



Ministry of Tourism and Environment

Male', Republic of Maldives

Answers to questions received with reference to Announcement Number (IUL)88-ISLANDS/88/2025/587) dated 27th Oct 2025,

Consultancy for Data Analyst and Report Writing: Hazardous Waste Inventory

05th November 2025

Please find below answers for clarification for the above bid.

| # | Clarification required | Answer |
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| 1 | What types of hazardous waste data have been collected, and is data collection complete? | The collected data includes the identified categories of hazardous waste, along with, where applicable, their respective quantities or generation rates, storage conditions, locations, and responsible jurisdictions. |
| 2 | In what format is the data stored (Excel, CSV, GIS, scanned forms, etc.)? | The collected data are in digital format, predominantly stored in Excel files. |
| 3 | Are metadata or data dictionaries available to describe variables? | The methodology (data collection) and key definitions have been developed and documented. |
| 4 | Are historical or baseline datasets available for trend analysis? | A compiled historical or baseline dataset is currently unavailable, which limits direct comparability with the current datasets of interest under this consultancy. |
| 5 | How will data be accessed (secure transfer, on-site, or remote)? | The data will be made available via a cloud-based platform. |
| 6 | Will access include raw datasets or only compiled summaries? | The raw datasets will be made available. |
| 7 | Are there confidentiality or permission requirements for certain data sources? | Yes, unless the data has already been published or made publicly accessible, confidentiality or permission requirements apply. |
| 8 | Will supporting datasets (e.g., customs, facility records, imports/exports) be shared? | Yes, access to the available supporting datasets will be provided. |



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| 9 | Has the existing data been verified or validated by any authority? | The data has been collected from the Ministry and relevant stakeholders through official channels of communication. |
| 10 | Are there known data gaps or inconsistencies? | Details of uncertainties, data gaps, and assumptions will be provided. |
| 11 | Will the consultant be expected to conduct additional data verification? | The consultant is expected to conduct data verification using statistical analysis. |
| 12 | Are there national or UNDP/GEF standards for data cleaning and validation? | No specific standard is required to be followed. However, the consultant should apply accepted standards or any alternative method should be proposed and approved by the Ministry. |
| 13 | Which agencies or stakeholders are the main data owners and focal points? | The Ministry of Tourism and Environment |
| 14 | Will coordination be through one focal point or multiple institutions? | The Ministry will be the focal point of coordination. |
| 15 | Will the cleaned data be integrated into a national or regional database after completion? | To be decided. |
| 16 | Is there a preferred software or platform for analysis and visualization (e.g., Excel, Power BI, QGIS, Python, R)? | No specific preference |
| 17 | Are there templates or reporting formats for the inventory report? | The reporting template or format is expected to be agreed upon between the consultant and the Ministry following the award of the consultancy. |
| 18 | Should the outputs align with UNDP/GEF regional reporting frameworks? | The specified outputs and expected outcomes are aligned with the objectives of UNDP/GEF and the regional outcomes of the project. |
| 19 | I would also like to know the timeline for this report and expected awarding time. | <p>The timeline for this consultancy aligns with the project schedule outlined in Section 5 of the TOR.</p> <p>Typically, the awarding process takes approximately 30 to 40 days. However, this duration may vary depending on unforeseen circumstances that could arise.</p> |



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