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## **Stacking of nature market credits**

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.3) Communication**

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Electronic communication requires the use of tools and devices that are not generally available. Unrestricted and full direct access to these tools and devices is possible, free of charge, at

<https://atamis-9529.my.site.com/s/Welcome>

## **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**

Stacking of nature market credits

Reference number

P-32248

### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 73110000 - Research services

### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

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

The Nature Markets Framework, published in March 2023, sets out the principles required to ensure environmental integrity while combining multiple ecosystem service revenue streams from a single intervention (stacking).

Defra is yet to develop policy on whether to increase the number of circumstances where stacking is allowed in UK nature markets. There lacks a sound evidence base, and it is unclear what stacking model would be most effective at delivering Defra's environmental and private finance ambitions as well as the effect on costs to developers within our compliance markets (biodiversity net gain and nutrient neutrality).

This research will seek to provide Defra with an understanding of the empirical theory and evidence on stacking and is expected to provide insight into the impact of different stacking models on economic, environmental, and wider social outcomes. The research should provide specific consideration to ecosystem service measurement challenges, additionality issues, the interaction between voluntary and compliance market schemes, and variations in nature market rules.

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

Value excluding VAT: £150,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

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

- 79311400 - Economic research services

- 73210000 - Research consultancy services
- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services
- 79311400 - Economic research services
- 79310000 - Market research services
- 66152000 - Financial market regulatory services
- 90713000 - Environmental issues consultancy services

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

9 August 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