



CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (CEOI)

Project Title:	Coupling Climate & Fisheries Science to Secure Pacific Futures
Nature of the Call:	<p>The purpose of this call is to provide the Pacific Community (SPC) with a list of potential scientific research partners so that it can work with qualified applicants to develop and jointly implement a project to transition fisheries monitoring to meet the needs of Pacific fisheries administrations as they adapt their management to the impacts of climate change.</p> <p>Priority activities will prepare for an advanced warning system to provide tuna fisheries managers with decision ready products on shifting distributions of tuna and changes in abundance. This will include transitioning current fisheries monitoring to include modern genomic methods, expansion of the Pacific Marine Specimen Bank to attribute climate change impacts and providing opportunities to strengthen Pacific Island capabilities in climate science and modelling.</p>
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Part 1: GUIDELINES FOR APPLICANTS - INTRODUCTION

1.1 About the Pacific Community (SPC)

The Pacific Community (SPC) is the principal scientific and technical organisation of the Pacific region, established by treaty in 1947 with the signing of the Agreement Establishing the South Pacific Commission (the Canberra Agreement).

SPC has our headquarters in Noumea, New Caledonia and has regional offices in Fiji, the Federated States of Micronesia and Vanuatu, as well as offices in the Solomon Islands and France. SPC works across the Pacific and has staff in nearly all of our Pacific Island Country and Territory members.

SPC works for the well-being of Pacific people through the effective and innovative application of science and knowledge and is guided by a deep understanding of Pacific Island contexts and cultures. Our unique organisation covers more than 20 sectors and is renowned for knowledge and innovation in such areas as fisheries science, public health surveillance, geoscience and conservation of plant genetic resources for food security.

For more information about SPC and the work that we do, please visit our website: <https://www.spc.int/>.

1.2 About SPC's Fisheries Aquaculture and Marine Ecosystems Division

SPC's Fisheries Aquaculture and Marine Ecosystems (FAME) has been providing scientific and technical expertise to support fisheries management and sustainable development in the Pacific for over 60 years. The goal of the Division is that the fisheries resources of the Pacific region are sustainably managed for economic growth, food security and environmental conservation. In pursuit of this goal, FAME provides scientific analyses and management advice to PICTs and regional agencies to support the sustainable management of oceanic and coastal fisheries resources. Despite the challenges in the management of the region's marine resources, there are also opportunities to derive greater economic and social benefits from them. The development of aquaculture in the region, along with alternative marine based livelihoods, hold significant potential. FAME provides technical assistance to support PICTs to maximize these sustainable development opportunities in the marine sector.

FAME is composed of two programmes: the Oceanic Fisheries Programme (OFP) and the Coastal Fisheries Programme (CFP). The Directors Office provides cross divisional support and strategic direction across the programmes and cross-cutting projects. Working with all 22 PICTs, FAME has strong partnerships with regional, sub-regional and national entities working in the marine sector. FAME staff are based in New Caledonia, Fiji, and Vanuatu, with most of its ~100 staff being based in New Caledonia.

1.3 SPC's Call for Expression of interest (CEOI) for this Joint Implementation Action

SPC's joint implementation modality allows it to collaborate and enter into partnerships with other entities to pursue common objectives through a mutually beneficial project. This modality enables SPC to efficiently advance its strategic objectives and achieve development outcomes.

SPC is carrying out this CEOI with the purpose of partnering with Applicants to transition the monitoring and modelling of Pacific tuna stocks to include the impacts of climate change. Laying the foundations for the application of an advanced warning system tuned to detect and predict climate impacts on tuna fisheries will be a major outcome of the partnership.

This CEOI sets out SPC's eligibility requirements for potential applicants, and invites you, as an Applicant, to submit an expression of interest in a prescribed format, as detailed and precise as possible ensuring the requested supporting documents are included.

The CEOI contains detailed instructions and templates to enable you to submit a compliant expression of interest (EOI). It sets out the overall timetable; it confirms the eligibility and the evaluation criteria that SPC will use to evaluate EOIs; it explains the administrative arrangements for receiving EOIs and indicates how Applicants can request further information.

