



Vanuatu marine compliance optimisation program

Vanuatu Maritime Compliance Assessment, Strategy and Capacity Building Consultancy

The Government of Vanuatu will be implementing national Marine Spatial Plan by 2020 and, as part of that work, is seeking to optimise the efficiency and effectiveness of existing marine and maritime compliance systems and assets and to prioritise acquisition of any new resources required. A consultant is required to facilitate this process. This work will be funded by the Italian Government.

The project will include a thorough review, in partnership with Government, of the existing maritime compliance environment in Vanuatu, recommendations of ways forward to optimise same and a strategy for implementing the recommendations. The project will also be responsible for facilitating implementation of the Government-approved Maritime Compliance Optimisation Strategy to be produced in this process.

The project will encompass consideration of all aspects of marine and maritime compliance including, but not restricted to, that to do with environment, fisheries, border control, deep sea mining, shipping, customs, tourism, coastal development, underwater cabling and ports.

Compliance, here, refers to the full range of compliance activities ranging from education right through to enforcement and prosecution.

Specifically, the consultancy will, at the least:

- a) Review the existing human resources, material assets, intelligence gathering systems and legal and procedural frameworks relevant to all aspects of maritime/marine compliance.
- b) Determine areas of duplication, gaps, opportunities for improvement, for synergies and for streamlining with regard to the deployment and application of those human resources, material assets, intelligence gathering systems and legal and procedural frameworks relevant to all aspects of maritime/marine compliance.
- c) Provide a status report outlining the above, including recommendations for improvements. The recommendations should consider factors such as: stakeholder and government staff education, information gathering and sharing across jurisdictions and geographies, risk-based deployment of assets, penalty and deterrence systems, legal loopholes, crime scene investigation techniques, judiciary knowledge levels, sustainable financing options as well as existing human and financial resources and assets and prioritised future needs regarding same.
- d) Develop a strategy to implement the recommendations.
- e) Facilitate implementation of the strategy.
- f) All work will be conducted under the guidance of, and in collaboration with, the Government and will focus on an approach that prioritises in-country capacity building.



The consultant or consultant team will demonstrate the ability to:

1. Transform large-scale, multi-jurisdictional compliance systems to enhance effectiveness and efficiency, ideally maritime and/or marine compliance systems.
2. Exercise superior project management skills.
3. Tailor project approaches to local needs and situations.
4. Work in Pacific Island country situations or similar.
5. Be completely reliable.
6. Work as a team player.

For strategic matters, the project consultant will report to the cross-Ministerial Ocean Policy Implementation Sub-Committee. For day-to-day matters the project consultant will report to the Department of Oceans in Vanuatu.

It is envisaged that this project will take about 2-3 years.

Interested parties must supply a project proposal, inclusive of approach to be taken, workplan, milestones/outputs, timeframe and budget. The interested parties must also provide CVs of all people who will work on the project and the names of three referees.

Questions may be addressed to Mr Toney Tevi (ttevi@vanuatu.gov.vu) or Dr Leanne Fernandes (Leanne.Fernandes@iucn.org).

Applications must be delivered to Mr Toney Tevi (ttevi@vanuatu.gov.vu) AND Dr Leanne Fernandes (Leanne.Fernandes@iucn.org) by Sunday 9th June 2019.