



MINISTRY OF TOURISM
REPUBLIC OF MALDIVES

TERMS OF REFERENCE

ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL ASSESSMENT

Introduction

The Government of Maldives is working to identify and finalize on the islands to be included for the bidding of tourism development in order to achieve the pledged 35000 beds during this current administration. Hence the Ministry of Tourism intends to procure the services of a consultant/firm to carry out an Environmental and Social review/assessment and produce a report based on the findings to decide on the viability of tourism development in the proposed islands.

Objective

The overall objective of this assignment ensure that the development of Tourist Resorts in the aforementioned uninhabited island do not pose any major irreversible impacts on the islands environment and as well as the neighboring islands. Complicity to the existing laws and regulations will also be ensured in this assignment.

Background

Proposed locations for tourism development which Environmental and Social review/assessment needs to be undertaken.

#	ATOLL	Approximate Size (Hac)	Radius for consultation (in Km)	Proposed bed capacity
1	Haa Alifu	10-15	9	425
2	Haa Dhaalu	65-70	10	1,978



3	Shaviyani	10-15	15	428
4	Shaviyani	60-65	6	262
5	Noonu	5-10	27	250
6	Raa	10-15	16	317
7	Faafu	1-5	9	29
8	Faafu	1-5	10	26
9	Thaa	1-5	9	113
10	Thaa	65-70	4	1,978
11	Laamu	1-5	21	90
12	Laamu	1-5	25	87
13		1-5	25	52
14	Gaafu Alifu	15-20	5	494
15	Gaafu Dhaalu	5-10	9	148
16	Gaafu Dhaalu	5-10	7	215
17	Seenu	5-10	3	207
18	Laamu	Max. 50	40	1,454
19	Haa Dhaalu	Max.55	40	1,600
20	Haa Dhaalu	Max.55	40	1,600

Scope of Work

The Consultant will conduct the environmental and social appraisal of the prospective developments, so as to allow the Ministry of Tourism to make an informed decision regarding the project sites.

The overall tasks to be undertaken not necessarily limited to, the following include:

- 1. Preliminary Review:** Review all available information and documentation related to the sites' environmental and social impacts. Prepare a list of additional information and/or questions that will be needed to carry out the assessment.



2. Field surveys and consultations: Visit the project sites and undertake the following field surveys at each site and consultations using standard methods.

- Marine surveys at 5 designated survey locations to understand the coral and benthic cover at the sites as well as a fish survey/census.
- High resolution aerial mapping of the island to understand the general nature of vegetation cover as well as beach and other environmental components
- Map the shorelines (high tide line and low tide line) and vegetation line of the island
- Topographic levels of the island beaches and accessible in land areas to understand the overall elevations of the island on the north, east, south and west as well as the beach profiles.
- About 4 vegetation transects inside the island to understand the nature of vegetation cover
- Survey the terrestrial flora and fauna of the island during day and night times
- Provide photographic records of the marine, terrestrial and coastal environment of the island.

3. Assess the viability of the project site for resort development from environmental and social perspectives.

4. Present the costs involved in land reclamation to ensure that the total land size is 8 hectares.

5. Potential impacts (environment and socio-cultural) of the site:

- Impact on the natural environment



- Impact on the socio-economic environment

- 6. Social Safeguards:** Conduct consultation with atoll councils and at least two island councils and communities in the project vicinity to understand various communal uses of the project sites and stakeholder concerns. Review possible means of incorporating their views and concerns into decision making regarding the project or project site.

- 7. Due Diligence Report:** Prepare a report summarizing the results of the assessment as an initial environmental and social assessment of the project site. The Environmental and Social Due Diligence report shall include a summary of the impacts and risks associated with the site, including the related performance gaps and corresponding correction actions that will be necessary.

Work Schedule and Deliverables

No.	Task	Deliverable	Date of Deliverable
1.	Initial desk review with initial findings regarding the project sites	Outline of draft report	5 days
2.	Field work	Field mission report with raw and processed data, maps and photographic presentations of site conditions.	20 days
3.	Carry out a final assessment of the viability of the different project sites for the project purpose	Environmental and Social Due Diligence report (final draft)	10 days



The consultant is required to submit the following

- 1) Final Environmental and Social review/assessment
- 2) **Raw data set:** These data are collected for and during the assessment

Project Team

The following staff members will be required for this work.

#	Post	No
1	EIA Consultant	2
2	Surveyor	5

Consultant Qualifications

The EIA Consultant must have Bachelor degree in Environmental Science or related field with over 7 years' of experience in the environmental and social review of projects in the Maldives.

He/she must be conversant with local environmental and social safeguards including the laws and regulation pertaining to the same.

The surveyor should have a minimum 05 years' experience in conducting relevant work.

Evaluation Criteria

Category	Total Marks
1) Qualification	20



- EIA Consultant x 2	10
- Surveyor x 5	10
2) Similar experience	30
- EIA Consultant x 2	10 (1 marks for each relevant projects undertaken with letter of proof)
- Surveyor x 5	20 (2 marks for each relevant projects undertaken with letter of proof)
3) Quoted Price	40

Payment Schedule

- 1) Final Environmental and Social review/assessment – 70%
- 2) **Raw data set:** These data are collected for and during the assessment – 30%

Duration

The total duration of the consultancy is 35 days from the signing of the contract.

Terms and Conditions

The Ministry shall make available and provide the following to the consultant free of charge:



- Relevant documents, data, statistics and information at the disposal of the Government
- In pursuit of the duties, should the consultants require interviews or any communication with the personnel of the industry, it should be arranged and conducted with the consent and representation of government. The consultants shall not accept any courtesies or invitation offered from any party other than from the Government.

Reporting Procedures

- A focal point would be appointed from the Ministry of Tourism who will be responsible to manage the proposed consultancy.
- The appointed consultant/s should periodically report the progress of the work to the focal point.

Responsibility and Confidentiality

Documents or data provided by the government for the purpose of this study which is not of public nature shall be considered confidential and should not be disclosed to any other party.

Application and Deadlines

1. Proposals shall include
 - a. Detailed CV/s of the EIA consultant/s and surveyors along with accredited copies of the certificates
 - b. Proof of similar work assignments
 - c. Details on the costing of the assignment
 - d. A detailed work plan in line with the stipulated timeframes stated above.



2. A pre-quotation briefing (information session) will be held on 22nd August 2019, 1300hrs at Ministry of Tourism.
3. The deadline for the submission of proposals is 29th August 2019, 1300hrs to Ministry of Tourism.

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