The nature and extent of the jointly implemented activities will depend on the EOIs received. At the outset, SPC's expectation is that it will be entering into between five (5) and ten (10) collaboration agreements that will complement each other, and with an SPC team coordinating the interaction between these collaborative projects. Each collaborative project is expected to be for a period of between six (6) and thirty-three (33) months.

Your participation confirms your acceptance of SPC's conditions of participation in the CEOI process. The Applicant has the opportunity to raise any proposed changes during the CEOI stage and in its EOI submission. SPC will not consider any proposed changes by the Applicant after the CEOI closing date of 20/02/2023.

Part 2: GUIDELINES FOR APPLICANTS – GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

2.1 Background

SPC invites you to submit your expression of interest in order to be eligible to partner with SPC on the project set out in [Part 3](#). SPC has advertised this CEOI on its website and may send it directly to pre-identified potential Applicants.

SPC has compiled these instructions to guide potential Applicants and to ensure that all Applicants receive equal and fair consideration. The same conditions and submission requirements will be mandated for all Applicants.

Please read the instructions carefully before submitting your application. Your EOI may not be considered if you do not provide all prescribed information by the closing date and in the specified format.

2.2 Submission instructions

Your EOI must be clear, concise and complete and must include only the information necessary to respond effectively to the CEOI. Please note that you may be scored down or excluded if your submission contains ambiguities or lacks clarity.

Your EOI must include the following documents which form [Part 5](#) of the CEOI:

- a. Completed Expression of Interest Form
- b. Supporting documents to confirm eligibility (refer [Part 5](#), section 5)

Your application must be submitted in English by email to CEOI22119JOI@spc.int with the following subject line: **CEOI-22-119-JOI**.

All applications submitted must be in MS Word or PDF formats. Please note the maximum capacity for an email sent to SPC mailboxes is 10Mb.

Your proposal must be received no later than **10:00pm Noumea time on 20/02/2023**.

By 1 March 2023, SPC will acknowledge receipt of applications received by the closing date.

SPC reserves the right to exclude from consideration any proposal not received by the deadline, with incomplete information or in incorrect form.

2.3 Clarifications

You may submit questions or seek clarifications on any issue relating to this CEOI by sending an email to CEOI22119JOI@spc.int with the subject line: **Clarification CEOI-22-119-JOI**. The deadline for

submission of clarifications is 10:00pm Noumea time on 03/02/2023. SPC will respond by 10/02/2023.

Details will be kept of any communications between SPC and Applicants. This assists SPC to ensure transparency of the award process. While SPC prefers written communication in the CEOI process, at any point where there is a phone call or other conversation, SPC will keep a record or a file note of the exchange with Applicants.

2.4 Evaluation

Preliminary checks

Each EOI received will be assessed by SPC for compliance with the eligibility criteria and submission requirements set out in this CEOI.

To assist in the examination, evaluation and comparison of EOIs, SPC may ask the Applicant for clarification of its proposal or request additional information. Such requests will be in writing.

If a proposal is responsive (it conforms in all material respects to the requirements set out in the CEOI), it will proceed to evaluation. If a proposal is found not to be responsive, it will be excluded from further evaluation.

Proposal evaluation

All Applicants who proceed through the preliminary checks stage will be assessed against the evaluation criteria set out in [Part 4](#). The criteria are provided with weighted scores according to the relative importance of each criteria. SPC will not change the evaluation criteria set out in the CEOI at any stage of the EOI process.

The evaluation of the EOI is carried out in two stages:

- In the first stage, all Applicant's that proceed to the evaluation stage will be evaluated in accordance with the evaluation criteria set out in [Part 4](#) by SPC's Technical Evaluation Committee which will propose a ranking of all responsive EOIs received.
- In the second stage, SPC's Technical Evaluation Committee will make the final evaluation of the applications, which may involve discussions with the Applicant to consider how their EOI may best be collaboratively implemented, and make a recommendation to SPC's Procurement Committee to proceed with named Applicants, taking into account the ranking established by SPC's Technical Evaluation Committee, which will include due diligence and a capacity and risk assessment of the Applicants, and will take into consideration SPC priorities in jointly developing collaborative projects to transition fisheries monitoring to meet the needs of Pacific fisheries administrations as they adapt their management to the impacts of climate change.

