



Ministry of Tourism and Environment

Male', Republic of Maldives

Answers to questions received with reference to Announcement Number
(IUL)88-ENV/88/2026/37
dated 19 February 2026,

Consultancy Services to conduct Pre-Capacity Assessment of Shaviyani Funadhoo Island
Council for Farukolhu Protected Area Management Roles (2nd Announcement)

26 February 2026

Please find below answers for clarification for the above bid.

#	Clarification required	Answer
1	The TOR states that the assessment will “inform the development of a management concept and financing plan for decentralised PA management,” but no deliverable explicitly covers these outputs. Could you please confirm whether a distinct management concept and/or financing plan is expected as an output, or if relevant findings should be incorporated into the Capacity Assessment Report and/or Readiness Determination Report?	<p>This Consultancy does not require the development of a management plan or financing plan. Its purpose is to inform the development of these plans, which are separate activities under the CATENATE Project.</p> <p>Assessment Focus</p> <p>The capacity assessment and readiness determination will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluate Sh. Funadhoo Council's preparedness to manage Sh. Farukolhu PA • Compare required management components against the Council's current institutional capacity • Identify gaps between current status and management requirements • Provide evidence-based inputs for subsequent management planning <p>Approach</p> <p>Through stakeholder consultations, and institutional analysis, the assessment will establish a baseline understanding of the Council's readiness, capabilities, and capacity development needs. This analysis will directly inform the design of appropriate, context-responsive management frameworks in the next phase.</p>



2	<p>Could you please confirm whether the toolkit is expected to be developed in English?</p>	<p>The toolkit is expected to be developed in English.</p>
3	<p>Could you please clarify whether the Ministry has an existing set of requirements for PA Management to be used for this assignment, or whether the consultant is expected to define these requirements? If the consultant is expected to define them, could you also please confirm which deliverable should cover this?</p>	<p>The Consultant does not need to prepare PA management requirements. Please refer to the “Maldives National Management Plan Guidance for Protected and Conserved Areas”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Maldives National Management Plan Guidance for Protected and Conserved Areas https://protectedareas.environment.gov.mv/storage/uploads/8roOj7qP/bwhj7g3y.pdf <p>Please also refer to the following guidelines by IUCN.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Guidelines for applying protected area management categories including IUCN WCPA best practice guidance on recognising protected areas and assigning management categories and governance types https://iucn.org/resources/publication/guidelines-applying-protected-area-management-categories-including-iucn-wcpa - Guidelines for management planning of protected areas https://iucn.org/resources/publication/guidelines-management-planning-protected-areas
4	<p>The TOR notes that the Technical Capacity assessment should include an assessment of understanding of PA management principles. Could you please clarify whether this refers to understanding the Ministry’s PA Management requirements, if any (referred to</p>	<p>As stated above, please refer to the “Maldives National Management Plan Guidance for Protected and Conserved Areas”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Maldives National Management Plan Guidance for Protected and Conserved Areas https://protectedareas.environment.gov.mv/storage/uploads/8roOj7qP/bwhj7g3y.pdf



	<p>the query in the Question 3 above)?</p>	<p>Please also refer to the following guidelines by IUCN.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Guidelines for applying protected area management categories including IUCN WCPA best practice guidance on recognising protected areas and assigning management categories and governance types https://iucn.org/resources/publication/guidelines-applying-protected-area-management-categories-including-iucn-wcpa- Guidelines for management planning of protected areas https://iucn.org/resources/publication/guidelines-management-planning-protected-areas <p>Please also refer to the Maldives Protected Areas Regulation. https://www.era.gov.mv/assets/laws/Protected%20Area%20Regulation.pdf</p> <p>The existing published management plans and conservation plans for Protected Areas can be accessed from the following link: https://protectedareas.environment.gov.mv/en/resources</p>
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