Terms of Reference

Provision of external service:
Technical assistance for the Mediterranean Biodiversity Protection Community working group 2 “sustainable use of natural resources”

Technical assistance to support the animation/coordination of the Mediterranean Biodiversity Protection Community WP3 and WP4 on Community building and Transferability, in the frame of its working group 2 Sustainable use of natural resources, to develop technical, policy papers, communication documents, based on results and in collaboration with the Biodiversity Protection Community.

Brief description of the MED Biodiversity Protection Community (MBPC)

The Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions of Europe (CPMR) - with the involvement of its Intermediterranean Commission (IMC) - is participating in the Interreg MED Horizontal project Mediterranean Biodiversity Protection Community – Mainstreaming management for environmental sustainability and increasing the impact of Mediterranean biodiversity protection projects towards common identified strategic targets, co-funded by the Interreg MED Programme.

The MBPC targets the Interreg MED Priority Axis 3: "Protecting and promoting Mediterranean natural and cultural resources"; specifically contributing to the Specific Objective 3.2 of the programme: "To maintain biodiversity and natural ecosystems through strengthening the management and networking of protected areas".

The main thematic focus areas of the “MED Biodiversity Protection Community” include coastal and marine management, biodiversity monitoring, sustainable use of natural resources, management of protected areas, climate change, governance, cooperation and scientific and innovative methodologies, under the umbrella of a series of 5 on going Modular Projects (MPs):

- PlasticBustersMPAs (marine litter management in Marine Protected Areas - MPAs)
- MPA Engage (Mediterranean key actors engagement in Ecosystem Approach to manage Marine Protected Areas to face Climate Change)
- MPA Networks (Support MPAs effectiveness through strong and connected networks in the Mediterranean)
- POSBEMED2 (Governance and management of Posidonia beach- dune systems across the Mediterranean)
- TUNE UP (Promoting multilevel governance for tuning up biodiversity protection in marine areas)

The MED Biodiversity Protection Community builds on achievements to increase the impact of 3.2 modular projects’ towards common identified targets and links through:

1) Synthesizing and transferring outcomes on ecosystem protection efforts;
2) Engaging a stakeholders’ community & transferring knowledge beyond the community and the project’s lifetime,
3) Enhancing the communication & dissemination strategy,
4) Developing the long-term capitalization tool ensuring evidence-based policy enforcement.

The activities ensure an active community of Mediterranean actors meant to overcome sectoral borders by integrating knowledge, allowing a better informed multilevel decision-making and management of biodiversity.

The MBPC facilitates multisectoral dialogue with the scientific community to ensure an effective policy-management-science interface in the Mediterranean related to biodiversity protection and sustainable use of coastal and marine natural resources. It pursues the long term strategic goal of the Interreg MED programme by reaching beyond EU Member States into the whole Mediterranean basin. It aims to feed EU, UNEP/MAP Barcelona Convention, the 2030 SDGs and CBD policies linked to the protection of natural resources for sustainable use of natural resources in Mediterranean protected areas and key ecological functional habitats and ecosystems.

1. Background information on the scope of this work

Under the MBPC project partnership agreement and following the approval of the Action Plan of the MED "Biodiversity Protection Community", the CPMR has taken responsibility for the animation and coordination of one of its Work Package (WP4) on “Transferring” and is also coordinating the activities of the Working group 2 on Sustainable use of natural resources based on the WP3 strategy on “Community building”. The CPMR will focus on different capacity building and raising awareness workshops preparation and documentation addressing innovative and collaborative approaches based on tested tools or methodologies to reach a sustainable management of natural resources, targeting local and regional needs to be further implemented in the Mediterranean.

In order to do so, the CPMR and MBPC lead partner ETC-UMA are working together mainly with the following projects from the MED Biodiversity Protection Community:

- CONFISH
- FISHMPABLU2E
- MPA Adapt
- PHAROS4MPAs
- WETNET
- POSBEMED2
- MPA Networks
- TUNE UP
- MPA Engage
2. The scope of these Terms of Reference

The scope of these terms of reference targets an external service provision of a specialist to support the CPMR in performing the task “Document production and animation of the working group 2 on Sustainable use of natural resources”.

