

CLARIFICATION QUESTIONS

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Subject: Request for tenders (RFT): Consultancy: Development of a Guideline on Best Practices for Integrating Nature-based Solutions (NbS) in Vanuatu National Adaptation Plan (NAPs)

Question 1:

Would SPREP consider it appropriate to focus the literature review and comparative analysis (Task 1) on case studies and examples from countries or regions with socio-environmental, economic development, and climate risk profiles similar to Vanuatu, such as other Small Island Developing States (SIDS) or Pacific Island nations? This would ensure that the recommendations are both contextually relevant and actionable for the Vanuatu setting.

Response:

Yes, SPREP considers this approach both appropriate and aligned with the expectations for Task 1. Focusing the literature review and comparative analysis on case studies from countries or regions with similar socio-environmental, economic development, and climate risk profiles of other Pacific Islands countries and other Small Island Developing States (SIDS) will help ensure that the findings and recommendations are contextually relevant and actionable for the Vanuatu setting. This focus will also support the development of practical and regionally tailored guidance.

Question 2:

While the focus of the assignment is clearly on Nature-based Solutions, would SPREP be open to the inclusion of insights where NbS are combined with other adaptation interventions (e.g., policy measures, physical or grey infrastructure) as part of adaptive management approaches? In many cases, urgent or transitional actions may be necessary to reduce vulnerability and create enabling conditions for the implementation of longer-term NbS. Including such examples could enhance the guidance's practical value and strategic depth.

Response:

Yes, SPREP would be open to the inclusion of insights where Nature-based Solutions (NbS) are integrated with other adaptation interventions, such as policy measures or physical (grey) infrastructure, within adaptive management approaches. We recognise that in many cases, a combination of actions, particularly those that address urgent needs or create enabling conditions, can be necessary to support the effective implementation of longer-term NbS. Including such examples would add value and enhance the practical value and strategic depth of the guidance and is considered consistent with the overall objectives of the assignment.