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Tender

Common Standards Monitoring Surveys of invertebrate assemblages of sand dunes, within the Humber Estuary Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)

Natural England

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Scope

Reference

Humber/Inverts/03

Description

Surveys of invertebrates associated with sand dunes within the Humber Estuary SSSI, using Common Standards Monitoring sampling protocols. The survey sites are Spurn Peninsula (East Yorkshire), Humberston Dunes (North East Lincolnshire), Donna Nook (Lincolnshire), Saltfleet (Lincolnshire), with 4 sampling locations at each site. 4 visits will be made between May 2025 and end August 2025, spread throughout the field season, with first visit in May, and at least 4 weeks between visits. Assess the current state of the invertebrate assemblages associated with sand dunes and associated habitats, using a combination of free-ranging searches and standardised survey methods. This includes

ground searching, spot sweeping, sweep netting, suction sampling, pitfall trapping. The principal taxa are Aculeates, Coleoptera, Diptera, day-flying Lepidoptera, Heteroptera, Orthoptera, spiders. To characterise the invertebrate assemblages and assess their quality and condition, using Pantheon, a database tool developed by Natural England and the Centre for Ecology & Hydrology. To record brief habitat data to aid understanding of the habitat requirements of the assemblages. To provide habitat management recommendations for the invertebrate assemblages. There may be sensitive areas for breeding birds, including Schedule 1 species. This is difficult terrain and some areas are tidal which will constrain working times. Contract to start May 2025, with final report to be submitted by 20 March 2026.

Total value (estimated)

- £24,000 excluding VAT
- £30,000 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 5 May 2025 to 20 March 2026
- 10 months, 16 days

Options

The right to additional purchases while the contract is valid.

Quotes for the full project specification will be evaluated first, but if there is insufficient budget then the contract may be reduced in scope to cover either Spurn Peninsula or the 3 Lincolnshire sites.

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 90700000 - Environmental services

Contract locations

- UKE - Yorkshire and the Humber

Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Tender submission deadline

27 April 2025, 12:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

To apply for this opportunity you must submit your quotation meeting the requirements detailed in the Request for Quotation (RFQ) attached.

Your response must be sent to morwenna.christian@naturalengland.org.uk by 12 midday

on 27 April 2025.

If you have any clarification questions linked to this opportunity or the procurement process please submit these via email to morwenna.christian@naturalengland.org.uk. Please note that, unless commercially sensitive, both the question and the response will be circulated to all tenderers.

Tenders may be submitted electronically

No

Award criteria

Full details can be found within the RFQ.

Procedure

Procedure type

Below threshold - open competition

Documents

Associated tender documents

[HumberInvert03_Request for Quote Sand dune invert assessment.docx](#)

RFQ

[HumberInvert03_Order Form NE Standard.docx](#)

Order Form

[HumberInvert03_Guided Buying_Commercial Response Basic.docx](#)

Commercial Response

Contracting authority

Natural England

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PJDG-6588-XDMM

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government