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Contract

Professional development strategy for MPA professionals in the UK OS Territories

MARINE MANAGEMENT ORGANISATION

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Scope

Reference

C31324

Description

The aim of this project is to undertake research to inform implementation of the Learning and Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Strategy for the UK Overseas Territories (UKOTs).

As part of the Blue Belt Programme, the Marine Management Organisation (MMO) is seeking a specialist partner to:

- undertake a systematic assessment of the successful Western Indian Ocean Certification of Marine Protected Area Professionals (WIO-COMPAS) programme's competence (skills) framework and adapt it for the UKOT context
- undertake research on the options for international recognition of an MPA professional

certification programme for the UKOTs

This will provide the MMO with the evidence to inform implementation of the Blue Belt Programme's Learning and CPD Strategy for the UKOTs, ensuring that they have the capacity to effectively protect and enhance their marine environment into the future.

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Supplier

- [Lawrence Sisitka](#)

Contract value

- £28,250 excluding VAT
- £33,900 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

Date signed

6 November 2025

Contract dates

- 7 November 2025 to 30 April 2026

- 5 months, 24 days

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 98362100 - Marine-base support services

Procedure

Procedure type

Below threshold - without competition

Supplier

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Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

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Contracting authority

MARINE MANAGEMENT ORGANISATION

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PNYJ-3726-PHZP

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government

Other organisation

These organisations are carrying out the procurement, or part of it, on behalf of the contracting authorities.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, FOOD AND RURAL AFFAIRS

Summary of their role in this procurement: Defra are facilitating the procurement.

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PNBD-3289-CDGX

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