Following the evaluation of all responsive EOIs, SPC may, without limiting the other options available to it, decide not to proceed with the CEOI process or to launch a new CEOI process on a similar or different basis to that described in this CEOI.

2.5 Award

Selected partners will be notified once all SPC approvals and endorsements have been obtained. Details of selected partners will be published on the SPC website together with information on the project.

Unsuccessful Applicants will be notified, and feedback will be provided on their submissions if requested.

SPC's standard terms and conditions for governing collaborative partnerships will apply. A copy of SPC's standard terms and conditions is attached to this CEOI as Annex A.

2.6 Key dates

Please see the proposed timetable for the CEOI process below. This timetable is intended as a guide only and while SPC does not intend to depart from the timetable, it reserves the right to do so at any stage.

STAGE	DATE
CEOI advertised	9/01/2023
Deadline for submissions of questions by potential Applicants	3/02/2023
SPC's formal responses to questions from potential Applicants	10/02/2023
CEOI Closing Date	17/02/2023
Selection of Partnering Applicants	17/03/2023
Commencement of Agreement/Project implementation	01/04/2023
Conclusion of Agreement/end of Project	31/12/2025

2.7 Legal and compliance

Child and vulnerable adult protection: SPC is committed to the well-being of children and vulnerable adults. All SPC partners are required to commit to the principles of SPC's Child and Vulnerable Adult Protection Policy ([XI.G Manual of Staff Policies](#)). Breach of this requirement can result in SPC terminating any partnership agreement with a partner. Any allegations of potential misconduct in relation to this CEOI involving children or vulnerable adults should be sent to complaints@spc.int.

Confidentiality: Unless otherwise agreed by SPC in advance or where the contents of the CEOI are already in the public domain when shared with the Applicant, Applicants shall at all times treat the contents of the CEOI and any documents related to the award process as confidential. Unless clearly indicated otherwise, such as for 2.5 above, SPC will treat the information it receives from the Applicants as confidential during the entire award process.

Conflict of interest: Applicants must take all necessary measures to prevent any situation of conflict of interest. You must notify SPC in writing as soon as possible of any situation that could constitute a conflict of interest during the CEOI process. If you have any familial connection with SPC staff, this must be declared, and approval will then be sought for you to engage in the CEOI process. Breach of this requirement can result in the exclusion of the Applicant from the CEOI process or in SPC terminating any partnership agreement with a partner.

Cost of preparation of submissions: Under no circumstances will SPC be liable for any EOI submission costs, expenditure, work or effort that you may incur in relation to your provision of an application (including if the CEOI process is terminated or amended by SPC).

Eligibility: Applicants are required to disclose to SPC whether they are subject to any sanction or temporary suspension imposed by any international organisation, or whether they are subject to bankruptcy proceedings. You may not be bankrupt or suspended, debarred, or otherwise identified as ineligible by any international organisation. Failure to disclose such information may result in debarment and termination of any agreement issued by SPC.

Fraud and corruption: SPC has zero tolerance for fraud and corruption. All Applicants have an obligation to report potential fraud and corruption. Breach of this requirement can result in the exclusion of the Applicant from the CEOI process or in SPC terminating any agreement with a selected partner. Allegations of potential misconduct by an SPC staff member or Applicant involving fraud or corruption can be sent to complaints@spc.int

Good faith: The information in this CEOI is provided by SPC in good faith. No representation, warranty, assurance or undertaking (express or implied) is or will be made, and no responsibility or liability will be accepted by SPC in relation to the adequacy, accuracy, completeness or reasonableness of this CEOI or any information provided by SPC in relation to this CEOI.

Modifications: Any clarifications, corrections or modifications will be published on the SPC website prior to the deadline. In the event an Applicant has submitted an EOI before the clarification,

correction or modification, the Applicant will be informed and may modify its EOI. The modified EOI will still need to be received before the deadline.

No offer of an award: This CEOI does not constitute an offer or an invitation from SPC to enter into an agreement with you.

