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**Objet : *Public contract* – realization of a pilot operation on integrated mangrove restoration within the framework of the Carib-Coast project**

Madam, Sir,

The *Direction de l'environnement de l'aménagement et du logement* of Guadeloupe (Regional Activity Center for the Protocol Concerning Specially Protected Areas and Wildlife in the Greater Caribbean Region - SPAW-RAC) is considering a Public purchase to which you may be able to reply: you will find attached the detailed description of our needs, the person to contact for more details and the content of the offer to provide us.

This information is also available on the website of the *Direction de l'environnement de l'aménagement et du logement* of Guadeloupe, in the section public purchase (<http://www.guadeloupe.developpement-durable.gouv.fr>).

Your proposal must be sent to us before the deadline for submission of bids which is fixed at **12 pm (Guadeloupe time – GMT-4) on the 31st of May 2021.**

Sincerely

The Director

**Simple consultation for a simplified adapted procedure public contract (less than 30 000 €)  
for the realization of a pilot operation on integrated mangrove restoration  
within the framework of the Carib-Coast project**

**Official name and address of the purchasing agency**

Regional Activity Center for the Protected Areas and Wildlife Protocol of the Greater Caribbean Region (SPAW-RAC)

DEAL  
Route de Saint Phy  
97102 Basse-Terre  
Guadeloupe (France)

**Purpose of the consultation**

This consultation is part of the Carib-Coast project (Caribbean network for the prevention of coastal risks related to climate change).

The expected service is the realization, over thirteen months (13), of an operation that aim to support the natural restoration and / or active restoration of a mangrove, accompanied by actions to protect this environment. The entire operation must however be carried out over 12 months, which includes the delivery of deliverables. The last month (the 13th) is devoted to the analysis, by the SPAW RAC, of the carried out operations. The operation can be carried out throughout the Greater Caribbean Region, but applications from SIDS (Small Island Developing States), or from Carib Coast partner countries (Trinidad and Tobago, Jamaica, Puerto Rico) or the Contracting States of the SPAW Protocol, when the sustainability of the operation seems guaranteed, will be studied in first place. This support operation for the natural restoration and / or active restoration of a mangrove, may be accompanied by a range of innovative actions to enhance the natural heritage and involve local communities, in order to guarantee the acceptability of the operation and thus improve its long-term success.

**Conditions of realization**

Reports language: English

Place of realization: everywhere in the Wider Caribbean Region (WCR), such as defined by the United Nations Environment Programm (UNEP) : « *the insular and coastal States and Territories with coasts on the Caribbean Sea and Gulf of Mexico, as well as waters of the Atlantic Ocean adjacent to these States and Territories and includes 28 island and continental countries* ». Applications from SIDS (Small Island Developing States), or from Carib Coast's partner countries (Trinidad and Tobago, Jamaica, Puerto Rico) or the Contracting States of the SPAW Protocol, when the sustainability of the operation seems guaranteed, will be studied in first place.

End date of the operation: July 31st, 2022

## **Context**

### **A. The institution : SPAW RAC**

*The SPAW-RAC is the Regional Activity Centre for the Protocol Concerning Specially Protected Areas and Wildlife for the Wider Caribbean Region. Based in Guadeloupe, this operator of the French Ministry for the Environment was created by an agreement between France and the United Nations Environment Program. It works with partners based across the Caribbean, but also around the world.*

### **B. The project : Carib-Coast :**

*Carib-Coast, or “Caribbean network for coastal risks related with climate change » is a regional cooperation project that aims to pool, co-construct and disseminate approaches to monitoring, coastal risk prevention and adaptation to climate change in the Caribbean. It is implemented by BRGM (the french Geological and Mining Research Bureau) and several partners including SPAW-RAC, and its activities operate in Guadeloupe, Martinique, Jamaica, Puerto Rico and Trinidad and Tobago. The project has been presented to the Contracting Parties to the SPAW Protocol during the STAC8 and the COP10, and obtained, on these occasions, their validation and their support.*

## **Services to deliver**

To apply : The candidate will have to justify the potential for success over time of the restoration and the protection devices: biological, ecological and socio-economic parameters.

### **I. The project**

A. The site benefiting from the operation supporting the natural restoration and / or active restoration of a mangrove must meet the criteria set out below:

*1. The site (s) selected for this operation must be located in the Greater Caribbean Region, such as defined by the United Nations Environment Programm (UNEP) : « the insular and coastal States and Territories with coasts on the Caribbean Sea and Gulf of Mexico, as well as waters of the Atlantic Ocean adjacent to these States and Territories and includes 28 island and continental countries ». Applications from SIDS (Small Island Developing States), or from Carib Coast partner countries (Trinidad and Tobago, Jamaica, Puerto Rico) or the Contracting States of the SPAW Protocol, when the sustainability of the operation seems guaranteed, will be studied in first place.*

*2. The site (s) selected for this operation require (s) to be restored in order to ensure once again the ecosystem functions specific to mangroves (shelter, settlement, etc.). When possible, aid for natural recolonization should be given priority over restoration action.*

*3. If anthropogenic pressures exist, the operation should make it possible to mitigate them in order to maintain the good ecological condition of the site, and guarantee the sustainability of the mangrove.*

*4. The proximity of coral reefs and / or seagrass beds is a plus (the effect of protecting ecosystems on the coast is multiplied).*

