



**Terms of Reference
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WWF-PAKISTAN

Neritic Tuna Assessment for MSC Certification

1. Background:

Skipjack tuna fishery of Maldives has already obtained Maritime Stewardship Council (MSC) certification whereas efforts are being made to get similar certification for yellowfin tuna fisheries of the area. In addition to these, Maldives also has a reasonable fishery for the neritic tuna species. This fishery because of scale of operation and its unique characteristics may be another ideal candidate for MSC Certification which may open new marketing avenue for this small scale fishery.

2. Purpose of consultancy:

WWF-Pakistan requires a short-term consultancy to develop instrument and conduct a preliminary assessment of the neritic tuna fisheries of Maldives that is a possible candidate for MSC Certification.

3. Description of Study:

I: Information about fisheries:

A scientific field study is required to be undertaken to understand the extent of neritic tuna fisheries in the Maldives. The area of fishing, harvesting methods, seasonality, fishing intensity, daily harvesting levels, price structure, marketing, loaning, transportation and disposal of catch will be investigated. Mapping of the fishing ground, possible assessment of stocks, impact of harvesting pressures, closure of fishing grounds, competition and other harvesting related aspects.

II: socio-economic conditions of fishermen:

An assessment of socio-economic conditions of communities involved in neritic tuna fisheries which may include household data, family structure, income (individual, family), housing, assets (boats, vehicles), expenditure, health, education, comparison with other trades (fisheries), community status, migration, loaning burden. Social and economic benefits of engaging in neritic tuna harvesting.

III: Draft project formulation for fisheries improvement plan (FIP):

Keeping in view, the status of fishery for neritic tuna, financial and socio-economic conditions of the community, drafting a fisheries improvement plan for submission to funding agencies. The draft FIP document may cover fisheries management aspects, improvement in harvesting, handling and marketing techniques and export. A preliminary assessment of stocks, harvesting pressure and threat to this fisheries may be documented.

4. Required skill/ expertise:

For this purpose **consulting institute** is required to have following expertise:

- Around 5-8 year experience in conducting field research in Maldives;
- Well-acquainted with coastal communities of Maldives;
- Background knowledge about marine sciences;
- Good at data acquisition, data entry and processing and report writing.

5. Timeline:

- The overall time period for this consultancy is 15 days (from 15– 30 December 2016)
- Draft neritic tuna fisheries assessment report is due by 25 December 2016
- Final report inclusive of draft proposal for FIP is due by 30 December 2016

6. Conditions and payment

- In total this service will require 15 days of work. 40 % payment will be made at the start of assignment after signing of contract. Remaining 60 % will be paid after completion of the task. Total project cost will be Euro 5,000. Taxes will be deducted according to the Rules and Regulations in place.