Privacy: The Applicant is to comply with the requirements of applicable legislation and regulatory requirements in force for the use of personal data that is disclosed for the purposes of this CEOI. SPC will handle any personal information it receives under the CEOI in line with SPC's [Privacy Policy](#), and the [Guidelines for handling personal information of bidders and grant applicants](#). Applicants understand that their EOI and their personal information will be stored and used by SPC in accordance with these policies and guidelines.

Right to amend, seek clarity, withdraw, not award: SPC reserves the right to: (1) amend, add to or withdraw all or any part of this CEOI at any time, or to re-invite Applicants on the same or any alternative basis; (2) seek clarification or documents in respect of any Applicant's EOI; (3) choose not to award as a result of this CEOI; (4) make whatever changes it sees fit to the timetable, structure or content of the CEOI process, depending on approvals processes or for any other reason. Please note that while SPC will not change the evaluation criteria set out in the CEOI without the CEOI process being re-issued, SPC does reserve the right at the time of award to vary the requirements specified in the CEOI and to accept or reject any EOI at any time prior to award without incurring any liability to the affected Applicant or any obligation to inform the affected Applicant(s) of the grounds for SPC's action.

Right to disqualify: SPC reserves the right to disqualify: (1) any Applicant that does not submit a EOI in accordance with the instructions in this CEOI; (2) any Applicant that misrepresents information to SPC; (3) any Applicant that directly or indirectly canvasses any SPC employee concerning the award under this CEOI.

Use of material: Applicants shall not use the contents of the CEOI or any related material for any purpose other than for the purpose of considering submitting or submitting their EOI to SPC.

Warranty, representation, assurance, undertaking: The Applicant acknowledges and agrees that no person has any authority to give any warranty, representation, assurance or undertaking on behalf of SPC in connection with any agreement which may (or may not) follow on from this CEOI process.

2.8 Complaints process

Applicants that consider they were not treated fairly during any SPC award process may lodge a protest. The protest should be addressed to complaints@spc.int. The Applicant must provide the following information: (1) full contact details; (2) details of the relevant CEOI; (3) reasons for the protest, including how the alleged behaviour negatively impacted the Applicant; (4) copies of any documents supporting grounds for protest; and (5) the relief that is sought.

Part 3: GUIDELINES FOR APPLICANTS - DESCRIPTION OF THE CEOI AND ITS CONTEXT

3.1 Background/Preliminary

Climate change impacts on fisheries are a direct threat to Pacific food security and economic resilience. Ocean warming is forecast to cause tuna to move eastwards into international waters, leading to a potential USD 90 million per annum drop in Pacific Island government revenue by 2050. The region lacks reliable information on the timing, magnitude and spatial extent of climate-driven tuna redistribution to effectively negotiate, design and implement long-term solutions/responses.

The Pacific Marine Specimen Bank provides an archive of biological tissue required for estimating the life history of Pacific fish species and mapping changes in important population parameters due to fishing and climate. The bio-bank houses the tissue collected by the extensive fisheries observer programs operating in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean providing the Pacific's scientific community with readily accessible tissue for analyses.

Recent innovations in molecular science have resulted in major advances in the operability of these tools for fisheries monitoring. Genome assembly and modern generation sequencing methods allow for cost effective estimation of key information needed for population modelling (e.g. species, sex, and age determination, abundance and reproductive potential) from tissue biopsy that are collected with little to no disruption to the workflow of the fishing industry and observers. They offer the opportunity for near real-time monitoring of climate impacts on the Pacific's marine ecosystems.

Science capability in the Pacific Island administrations has often been reliant on the services provided by their regional agencies and/or from donor nations who have common interests. Greater science autonomy and capability is needed within the Pacific Island administrations to provide solutions that address their needs in a timely manner.

3.2 Purpose & Specific Objectives

The purpose of this call is to provide the Pacific Community with a list of potential scientific research partners so that it can work with qualified applicants to develop and jointly implement a project to transition fisheries monitoring to meet the needs of Pacific fisheries administrations as they adapt their management to the impacts of climate change. Priority activities will prepare for an advanced warning system to provide tuna fisheries managers with decision ready products on shifting distributions of tuna and changes in abundance. This will include transitioning current fisheries monitoring to include modern genomic methods, expansion of the Pacific Marine Specimen Bank to attribute climate change impacts and providing opportunities to strengthen Pacific Island capabilities in climate science and modelling. Specific objectives for the work are:

Advanced Warning System baselines

- Development and validation of standards, specifications, and procedures for the Pacific Marine Specimen Bank to feed into climate change forecasting, quality control protocols, accreditation standards and population dynamic models.
- Collection of tissue samples needed to validate the assumptions underpinning the forecasting models used in the advanced warning system; and
- Provision of advanced warning system information (e.g. definition of spawning areas and connectivity estimates) for tuna fisheries and key coastal species important for food security.

