

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT (NATIONAL CONSULTANT- Component 1) GUYANA (One Post)

National Consultant Component 1 (NC1) - GUYANA

Application Deadline: April 15th, 2024, 11:59 p.m. (GMT-4)

Job Description

The Faculty of Food and Agriculture invites suitable candidates to apply for an International Consultancy for the position of National Consultant Component 1 of REBYC-III to be implemented by The University of the West Indies, St. Augustine Campus, Trinidad and Tobago.

BACKGROUND:

Project Title: Strategies, technologies, and social solutions to manage bycatch in tropical Large Marine Ecosystem Fisheries (REBYC-III CLME+). Project budget is USD 5.3 million with a duration of 48 months.

The objective of the *REBYC-III CLME+* project, is to manage bycatch and reduce discards in the Caribbean and North Brazil Shelf Large Marine Ecosystems (CLME+) thereby promoting sustainable and responsible fisheries that provide economic opportunities while ensuring the conservation of marine living resources, and in doing so support country implementation of the CLME+ SAP (particularly Strategies 2, 3 and 5). The participating countries are Barbados, Guyana, Suriname, and Trinidad and Tobago. For full project details visit the GEF website <https://www.thegef.org/projects-operations/projects/10857>

TENURE OF CONTRACT:

The post of National Consultant REBYC-III Component 1 will be for a maximum 165 days over an initial period of one year with the possibility of annual renewal for the duration of the project.

DUTY STATION:

Guyana - with travel as required.

QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE:

Candidates should possess:

- Advanced university degree in Fisheries, Environmental Management, Natural Resource management or related fields.
- At least five years' experience in related areas in fisheries and marine issues, including field experience in developing countries. Experience working with one or more of the participating national fisheries agencies is desirable.
- Solid and demonstrated understanding of the technical aspects of the field of fisheries and the marine environment, including understanding of international fisheries conventions, internationally accepted best practices and relevant agreements, fisheries management planning and EAF and a good understanding of bycatch, discard and ALDFG mitigation in various gear types.
- Good oral and written communication skills in English

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

The NC will be responsible for supporting the execution of Component 1 in their assigned country. Under the direct supervision of the Technical and Project Coordinator (TPC), International Consultant/LTA for Component 1, in close coordination with the National Technical Coordinator (NTC) and with the support of the Lead Technical Officer (LTO), the NC will support the improvement of fishing practices to manage bycatch and reduce discards and the negative impacts of fishing gears. Specifically supporting implementation of the following activities in their assigned country:

- Development and piloting of smart-gear modifications for both trawl and non-trawl gears, such as gillnets and longlines, for more size- and species-selective fishing practices to reduce pre-catch losses (relates to Output 1.1.1)
- Development and promotion of innovative technologies for reducing post-release mortality of unwanted bycatch (relates to Output 1.1.2)
- Development and delivery of Capacity building for key stakeholders to adopt, use and monitor new bycatch and discards technologies and approaches (relates to Output 1.1.3)
- Development and promotion of strategies, approaches, and technical measures to improve pre-catch survival of ETP species (relates to Output 1.2.1)
- Development and promotion of procedures, guidelines, and tools for improving post-release survival of ETP species (relates to Output 1.2.2)
- Development and delivery of capacity building for key stakeholders to adopt and use new bycatch technologies and approaches (relates to Output 1.2.3)
- Strengthening of data collection frameworks on ALDFG (relates to Output 1.3.1)
- Conducting risk assessment and feasibility analysis of potential technologies and incentive mechanisms to address ALDFG and ghost fishing, including cost-benefit analysis of ALDFG removal (relates to Output 1.3.2)
- Development, piloting, and promotion of preventative and mitigating measures to address ALDFG (relates to Output 1.3.3)
- Promotion of technological innovations for the mitigation of fishing impacts on benthic ecosystem (relates to Output 1.3.4)

TECHNICAL / FUNCTIONAL SKILLS:

- Proven technical skills in bycatch management, discard reduction and ALDFG mitigation.
- Proven technical skills in scientific data analysis and statistical methods.
- Proven capacity to work with and establish working relationships with a wide range of stakeholder including fisherfolk, politicians, national government officials, NGO's etc.
- Proven capacity as a team leader and team builder in developed and developing countries.
- Excellent oral and written communication skills in English.

REPORTING LINES:

The National Consultant Component 1 (GUYANA) will operate under the direct supervision of the Technical and Project Coordinator (TPC), in close coordination with the National Technical Coordinator (NTC) and with the support of the Lead Technical Officer (LTO).

RENUMERATION:

- A daily rate congruent with FAO UN International Consultant rate is negotiable depending upon experience for up to 165 working days for an initial period of one year, with possibility of annual renewals for the duration of the project. The number of days available in subsequent contracts are to be determined at each renewal.

HOW TO APPLY:

To apply, applicants are asked to send an email indicating their interest in the position together with a full curriculum vitae to the Technical and Project Coordinator, Faculty of Food and Agriculture, Frank Stockdale Building, The University of the West Indies, St. Augustine Campus, Trinidad and Tobago, W.I. via email at Fisheries.Proj@sta.uwi.edu.

The subject of the email applications should be identified as **Vacancy: NATIONAL CONSULTANT COMPONENT 1 GUYANA REBYC 111**

Applications received after the deadline date will not be considered.

Please note that unsuitable applications will not be acknowledged.