Based on the identified needs and gaps and on the knowledge pool provided by the community, the working group 2 plan foresees several activities including the draft and release of policy recommendations, and capacity building/ transferring activities. These activities ensure a high rate of transferability potential, using approaches adapted to local/regional characteristics & constraints.

The working group 2 on the Sustainable use of natural resources aims to support the GFCM management plans, 2017 Malta declaration for sustainability for Mediterranean fisheries and the EU Common fisheries policy. For its second phase, the working group 2 will pursue a transferring and capitalisation work to further identify, disseminate and support the development of approaches promoting the sustainable use of natural resources with a focus on small scale fisheries governance within and outside MPAs towards promoting new management schemes at local, regional and EU levels.

4. Proposed methods and activities

The products will be collaborative, based modular projects achievements and knowledge and focusing on the Biodiversity Protection recommendations. The consultant/specialist is expected to provide the following services:

- Supporting the animation of meetings and production of technical and policy recommendation documents for the Working group 2
- Maintaining close cooperation with supporting and topic related organisations and other networks (MedPAN, FARNET, FAO/GFCM, WWF Med etc.)

3. Outputs of this assignment

- Technical note – based on the update of the previous WG2 technical note (version 2019)
- Policy recommendations paper
- Production and animation of several online working group meetings (on a average of 1 every two months and depending on the needs)
- Contribution to the dissemination and capitalisation campaigns of the WG2 results
- Support and participation in capacity building and awareness raising workshops

6. Expected Schedule

The specialist/consultant is expected to start working on the assignment from 1st July 2020. A tentative schedule, which can be refined in the applicants’ offers is the following:

Within September 2020:

- 1st Working group 2 online meeting
- Validation of the working group 2 plan
- Update and publication of the technical note

By the end of 2020 and beginning of 2021:
- Participation to external stakeholders workshops in cooperation with other organisations/networks. Events foreseen are:
  - GFMC Fishforum 2020 – December 2020 (tbc)
  - Mediterranean Marine Protected Areas Forum event – November 2020 (tbc)
  - FARNET Mediterranean and Black sea event - November 2020 (tbc)

Within April/June 2021:
- Production of the policy paper recommendations
- Participation in working group 2 online meetings (1 every 2 months or depending on needs)
- Support to the dissemination and capitalisation of WG2 results

7. Selection of the specialist
The selection of the specialist will be based on the evaluation of the technical and financial offer.
- Evaluation of methodological approach, maximum 30 points.
- Evaluation of the experience and CV of the candidate. Special emphasis on the understanding of the latest research and policy developments on sustainable use of natural resources (especially marine and maritime natural resources) European and Mediterranean basin level, and experience and capacity in drawing policy recommendations. Maximum 40 points.
- Evaluation of the economic offer, maximum 10 points. The offer that gathers the maximum score will be selected.

8. Contractual and financial terms
Administrative details of the Contracting Authority:

CPMR
6, rue Saint Martin
35700 Rennes – France
VAT: FR315305 483 61

The maximum amount available for this service is **€28,800 excluding VAT (€5 760 of VAT to be directly paid to French taxation authorities by the CPMR) for a 24-month expertise service providing (until June 2022).**

For this work the CPMR will be responsible for paying VAT in France, therefore, the fees to be charged by the consultant will be submitted net of VAT. The fees will be paid per trimester in eight instalments on presentation of a duly issued invoice:
- 1st trimester - €3600 excluding VAT (July-August-September 2020) will be paid directly after signature of the present agreement and upon receipt of an invoice.
- Other 7 payments of €3600 excluding VAT will be provided on a basis of three months – upon receipt of an invoice following this calendar:
  - Oct.-Dec. 2020
  - Jan.-March 2021
  - April-June 2021
  - July-September 2021
  - October-Dec. 2021
  - Jan.-March 2022
The travel costs for the participation of the expert in the workshops and events relevant to the scope of this contract are included in the contract. The acceptance of the offer of the successful tender will implicate the acceptation of the conditions and schedules detailed in this ToR.

The payment term for the invoice will be: bank transfer 30 days after the acceptance of the invoice (bank account details will be asked). The CPMR maintains the right to require additional fiscal documentation if considered needed. The tax legislation in force at the date of acceptance of the offer will be applied.

