



INDIAN OCEAN TUNA COMMISSION

Call for expressions of interest

The job: A scoping study on socio-economic data and indicators of IOTC fisheries		
Location: Home based		
Expected Start Date of Assignment:	1 September 2018	Duration: Completion by 30 June 2019

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE WORK

The Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC) is an intergovernmental organisation responsible for the management of tuna and tuna-like species in the Indian Ocean. At its 22nd session, the Commission adopted Resolution 18/09 which detailed the requirements for a scoping study on socio-economic data and indicators of IOTC fisheries. This Resolution was adopted, considering the responsibility of the IOTC to keep under review the economic and social aspects of the fisheries based on the stocks covered by the Agreement bearing in mind, in particular, the interest of developing coastal states.

To this end, the IOTC Secretariat requires a short term consultancy for the following activities (as defined in Annex 1 of Resolution 18/09):

1. To describe the economic and social aspects of the fisheries, bearing in mind, in particular, the interests of developing coastal States, and identify the availability of data and socio-economic indicators that would describe the respective CPCs economic and social aspects of fisheries, including but not limited to: socio-economic contribution to the fisheries, economic dependence on fishery resources; income from exports; employment conditions and interactions between fleet segments; impact of fishery resource rents, including fisheries agreements with third parties to the local economies in terms of income, investments and jobs.
2. To evaluate and document what socio-economic data have been, and are currently collected by CPCs or other organisations that are in the public domain, on IOTC fisheries;
3. To evaluate and document what socio-economic data have been, and are currently collected by CPCs or other organisations but are not in the public domain on IOTC fisheries, where feasible under domestic law;
4. To evaluate if a) the data can be feasibly and uniformly collected, and b) would be adequate to calculate the indicators proposed. This should include, where feasible, a discussion on the data themselves, data quality, time periods and coverage rates;
5. To make recommendations on indicators taking into consideration the available data. To make recommendations on data requirements and harmonisation; and
6. To make recommendations on data management, reporting and associated costs to IOTC.

Expressions of interest are being sought from experts to undertake the above work. Briefly the consultant will be required to

- produce a draft report for comments from the Commission Members;
- respond to the comments before producing a final report that will be submitted to the Commission;
- present the results of the report to the Commission in June 2019.

The consultant will also consider information from existing initiatives focusing on the socio-economic importance of Indian Ocean fisheries, including, where applicable, the work of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa; the Overseas Fisheries Cooperation Foundation of Japan (OFCF) pilot project on socio-economic aspect of fisheries; the Global Socioeconomic Monitoring Initiative for Coastal Management (SocMon); the socio-economic studies conducted under the Ocean Partnerships for Sustainable Fisheries and Biodiversity Conservation (a GEF funded project being implemented by the World Bank and the BOBP-IGO); and the Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) target 14.7.

Key Outputs

1. a draft report — by 15 February 2019;
2. a final report (following consideration of comments from the Commission) — by 15 April 2019;
3. a powerpoint presentation on the results of the study — by 14 June 2019.

The presentation is to be made at the Commission at its meeting 17-21 June 2019.

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YOUR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Expressions of interest should be sent by email to iotc-secretariat@fao.org and will be accepted until close of business on 17 August 2018. The selection of the consultant will be based on:

1. a brief proposal describing how the work will be undertaken;
2. experience;
3. price.

Note, the successful consultant will be contracted by the Indian Ocean Commission.