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**Terms of Reference (ToR)**

**Implementation of the SOMER-3 activity  
in 2020-2021 biennium**

## Terms of Reference (ToR)

### National Expert: Implementation of the SOMER-3 activity in 2020-2021 biennium

#### (Home-based)

Request for:            Consultant     Individual contractor

#### Organizational Unit \_ECOSYSTEMS DIVISION /NOWPAP

#### 1. Purpose (justification for request)

1.1 Explain the requirement for a consultant / individual (*Box 1(a) of P.104/A*):  
(*summary of why consultant is needed*)

The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) is the leading environmental authority that sets the global environmental agenda, promotes the coherent implementation of environmental dimension of sustainable development within the United Nations system and serves as an authoritative advocate for the global environment.

The Action Plan for the Protection, Management and Development of the Marine and Coastal Environment of the Northwest Pacific Region (NOWPAP) is one of the Regional Seas Programmes and Action Plans (RSPAPs) of UNEP and was adopted by the four Member States (P.R. China, Japan, R. Korea, and the Russian Federation) in 1994 (<https://www.unenvironment.org/nowpap/>). The overall goal of the NOWPAP is "the wise use, development and management of the coastal and marine environment so as to obtain the utmost long-term benefits for the human populations of the region, while protecting human health, ecological integrity and the region's sustainability for future generations".

There are three major NOWPAP POMRAC activities approved by 24 IGM for 2020-2021 biennium: 1) Development of NOWPAP EcoQO targets aligned (where possible) with SDG indicators, (phase 2); 2) Preparation of the Regional Overview 'Microplastics abundance in river runoff of the NOWPAP region; 3) Preparation of SOMER-3 (phase 1) – The integrated assessment of environmental problems, status and trends related to existing and changing natural and socio-economical conditions in the NOWPAP region

The general objective of SOMER-3 is an integrated assessment of environmental problems, status and trends related to existing and changing natural and socio-economical conditions in the NOWPAP region. The first major goal of the consultancy for this activity is to analyze the existing approaches in this field and to elaborate jointly with other RACs and experts agreed structure and content of SOMER-3. The second goal is to analyze, and to present as a draft chapter the national approaches to the outlining and management of the environmental problems. The third goal is to prepare draft chapter relevant to the existing and emerging environmental problems in the coastal zone.

## 1.2 Qualifications / special skills or knowledge *(box 1(a) of P.104/A)*

**Education:** Advanced university degree in marine-related science with the focus on marine environment, marine pollution, or a related field. First university degree in combination with five additional years of qualifying experience may be accepted in lieu of the advanced degree.

**Experience:** A minimum of five years of progressively responsible professional work experience in the field of marine environment, marine chemistry, marine pollution, or related marine sciences filed, of which some should be at the international level. Familiarity with the UN system and/or NOWPAP would be an advantage.

**Language:** English and French are the working languages of the United Nations Secretariat. For the post advertised, fluency in oral and written English is required. Knowledge of at least one additional language of the region is desirable (Russian, Chinese, Korean, Japanese).

## 1.3 Ultimate result of services *(box 1(b) of P.104/A):* *(Describe the final output briefly)*

1.3.1 Agreed structure and content of SOMER-3.

1.3.2 Draft chapter analyzing the current national approach to the outlining and management of the environmental problems in the coastal zone.

1.3.2 Draft chapter relevant to the existing and emerging environmental problems in the coastal zone of the NOWPAP region.

## 1.4 Legislative authority reference *( box 1(c) of P.104/A): (e.g. GC or GA decision, if applicable)*

Resolution 1: PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR THE 2020-2021 BIENNIUM approved during inter-sessional consultations with the NOWPAP Member States via email.



consultant will be responsible for the following tasks on the preparation of SOMER-3:

Task 1: Participate in the discussion on the structure and content of SOMER-3.

Task 2: Review and analyze the national approaches to the outlining, monitoring and management of the existing environmental problems.

Task 3: Attend the regional workshop for the final discussion and agreement of the structure and content of SOMER-3 and present the results of the analyzes of national approaches.

Task 4: Prepare draft with review of existing and emerging environmental problems in the coastal and marine areas, including transboundary ones.

## **5. Results/Deliverables and the timeline:**

The agreed by correspondence structure and content of SOMER-3 submitted by 31 March 2021.

The draft of chapters relevant to the analyzing of national approaches to the outlining and management of existing and emerging environmental problems in the coastal zone submitted by 30 September 2021.

The response to the comments on the draft of chapters 1 October 2021, where RCU and POMRAC comments are properly addressed (100% payment).

The consultant will work closely with the NOWPAP RCU and POMRAC; they will provide overall coordination of work.