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## **Seascapes Programme (Blue Planet Fund) Stakeholder Engagement Event**

Defra Network eTendering Portal

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

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United Kingdom

**Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-environment-food-rural-affairs>

Buyer's address

<https://defra-family.force.com/s/Welcome>

**I.2) Information about joint procurement**

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

**I.3) Communication**

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

**I.5) Main activity**

Environment

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**Section II: Object****II.1) Scope of the procurement****II.1.1) Title**

Seascapes Programme (Blue Planet Fund) Stakeholder Engagement Event

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 75211000 - Foreign-affairs services

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

## Services

### **II.1.4) Short description**

This notice is to promote interest in a Stakeholder Engagement Event for a new Official Development Assistance (ODA) programme called Seascapes which will aim to support international MPA networks in eligible countries. The first region it will support is the Eastern Tropical Pacific (ETP), focussing on the marine corridor area (CMAR initiative).

We are hosting an information-gathering session for interested parties on Wednesday 19th April 2023. You are invited to join the web conference at 15:00-17:00 GMT.

The purpose of the event is to share information about the Seascapes Programme and gather information from key stakeholders to inform our future tender for the work to be carried out in the ETP region under the programme. We will outline the programme's rationale, aims and objectives in the ETP region. We will ask several questions of attendees, and request active participation. We would welcome participation from governments, non-governmental organisations, the private sector and research organisations, and other interested parties. We will run market engagement events for additional regions at a later date.

The event is not part of a tendering process, although there may be such opportunities in future years. Defra reserves the right not to commit to a commercial arrangement following this market engagement event.

Please register by following the instructions within the Additional information (section II.2.14.1) of this notice by 17th April at 17:00 GMT.

The event will take place in English.

### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £50,000,000

### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 71351920 - Oceanography and hydrology services

- 90712300 - Marine conservation strategy planning
- 90712400 - Natural resources management or conservation strategy planning services
- 72224000 - Project management consultancy services
- 90733600 - Transboundary water pollution management or control services
- 90720000 - Environmental protection
- 73112000 - Marine research services
- 98910000 - Services specific to international organisations and bodies
- 71351920 - Oceanography and hydrology services
- 71351922 - Physical oceanography services
- 75130000 - Supporting services for the government
- 79419000 - Evaluation consultancy services
- 79421000 - Project-management services other than for construction work
- 85322000 - Community action programme
- 92534000 - Wildlife preservation services
- 90711500 - Environmental monitoring other than for construction
- 71354500 - Marine survey services

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- CO - Colombia
- CR - Costa Rica
- EC - Ecuador
- PA - Panama

Main site or place of performance

International

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

## Introduction to Seascapes Programme:

To support marine biodiversity through protected area networks, Defra is designing a Seascapes Programme (expected to be up to £50m) to support the effective implementation, management and enforcement of transboundary Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) and Other Effective Conservation Measures (OECM) networks, or 'Seascapes'. Well-managed Seascapes bring specific ecological benefits such as the survival of migratory species and strengthening ecosystem resilience in the face of climate change. The programme aims to deliver outcomes through four pathways:

1. Biodiversity and MPA management
2. Incursion monitoring and enforcement
3. Institutional governance and financing
4. Livelihoods and communities

The programme will deliver in a minimum of three Seascapes. The first of these is planned to be in the Eastern Tropical Pacific, supporting CMAR, and delivery is planned to commence January 2024.

The CMAR initiative is a collaboration between Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, and Panama focused on the conservation and sustainable use of resources in the Eastern Tropical Pacific Marine Corridor. In 2021 the four countries agreed to expand and connect their MPAs to establish a transboundary MPA network that created migratory swimways for key marine species. The UK has provided some initial support to the region, and seeks to build on this through its Seascapes Programme.

### **II.2.14) Additional information**

Registration link:

[https://teams.microsoft.com/registration/UCQKdycCYkyQx044U38RAg,EhRHEbJC70myZYWcmTJPRw,Qw8B-bVxtUCn0i6tZvyflw,JiHkKk5kQkqOBRBQfaaHQA,gYhcg3Q\\_PE-Y2OQuUT6\\_XA,wsbuiYy3JEOPeSqlTmLOUg?mode=read&tenantId=770a2450-0227-4c62-90c7-4e38537f1102](https://teams.microsoft.com/registration/UCQKdycCYkyQx044U38RAg,EhRHEbJC70myZYWcmTJPRw,Qw8B-bVxtUCn0i6tZvyflw,JiHkKk5kQkqOBRBQfaaHQA,gYhcg3Q_PE-Y2OQuUT6_XA,wsbuiYy3JEOPeSqlTmLOUg?mode=read&tenantId=770a2450-0227-4c62-90c7-4e38537f1102) Please consider limiting the number of representatives dialling in from your organisation to a maximum of two.

### **II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice**

27 March 2023

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## Section IV. Procedure

### IV.1) Description

#### IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

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## Section VI. Complementary information

### VI.3) Additional information

Supporting information:

- UK supports international efforts to protect over 500,000 km of ocean with £2M investment

<https://www.climateaction.org/news/uk-supports-international-efforts-to-protect-over-500000-km-of-ocean-with-2#:~:text=UK%20supports%20international%20efforts%20to%20protect%20over%20500%2C000,biodiverse%20marine%20environments.%2028%20January%202022%20Press%20Release>

- Corredor Marino del Pacífico Este Tropical ([cmarpacifico.org](http://cmarpacifico.org))

- Blue Planet Fund

- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/blue-planet-fund/blue-planet-fund> GOV.UK ([www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk))

- UK escalates support for global marine environment at UN Ocean Conference

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-escalates-support-for-global-marine-environment-at-un-ocean-conference> -

- Draft Theory of Change for Seascapes Programme

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1B2KIXRvEsxZ2J283dRS89Yxi35HcBWva/view>

- Short questionnaire seeking feedback on key points ahead of presentation. There will also be an opportunity to feedback both during and after the session.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfXZlvVVLzzJsx5mcSm3j0SdqL0C8qsMtzif\\_oIXrsd1e1kbw/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfXZlvVVLzzJsx5mcSm3j0SdqL0C8qsMtzif_oIXrsd1e1kbw/viewform)