Advanced Warning System application

- Prepare a bias corrected and validated ensemble of Coupled Model Intercomparison Project models to allow climate impacts on tuna resources to be projected.
- Develop the advanced warning system to allow zoom capabilities, decadal and seasonal forecasting, the integration of economic models, and optimisation and sensitivity analyses; and;
- Validate methodologies for the integration of Coupled Model Intercomparison Project environmental forcing, and lower and mid-trophic level abundance and biodiversity.

Capability built amongst Pacific fisheries professionals

- Delivering graduate, post-graduate and vocational training to Pacific Island professionals to support, operate and apply the advanced warning system;
- Training specialist Pacific Marine Specimen Bank samplers for deployment in the region;
- Professional development opportunities for Pacific Island fisheries professionals through secondment and training opportunities within Pacific Marine Specimen Bank and SPC;
- Re-establishing capacity in the Regional Observer Program by providing refresher training to qualified and registered observers in Pacific Marine Specimen Bank sampling; and
- Supplement national capacities through enhanced technical capabilities within regional agencies.

3.3 Expected Results

The expected results of the project are as follows:

- High resolution (and validated) coupled models for evaluating impacts of climate change (to 2050 and longer) on government revenues derived from industrial tuna fisheries in the Pacific.
- Validated seasonal and decadal forecasting tools for Pacific tuna fisheries.
- Adoption of next generation molecular tools within the Pacific's fisheries monitoring programs.
- Compliance to International bio-bank standards to maximise Pacific Marine Specimen Bank utility.
- Next generation of Pacific scientists and leaders are climate literate.

3.4 Timelines

The collaboration will commence upon signing of partnership agreements with the selected Applicants and will conclude no later than 31 March 2026.

3.5 Reporting obligations

The successful Applicants will be required to provide project reporting to SPC on the progress, issues and challenges faced on a regular basis and on an ad hoc basis if required. The detailed reporting obligations will be set out in the partnership agreement.

3.6 Location

The work will be focussed on the Pacific Island Countries and Territories that are members of SPC.

3.7 Other Key Conditions

The acceptance of the advanced warning system will be dependent on rigorous and scientifically credible evidence. Strong science capability and credibility will be an essential requirement of partnerships and the associated outcomes.

Part 4: GUIDELINES FOR APPLICANTS - ELIGIBILITY AND EVALUATION CRITERIA

4.1 Eligibility criteria

The eligibility criteria are as follows:

4.1.1. Eligibility criteria

- The Applicant must be a government entity or a non-profit organisation, and in all instances must operate on a not-for-profit basis.
- The Applicant's country of registration and/or operation must be an SPC member country and the Applicant must not be precluded from receiving funding from SPC.
- The Applicant must confirm that it has the resources to make a co-investment in the project that is broadly equivalent to any funding contribution that may be provided by SPC.
- Applicants must have a minimum of **ten (10) years'** experience in either fisheries or climate related science research operating on a not-for-profit basis.
- Applicants must have policies aligned with SPC's policies on Social and Environmental Responsibility, Child and Vulnerable Adult Protection, Fraud, Corruption, Harassment, Bullying, Sexual Exploitation, Procurement and Data Protection or comply with SPC's policies.