*6. All the security measures necessary for the undertaking of these restoration actions on these sites must be ensured and indicated in the technical report.*

B. Actions related to the operation supporting the natural restoration and / or active restoration of a mangrove, must meet the criteria set out below:

1. *The mangrove restoration operation and its accompanying protective actions must be carried out with an ecosystem management approach.*

2. *Passive restoration, i.e. the self-regeneration capacity of the mangrove, should be studied and favored :*

*a. All the methods necessary for the proper re-establishment of viable hydrological conditions allowing the support of the natural dynamics of mangrove recolonization can be used.*

*b. If it is demonstrated that natural restoration is not technically or economically possible (area to be restored too large, insufficient propagule production, etc.), active restoration can be carried out.*

3. *Active restoration:*

*a. A focus will be put on the origin of the mangroves, which must belong to Caribbean species and be collected nearby.*

*b. Restoration can involve either transplantation, which means directly moving seedlings from a donor site to a site to be restored, or seeding. Seeding would involve harvesting seeds and propagules from a site nearby to plant them directly, or after having put them in a nursery, on the site to be restored.*

4. *The restoration action must in no way affect the good condition of other mangroves.*

C. The restoration action must be accompanied by protective actions :

1. *To ensure the adhesion of local communities to the project. The restoration action and the implementation of protection actions should directly benefit these communities and involve them strongly. Awareness-raising actions should be organized for them.*

**II. Project governance:**

1. *The local populations must be involved during the realization of the project (public authorities, inhabitants, fishermen, schools, tourist agents, hotel managers, restaurants owners, etc.).*

2. *It should be demonstrated how those actors have been involved in the project and to what extent the restoration / protection projects have benefited them.*

3. *The support of a national agency, or of a customary, village or professional authority is strongly recommended, a letter of support for the operation, issued by one of these authorities, would be welcomed in the application file.*

4. *Government agreement is needed; the Regional Activity Center for the SPAW Protocol will make sure of that by contacting the SPAW focal point of the Contracting State in question, or, possible correspondents.*

### **III. Monitoring, results, deliverables and evaluation**

- 1. The actions must take place over thirteen months. The entire operation must however be carried out over 12 months, which includes the delivery of deliverables. The last month (the 13th) is devoted to the analysis, by the SPAW RAC, of the carried out operations.*
- 2. These actions will be monitored bimonthly. This follow-up will take the form of a short technical report presenting the progress of the project and a video meeting with the CAR SPAW referent. The proposal will present the longer-term follow-up measures at the end of the project.*
- 3. The operation will be the subject of a precise and quantitative technical report, accompanied by geographical information useful for a perfect knowledge of the operation, as well as for the evaluation of its success (mapping, photos, videos, etc.)*
- 4. It is important to promote the operation to highlight the role of mangroves and associated ecosystems in the prevention of risks associated with coastal erosion.*

### **IV. Project sustainability**

- 1. A brief ecological study carrying out an inventory of the site (species present, general indicators of ecosystem health, etc.) and evaluating the sustainability of the actions undertaken, must be provided in the technical report.*

**Content of the offer** (please note that incomplete offers will not be examined)

**- Administrative and legal information of the Candidate**

1. A declaration of honor duly dated and signed including the following elements :
  - the identity of the project leader
  - certification of the legal existence of the organization
  - the capacity of the project leader to engage his organization
2. Any document relating to the capacities of the person empowered to engage the applicant organization (authority, delegation of signature).

**- Professional capacities: references and expertise of the candidate.**

1. List of relevant services in progress or realized during the last 3 years, supported if necessary by certificates of good execution for the most important services

**- Tender of the candidate consists of :**

1. Undertaking form duly completed, signed and dated by the candidate
2. Details of the price for the service
3. Technical report : document explaining the intervention, about ten pages long, offering a description of the tools used to carry out the actions. It includes the brief ecological study carrying out an inventory of the site (species present, general health indicators of ecosystem, etc.) and assessing the sustainability of the actions undertaken.

**Period of validity of the offer:** 120 days from the deadline for receipt indicated below.

**Conditions of submission of tenders:** the offers will be delivered at the latest on the **31th of May 2021 at 12pm (Guadeloupe time - GMT-4)** on the website « PLACE » , or by mail at the following address :

[marine.didier@developpement-durable.gouv.fr](mailto:marine.didier@developpement-durable.gouv.fr)  
[fabien.barthelat@developpement-durable.gouv.fr](mailto:fabien.barthelat@developpement-durable.gouv.fr)  
[sandrine.pivard@developpement-durable.fr](mailto:sandrine.pivard@developpement-durable.fr)

**Criteria for the evaluation of the offer:**

- 40% on the technical quality of the proposed offer
- 30% on biodiversity performance
- 20% on the innovative aspects
- 10 % on the price

**Negotiation:**

The buyer may use negotiation between the best three applications received or decide to award the public contract on the basis of the initial offers without negotiation. The negotiation, if decided upon, may relate to all or part of the elements of the offer.

**Payment :**

There is no advance grant possible. However, interim payments may be made, up to a maximum of two (2) before the contract expires. These medium-term payments may be made on presentation of invoices and reports containing details on the progress of the carried out actions.

**The DEAL reserves the right not to follow up on your offer.**

**The agreement can only be signed after a favorable opinion from the government of the chosen territory.**