

Clarification No.1 – Response to clarifications received by Email

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP): RFPMUSCRR2021-001

Coral Resilience and Genetic Connectivity consultancy services for the UNDP supported Adaptation Fund financed 'Restoring Marine Ecosystem Services by Rehabilitating Coral Reefs to Meet a Changing Climate Future' project.

Clarification Requested	UNDP's Response to the Request for Clarification
No. 1 Can the service provider be an academic entity and are we free to publish outcomes from the work in open access peer reviewed journals?	<p>The service provider can be an academic entity.</p> <p>As regards publications: First, all publications produced under a UNDP funded project, belong to UNDP. UNDP should be entitled to all intellectual property and other proprietary rights, including copyrights, patents and trademarks to mention a few. Therefore, a service provider would not have ownership of materials/intellectual property produced by a UNDP project, being a service provider. Furthermore, the advice of the UNDP Bureau of External Relations and Advocacy will have to be sought and finally, if permission is granted, then due respect has to be given to 1) UNDP and Adaptation Fund visibility guidelines 2) project partners requirements.</p>
No. 2 Instructions on the format of the proposal are minimal, can you provide further details?	<p>The format for submission is standard as per Annex 2 of the Request for Proposal template. We cannot provide further details.</p>
No. 3 Can you ensure details of the proposal will be kept confidential and not be made available to other entities outside the parties under the Coral Restoration Project?	<p>The confidentiality clause applies to all proposals. These are not disclosed to external parties.</p>
No. 4 Is there funding for the purchase of specific equipment and what would be the maximal amount?	<p>Funding is available under the project for the equipment and laboratory supplies to be purchased to conduct the coral clade/resilience and genetic connectivity analyses.</p> <p>The Project Document for the 'Restoring Marine Ecosystem Services by Rehabilitating Coral Reefs to Meet a Changing Climate</p>

	Future' project can be downloaded from the Adaptation Fund website at the following link - https://pubdocs.worldbank.org/en/397921541519214632/pdf/1623-Regional-Sey-and-Mau-Proposal-17sep18-no-pics-clean.pdf . The selected bidder will have access to full information.
No. 5 Again, we are affiliated with Universities - would all the documentation (Business licenses, certificates, audited financials statement etc.) be required as well? It is unlikely that our administration will be able to deliver these documents in time.	The proposal should be submitted as per Annex 2, with all requested information, to enable the panel to evaluate the bid. Any late or incomplete submission will be disqualified.

Signature



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