

**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) FOR A CONSULTANCY TO CONDUCT A NATIONAL BLUE ECONOMY (BE) ASSESSMENT AND A DRAFT BE STRATEGY FOR THE REPUBLIC OF PANAMA, INCLUDING IDENTIFICATION OF NATIONAL SUSTAINABLE FINANCING OPTIONS FOR THE BLUE ECONOMY**

TITLE OF THE EOI:	
<b>Consultancy To Conduct A National Blue Economy (Be) Assessment and a Draft BE Strategy For The Republic Of Panama, Including Identification Of National Sustainable Financing Options For The Blue Economy</b>	
Date of this EOI: 30 April 2024	Closing Date for Receipt of EOI: 22 May 2024
<p><b>SUBMISSION OF EOI</b></p> <p>EOI must be submitted by email as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Attention of:</b> Delmar Lanza, Manager, Finance and Administration, CRFM Secretariat</li> <li>• <b>Email address:</b> <a href="mailto:delmar.lanza@crfm.int">delmar.lanza@crfm.int</a> and copied to: <a href="mailto:secretariat@crfm.int">secretariat@crfm.int</a></li> <li>• <b>With SUBJECT LINE: "1.1.2.1 PAN – NATIONAL BLUE ECONOMY (BE) ASSESSMENT AND DRAFT BE STRATEGY INCLUDING IDENTIFICATION OF NATIONAL SUSTAINABLE FINANCING OPTIONS"</b></li> </ul>	
<p><b>BACKGROUND</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Project Title:</b> Promoting National Blue Economy Priorities Through Marine Spatial Planning in the Caribbean Large Marine Ecosystem Plus (BE-CLME+ Project)</li> <li>• <b>Funding Agency:</b> Global Environmental Facility (GEF)</li> <li>• <b>GEF Implementing Agencies:</b> The Development Bank of Latin America and the Caribbean (CAF) and the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO)</li> <li>• <b>Executing Agency:</b> Caribbean Regional Fisheries Mechanism (CRFM) Secretariat</li> </ul>	
<p><b>IMPORTANT DETAILS</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The CRFM Secretariat invites consultants to submit expressions of interest in providing the services detailed in the attached Terms of Reference (TORs), which may also be downloaded by clicking the <a href="#">link</a>.</li> <li>2. Interested consultants are invited to submit their Curriculum Vitae (CV), company information where relevant, a declaration of availability, and a declaration of no conflict of interest.</li> <li>3. EOIs submitted will be evaluated against the criteria described in Section 8.2 of the TORs.</li> <li>4. Contracting will be subject to a successful price negotiation with the selected consultant.</li> <li>5. Any request for clarification must be sent by <b>15<sup>th</sup> May 2024</b>, with the heading, <b>"Request for Clarification"</b> in writing by electronic mail to the email addresses listed above.</li> <li>6. Interested consultants should submit their Application Cover Letter outlining why they believe they are best suited for this assignment, company information and CV, in PDF format.</li> <li>7. The CRFM Secretariat reserves the right to cancel this EOI in its entirety or partially without defraying any cost incurred by individuals.</li> <li>8. The CRFM Secretariat does not bind itself to accept any EOI.</li> <li>9. Late EOIs will <b>NOT</b> be considered.</li> </ol>	
<p><i>Milton Haughton</i> Executive Director</p>	

