



GEF Med Programme Child Project 3.1.

“Management Support and Expansion of Marine Protected Areas in Libya”

Expression of Interest for Libyan Civil Society Organizations to participate in the setting and implementation of management plans and governance schemes for marine protected areas in Libya.

I. Background

Child Project 3.1 is focusing on “Management Support and Expansion of Marine Protected Areas in Libya” and constitutes Component 3 of the MedProgramme: Protecting Marine Biodiversity. It aims in addressing the capacity barriers that hinder the sustainability and effectiveness of the Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) network in Libya, through the establishment of MPA management support mechanisms. The project is implemented by the UN Environment Programme and executed by the UN Environment/MAP with support from the Centre for Mediterranean Cooperation of IUCN, WWF, and SPA/RAC. It has three components: 1) Improving Governance and Management Support of existing and potential MPAs in Libya, 2) Participation and Institutional strengthening of national and local stakeholders, and 3) Awareness-raising and Communication on MPAs values and benefits.

The selection, financing and management of marine protected areas should be a gender-responsive participatory process that involves not only the governmental sector, but also local stakeholders, with special focus on active non-governmental organizations, including women’s groups/associations, as key players in the marine protected areas sector in Libya. Child Project 3.1 aims to strengthen the institutional and participatory management approach by involving Civil Society organizations (CSOs) in the project implementation. Selected CSOs will be beneficiaries and take part in the following activities:

- Targeted training for CSOs staff and key stakeholders on themes related to MPA management, governance, monitoring, and communication, gender issues in marine protected areas.
- Signing of collaboration agreements between the administration and the selected CSOs defining their specific roles in the project implementation.
- Developing collaborative projects between the administration and the CSOs for the co-management of the targeted MPAs in Libya, namely Farwa lagoon, Gara island and Ain Al Ghazala.

II. Objective of the Call of interest

This call for interest will allow to select a group of CSOs according to a set of criteria, interested in participating in the activities mentioned above, and to have an active role in the consultation process with the government sector, in particular the Ministry of environment in Libya, for the establishment of management plans and governance schemes for the three marine protected areas in Libya (Farwa lagoon, Gara island and Ain El Ghazela).

III. Applications

CSOs interested in this call should submit the following information by email to maher.mahjoub@iucn.org with copy to: maissi@wwfna.org; atef.limam@spa-rac.org and majdtalashl@gmail.com **no later than 15 April 2023**:



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- A cover letter justifying their interest for this call, providing background information on the main challenges and opportunities of MPAs in Libya.
- The following table completed with the necessary informations.

1. CSO Name	
2. CSO Status	
3. Date of creation of the CSO	
4. Geographical location of the CSO	
5. List of the members of the board and their background	
6. Main area of expertise of the CSO	
7. Registration to the Ministry of environment in Libya (Yes/No)	
8. What are the main activities done related to MPAs in Libya ?	
9. What are the main activities done related to coastal and marine biodiversity conservation in Libya ?	
10. Briefly explain your main experience and achievements related to one or more of the targeted MPAs (Farwa lagoon, Gara island or Ain Al Ghazala)	
11. Indicate the list of partners that you have worked with in the field of MPAs in Libya and specify in which project/context?	
12. Indicate the list of partners that you have worked with in the field of MPA in North Africa and/or the Mediterranean?	
13. Have you worked with women's groups/networks/associations in the targeted areas?	
14. Are you part of an MPAs network in Libya (precise)?	
15. Do you have a gender policy in place?	
16. Do you design and implement gender activities? Do you promote women's participation in MPAs management and/or marine and coastal biodiversity conservation? Please list all relevant activities.	



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