

MOF/PEMSEA PROJECT ON REDUCING MARINE PLASTICS IN THE EAST ASIAN SEAS REGION

VA/RMPEAS/2024-002

Title:	Consultant for Innovative Solutions and Best Practices on Marine Plastics in the six project sites of the Philippines
Type:	National consultant
Duration:	May-December 2024
Closing Date:	10 May 2024

BACKGROUND

PEMSEA is an international organization specializing in integrated coastal and ocean governance for the Seas of East Asia. It is a partnership arrangement comprised of 11 Country Partners and 20 Non-Country Partners with a collective commitment to the implementation of the Sustainable Development Strategy for the Seas of East Asia (SDS-SEA). The SDS-SEA represents a consensus among Partners on the shared vision, objectives and action programs of PEMSEA for sustainable development of the Seas of East Asia. PEMSEA also works closely with educational institutions, Regional Centers of Excellence and ICM Learning Centers to build a critical mass of broad-based, trained and educated coastal and ocean managers to undertake the enormous tasks in the region. PEMSEA Resource Facility (PRF) provides secretariat, communications and technical services and assistance to partners to implement the Sustainable Development Strategy for the Seas of East Asia Implementation Plan 2023-2027.

The MOF/PEMSEA Project on Reducing Marine Plastics in the East Asian Seas Region is a US\$9M six-year (2023-2028) project funded by the Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries (MOF) of RO Korea and implemented by PEMSEA. The project is being implemented at 6 municipalities and cities in the Philippines, namely: Municipality of Bulan, Sorsogon; City of Puerto Princesa, Palawan; City of Calbayog, Samar; Municipality of Daanbantayan, Cebu; City of Dipolog, Zamboanga del Norte and City of Tandag, Surigao del Sur and 4 municipalities in Timor-Leste, namely: Municipalities of Dili, Atauro, Manatuto and Liquica.

The objectives of the project are to: i) enhance local governance on marine plastics management through the development of sound baseline data/information to strengthen data management and analysis and help inform solid/plastic waste management policies and programs in respective towns and cities; ii) demonstrate best practices and innovative solutions in marine plastics management, bringing together best practices and working models of innovative solutions within country and other parts of the region; iii) establish beach monitoring system of marine plastics and litter for long-term tracking of occurrence and trend to determine types of plastics, sources and flow; and iv) strengthen capacity, awareness and communication on marine plastic management through behavior change, citizen science empowerment and partnerships among stakeholders.

SCOPE OF WORK, DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES AND DELIVERABLES

Scope of Work

The Consultant, under RPMU guidance, will develop a report on innovative solutions and good practices in the six project sites of the Philippines. Tasks include:

- a) Prepare a draft outline and work plan including methodologies for the preparation and completion of the assignment upon the signing of the Contract. Submit annotated table of contents for the report.
- b) Conduct desktop research on currently available innovative solutions and good practices in the Philippines and around the world encompassing the life cycle of plastics including prevention, collection, segregation, recycling and upcycling.
- c) Develop case studies on innovative solutions and good practices applicable to the LGUs of the six project sites as a chapter of the report.
- d) For the Stakeholder Consultation Workshop at Puerto Princesa, Palawan on 22-23 July 2024,
 - Compile and analyze the proposed local pilot project proposals, included in the local baseline assessment reports, and present the synthesis analysis to the participants.
 - Present the case studies developed
 - Facilitate the discussions on finding bespoke marine plastics solutions for the LGUs.
- e) Based on the review and findings of the Workshop, develop a draft report on innovative solutions and good practices which include a recommended bespoke solution for each LGU of the project site.

The Consultant will:

- a) Submit the draft report to RPMU for initial review.
- b) Present the draft report to a consultation meeting, as necessary and requested by the RPMU.
- c) Refine and finalize the report incorporating the additional comments and recommendations from the RPMU for layout and publication.

Expected Outputs and Deliverables

- Draft outline and work plan for the preparation of the report.
- Case studies on innovative solutions and good practices.
- Draft report on innovative solutions and best practices in the six project sites of the Philippines.
- Stakeholder Consultation Workshop and meeting reports.
- Final report on innovative solutions and good practices in the six project sites of the Philippines.

WORKING ARRANGEMENTS

Institutional Arrangement

The Consultant will be coordinating regularly with the RPMU to report on progress, address emerging challenges and in seeking approval and acceptance of the above-mentioned outputs.

Duration of the Work

Expected duration of work is from May – December 2024.

Duty Station

The Consultant is primarily home-based with possible weekly meeting at the PEMSEA Office.

Travel Plan

In the event that the Consultant is required to travel to render services, as required under the TOR, associated travel costs will be covered by the RPMU.

Qualifications of the Consultant

- This post is for a Filipino Citizen only.
- Extensive experience in conducting and writing plastics, solid waste, marine plastics in the Philippines required with proven track record of report publication.
- More than 10 years of experience in solid waste management, plastics management, development studies and other related fields.
- Post Graduate Degree in environmental engineering, chemical engineering, solid waste management, environmental science, and other related fields is required.
- Relevant experience in leading multidisciplinary teams and dialoguing with a diverse range of stakeholders.
- Fluency in written and spoken English is a must.

Financial Proposal

Bidders/applicants should detail the budget plan based on expected outputs, clearly showing logical framework or activity plan to achieve the outputs.

Submission of Tender/Application

Applicants are requested to submit:

1. Duly accomplished Letter of Confirmation of Interest and Availability.
2. Detailed Curriculum Vitae, indicating all past experience from similar projects, as well as the contact details (email and telephone number).
3. Brief description of why the consultant is considered as the most suitable for the assignment.
4. A sample publication or report from the previous work to demonstrate the writing ability.
5. A description of the methodology, on how the consultant will approach and complete the assignment.
6. Financial Proposal that indicates the all-inclusive fixed total contract price, supported by a breakdown of costs.

Applicants are requested to submit the tender and requirements via email to hkim@pemsea.org. Kindly indicate the vacancy reference number when applying in the subject line.

Additional Considerations

Bid applications received after the closing date will not be considered. Only those candidates that are shortlisted will be notified.

For more information on the Marine Plastics ODA Project, please visit www.pemsea.org
