**CEOI n° 22-119-JOI**

**CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (CEOI) - FORM**

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| **Project Title:** | **Coupling Climate & Fisheries Science to Secure Pacific Futures** |
| **Nature of the Call:** | 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.  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. | |
| **Total amount available:** | Up to NZD 25,166,960 in total across all collaborative projects. |
| **Date of issue:** | 6/01/2023 |
| **Closing Date:** | 17/02/2023 |
| **SPC Reference:** | 22-119-JOI |

# 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](http://purl.org/spc/digilib/doc/fbire), and the [Guidelines for handling personal information of bidders and grant](http://purl.org/spc/digilib/doc/qiy7x) applicants.

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| **SECTION 1: APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY** |

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

Yes  No

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

Yes  No

**Please select your country:**

American Samoa  Australia  Cook Islands

Federated States of Micronesia  Fiji  France

French Polynesia  Guam  Kiribati

Marshall Islands  Nauru  New Caledonia

New Zealand  Niue  Northern Mariana Islands

Palau  Papua New Guinea  Pitcairn Island

Samoa  Solomon Islands  Tokelau

Tonga  Tuvalu  United Kingdom

United States of America  Vanuatu  Wallis and Futuna

1. **Select ‘YES’ to confirm that, insofar as you are aware, you are not precluded from receiving funding from SPC.**

Yes  No

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

Yes  No

1. **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

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| **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.** |

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| **SECTION 2: APPLICANT DETAILS** |

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| **Applicant Name:**  *(please state legally registered name and provide registration document)* |  |
| **Physical Address:** |  |
| **Postal Address:** |  |
| **Phone Contact:** |  |
| **Email:** |  |

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| **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**

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| Why do you want to collaborate with SPC and how will the collaboration meet the aims of the project?  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.  Has your organization collaborated or provided fisheries and/or climate science research expertise to SPC or it’s member countries and territories? | Yes  No  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 | 10% |

1. **Experience and Capacity**

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|  |  | 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.

1. **Capability Training-**

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| 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% |

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

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| 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:   * 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% |

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| **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.

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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:

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| 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 |  |
| Country of registration and/or operation | Registration certificate, licence or similar legal document authority confirming registration and/operation in an SPC member country. |  |
| 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 |  |
| 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. |  |

**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.**