



## MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

### CONSULTANCY TO PREPARE A RAPID RESOURCE ASSESSMENT, DIAGNOSTIC ANALYSIS & ECOSYSTEM GOODS & SERVICES FOR THE WAIMANU CATCHMENT

The Pacific Ridge to Reef programme is a Global Environment Facility (GEF) multi-focal area programme guiding coordinated investment of GEF grant funding across its focal areas of biodiversity conservation, land degradation, climate change adaptation and mitigation, sustainable land management, sustainable forest management, and international waters in Pacific SIDS. It is a multi-agency initiative involving the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) as GEF implementing agencies.

Executed regionally by the Pacific Community through the GEF Pacific Ridge to Reef International Waters project (GEF Pacific R2R IW), the operations of the R2R programme is supported in areas of science-based planning, human capital development, policy and strategic planning, results-based management, and knowledge sharing. Implemented through the GEF Pacific R2R IW project the R2R IW national pilot projects are designed to strengthen R2R integration by establishing synergies between sector agencies and the GEF National R2R STAR Projects, governments and communities, civil society and the private sector.

Fiji IW R2R project is a sub project of the regional R2R project pursuant to Memorandum of Agreement between SPC and Fiji government through the Ministry of Environment to deliver specific outputs and achieve mainstreamed R2R approach. Fiji's R2R IW project will focus on testing and enhancing integrated management of a series of forested watersheds to protect land, water, forest and biodiversity resources, maintain carbon stock, and protect coastal mangrove and coral reef marine protected areas (MPA).

Fiji IW R2R project demonstration site is the Waimanu catchment located in the Namosi - Naitasiri topography and is one of three rivers draining large amounts of fresh water into the Rewa River and into the sea. Fresh water from the upper Wainibuku, Wainimala and Waibau rivers flows into the Waimanu River, which in turn flows directly into the Rewa River and Delta. The Waimanu River is situated in an ideal central location to be a major source of drinking water.

#### OBJECTIVE OF CONSULTANCY

The main task of the consultant is to conduct the following:

1. Rapid Resource Assessment
2. Diagnostic analysis
3. Ecosystem Goods and Services

#### SCOPE OF WORK

The Consultant is expected to propose a work plan and timeline to achieve the expected objectives with appropriate methodology proposal and take into consideration the reporting format and template that will be provided by the Department of Environment. The detailed terms of reference can be acquired by emailing Ms. Tavenisa Luisa on [tavenisa.luisa@environment.gov.fj](mailto:tavenisa.luisa@environment.gov.fj)

The consultancy is for 90 days (3 months) starting no later than 2nd August 2020 and completing not later than 31 October 2020.

#### CONDITIONS

The applicant should have the following attributes:

- At least 10 years' experience in watershed management planning in Fiji and the Pacific Islands.
- Have well recognized university achievements in field related to environment management, natural resources management, water resources management and/or climate change.
- Strong track record in project management including work planning, field assessment, stakeholder consultations and oversight, communication and reporting across diverse audiences in a multicultural and multi-disciplinary environment, monitoring and evaluation.
- Excellent verbal and written communication and interpersonal skills in multicultural environment. A basic knowledge of the Fijian language & culture would be an advantage.
- An understanding of the importance of working alongside indigenous people and local communities to deliver the best conservation outcomes.

#### APPLICATION SUBMISSION

The application must include Curriculum Vitae with full contact details of three referees, a cover letter summarizing your experience and qualification for this consultancy (should not exceed 2 pages), fee proposal and work plan with timelines to undertake this assignment.

#### APPLICATIONS TO BE SUBMITTED BY 24th JULY, 2020 EITHER IN A HARDCOPY OR ELECTRONICALLY TO:

##### Hard Copy:

*"CONFIDENTIAL – "Consultancy to Prepare a Rapid Resource Assessment, Diagnostic Analysis & Ecosystem Goods & Services for the Waimanu Catchment" and delivered to the address below at or before 4.00 pm on the 24th of July, 2020.*

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**Incomplete applications will not be considered and only candidates from whom there is further interest will be contacted.**