



Job opportunities (consultancies) within GFCM:

provision of scientific advice on issues related to fisheries

The General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean (GFCM) is a Regional Fisheries Management Organization (RFMO) established under the provisions of Article XIV of the FAO Constitution, with the main objective of promoting the development, conservation, rational management and best utilization of living marine resources as well as the sustainable development of aquaculture in the Mediterranean, the Black Sea and connecting waters.

The GFCM is seeking for short term Consultants to support the implementation of activities under the GFCM Framework Programme (FWP), in particular in support of the technical work carried out by the Scientific Advisory Committee on Fisheries (SAC). Specifically the Consultants are expected to carry out the following tasks:

- Assist in the preparation and implementation of work programmes towards the formulation of scientific and technical advice delivered by the Scientific Advisory Committee on Fisheries (SAC) and the Working Group on the Black Sea (WGBS) to the Commission, on issues related to fisheries, in particular on aspects related to marine spatial planning and the status of commercial stocks, vulnerable species and marine ecosystems.
- Provide guidance to both the individual scientists involved in the SAC, WGBS, and specialized expert groups on methodological aspects required to formulate the scientific advice in support of fisheries management plans.
- Analyse and contrast relevant information as received by the GFCM Secretariat and produce comprehensive reports on the state of populations, ecosystems and habitats in the Mediterranean and Black Sea.
- Identify monitoring requirements for the provision of the SAC and WGBS advice, and plan and execute technical capacity building actions to address countries' needs to meet the identified requirements.
- Organize, promote and participate, as appropriate, in activities carried out under the general framework of the Commission or its subsidiary bodies in relation to fisheries management, including training courses, expert groups etc.
- Perform other related duties as required.

The Consultants will work in close coordination with the GFCM Secretariat and under the supervision of the Executive Secretary as well as the Fishery Resources Officer.



Requirements:

The Consultants are expected to hold a degree on fisheries science or related field, and to have at least 5 years of demonstrated experience on the provision of scientific advice in the context of international organizations, on issues related to fisheries, including marine spatial planning and the status of commercial stocks, vulnerable species and marine ecosystems.

The Consultants are expected to efficiently communicate (orally and in writing) in English. Knowledge of French will be considered a valuable asset, while knowledge of Arabic or Spanish will also be taken into consideration.

Contract conditions

This consultancy will be classified as a FAO's Personal Services Agreement (PSAs). The hired Person(s) will work in the GFCM headquarters in Rome. The contract is expected to start around 1st September 2016 and last for 6 months. A competitive daily consultancy rate, approximately between 200 – 300 US Dollars per working day, will be determined by FAO rules and will depend on the candidate's experience and qualifications. FAO Human Resources Office will perform a final revision and issue the contract following the rules of our Organization.

Submission of applications

Interested Candidates are invited to send their application to the GFCM Secretariat (gfc-secretariat@fao.org) by 15th July, in compliance with <http://www.fao.org/gfcm/background/job-opportunities/en/>. Selected Candidates will be contacted with proposed specific Terms of Reference, expected duration and outcomes.