



**Ministry of Spatial Planning and
Environment of Montenegro**



**Ministry of Environment,
Forestry and Water Administration
of Republic of Albania**

**LAKE SKADAR-SHKODER INTEGRATED ECOSYSTEM MANAGEMENT PROJECT
(LSIEMP)**

**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST
for
development of Monitoring Program for Skadar-Shkoder Lake**

I Background

The Government of Montenegro and Government of Albania have received a GEF Grant, administered by the World Bank, focusing on Strengthening Joint Cooperation for Management of the Lake Skadar-Shkoder Ecosystem. The project complies with the strategy for bilateral cooperation on Skadar-Shkoder Lake defined in the Agreement for the protection and sustainable development of the Skadar-Shkoder Lake, signed by the former Ministry of Tourism and Environment (MTE) of Montenegro (present Ministry of Spatial Planning and Environment - MSPE), and by the Ministry of Environment, Forestry, and Water Administration (MEFWA) of the Republic of Albania.

According to the Agreement the two Governments shall work to assure equal and integrated protection for the Skadar-Shkoder Lake, and sustainable development according to the norms and standards of the European Union. The Project Development Objective is to help establish and strengthen institutional mechanisms for transboundary cooperation through joint efforts to improve sustainable management of Skadar-Shkoder Lake. The Global Development Objective is to maintain and enhance the long-term value and environmental services of Skadar-Shkoder Lake and its natural resources.

The Project has three components: Component 1: Capacity Building for Improved Understanding and Joint Management of Lake Skadar-Shkoder, Component 2: Promoting Sustainable Use of Lake Skadar-Shkoder and Component 3: Catalyzing Pollution Reduction Investments.

One of the jointly agreed priorities for Skadar-Shkoder Lake is drafting and implementation of consistent and functional monitoring program. Namely, present situation is that monitoring activities, including both water and biodiversity monitoring are mostly un-coordinated and sporadic, rather they are harmonized and including all relevant parameters and sampling locations. At national level, monitoring in National Park Skadar Lake is conducted by Hydrometeorological Institute, NP Skadar Lake Administration, Institute for Nature Conservation and Center for Ecotoxicological Researches (CETI) in Montenegro. Monitoring of Shkodra Lake Natural Managed Reserve in Republic of Albania is conducted by Research Institute of Energy, Water and Environment. Mechanisms for data collecting, exchanging and publishing are not established between

two countries. Recently formed Skadar-Shkoder Lake Commission has, as one of its duties, assistance to the ministries in charge for environment in drafting and implementation of effective monitoring program in order to keep the state of the environment and the quality of the Skadar-Shkoder Lake under control (Article 6. of the Agreement for the protection and sustainable development of the Skadar-Shkoder Lake).

II Objectives of the assignment

Titled assignment has following objectives:

- (i) to assess the current condition of the Lake and its near surrounding area, taking into account on-going monitoring activities in both Montenegro and Republic of Albania;
- (ii) to present a joint monitoring program for Skadar-Shkoder Lake and its near surrounding area, including all relevant parameters and indicators, sampling locations/stations and designated authorities, following national past monitoring aspects focusing on water quality and quantity trends, state of biodiversity, as well as assessment on possible natural and human impacts on the Lake, productivity levels, available ecosystem, etc,
- (iii) to inform local residents of the condition of the ecosystem quality in the lake, through platform for exchanging of data between two countries and data publishing, based on national standards, demands deriving from EU accession processes and international obligations.

Technical Services Unit (TSU) for World Bank Projects under Ministry of Finance of Montenegro now invites eligible consultants to indicate their interest in providing the services. Evaluation criteria will be as follows:

- 🚧 Relevant experience in water resources management – *30 points*
- 🚧 Knowledge of water ecosystems functioning in South East European countries – *30 points*
- 🚧 Knowledge of relevant EU legislation and international standards related to water ecosystems – *30 points*
- 🚧 Previous work on transboundary water ecosystems – *10 points*.

The assignment is expected to be completed in 4 months. It will require 45 professional working days.

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).

Interested consultants may obtain further information at the address below during office hours **09.00 to 17.00 hours local time**.

Expressions of interest must be delivered to the address below by **June 15, 2010**.

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