4.1.2. Supporting documentation required to verify eligibility:

	Government entity or nonprofit organisation	Country of registration and/or operation	Ten (10) years of experience in fisheries or climate related science research	Policies
Supporting documents required to verify eligibility	Legal authority (for example legislation) regulating government entity or incorporated	Registration certificate, licence or similar legal authority confirming registration	List of publications, projects and/or products that demonstrate at least 10 years'	Provide organisational policies or links to organisational policies and a statement

	society certificate or other similar legal document confirming non-profit status of the Applicant.	and/operation in an SPC member country.	experience in relevant fisheries or climate science research conducted on a not-for-profit basis.	confirming that they align with SPC policies or provide a statement confirming willingness to comply with SPC policies.
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4.2 Evaluation criteria

The selection of partners will be based on the top-ranking applications according to the total score evaluated against the following criteria:

Evaluation Criteria*	Scoring (%)
1 Motivation (Commitment and willingness to collaborate) (refer Part 5, section 3, item 1)	10
2 Experience and capacity in one or more of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fisheries Genomics Climate, Ocean and Fisheries Modelling (refer Part 5, section 3, item 2) 	35
3 Capability Training (refer Part 5, section 3, item 3)	20
4 Scientific Credibility (refer Part 5, section 3, item 4)	35
Total:	100%

**Evaluation against the evaluation criteria will be subject to the Applicant being able to demonstrate that it has the resources to make a collaborative contribution to the project that is broadly equivalent to any contribution made by SPC.*

Part 5: EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FORM

Climate Science to Secure Pacific Tuna for Pacific Futures

The purpose of this call is to provide the Pacific Community with a list of potential scientific research partners so that it can work with qualified applicants to develop and jointly implement a project to transition fisheries monitoring to meet the needs of Pacific fisheries administrations to adapt their management to the impacts of climate change.

Interested Applicants are required to complete this application form. The Pacific Community will handle any personal information it receives under the CEOI in line with SPC's [Privacy Policy](#), and the [Guidelines for handling personal information of bidders and grant applicants](#).

SECTION 1: APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY

a. Indicate if you are a Government entity or nonprofit organization.

Yes No

b. Indicate whether your country of registration and/or operation is an SPC member country.

Yes No

Please select your country:

- | | | |
|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Samoa | <input type="checkbox"/> Australia | <input type="checkbox"/> Cook Islands |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Federated States of Micronesia | <input type="checkbox"/> Fiji | <input type="checkbox"/> France |
| <input type="checkbox"/> French Polynesia | <input type="checkbox"/> Guam | <input type="checkbox"/> Kiribati |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Marshall Islands | <input type="checkbox"/> Nauru | <input type="checkbox"/> New Caledonia |
| <input type="checkbox"/> New Zealand | <input type="checkbox"/> Niue | <input type="checkbox"/> Northern Mariana Islands |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Palau | <input type="checkbox"/> Papua New Guinea | <input type="checkbox"/> Pitcairn Island |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Samoa | <input type="checkbox"/> Solomon Islands | <input type="checkbox"/> Tokelau |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tonga | <input type="checkbox"/> Tuvalu | <input type="checkbox"/> United Kingdom |
| <input type="checkbox"/> United States of America | <input type="checkbox"/> Vanuatu | <input type="checkbox"/> Wallis and Futuna |

c. Select 'YES' to confirm that, insofar as you are aware, you are not precluded from receiving funding from SPC.

Yes No

d. Indicate if your organisation has been providing either fisheries or climate related science research expertise for the last 10 or more years.

Yes No

e. Indicate if your organisation has policies aligned with SPC's policies on Social and Environmental Responsibility, Child and Vulnerable Adult Protection, Fraud, Corruption, Harassment, Bullying and Sexual Exploitation or that you will comply with SPC's policies.

Yes No

If you answered "NO" to any of the above questions, you are not eligible to apply for this call. Please do not proceed any further.

SECTION 2: APPLICANT DETAILS	
Applicant Name: <i>(please state legally registered name and provide registration document)</i>	
Physical Address:	
Postal Address:	
Phone Contact:	
Email:	

SECTION 3: EVALUATION QUESTIONNAIRE

In addition to the specific evaluation criteria listed below, it will be essential that partners commit, in the collaboration agreement to be entered into with SPC, to co-invest in the joint implementation of the envisaged collaborative activities. SPC’s expectation is that any funding to be provided by SPC under a collaboration agreement should be broadly equivalent to the contribution made by the successful Applicant.

Please describe how your organisation will co-invest in research activities with the Pacific Community, confirming the nature of the collaborative contribution that you will provide under the collaboration agreement and quantify the value of that contribution (e.g. salary support, not charging fully-overhead costs, operating support, access to existing intellectual property, data and science infrastructure).