9. How to apply
The offer must be sent in one file on PDF format to the following e-mail address: lise.guennal@crpm.org with the following subject: ‘Consultancy offer for technical assistance – MBPC WG2” by 23.59 of the 24th June at the latest. The successful candidate will be notified on 25th June 2020.

10. Intellectual property
In the spirit of cooperation and exchange, the ownership of the work covered by the contract related to this ToR and co-funded by the Interreg MED Programme is open to the public and free of rights. The deliverables and results of the project should be accessible and available for free to the general public in a usable format. The MA/JS and any other relevant Programme stakeholder can use them for information and communication purposes. The authorship of the work covered by the contract related to this ToR is co-shared between the author and all the partners of the engaged projects.

11. Confidentiality clause
Despite the public execution of the project, part of the information exchanged for the development of the purpose of this contract between the CPMR and the selected specialist, may be confidential. On this basis, only the documents and other pieces of information provided explicitly with the statement “confidential” will be dealt with as such. The selected expert ensures that respect its confidentiality and do not disseminate it, forward it to third parties or use it without prior written consent from the CPMR.

12. Annexes
Annex 1: Working group 2 Plan
Annex 2: Working group 2 Factsheet
A series of additional documents will be facilitated after selection of the candidate.
WORKING GROUP 2
WORKING PLAN

Sustainable use of natural resources

June 2020
**Description**

**WORKING GROUP 2 PRESENTATION**

The Biodiversity protection community featured by PANACEA set up three working groups in order to address the main issues faced by biodiversity in the Mediterranean and provide practical solutions and recommendations, bringing together scientists, researchers, practitioners and policymakers to support and adopt those measures. From 2016 to 2019 the working group 2 on the sustainable use of resources in the Mediterranean area, developed a particular insight on artisanal small-scale fisheries. Several modular projects of the Biodiversity protection community were sharing common challenges to be tackled through discussions, sharing of best practices, research, and projects results exchanges. It involved the projects CONFISH, FISHMPABLUE2, WETNET and PHAROS4MPAs and other various external stakeholders.

**Deliverables**

**PAST ACTIONS AND DELIVERABLES OF WORKING GROUP 2**

Several sustainable resource management practices including participatory governance models for fisheries were collected, analysed and promoted, notably through a technical note ([Technical paper WG2– Participatory approaches towards the co-management of natural resources in coastal and marine areas](#)) and the participation at the FAO-GFCM Fishforum through a dedicated workshop ([FAO GFCM FishForum2018: Promoting co-management as an innovative tool for the sustainable use of marine natural resources – Rome, 10 December 2018](#)). Within the Biodiversity protection community, practitioners were encouraged to exchange tested methodologies and present evidence-based solutions through networking activities and capacity building workshops. Those experiences enabled the Biodiversity Protection community to identify potential gaps and needs and to prepare a [policy recommendations paper](#) to address multilevel policies and structural governance issues in various countries.

**Target policies and objectives**

**WG2 TARGET POLICIES AND OBJECTIVES**

At policy level, the working group 2 on the Sustainable use of natural resources aims to support the GFCM management plans, 2017 Malta declaration for sustainability for Mediterranean fisheries and the EU Common fisheries policy.
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For its second phase, the working group 2 will pursue a transferring and capitalisation work to further identify, disseminate and support the development of “sustainable management approaches” towards promoting new management schemes at local, regional and EU levels.

New modular projects are entering the Biodiversity protection community and a detailed analysis will enable to pre-identified targets/ products and activities that can be supported within the working group. Whether it focuses on Land and Fresh waters through Wetlands governance contracts (WETNET / TUNE – UP) or on specific action related to the Sea and MPA management (MPA-engage) those additional projects can definitely add new specific examples or recommendations in line with the working group’s objectives. Thus an update of the WG2 factsheet and technical note is foreseen to readapt the objectives and complete the collection of best practices.

