



**SOUTH WEST INDIAN OCEAN FISHERIES
PROJECT
(SWIOFP)**



INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

**OBSERVER TRAINING COURSE FOR THE SOUTH WEST INDIAN
OCEAN FISHERIES PROJECT**

The South West Indian Ocean Fisheries Project is a regional project implemented by the nine countries of the South West Indian Ocean namely, Kenya, Tanzania, Mozambique, Madagascar, Seychelles, Mauritius, Comoros, South Africa and France. The Project has recently completed a gap analysis for the crustaceans, demersal and pelagic fisheries including their interaction with marine mammals, seabirds and turtles. The next phase of the project is data collection that will involve extensive shipboard sampling (commercial and research vessel cruises) and observers activities.

The Project Development Objectives relate specifically to assessing the status of offshore fisheries within the 200 miles Exclusive Economic Zones (EEZ) of coastal states in the South West Indian Ocean and aims to generate scientific knowledge and develop legal and institutional; capacity to implement an action plan in order to manage these fisheries for maximum economic returns, consistent with a management strategy that stresses environmental sustainability and socially equitable distribution of the benefits of exploitation. The project adopts an ecosystem approach that will lead to an improved understanding of trans- boundary and environmental influences on stock health, the life histories of key species and variability in inter- annual estimates of stock abundance.

The project is facilitated by the World Bank under a GEF Grant No. TF56039.

The South West Indian Ocean Fisheries Project intends to conduct a multidisciplinary training course for observers from the nine countries. The course should be designed to train observers for a number of fisheries, namely crustaceans, demersal and pelagics and their related ecosystems.

The objectives of the training is to provide SWIOFP candidates with the necessary skills and knowledge to observe, record and collect while at sea accurate data relating to the nature of fishing operations, catch and species composition, by-catch mortality, discards, fishing trip details, gears, licences and area(s) fished, vessel specifications, fishing equipment and electronics, searching time, numbers of sets. The training should also consider existing observer programme currently running in the region.

As part of the training course the consultant should also develop potential observer data collection forms that will address the training needs and used in implementation of the SWIOFP observer programme. The training should also include at-sea training, safety at sea (firefighting, survival etc), simple navigational principles, fish sampling strategies, species identification, observer report writing (provide a template), and species preservation techniques. The training should cover the fisheries interaction mainly with marine mammals, sea birds and turtles. The targeted fisheries are demersal, crustaceans and pelagic fisheries

At the end of the course the successful candidates should be able to board any fishing vessels involved in demersal, crustaceans and/or pelagic fisheries.

The SWIOFP now invites eligible, international, regional and local trainers (hereinafter called 'consultants') to indicate their interest in providing such services. Interest consultants must provide information indicating that they are qualified to provide these services to the highest professional standards (description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills among staff and appropriate facilities, etc.).

Consultants will be selected in accordance with procedures set out in the World Bank's guidelines on selection and employment of consultants by World Bank Borrowers (May 2004, Revised October 1, 2006)

Interested consultants may obtain further information at the address below at the address below during office hours 0900 to 1500 hours East African Time Monday to Friday.

Sealed Expressions of Interest must be delivered to the address below by 1500 hours East African on 10th January 2010 and should be clearly marked "SWIOFP Observer Training Course"

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