

Terms of Reference for Consultant for Development of proposed Caribbean Community Common Fisheries Policy Plan of Action

1.0 Introduction

The elaboration of a Caribbean Community Common Fisheries Policy and Regime (CCCFP&R) for CARICOM countries was initiated at the Fourteenth Inter-Sessional Meeting of the Conference of Heads of Government in Trinidad and Tobago, 14 - 15 February 2003. The Heads of Government endorsed a proposal submitted by the Government of Barbados on the imperative of elaborating a Common Fisheries Regime and mandated the CARICOM Secretariat to begin work on preparing a Common Fisheries Policy and Regime (CCCFP&R) for the region. Since 2003, the CRFM and CARICOM Secretariats have coordinated and spearheaded the preparation of the CCCFP&R through a consultative process involving representatives of Member States and regional experts in fisheries, regional integration, and marine law and policy. During the development of the CCCFP&R, a number of issues relating to the implementing regime emerged as contentious, e.g. the concept of a common fishing zone (CFZ), access and management arrangements within the CFZ, the powers of the implementing agency, and whether the CCCFP&R should include only CARICOM Member States which were parties to the Revised Treaty of Chaguaramas or to the CRFM Member States. These issues remained unresolved until in 2009, the CRFM Ministerial Council decided to separate the development of the Common Fisheries Policy and the Regime, and to prepare them sequentially, focusing first on elaborating the Policy, after which attention would be given to elaborating the Regime through a series of protocols to the Policy.

Following the 2009 decision and after a further period of consultations and additional amendments to address ongoing concerns, in 2011, the Fourth Meeting of the CRFM Ministerial Council was able to unanimously endorse the Agreement establishing the Caribbean Community Common Fisheries Policy (CCCFP) and requested that it be submitted to the COTED for review and then to the Legal Affairs Committee (LAC) before final submission to the Conference of Heads of Government for signature. The CCCFP was subsequently considered by the first two Bodies, with final LAC approval granted in November 2013. Additionally, given a recent ruling of the Caribbean Court of Justice that allows COTED to give formal approval on a policy document to be adopted and accepted as official CARICOM policy, the CCCFP was formally approved as such during the 52nd Special Meeting of COTED in October 2014. Of course, countries are also expected to continue undergoing the national process for attaining the necessary approvals within countries for signature of the CCCFP as a treaty by CARICOM Heads of Government in the near future.

In view of these developments and the recent COTED approval decision, the Blue Growth Workshop provides a timely opportunity for CRFM fisheries industry managers and stakeholders to elucidate the best approach to facilitate implementation of the CCCFP as directed by COTED, and this forms the subject of this consultancy contract.

2.0 Objective

The objective of the assignment is to develop a proposed Plan of Action for implementation of the policy aspects of the CCCFP.

3.0 Expected outputs

The Consultant is expected to undertake the following tasks:

1. Conduct a review and analysis of the CCCFP, and identify those policy aspects that could be implemented within the context of the COTED approval decision.
2. Prepare a draft CCCFP Plan of Action for review and refinement by industry managers and stakeholders.

The Consultant will deliver:

1. A proposed CCCFP Plan of Action for review and formal approval by CRFM.
2. A terminal report on the Consultancy outlining the tasks undertaken and the results, with lessons learned and recommendations for follow up action.

4.0 Target

The outputs of this consultancy will target fishery policy makers, fisherfolk and their organisations, national fisheries authorities and CRFM personnel.

CRFM / CTA will provide the consultant with a list of organizations and individuals with their contact details, pertaining to various target groups listed above.

5.0 Approach

Under the general direction of the Executive Director, a consultant will be contracted to undertake the assignment.

The Consultant will work in close collaboration with the Deputy Executive Director, in the delivery of the assignment. Although, the consultant will work in close collaboration with the above-mentioned personnel, it is understood that the consultant is responsible for producing the deliverables of this assignment and contribute to its outputs.

The Consultant, working with the Deputy Executive Director, and other partners will:

- (i) Review the CCCFP to identify those policy aspects that could be implemented within the context of the COTED approval decision.
- (ii) Prepare draft proposed CCCFP Plan of Action taking into account the comments and recommendations of the Blue Growth Workshop

The Consultant will be responsible for ensuring the efficient implementation of (i) and (ii) above.

6.0 Reporting

- 6.1 The Consultant will prepare and submit a draft consultancy report on the Consultancy including methodologies used for implementation, the outputs generated, with lessons learned and recommendations for follow up action. The report shall be produced in Microsoft Word for Windows format and submitted electronically by 30 November 2014 to the CRFM Secretariat for review by the Secretariat and CTA prior to its finalization. The final version of the Report must be submitted to reach the CRFM Secretariat in Belize City, Belize, 5 December 2014. At the end of the assignment, he/she will also prepare a brief terminal report outlining the tasks undertaken and the results.

6.2 The Consultant will therefore deliver the draft proposed CCCFP Plan of Action by 30 November 2014, and final version by 5 December 2014.

7.0 Time Allotment and frame

The assignment will require a total of 5 person days, and shall be conducted during 20 November and 5 December 2014, as shown in the following table.

Task	Deadline for draft submission	Deadline for completion of final versions
Development of 1 st draft proposed CCCFP Plan of Action	27 November 2014	1 December 2014
Development of final proposed CCCFP Plan of Action	3 December 2014	5 December 2014
Consultancy final consultancy report	5 December 2014	5 December 2014

8.0 Qualification and Experience.

The Consultant should be qualified in fisheries policy or a related field, with eight or more years of relevant work experience in the Caribbean.