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• Birds and Habitats Directives  
• Water Framework Directive  
• Marine Strategy Framework Directive  
• Maritime Spatial Planning Directive |
| At Mediterranean level | • 2017 Malta Declaration for Sustainability for Mediterranean Fisheries  
• GFCM Management Plans |

The CPMR and its Intermediterranean Commission will continue to support the animation of the working group 2, providing support through its regional network and advocacy activities to the transferring and capitalisation objectives of the WG2 and the Biodiversity Protection community. Its specific policy targets include the monitoring and follow-up of the EMFF and CFP, Blue Growth Strategy as well as directives implementation related to maritime and environmental issues (MSFD, MSP, Birds and Habitats, WFD). Close cooperation will be maintained with other networks (MedPAN, FARNET, FAO/GFCM, WWF Med etc.) for sharing and developing a common dynamic towards optimising the transferability potential of the best sustainable management approaches and reaching our common policy targets.
With this advocacy objective, the WG2 will support further an updated version of its recommendations paper (Spring 2021) and will develop specific campaigns supporting some MPs’ activities and recommendations such as PHAROS4MPAs recommendations on Small Scale Fisheries.

SSF and governance frame needs to be better define and supported in the Mediterranean. Currently, it is not regulated as such and all types of more intense and less sustainable types of fisheries are competing with SSF in terms of space and resources. WG2 priorities will address under SSF topic include necessarily:

- Ways to move from the “solid” conceptual framework set for SSF within MPAs;
- Ways to create the correct legislative tools to ensure SSF mechanisms to sustain in the Mediterranean region from social, cultural, and economic point of view.

The GFCM is creating an environment to design a viable model in the Mediterranean region and to safeguard this tradition, the WWF MMI is working very much on this as well (through a MAVA funding until 2022). The WG2 will maintain close cooperation with those key stakeholders as well as with FARNET and EMFF mechanisms.

**Key networks and stakeholders**

**THIS IS A LIST OF KEY NETWORKS AND STAKEHOLDERS FOR WORKING GROUP 2**

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The Mediterranean region is among the richest biodiversity hotspots both at European and world level. However, despite its great environmental importance, over the last decades political leaders, businessmen and common people have been confronted daily with the challenge of how to sustainably and responsibly harness the enormous economic opportunities of existing and/or emerging Mediterranean economic sectors (e.g. marine energies, maritime transport, fisheries, aquaculture, agriculture, etc.).

Notwithstanding major efforts, due to a rapid population growth and to increased exploitations by a range of economic actors, the Mediterranean region is facing an ecological deficit: its natural resources are put at stake as habitats are degraded and the demand is two and half times higher than what its ecosystems can produce.

Face to this situation, there is an urgent need to agree and implement a “New Deal” aiming to ensure the sustainable management and use of the Mediterranean natural resources. Such an innovative ecosystem based management approach should be supported by policy makers’ in-depth understanding of the existing interdependencies and reciprocal influence between natural resources on one hand and the needs for economic growth on the other.

At European level, the Union has exclusive competencies to manage the exploitation of fish stocks as well as to regulate fishing activities and operations. In this respect, the Common Fisheries Policy (CFP) provides all EU Member States with comprehensive set of rules as well as financial support through the European Fund for Maritime and Fisheries affairs – (EMFF).

In addition to this, in 2016, with the support of the European Commission, Mediterranean Countries launched an ad hoc political initiative (the Catania process), which led to the signature of the Malta MedFish4Ever ministerial declaration, under the Maltese six-monthly presidency in 2017.

The Valletta declaration represents also a key political turning point for the sustainable use of Mediterranean fishing stocks. Indeed, Mediterranean Member States through the MedFish4Ever declaration committed to:
• establish an ecosystem-based fisheries management framework
• develop a culture of compliance and eliminate illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing
• support sustainable small-scale fisheries and aquaculture
• foster solidarity and coordination in the Mediterranean through a permanent network of cooperation and technical assistance with the General fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean (GFCM) and the FAO.

THE WORKING GROUP

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POINTS OF OBJECTIVES

POINT ONE

To exchange tested methodologies and present evidence-based solutions through networking activities and capacity building workshops

POINT TWO

To address multilevel policies and structural governance issues related to Fisheries, Sea and Protected Areas management in Mediterranean area countries

POINT THREE

To identify, disseminate and support “sustainable management approaches” towards promoting new management schemes at local, regional and EU levels, through the Mediterranean Biodiversity Protection Declaration
EU LEVEL

- EU Common Fisheries Policy
- Birds & Habitats Directives
- Water Framework Directive
- Maritime Spatial Planning Directive

MEDITERRANEAN LEVEL

- 2017 Malta Declaration for Sustainability for Mediterranean Fisheries
- GFOM Management Plans

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