professional Qualification**:   * A minimum of 12 years of working experience in the related field is required At least 4 years of technical experience in marine and coastal ecosystems and biodiversity projects in any country or related activities. Experience specific to mainstreaming of marine and coastal biodiversity conservation into production sectors and related projects is advantageous; (Credibility of completion/on-going support documents to be included). * Should have good knowledge of CBD process; * Experience and familiarity with assessments of policies, strategies and possess sufficient knowledge of coastal and marine biodiversity conservation through inter-sectoral coordination matters at the national and local levels is necessary.   **Language:**   * Writing and communication will be in English, and he/she must have excellent communication skills in English.   **Payment Schedule:**   * **10% on**submission and approval of the TE inception report; * **40%** on submission and approval of the 1ST draft terminal evaluation report; * **50%** on submission and approval (UNDP-CO and UNDP RTA) of the final terminal evaluation report.   **Evaluation Criteria:**   * As given in detailed ToR.   **Applications Process:**  As given in detailed ToR.  **For any clarification please write to sandeep.sharma@undp.org**  **Detailed ToR can be accessed at the following link:** |