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Tender

CEFAS23-157 ITT for technical expertise to support the Sri Lanka shark and ray trade, under the Ocean Country Partnership Programme (OCPP)

Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science

F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Main address

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Buyer's address

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

I.3) Communication

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

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

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

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I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Environment

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

CEFAS23-157 ITT for technical expertise to support the Sri Lanka shark and ray trade, under the Ocean Country Partnership Programme (OCPP)

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 73112000 - Marine research services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Cefas require technical expertise on a number of activities to support the shark and ray trade in Sri Lanka, under the Ocean Country Partnership Programme

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £160,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- LK - Sri Lanka

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

It is estimated that over one-third of sharks, skates and rays (elasmobranchs) are threatened with extinction worldwide due to a combined effect of global fishing pressure, conservative life history characteristics, and high market price for the fins of some species. Shark fisheries tend to be diverse and unregulated small-scale fisheries, often characterised by illegal fishing, non-systematic data collection and high volumes of bycatch, which presents a challenging management scenario for shark fishing nations.

The diversity of species landed makes accurate species identification challenging but vital for effective fisheries management and conservation.

In February 2023 Cefas supported species identification training through the UK Governments Ocean Country Partnership Programme (OCP) to frontline fisheries staff in Sri Lanka and engaged with the fisheries directorate to discuss evidence priorities. Support with the revision of Sri Lanka's current National Plan of Action (NPOA) for elasmobranchs and the associated activities around this was identified as a priority. This includes the need to develop a full list of elasmobranch species being caught, landed, and traded in Sri Lanka followed by the development of a national ID guide. This resource would then be used as a training reference for existing and future staff within the fisheries departments, customs, and coastguards in the field to support robust data collection, identify and prosecute illegal activities and thus promote sustainable elasmobranch fisheries.

The overarching aims and objectives of the project are:

1. To review and update the National Plan of Action (NPOA) for Sri Lanka's elasmobranch populations in collaboration with the Fisheries department of Sri Lanka and Cefas and socialise the developed plan with stakeholders in Sri Lanka.
2. Use visual and DNA-based approaches to identify elasmobranchs sampled at markets across Sri Lanka to support the development of a national identification guide.
3. To provide technical support to two master's students working on DNA analysis of market samples and population assessment methods.
4. Facilitate and deliver workshops on the visual identification of CITES listed elasmobranchs to fisheries and trade management staff, using updated identification guides (post CITES Convention of the Parties in Nov 2022 (COP19)).

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Social Value / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 60

Cost criterion - Name: Cost / Weighting: 30

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £160,000

II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system

Start date

1 February 2024

End date

31 January 2026

This contract is subject to renewal

No

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

II.2.14) Additional information

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Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Open procedure

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate

Date

10 January 2024

Local time

12:00pm

IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted

English

IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender

Tender must be valid until: 9 April 2024

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

1 December 2023

Local time

11:00am

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Public Procurement Review Body

N/A

N/A

N/A

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<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/public-procurement-review-service-scope-and-remit>