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Tender

Exposure and Effects of Veterinary Medicines and Pesticides to Aquatic Wildlife in Protected Sites

Natural England

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Scope

Reference

NE050825MPAW

Description

Passive quantitative sampling methodology will be employed to allow the full picture of chemical exposure to wildlife to be assessed. Chemical analysis would be selective to chemicals most relevant to remain cost effective.

Based on the above analysis, evidence of exposure above the regulatory acceptable concentrations (RAC) for each substance can be used to assess the potential for adverse effects on aquatic species. Furthermore, the additive or synergistic adverse effects of chemical mixtures can be assessed.

Use of eDNA sampling methodologies is now well established and validated. eDNA data can demonstrate the ecological status of freshwater ponds and wetlands. Amphibia and aquatic invertebrate eDNA data will be used to assess effects of chemical contaminants in the protected aquatic habitats surveyed.

The evidence of effects from biomonitoring data collected and the risk assessment evidence may allow direct management practices to mitigate the adverse effects of these chemicals, either at source, in wastewater treatment works or at the protected site.

This work is designed to feed directly into the effects of chemicals on D4/D5 indicator species conducted by DEFRA Pressures.

Total value (estimated)

- £20,000 excluding VAT
- £25,000 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 26 September 2025 to 13 March 2026
- 5 months, 18 days

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Tender submission deadline

12 September 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 graeme.shaw@naturalengland.org.uk by 12 midday 12/09/2025.

If you have any clarification questions linked to this opportunity or the procurement process please submit these via email to graeme.shaw@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 available in the RFQ.

Procedure

Procedure type

Below threshold - open competition

Documents

Associated tender documents

[20250804_RFQ_AquaticSurveillance.doc](#)

RFQ

[20250804_Order Form NE Standard Goods & Services Terms and Conditions_AquaticSurveillance.docx](#)

Order Form

[LIT 63284 - Guided Buying_Commercial Response Basic.docx](#)

Commercial Response

Contracting authority

Natural England

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PJDG-6588-XDMM

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