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**MONTENEGRO  
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PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT**

**LAKE SKADAR-SHKODRA INTEGRATED ECOSYSTEM MANAGEMENT PROJECT**

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**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST  
CONSULTING SERVICES: FISHERY ASSESSMENT**

This request for expressions of interest follows the general procurement notice for this project that appeared in *Development Business* in 2008.

Lake Skadar-Shkoder Integrated Ecosystem Management Project (LSIEMP) is financed through a Global Environment Facility (GEF) Specific Investment Grant and government budget contributions. The key project development objective is: To maintain and enhance the long-term economic value and environmental services of Lake Skadar-Shkodra and its natural resources

The project has three components: 1. Capacity Building for Improved Understanding and Joint Management of the Lake, 2. Promoting sustainable use of the lake, and 3. Catalyze water pollution investments

Fish are the lake's most significant natural resource in terms of contribution to local economies and employment. There is some evidence that some of the lake's most valuable fish species are threatened and are declining due to over-exploitation by increasing numbers of active fishermen and habitat degradation. There is a strong need for improved management of the fishery, towards which the fisheries assessment (FA) will contribute. The FA should analyze the state of the fishery of Skadar Lake, and provide information and guidance for achieving long-term protection and sustainable use, as well as achieving optimal short- and longer-term economic effects.

The objective of the assignment is to survey and analyze the population dynamics of important fish species and the fisheries activities of Shkodra Lake with a view to establish a long-term fisheries monitoring programme to inform and guide management of the fishery.

The scope of work includes: Aquatic habitat conditions, Fisheries parameters, Fishery management, methods and measures for sustainable fisheries, Monitoring program, and Socio-economic aspects,

Expected period for duration of services related to the Fishery Assessment is 14 months.

The Project Implementing Unit in Albania now invites eligible qualified consultant companies to present their applications in providing the services. Qualified firms/companies, with extensive knowledge of contemporary regional and international fisheries assessment including experience in related methodology and analysis of relevant data and information, a team of biologists (fisheries/ichthyology, botany, specialists in benthos, microbiology, phytoplankton and zooplankton, amphibians and reptiles, ornithology), chemists, physicists, economists and others if necessary, a team that unifies international scientific experience with local scientists and up to date knowledge in the field of fisheries science and preferably with knowledge of Skadar-Shkodra Lake area are invited to provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services.

A consultant company will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the World Bank's [\*Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants by World Bank Borrowers\*](#), (May 2004) Section III point 3.7 (Selection Bases on the Consultants' Qualifications).

Evaluation criteria and sub criteria will be as follows:

▪ Experience in regional and international fisheries assessment	40 points
▪ Experienced team of biologists relevant to fisheries science	30 points
▪ General qualification of the firm (number of years in business, staffing and organization)	20 points
▪ Experience in Lake Skadar -Shkodra fisheries	10 points
<b>Total</b>	<b>100 points</b>

Interested consultants may obtain further information at the address below during office hours starting at 8.00 to 16.00 Monday through Friday.

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**Deadline** for submission of Expressions of Interest is October 03, 2010, at 16:00

Expressions of interest must be delivered at the up mentioned address.