

Terms of Reference

Consultancy service:

Edition of a booklet on good practices to improve sustainability in the salinas for the Medartsal project

Background and context

The project partner [IUCN – International Union for Conservation of Nature, Centre for Mediterranean Cooperation](#), is looking for a consultant to assist in editing a booklet on good practices in salinas for the MedArtSal project. The [MedArtSal Project - Sustainable management model for Mediterranean Artisanal Salinas](#), funded by the European Union under the Programme ENI CBC MED, aims to promote the sustainable development of artisanal salinas, providing concrete support on economic, environmental and governance issues. Addressing common challenges in four Mediterranean countries (Italy, Spain, Lebanon and Tunisia), the project will promote the development of a sustainable and adaptable management model fostering the territorial valorisation of artisanal salinas.

One of the expected results of the MedArtSal Project is the production of material that collects good practices to improve sustainability in salinas at different levels (local, regional, national and Euro-Mediterranean, as the case may be).

To this end, project partners have developed a series of good practice factsheets that explain and illustrate with examples some activities that can improve the sustainability (in terms of social, environmental and economic components) of salt works from the perspective of the MedArtSal model.

Objective of the consultancy

This consultancy will involve leading the edition of a booklet on good practices, composed of several thematic sections, to improve sustainability in Mediterranean salinas.

Specific tasks

1. Review, homogenise, provide comments to and organise the factsheets that will compose the booklet
2. Collect and summarise information for the environment and biodiversity section, especially on pollution reduction and energy efficiency in salinas
3. Coordinate the preparation of brief introductions to each of the thematic sections
4. Prepare the document (draft and final version) with all the information organised
5. Assist in following up the process of this product to ensure its optimal completion on time

Deliverables

The following products are expected to be delivered:

-A draft of the document on good practices to improve sustainability in the salinas, -that will be sent to project partners for their comments-, including all the thematic sections with the factsheets, prepared by the partners, organised, revised and standardised, and the introductions to each section, and the new collected information on pollution reduction and energy efficiency in salinas

-Final version of the document (layout coordinated by the consultant, prepared by a professional designer, and in collaboration with IUCN and partners) incorporating the authors' responses to the comments

The consultant shall schedule time in the workplan for reviewing the drafts and implementing feedback based on discussions with IUCN and project partners. IUCN will provide contact or access to relevant contacts to carry out the assignment, as well as all necessary project information and documentation.

Proposed calendar

Task	week 1	week 2	week 3	week 4	week 5	week 6	week 7	week 8
Literature and content review								
Initial proposal of the content organised								
Suggested text and comments								
First draft								
Final version								

The period for carrying out this work will extend from the entry into force of the contract until the beginning of July 2023.

Submission of applications

Candidates wishing to participate in this consultancy should send their proposals including the financial offer and a copy of their CV outlining the relevant experience, by email to medspecies@iucn.org (with the reference "MedArtSal Sustainability book"). Proposers must submit their Proposal no later than **17th April 2023, 17.00 (CET time)**.

The financial offer should not exceed 3.000€ (including VAT and all taxes*).

*VAT and other taxes should be included in the financial offer. IUCN is not acting as a business or professional nature entity for VAT purposes and therefore the consultant should charge in its invoices the VAT or analogous tax accordingly. In case that the consultant is exempt of VAT or equivalent tax in its jurisdiction, it should include a note in the invoice document informing of this issue and mentioning the law that applies.

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 Closing Date and Time: April 17, 2023, 17:00 (CET time)