1. Motivation: Commitment and willingness of the Applicant

		Score value
Why do you want to collaborate with SPC and how will the collaboration meet the aims of the project?		10%
Does your organisation have an existing instrument/agreement of cooperation/collaboration with the Pacific Community (e.g. Letter of Intent, Memorandum of Understanding, etc). If yes, indicate name of document(s), and provide a copy.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Has your organization collaborated or provided fisheries and/or climate science research expertise to SPC or it's member countries and territories?	Please provide a list of projects in fisheries or climate science that have been directed at assisting Pacific Island Countries and Territories or associated regional organisations	

2. Experience and Capacity

		Score Value*
Experience and capacity in fisheries genomics?	Please provide examples on your capabilities in close-kin mark recapture, sex, age and species determination, population structure analyses.	35%
OR		
Experience and capacity in climate, ocean and fisheries modelling?	Please provide examples on your capabilities in modelling climate change impacts on fisheries with particular reference to tuna and tuna-like species	35%

*Note that Applicants having experience in both (i) fisheries genomics, and (ii) climate, ocean and fisheries modelling may provide examples for both the requirements.

3. Capability Training-

		Score Value
Experience and capacity in higher education and/or vocational training	Please provide details on your organisation's accreditation to provide higher-education or vocational training.	10%
	Please clarify the number of years your organisation has been providing higher education or vocational training to students from the Pacific Islands (or countries who have similar developing economies). Please also specify which countries.	5%
	Please outline what opportunities your organisation provides for supporting students from Pacific Island Countries and Territories.	5%

4. Scientific Credibility in fisheries science, genomics and/or climate modelling

		Score Value
Scientific Leadership	Please provide the number of peer-reviewed publication (in the last 10 years on the topic of fisheries science, fisheries genomics and/or climate modelling) where the first author is from your organization.	8%
Research Output	Please provide the total number of documents in the last 10 years published in scholarly journals indexed in Scopus on the topics of fisheries science, fisheries genomics and/or climate modelling. Please list the 10 you consider to be the most influential and explain why.	8%
International Collaboration	Please provide the total number of international collaborations in the last 10 years on the topics of fisheries science, fisheries genomics and/or climate modelling. Please list the 5 you consider to be the most influential and explain why.	6%
Innovation and Technological Impact	Please provide details on your organization's: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> scientific publication output cited in patents; and authorship or administration of fisheries and/or ocean models. 	3%
Scientific Capability	Please provide a summary of the main scientists and/or technical officers expected to be involved in this partnership with the Pacific Community. Please describe the scientific facilities of your organization for undertaking fisheries science, fisheries genomics and/or climate modelling.	10%

SECTION 4: APPLICANT DECLARATION

I hereby declare that:

- I have the authority to submit this expression of interest on behalf of the Applicant.
- I do not have any actual, potential, or perceived conflict of interest in relation to this project.
- The information provided herein is true and accurate.

<hr style="border: 0; border-top: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;"/> <i>Signature of Applicant</i>	<hr style="border: 0; border-top: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;"/> <i>Date</i>
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SECTION 5: CHECKLIST FOR DOCUMENTS TO SUPPORT APPLICANT'S ELIGIBILITY

To confirm your eligibility for this call, please provide the following evidence with your application:

Eligibility Criteria	Description of supporting documents to confirm eligibility	Check
Government entity or non-profit organisation	Legal authority (for example legislation) regulating government entity or incorporated society certificate or other similar legal document confirming non-profit status of the Applicant	<input type="checkbox"/>
Country of registration and/or operation	Registration certificate, licence or similar legal document authority confirming registration and/or operation in an SPC member country.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ten (10) years of experience in fisheries or climate related science research	List of publications, projects and/or products that demonstrate at least 10 years of operation in relevant fisheries or climate science research	<input type="checkbox"/>
Policies	Provide organisational policies or links to organisational policies and a statement confirming that they align with SPC policies or provide a statement confirming willingness to comply with SPC policies.	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please note that your failure to provide any of the above evidence may result in the Applicant's elimination from consideration at the Preliminary Checks stage.