



## **CONSULTING OPPORTUNITY**

### **STRENGTHENING FISHERIES MANAGEMENT IN ACP STATES**

Support to improve and harmonize the scientific approaches for the sustainable management of queen conch (*Strombus gigas*) by CARIFORUM States.

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UWI Consulting is currently responding to a request for proposal for the captioned consultancy services and is seeking suitable qualified person/s to be a part of the team of consultants to undertake the captioned consultancy.

### **The Overall Objective**

**TO PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO IMPROVE AND HARMONIZE THE SCIENTIFIC APPROACHES REQUIRED TO SUPPORT SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF QUEEN CONCH (*STROMBUS GIGAS*) BY CARIFORUM STATES, AND TO PRESENT OPTIONS FOR INCORPORATION OF THE SCIENTIFIC INFORMATION INTO EFFECTIVE MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES.**

The assignment will begin with a **regional overview and evaluation** study of the status of queen conch management performance in the ACP Caribbean region, with emphasis on recent efforts to improve management approaches.

Sustainable management practices include support from the national level; hence, Key Experts will also conduct **national case studies**. This will involve visits to selected ACP Caribbean States to undertake reviews and analyses of the scientific activities required to be implemented at the national level in support of sustainable management practices,

and to make recommendations to improve this aspect of queen conch management, both in the medium and long term. The States selected to facilitate these national studies and to which a visit will be made are: The Bahamas, Belize, Haiti, Dominican Republic, and Grenada. Each national case study will involve the following activities:

Review and evaluate fisheries independent approaches used, if any, to assess the biological status of queen conch, taking into account the related recommendations of CITES, national-level management objectives, and the need to promote an ecosystem approach to fisheries management.

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| <b>KEY Expert required</b> |
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**Key expert 2: Biologist**

Qualifications and skills

- A university degree or equivalent in fisheries biology/ assessment, natural resource management, marine affairs or any other relevant area;
- High level of proficiency in spoken and written English, and a working knowledge of Spanish and French would be an advantage.

General professional experience

- Minimum 5 years experience of fisheries biology, fisheries resource monitoring, and assessment;
- Proven communication, report writing and facilitation skills.

Specific professional experience:

- Proven experience in establishment and evaluation of successful gastropod fisheries independent and fisheries dependent monitoring programmes (minimum 2 assignments)
- Experience in assessment and preparation of resource management advice;
- Previous experience working in the Caribbean would be an advantage;

For further information and expression of your interest please contact:

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