

## **TERMS OF REFERENCE**

**RFP 026/WWF-MCO/2024**

### **Services of:**

**CONSULTANCY TO CONDUCT A TRAINING ON MCS FOR INLAND FISHERIES  
FOCUSED ON SADC MEMBER STATES**

### **Background**

Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) fishing is one of the main causes of overfishing and a barrier to achieving sustainable management of fish stocks in the Southern African Development Community (SADC) region. Overfishing causes economic losses to SADC countries, as overfished stocks produce and contribute less to the socio-economy of the region. Much of the IUU fishing that occurs in the region is due to inadequate Monitoring, Control, and Surveillance (MCS) systems, lack of basic data on operators and operations, insufficient information exchange between countries, and low levels of resources and capacity to address the issues. IUU fishing in the SADC region is seen as a low-risk, high-reward activity by perpetrators, partially due to the low levels of MCS and enforcement. This project will play a very important role providing low cost MCS tools to disseminate information not only for the SADC Inland States but also for coastal states contributing to curb IUU fishing in the SADC region.

The fisheries sector in SADC countries, comprising marine and inland capture fisheries and aquaculture, generates a variety of benefits, including nutrition and food security, livelihoods, employment, exports and foreign currency, and conservation and biodiversity values that are of global significance. In order to optimize benefits from the fisheries and aquaculture, SADC Heads of State in 2001 endorsed the SADC Protocol on Fisheries.

The Protocol on Fisheries aims to promote responsible and sustainable use of living aquatic resources and aquatic ecosystems of interest to State Parties, in order to (i) promote and enhance food security and human health, (ii) safeguard the livelihood of fishing communities, (iii) generate economic opportunities from nationals in the region, (iv) ensure that future generations benefit from these renewable resources; and (v) alleviate poverty with the ultimate objective of its eradication.

However, the sector continues to face a myriad of challenges, which include: a) Overfishing, b) Negative Ecosystem Impacts, c) Degradation of critical coastal habitats, d) Climate Change and e) Illegal, Unregulated and Unreported (IUU) fishing.

The challenges above have to be addressed not only nationally, but equally through strengthened regional collaboration and partnerships with relevant stakeholders, so as to be able to produce mitigating ecological and socio-economic impacts. It is the belief of the SADC leaders that if Member States are to implement the Protocol on Fisheries successfully, these challenges have to be adequately addressed.



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In 2010, SADC Ministers responsible for Fisheries approved the establishment of a Regional Fisheries Monitoring Control and Surveillance Coordination Centre (MCSCC) in Mozambique with the objective of coordinating regional MCS activities on fishing. In 2011 and 2013, the Ministers also approved “*Guidelines for the establishment of the SADC Regional Fisheries Monitoring Control and Surveillance Coordination Centre*” and “*Towards the SADC Regional Fisheries MCS Coordination Centre - elaboration of a sustainability plan*”, respectively.

The SADC Ministers responsible for Agriculture and Food Security, and Fisheries and Aquaculture at their meeting in Ezulwini, Eswatini during May 2017 adopted the revised Project Plan (which includes a report on financial implications) and the Charter establishing the MCSCC. This was subsequently followed by approval by SADC Council of Ministers at their meeting during August 2017 in Pretoria, South Africa. The revised Project Plan for the MCSCC outlines five output areas for implementation by the MCSCC:

### **MAIN OBJECTIVE**

The main objective of the consultancy is to improve technical and coordination support as well as the engagement of Member States on the work done by the MCSCC.

