

CALL FOR CONSULTANCY N° 26/2025_SPA/RAC_FishEBM Med

TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE PROVISION OF CONSULTANCY SERVICES

Assessment of Blue Economy Potential and Constraints in Lebanon

Clarification on technical and administrative issues - Call for consultancy
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Technical Clarifications

1. Workshops format

Q: Are the **national stakeholder workshops** (inception and validation) expected to be held in person, online, or in hybrid format? To what extent is the modality left to the consultant's methodological proposal in coordination with the national focal point?

R: The national stakeholder workshops (inception and validation) are expected to be held **in person**.

Regarding the **methodological proposal** is up to the consultant to suggest it freely. However, the scheduling of the workshops, the list of stakeholders to be invited, and other logistical and strategic details will be discussed and agreed upon in coordination with the National Focal Point, to ensure coherence with other national activities, if any.

2. Timeline

Q: Are the deliverable **deadlines** indicated in the ToR considered to be fixed dates, or would there be room for flexibility? (particularly for the deliverables that involve external stakeholders).

R: The deliverable deadlines indicated in the ToR allow for a certain degree of **flexibility**. However, please note that the overall deadline of the consultancy is fixed, as specified in the ToR, and must not exceed **30 November 2026**.

3. National FishEBM Med stakeholder Platform

Q: Could you kindly clarify the expected **level of activity** of the national FishEBM Med stakeholder platform, and whether it's expected to be built on an existing coordination mechanism or from scratch?

R: It is expected that **2 to 4 meetings** will be organized (online or in person) to discuss various topics related to the Blue Economy, with a particular focus on fisheries and environmental issues that could be addressed through public-private partnerships.

Regarding the **platform structure**, this will depend on the national context. If an existing coordination mechanism is already in place, it may be used. Otherwise, the platform will need to be established from scratch.

4. Type of consultancy

Q: The Terms of Reference indicate that the calls are open to **individual national consultants**. I would like to confirm whether it would be acceptable for a **consultancy company** to submit an application **on behalf of a national expert**, where:

- The **national expert** fully meets the nationality and experience requirements and acts as the **key expert**, and
- The company would provide **technical and coordination support**, including access to additional experts if needed, while the national expert remains responsible for the delivery.

R: Regarding your question, please note that the National Blue Economy Expert positions under calls **CFC 26-31/2025** are open **only to national consultants**.

In addition, we would like to inform you that the duties as explained on your behalf are already being carried out by two regional experts **already** recruited under the consultancy call No. 32/2025_SPA/RAC_FishEBM Med.