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Deadline For Application: 7 July 2017

JOB TITLE: Aquaculture Development Specialist

TYPE OF CONTRACT: Consultant / PSA

DUTY STATION: Inland Fisheries and Aquaculture Division, Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources, Quezon City

ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT: FAO Philippines

DURATION: 90 days (when-actually-employed)

FAO seeks gender, geographical and linguistic diversity in its staff and international consultants in order to best serve FAO Members in all regions.

**Qualified female applicants and qualified nationals are encouraged to apply.**

**Persons with disabilities are equally encouraged to apply.**

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### Organizational Setting

The consultant will be hired under the project “Supporting Aquaculture Resources Mapping and Development Planning Through ICT-based Solutions”, a project that aims to support the Department of Agriculture (DA) in addressing the lack of systematic data on available aquaculture areas for production that hamper planners and decision makers from developing intuitive financial and investment mechanisms to boost the sector’s growth and promote sustainable management practices. The project will develop and pilot an online mapping and registration system for aquaculture resources, and develop business plans and regulations for the selected pilot areas that would take advantage physical and socio-economic suitability of aquaculture production areas.

### Reporting Lines

The Aquaculture Development Specialist will report to the FAO Representative and the Lead Technical Officer (LTO).

### Tasks and responsibilities

The objective of this assignment is to assist the Bureau of Fisheries – Inland Fisheries and Aquaculture Division (BFAR-IFAD) in the preparation of strategies for aquaculture zonal development for selected high potential areas. The consultant shall review BFAR guidelines, regulations and mechanisms, and recommend actions that facilitate further compliance, promote sustainable management practices, and encourage investments.

The national consultant will undertake the following duties:

- Develop an assessment framework and methodology with specified technical parameters as guide for a joint BFAR-DENR-LGU assessment of municipal waters in relation to aquaculture potentials and in delineating areas for Aquaculture operations;
- Identify future investments and interventions needs to maximize identified and mapped Abandoned, Under-utilized and Under-developed (AUU) fishponds under Fishpond Lease Agreement (FLA) scheme;
- Review existing BFAR guidelines and programs on aquaculture zone development and recommend specific improvements in the program implementation in relation to existing environmental laws/regulations, Ecosystems Approach to Aquaculture, preferential use rights and agri-business viability;
- Recommend appropriate incentive/disincentive mechanisms, user and permitting fees, and other intervention schemes and strategies to encourage compliance with registration, environmental laws and standards such as Good Aquaculture Practice (GAqP), and to promote sustainable management practices in aquaculture;
- Formulate appropriate implementation mechanism and guidelines to ensure efficient and transparent management and inclusive access to Special Fisheries Science and Approfish Tech Fund (SPS-ATF) and Aquaculture Investment Fund (AIF) per Sections 146 and 147 of RA 10654; and
- Carry out any other relevant duties within his/her technical competence as may be requested by FAO.

Expected Outputs:	Required Completion Date:
a.) Literature review on (i) existing regulations, guidelines, programs, incentive/disincentive mechanisms, user permitting fees, and other intervention schemes and strategies to encourage compliance of aqua-farmers with registration, environmental laws and standards and (ii) existing incentive mechanisms for Special Fisheries Science and Approfish Tech Fund (SPS-ATF) and Aquaculture Investment Fund (AIF) per Sections 146 and 147 of RA 10654, and scoping meetings report.	August 2017
b.) Report on recommended framework and methodology for identifying and delineating aquaculture areas.	September 2017
c.) Inputs for the preparation of the midterm progress report provided.	November 2017

d.) Project concept note providing review and recommendations to improve regulations related to existing environmental laws/regulations, ecosystems approach to fisheries management (EAFM) and/or Ecosystems Approach to Aquaculture, preferential use rights and agri-business viability.	December 2017
e.) Draft Administrative Order on revised incentive/disincentive mechanisms, user and permitting fees, and other intervention schemes and strategies.	January 2018
f.) Project concept note on developing aquaculture in Abandoned, Under-utilized and Under-developed (AUU) water bodies.	March 2018
g.) Draft Administrative Order on implementation mechanism and guidelines to ensure efficient and transparent management and inclusive access to Special Fisheries Science and Approfish Tech Fund (SPS-ATF) and Aquaculture Investment Fund (AIF).	April 2018
h.) Inputs for the preparation of the terminal report provided.	May 2018

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## CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

### Minimum Requirements

- Advanced degree in aquaculture and/or fisheries management and development, resource economics, business development, and related fields
- At least ten years relevant work experience in aquatic, inland and/or coastal aquaculture management
- Working knowledge (Level C) of English
- National of the Country of Assignment (PHILIPPINES)

### FAO Core Competencies

- Results Focus
- Teamwork
- Communication
- Building Effective Relationships
- Knowledge Sharing and Continuous Improvement

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Please note that all candidates should adhere to *FAO Values of Commitment to FAO, Respect for All and Integrity and Transparency*.

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### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- All applications will be reviewed and qualified applicants will be contacted for interviews.
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- Incomplete applications will not be considered. If you need help, or have queries, please contact: [iRecruitment@fao.org](mailto:iRecruitment@fao.org)
- Applications received after the closing date will not be accepted.
- Only language proficiency certificates from UN accredited external providers and/or FAO language official examinations (LPE, ILE, LRT) will be accepted as proof of the level of knowledge of languages indicated in the online applications.
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