### **SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES**

The consultant will be under the direction of the WWF and PROFISHBLUE in consultation with Member States and other development partners. Specifically, the objectives of the consultancy are:

- Provide training in MCS tools for Inland Fisheries, including VMS, AIS, Body Worn Cameras, Virtual Observer, Satellite Imagery etc;
- Support and capacitate MCSCC State parties with inland States on information sharing platform basecamp, vessel surveillance Seavision and other tools for evidence and intelligence gathering;
- Support and capacitate SADC inland State Parties and IPMU in intelligence and gathering evidence;
- Support and capacitate SADC inland State Parties and IPMU in preparing intelligence reports for the SADC and cooperating partners;
- Support State Parties and IPMU in building the necessary intelligence network to obtain and share information relevant to fighting IUU fishing in the region;

### **DELIVERABLES/EXPECTED OUTPUTS**

In performing the consultancy, the following deliverables are expected:

- a) Present the workplan and ToRs for the training;
- b) Resources for the training (material such manuals, presentations and tutorials);
- c) Report of the training.
- d) Participants are expected to improve their skills on monitoring the VMS
- e) Participants are also expected to gather and share/exchange data also through existing platform from the MCSCC.



## **DURATION OF THE ASSIGNMENT**

The estimated duration of the assignment is Twelve (12) working days (i.e., four (4) days of preparatory (including diagnostic) work with WWF MCO focal points from State Parties Malawi, Mozambique, Tanzania, Zambia, Zimbabwe; five (5) days training session, and three (3) days post-training report writing).

## **LOGISTICAL SUPPORT**

WWF has a Memorandum of Understanding with SADC Secretariat to provide technical assistance on the issues related to the implementation and monitoring of pilots in inland states and Regional Monitoring, technical support could be requested either to WWF, SADC Secretariat/Profishblue

## **ASSIGNMENT WORK STATION**

The consultant shall report to WWF Mozambique, and perform the assigned tasks under the guidance and supervision of the responsible Project Manager of the Assignment on Profishblue, implemented by WWF-Mozambique. The consultant will work closely with abovementioned SADC Inland States; SADC Secretariat and WWF. The consultancy may require trips to Mozambique and travelling to relevant meetings (when required).

## **ELIGIBILITY/QUALIFICATION OF CONSULTANTS**

**Education:** At least a degree in a relevant field (fisheries MCS) or a closely related field with a relevant combination of academic and professional qualifications. Possession of a Master's degree will be an advantage.

**Experience:** A minimum of 10 years of relevant working experience on fisheries Monitoring Control and Surveillance (MCS), including 5 years of experience working with public and/or private sector high-level stakeholders on the development of providing MCS capacity building in SADC region. A clear understanding of the current Monitoring Platforms, VMS, AIS, ERS, Satellite Imagery and thorough knowledge of the marine and inland waters fisheries. The consultant must have a good understanding of the fisheries especially about the MCSCC and its operations, the MCS agenda and challenges of SADC region.

**Languages:** The consultant must be fluent in English. The consultant must possess excellent written and oral communication skills. Understanding of the other SADC languages, French and Portuguese will be an advantage.

**Other Skills:** The consultant must have good training ability (oral and practical), networking skills and proven ability to speak in public.

## **APPLICATION**



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Interested candidates should submit, in English, the following by email to: [concursos@wwf.org.mz](mailto:concursos@wwf.org.mz) with name of consultancy in subject line **by 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2024 at midnight Maputo time:**

- (a) **Technical Application/Proposal** – with a cover letter responding to the TORs and demonstrating at least: a solid understanding and ability to deliver the requirements of the assignment, suitability for the assignment (e.g. institutional capacity and expertise including at least three examples of past relevant experience and CVs of key personnel to be involved), and an outline of the methodology to be used to execute the assignment.
- (a) **Financial proposal** – detailing the consultant’s fee and costs for the assignment and justifications including daily rates. All costs associated with travelling will be covered directly by WWF, therefore should not be considered in the proposal. Subject to the availability of funds, WWF envisages spending no more than \$20,000 on the assignment, and will be looking to award the proposal that offers the best technical and financial value to WWF and SADC Secretariat.

Please note that applicants will bear all costs associated with the preparation and submission of their proposal. In no event will WWF be liable for these costs, regardless of the outcome of the evaluation.

#### **EVALUATION CRITERIA**

All applications received will be assessed using the following criteria:

<b>Category</b>	<b>Points</b>
Education and Training	40
Experience and Specific Skills	40
Methodology	10
Financial proposal	10
Total	100