

TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR LEGAL EXPERT/ CONSULTANT

Title of Assignment	Baseline legal assessment as part of the Project “Enhancing socio-ecological climate change resilience of marine and coastal systems in Lebanon.”	
Location	Lebanon	
Duration	15 working days	
	From: January 6 th , 2021	To: February 6 th , 2021

Background and Justification

The Marine and Coastal Management programme at IUCN ROWA is currently implementing a Norwegian funded project in Lebanon regarding coastal ecosystem resilience to climate change. This project aims to reduce the vulnerability of selected coastal towns in Lebanon, which are facing crucial sustainability issues.

In line with the objectives of the project, the Marine Programme is providing institutional assistance to local government to ratify and update the international conventions and include them into national legislation. Accordingly, IUCN is looking for a local legal expert to provide input for identification gaps and construction of recommendations within the baseline legal assessment of national legislation and institutional arrangements regarding marine environment and the conservation and protection of marine natural resources and sustainable fishing in Lebanon.

Scope of Work and Objectives.

Under the direction of Marine Programme Manager, the expert will do the following but not limited to:

- Collect, analyse and share information on the current legal, policy, and institutional framework regarding marine conservation international legal instruments in Lebanon, including: International signed, adopted, or ratified instruments; national legislation framework for implementation; institutional framework; and ongoing political and legal processes. Methodology should include desk research, interviews, surveys, field visits, and/or other methods as appropriate.
- Develop a matrix of legal and policy instruments relevant to international conventions in relation with marine conservation in Lebanon, according to guidelines agreed with IUCN Environmental Law Center (ELC).
- Identify gaps in the current implementation of marine conservation international instruments in relation with the national legislation framework. (including potential needs for new regulations or policies, modification of current regulations, adoption of additional international instruments, or others identified by the consultant).
- Prepare a final report with results of the conducted analysis of legal instruments in relation with marine conservation in Lebanon, according to guidelines agreed with ELC

Work relationships:

The Team shall report to IUCN Marine and Coastal Zone Management Unit, Lebanon.

Deliverables

Deliverable	Date
Complete analysis of existing legal instruments, policies, and institutional framework regarding marine conservation international legal instruments in Lebanon, including matrix of relevant regulations according to structure agreed with ELC.	2 weeks following signature of the contract
Report on gaps and possible recommendations for improvement of the current legal and policy framework	2 weeks after first deliverable

Duration and Schedule

The time duration for the implementation of the activities within this assignment starts upon the signature of the contract for a period of 15 working days and ends no later than February 6th, 2021.

Qualifications of Successful Candidate

Personal resume indicating all past experiences in reviewing, drafting and preparing relevant legal documents.

Proven knowledge of Lebanese Laws, Regulations and Policies, especially ones related to marine species, ecosystems and the environment.

Proper knowledge conservation guidelines and international conventions

At least a proven record of work of a minimum of 5-year experience in the legal environmental field.

The applicant must have a legal background (Law, political studies, public policy and other environmental policy related degrees ...)

Payment Schedule

The consultant will submit an invoice with the deliverables and payment will be made upon satisfactory completion of deliverables.

Nature of penalty clause in contract

If the reports and documents are not submitted according to, the deliverables and timeframe stated in this TOR, the payments would be withheld.

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How to apply

Submit CV, a strong justification for your application and a financial proposal with a brief methodical note. Also, include the financial proposal for undertaking the assignment. Please, remember, this is an assignment part of project.

Submit to ziad.samaha@iucn.org by no longer than December 29, 2020, 13:30 Beirut time. Consider your application unsuccessful if you do not hear from us.

